

# AT THE PARK

Christ-centered, People-focused, Spirit-led



FEBRUARY 2018

## ***LISTEN: Hearing that still small voice and finding your own***

*“Look, I’ll pour out my spirit on you. I’ll reveal my words to you.” - Wisdom (from Proverbs)*

My husband Jon and I awoke to the loud sound of three beeps. It was during the recent deep freeze of weather that we had in early January. It was 12:30 a.m. and about every 30 seconds three loud beeps would blast into the darkness. We got up, put on bathrobes, and slippers and stumbled our way around the parsonage looking for the source of the beeps. In our post sleep stupor we knew that it was not an alarm, but rather some kind of low battery signal... but where it was coming from we had no idea. So we had to listen carefully to determine the location and the source.

First we stood at the top of the stairs in the second floor of the parsonage and it was clear that the beeps were coming from downstairs. We listened again on the first floor, and we checked the basement, and narrowed down that the sound was coming from somewhere on the first floor.

In their omnipotent wisdom, the church trustees have hard wired smoke and CO2 alarms into the parsonage, but there are also several older battery operated units on the ceilings and when Jon and I moved in, we brought two plug in CO2 alarm units from our house in Ypsilanti. We had to listen very carefully to determine which place the beeps were coming from, and finally, after nearly 35 minutes, we found it! Behind the old church pew we have in the front entry way—our old plug in CO2 alarm had an error message and was beeping to let us know it was no longer working! We pulled the pew out from the wall and unplugged the unit and removed its battery pack. Finally it was quiet. As these units have a seven year life span, we replaced it. We were reminded that sometimes what we most need to do is listen.

Have you ever misplaced your phone—which is on vibrate of course—and then asked someone to call it? When that happens, we get really still and really quiet. Our ears perk up in all directions in order to be ready to hear that little buzz. It is a quieting down and high alert all at the same time. This Lent, which starts on Valentine’s Day, we will quiet things down and heighten our attention to the “still, small voice” of God and our own True Self. Listening through prayer as well as meditation on holy texts is an ancient Lenten practice. Come and rest, come and listen for the voice of God. Join us in worship at 10 a.m. on Sundays, or watch online on the Nardin Park Facebook Page. Listen for God’s word in your life, for God’s word about our church and the new directions we are considering. Listen!

# WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 AM

## **Worship Series in February 2018 - *Window of Opportunity* continues**

**Window of Opportunity Worship Series** continues for the first two Sundays of February. This series accompanies our VCI study of the book *Who Stole My Church* and helps to prepare us to receive the VCI prescriptions on March 11th at the end of our consultation weekend. This series is about embracing change in our lives, our community and our church.

### **Sunday, February 4th Window of Opportunity**

Pastor Melanie Carey will be preaching, *I was there to hear your Boring Cry*. Scripture: Ecclesiastes 3: 1-13, Hebrews 13: 1-13  
Holy Communion  
Gracers Ignite Youth Choir and Chancel Choir will sing. Special music by Oboist Abbey Lewis-Lakin, Kyle Webber and Yalan Piao.

### **Sunday, February 11th The Window of Opportunity**

Pastor Melanie Carey will be preaching, *The Mission Field*. Scripture: Luke 10: 27  
Wesley and Cherub Choirs will join the Chancel Choir in *Draw the Circle Wide* with Kyle Webber and Yalan Piao. Nardin Park Dance Choir will also be dancing this Sunday.

## **Lent Begins - New Worship Series: *LISTEN: Hearing that still small voice and finding your own***

**Our Lenten Worship Series will be called Listen** and will be about the ways we are called to slow down and rest, come and listen for the voice of God through Holy texts of Scripture, spoken word and music.

### **Ash Wednesday Service, 7:00 p.m. Wednesday Feb. 14th at Farmington First UMC in Downtown Farmington.**

Pastor Melanie Carey will be preaching, *Finding your Life: Listening Deeply*. Scripture: Luke 1:9-15  
Nardin Park Chancel Choir will be singing.

### **Sunday, February 18th First Sunday in Lent - Listen**

Pastor Melanie Carey will be preaching, *Finding Your Cave: Listening Spaces*. Scripture: I Kings: 19:11-12  
Chancel Choir will sing.

### **Sunday, February 25th - Second Sunday in Lent - Listen**

Pastor Beth Titus will be preaching, *Listening to our Bodies*. Scriptures: Romans 8: 26-30, 38-39.  
Chancel Choir will sing, special music by the Nardin Ringers.

#### ***Psalm 98: 4-6***

Cherub, Wesley and Chancel Choirs will sing.

## FINANCE UPDATE

### Church Financial News

Thank you for your incredible generosity toward Nardin Park Church in 2017. We are very pleased to report to you that we ended the 2017 year in the black with a modest positive amount to carry us into 2018. We could not have done this without all of your incredible support and commitment.

As a result of a financially very strong December, Nardin Park was able to pay an additional \$15,000 toward our 2017 common budget apportionments! With a previous common budget apportionment payment made in early December, we ended 2017 by paying \$21,000 toward our apportionment share. The finance team and our church council have set a goal of paying \$30,000 toward common budget apportionments for 2018 and of making regular monthly payments toward this goal starting in January 2018.

We celebrate this very good news along with a great response to our 2018 Gratitude Campaign. While we have received most of the anticipated gratitude cards for 2018, there are still a few more that are coming in and we remind you, that if you are one to still turn yours in, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you again for your incredible generosity and we look forward to all we will be doing together in ministry during 2018.

George Walker, Chairperson, Nardin Park Finance Committee

# IN THE LIFE AT NARDIN PARK

## Evening Star - Come and smell the roses

*Evening Star is a multi-generational group open to all ladies of the church and their friends! We meet on the fourth Monday of the month (Feb., March, April, the third Monday in May and have a dining out night in June).*

*At our February 26th meeting (7 PM in the multi-purpose room) we will be exploring the basics of Essential Oils - what are they, how do you use them, what benefit do they have for your health, your home and for you.*

**WE WILL HAVE SAMPLES TO SMELL AND TAKE HOME, RECIPES AND INFORMATION TO SHARE AND HAVE FUN EXPLORING THE WORLD OF ESSENTIAL OILS!**

*Please join us! Please call Dorothy Moore at 248-893-7334 for more information.*



**Where: Nardin Park UMC**  
**When: Friday, February 16th**  
**Pre-registration is required**  
**Call: 1-888-653-6450**

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## A Good Day at Crossroads

On December 31, approximately 50 people of all ages from our Nardin Park family, helped support a day at Crossroads in Detroit. As some of you may know, Crossroads is the only soup kitchen open to serve the community on Sundays in Detroit. What a wonderful day we had! The morning shift broke a Crossroads record by making 1000 sandwiches in a very quick time! The afternoon shift was blessed to serve 467 meals and see the gratitude of so many cold, hungry neighbors! What a great way to start off the new year! Thank you for those who helped in one way or another. Whether it was your time or financially, it is greatly appreciated!



# STEPHEN MINISTRY

For some people, Valentine's Day is a painful reminder of a broken relationship, the death of a loved one, a recent relocation, a chronic illness, or another life challenge. If you are going through a difficult time, our Stephen Ministers can bring Jesus' love (God's ultimate Valentine) back into your life. Stephen Ministers provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will meet with you privately on a weekly basis to listen, to support and encourage you, to pray with and for you, and to walk with you for the duration of your struggle.

If you know someone that could use a reminder that they are special, please take the time to send them a Valentine. A special note from a friend to someone that is homebound or isolated could be a wonderful reminder that they are cared about and loved.

To find out more about Stephen Ministry and how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Dr. Wes Brun or Rev. Melanie Carey. Stephen Ministers are ready to care for you!

## SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER

SCC is excited to announce the following addition to our staff:

Rita Valade, Ph.D., LMSW, M.A. - Clinician in Samaritan Counseling Center's Sisters of Mercy (Farmington Hills) office.

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

#### CREATIVE SELF - CARE PROGRAM

This is a 10 week Art Therapy Program for adults who are seeking alternative methods of maintaining self-care. Each week will focus on a different component of self-care and will encourage creative self-exploration.

**DATES:** Every Wednesday beginning January 10, 2018 until March 14, 2018  
**TIME:** 6:30-8:00 p.m.  
**LOCATION:** SCC, 29887 W11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, in the Park Place room  
**FEE:** \$25/session plus a one-time material fee of \$25

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#### PREPARATION FOR MARRIAGE WORKSHOP

This workshop, led by experienced leaders, provides opportunities for couples to identify and explore both strengths and areas of potential difficulties in their relationship. Couples will consider the complexity of marriage, recognize what each individual brings to this relationship, and clarify the expectations both have as they enter into this commitment.

**DATE:** February 17, 2018  
**TIME:** 9:00 am to 5:00 pm  
**LOCATION:** First UMC of Birmingham, 1589 West Maple, Birmingham  
**FEE:** \$225 per couple. A \$125 deposit is required at registration

***Please contact SCC's main office at (248) 474-4701 to register. Additional workshops will be held on April 4, June 10 and September 23. For further information, please visit SCC's website, [sccmich.org](http://sccmich.org).***

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#### SCC AND AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

Help SCC offer hope and healing to our community by using the SCC's Amazon Smile Page. Amazon will donate .5% of the money you spend with them to SCC when you shop through [smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2600956](http://smile.amazon.com/ch/38-2600956) for any items you normally purchase through Amazon. There is also a link on the SCC website: [sccmich.org](http://sccmich.org)

# VITAL CHURCH INITIATIVE AT NARDIN PARK

## VCI Timeline for Nardin Park United Methodist Church

### Phase II—Consultation Phase

#### January 2018

**Worship Series Window of Opportunity** - Sunday Mornings: January 7th- February 11th at 10 a.m.

**Study Classes Who Stole My Church?** With Pastor Melanie Tuesday Nights at 6 and 7 p.m. Six weeks: January 9th-Feb. 13th

**Readiness 360 Online Survey** - Launches January 12th-via eblast. This survey can be taken electronically or on Sunday mornings during coffee hour. This is a part of the preparation for our VCI Workshop. The survey needs to be done by January 20th and each and every member of Nardin Park is requested to complete the survey. If you need assistance, please call the church office.

**Pre-Consultation Workshop** - Sunday, January 28th 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. Facilitated by Pastor Brad Kalajanean, of Cornerstone UMC in Grand Rapids. (One of the 10 fastest growing UMC's in the nation) Sign up during class, during coffee hour, emailing church office, on Church Facebook page, or by calling the church office. Childcare will be provided.

#### March and April 2018

##### **Consultation Weekend: Friday, March 9th - Sunday, March 11th**

Focus Group meets with Consultants—Friday March 9th 7 p.m. (Invite only)

Council Focus Group meets with consultants Saturday March 10th, 9 a.m.

##### **ALL CHURCH WORKSHOP WITH CONSULTANTS - Saturday, March 10th 10:15 a.m. to 3p.m.**

(Lunch included) Register during class, during coffee hour, emailing church office, on Church Facebook page, or by calling the church office.

Childcare provided.

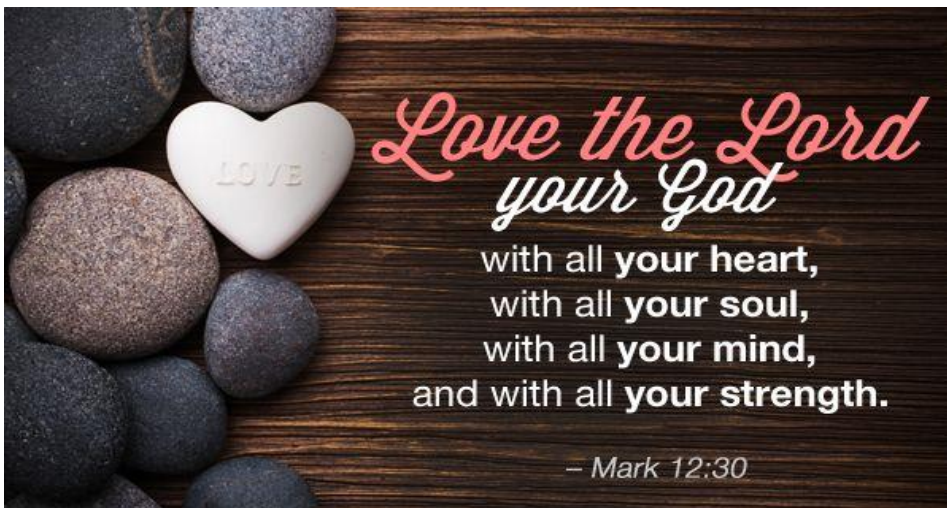
**Worship on Sunday, March 11th at 10 a.m.** - Lead Consultant will preach—Rev. Gary Step

**5 Prescriptions will be shared** by lead consultant verbally and in written form.

**Town Hall Meetings to discuss Prescriptions** - Facilitated by VCI Team Members (Non Staff Facilitators) (You are encouraged to attend **one** of the 3 offered)

1. **Tuesday, March 13th** during Night @ the Park—6 p.m. to 7: 30 p.m. (Come for dinner starting at 5:30 p.m.)
2. **Sunday March 18th** - 11:30 to 1 p.m. (Lunch Included)
3. **Sunday April 8th** - 6:30 to 8 p.m. (Light refreshments served)

**Special All Church Conference** to Vote on Adoption of Prescriptions, **Sunday April 22nd immediately after 10 a.m. worship.**




# YOUTH NEWS



Sunday 4 -  **Super Bowl Party**

**Tuesday 6 - Night @ The Park**  
Gathering 5pm; Choir 5:30pm; Dinner 6pm  
Desert and Study 6:30pm

**Sunday 11 - Bake Sale**  
Winter Jam 

**Tuesday 13 - Night @ The Park**

**Wednesday 14 - Ash Wednesday Service**  
7pm at Farmington First UMC

**Sunday 18 - No Common Ground**

**Tuesday 20 - No Night @ The Park**

**Sunday 25 - LaRon Williams**  
Storyteller sponsored by the African American Task Force. His stories are appropriate for ages 12 & over. Don't miss this, he is sooo good!



**Tuesday 27 - Night @ The Park**

Sunday, February 11  
Following Worship  
Our Mission trip to Henderson Settlement will cost about \$10,000 with the increased participation and more involved projects in 2018.

**WINTER JAM**  
Meet at the church - 4:00  
Cost \$15 *cash* at the door  
Plus there will be snack bars open and t-shirts, CDs, etc.. to buy.  
Return to church between 9 - 9:30  
Parents are welcome to join us.  
We will need drivers.



# MISSIONS 2017

## Your "Loose Coin" offerings at work:

The loose coin dropped in the offering plates adds up - not to mention the very pleasant jingling as the offering plate is passed.



### November 2017

The Nardin Park outreach project "Crossroads Soup Kitchen" – the loose coin offering was applied to help defray the costs associated with preparing a delicious, nutritional meal for over 400 people at their facility in Detroit on Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

#### GOALS OF CROSSROADS SOUP KITCHEN

- Provide a hot, nutritious meal, to hungry, impoverished individuals and families **every Sunday of the year.**
- Serve the meal each Sunday from Noon to 3:00pm.
- Ensure that our meals are prepared, served, and consumed in a welcoming, clean, and safe environment.
- Create opportunities for mutual ministry and service among and between our guests and Soup Kitchen volunteers.
- Interconnect the work of our soup kitchen to the vision, mission, programs, and services of Crossroads.

### December 2017

With the recent cold spell we have experienced, the loose coin offering will be disbursed to the Farmington/Farmington Hills Salvation Army specifically for the Utility Fund program. No doubt, there will be many families in this immediate area struggling to pay high heating bills. Just think; this money could possibly help a family from experiencing a shut-off.

#### Salvation Army Utility Program

*The program is funded in part by Salvation Army donors and by local utility companies and their customers. Funds are typically used to pay for natural gas, oil, propane and electricity.*

### The "Warming Tree"

Throughout the months of December and January, the Mission Committee sponsored a "Warming Tree" mission project. The request was for **NEW, WARM ITEMS** for children and adults, any age, any size: socks, gloves/mittens, scarves, coats/jackets, boots, and blankets. The response we received from you was overwhelming. Many individuals provided handmade hats, mittens and scarves. Eight bags of WARM items were delivered to the Baldwin Center in Pontiac, and another delivery will be made in February when the project wraps up. Thank you everyone for your generosity ... no matter what the cause, when we **ASK** you, as the family of Nardin Park, **GIVE and give generously and without question.** We thank you!



#### The Baldwin Center - Pontiac

*The Baldwin Center's mission is to feed, clothe, educate and empower the men, women and children of the Pontiac community. We are a nonprofit 501(c)3 organization. The Center has been serving our neighbors since 1981 and currently offers more than 25 support programs that meet basic needs, offer assistance in a crisis, provide education and enrichment opportunities for adults and children, and serve as a safety net. We envision people of all ages and cultures sharing the belief that they can create and shape how they live and grow within the community. Our core values include compassion, respect, integrity, and the preservation of human dignity through human services.*

Upcoming offerings: January – UMCOR Disaster Relief

Pat yourselves on the back for continuing to support the NPUMC Mission Loose Coin Offering - Thank you

# Children's Ministries

"...Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; or it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." *Mark 10:14*

10:00 a.m. - Sundays  
**Children's  
Spiritual Guidance**

## First Floor

Nursery - Infant Care  
Toddler - Two Year Old Room  
"Godly Play" - 3-4/5 Year Olds

### 3-4/5 Year Olds

**February 4**  
Parable of the Sower  
**February 11**  
*Children's Choirs sing*  
Parable of the Mustard Seed  
**February 18**  
1. The Greatest Parable  
**February 25**  
2. The Greatest Parable



## Season of Epiphany & Lent

### 5-K/6 Year Olds

**February 4**  
St. Valentine  
**February 11**  
*Children's Choirs sing*  
Parable of the Sower  
**February 18**  
Parable of the Mustard Seed  
**February 25**  
Parable of the  
Good Samaritan

**V.B.S.**  
July 9 - 12, 2018  
9 - 2 p.m.

### 1st - 2nd Graders

**February 4**  
St. Valentine  
**February 11**  
*Children's Choirs sing*  
Parable of the Sower  
**February 18**  
The Mystery of Easter  
**February 25**  
1. The Faces of Easter

### 10:00 a.m. Worship

Children are welcomed in worship with their families any time. There are children's papers, colored pencils, etc. for their use during the hour.



*Children 3yrs. and older are offered Holy Communion on the First Sunday.*

**Acolytes:** 4th graders & older  
*Acolytes carry the processional cross, Bible, light & extinguish the altar candles.*

### 3rd - 5th Graders

**February 4**  
2. The Greatest Parable  
**February 11**  
*Children's Choirs sing*  
3. The Greatest Parable  
**February 18**  
The Mystery of Easter  
**February 25**  
1. The Faces of Easter

# Children's Ministries

Fun and Fellowship Time !



## GEMINI

A Night of Music and Song

Friday, February 9  
7 00 p.m.

with *afterglow Party!!*

For Children/Youth and their families joined at the end by the Cherub and Wesley Choirs of Nardin Park.



## Child Protection Policy Training

Dr. Kristin Ahrens and Lauren Sundquist

Session offering:

Saturday, April 14, 2018

9am – 1pm here at Nardin  
Light breakfast provided

**Mandatory training session** for anyone working with or planning to work with children, youth and / or vulnerable adults . Volunteers must have completed one of the above training sessions and a background check prior to attending an event where youth will be present.

*RSVP is required by March 25<sup>th</sup>.*

Please send all correspondence to Lauren Sundquist: [Lmsundqu@gmail.com](mailto:Lmsundqu@gmail.com) or call/text 248-798-9410.



## Michigan Area

United Methodist Camping

[umcamping.org/events](http://umcamping.org/events)

[lakelouisecommunity.org](http://lakelouisecommunity.org)  
[campmichigamme.org](http://campmichigamme.org)

There are camps for all ages (children - adults), interests, and length of time.



## Night @ the Park

The place to be on Tuesday Nights!

No gathering February 20th

### Snack 'n Fun

5:00 - 5:25p.m.

5 yrs.- 5th graders -"The Avenue"

0 - 4yr. Olds *Childcare / Toddler Room*

### Dinner

5:30 - 6:45 p.m.

with family and friends

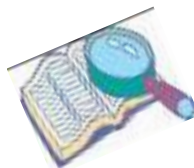
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6:00 p.m. - 7:10 p.m.

0 - 4 Year Olds - *Childcare*

Return to *Toddler Room*



### 5 yr. Olds - 2nd Graders

6:00 - 6:25 p.m.

### Spiritual Guidance

"Stories of Jesus"

Bible 101 in "The Avenue" K - 2nd graders

6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Cherub Choir / Music Suite



### 3rd - 5th Graders

6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Wesley Choir / Music Suite



6:35 - 7:05 p.m.

### Spiritual Guidance

Bible 235 - 3rd - 5th graders

"Stories of Jesus"

Bible 235 Room / Second Floor



6:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m.

Adult Study

### Who Stole My Church

Leader: Pastor Melanie

Last Session on this book...February 13

Youth (6th - 12th graders)

happenings from 5:00 p.m. on

see Youth Page and / or Music notes.



# *Black History Month Celebration*

The History of the African Methodist Episcopal (AME) Church

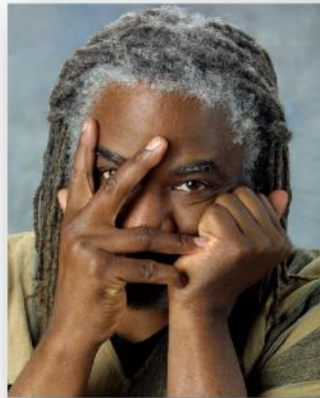


Rev. John H. Burns II



Rev. Melanie Carey

## **“The Beloved Community”**



**Featuring Storyteller LaRon Williams**

February 25<sup>th</sup>, 3-6 p.m.

29887 West Eleven Mile Road

Farmington Hills, MI 48336

(Between Middlebelt & Orchard Lake Roads)

Childcare for 5th grade & under provided during presentation (must register in advance)

Free General & Childcare Registration Online: ( <http://evite.me/C42fUeDHnG>)

Sponsored by:

First AME (FAME) Church of Farmington Hills (248-797-7554)

Nardin Park United Methodist Church (248-476-8860)

***Dinner Served! Donations Accepted!***



**Save the Date!**



# NINETEENTH ANNUAL World Sabbath

An Interfaith Experience of  
Music, Dance and Prayer:  
Seeking to build a world of tolerance,  
justice, faithfulness, and peace.

**Sunday, March 11, 2018**

**Service 4:00 – 5:30pm  
Afterglow to follow**

**Christ Church Cranbrook  
470 Church Rd., Bloomfield Hills, MI 48304**

**Celebrate our “children of peace” and  
the religious diversity of metro Detroit!**



**2018  
World Sabbath  
Peacemaker  
Awardee**

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Alasmari,  
Muslim Unity Center,  
Bloomfield Hills, MI



For answers to your questions and find out how youth from your house of worship can be involved - or if you are a clergy or a Religious Leader planning to attend, please visit: [www.worldsabbath.org](http://www.worldsabbath.org) or contact Gail Katz, World Sabbath Chair: [gailkatz@comcast.net](mailto:gailkatz@comcast.net) 248-978-6664

# MUSIC AND ARTS MINISTRIES



## The Inter-Generational Handbell Ensemble is back!

Now called: JUBILATE RINGERS!

This group is open to anyone 5th grade through adults. It is a beginner-level group. If you have wanted to give handbells a try, now is your opportunity. It's a neat opportunity for children/youth/parents/grandparents to ring together. No experience necessary—we all learn together!

**Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 5-5:30 p.m.:**

February 13, 27

March 6, 13

**We'll play in worship on March 18.**

Please contact Kyle Webber (kwebber@nardinpark.org) if you would like to participate.

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## Gracers Ignite Youth Choir Worship

**Dates:**

February 4, March 4, April 22

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## Cherub/Wesley Choir Worship Dates:

January 28, February 9, February 11  
March 25, April 22

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## Nardin Park Ringers Worship Dates:

February 25, March 25, April 22, May 20

Mackinac Island Festival: April 27-28

## Future Concerts:

**March 18, 2018—3:00 p.m.**

*The Wesley Project*

11 Hymns of Charles Wesley arranged for  
Flute, Strings, Piano and Handbells  
Kyle Webber, Conductor

**May 6, 2018—3:00 p.m.**

*MSU Piano Quartet*

Featuring Yalan Piao, Piano

**May 20, 2018—5:00 p.m.**

*Detroit Handbell Ensemble*

Brenda Austin, Artistic Director  
Kyle Webber, Ringer



Nardin Park United Methodist Church

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## February Worship Schedule

February 4: Gracers Ignite & Chancel Choir

February 11: Cherub/Wesley & Chancel Choir

February 18: Chancel Choir

February 25: Nardin Ringers & Chancel Choir



"If the Pied Piper had been twins, odds are he would have been Gemini."

– *The Detroit News*

"Joyful, fun, rich in humor, deep in value, and best of all from our perspective, participative, personal, warm."

– *North Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teachers*



## ***Gemini* Family Concert**

with Cherub & Wesley Choirs of Nardin Park!

Friday, February 9, 2018—7:00 p.m.

FREE and open to all.



## **Kalamazoo College Singers in Concert @ Nardin Park**

**Date Change: Friday, February 23, 2018—8:00 p.m.**

After a sold-out performance on the liberal arts campus of Kalamazoo College last fall, Artistic Director Chris Ludwa brings his 24-voice choral ensemble to Farmington Hills and Chagrin Falls in the first of an effort to bring social justice-themed programming to communities around the country. The College Singers, comprised of music majors and non-majors alike, offer a different approach to choral singing, "Singing with a higher purpose," Ludwa calls it, a hallmark for which he is well-known in the Midwest as an arts leader. The program, which features everything from spirituals to spoken word to contemporary a cappella hits, offers something for everyone, regardless of age or political viewpoint. Both concerts are supported by a free will offering designed to help defray the expense of touring.

The program features music of the great spirituals, in addition to popular songs made popular by such artists as The Beatles, Queen, and more. The sections of the program include ways in which hope and community have been found in ancient cultures, through holocausts, oppression, poverty, and despair, and features a call to action for audience members to resolve to get involved in their local and regional communities. Ludwa described it, saying, "The goal is to entertain, educate, and inspire an audience. If we do our job well, there will be moments punctuated by tears, laughter, and a sense of deep and shared purpose."

The mission of Kalamazoo College is to prepare its graduates to better understand, live successfully within, and provide enlightened leadership to a richly diverse and increasingly complex world. As a highly selective, nationally renowned, and internationally oriented four-year college of arts and sciences, Kalamazoo College has developed a tradition of

excellence in the fulfillment of this mission. It is located in Kalamazoo, Michigan. Founded in 1833, Kalamazoo College is among the 100 oldest colleges and universities in the nation and boasts a student body of 1,436 students from 43 states and 28 countries, 32 percent of which are domestic students of color.

# COMING EVENTS

## Child Protection Policy Training

**Saturday, April 14, 2018**

9am – 1pm *here at Nardin*

*Mandatory training in 2018 ...*

*...all those working or planning to work with children, youth and vulnerable adults will complete this training.*

*This includes but is not limited to: SOS, VBS, Youth retreats, Common Ground, "Godly Play" and Nursery / Toddler leaders.*

**Leaders:**

**Dr. Kristin Ahrens and Lauren Sundquist**

***RSVP is required by March 25<sup>th</sup>.***

Please send all correspondence to Lauren Sundquist: [Lmsundqu@gmail.com](mailto:Lmsundqu@gmail.com) or call/text 248-798-9410.



**DETROIT RENAISSANCE  
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**CPR AND AED  
TRAINING**

Thank you to the 13 people who came out to be certified in AED-CPR training. While at church we can all feel a little bit safer knowing that we have people trained to help in an emergency. A big thank you to Michelle Davis-Price for arranging this class.

# FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Kaitlyn Byerle	2/1	Mike Breckeridge	2/9	Kendyl Weekly	2/14	Jimmy Godfrey	2/20	Jill Chernavage	2/25
Dic Kahl	2/1	David Worpell	2/9	Carole Zien	2/14	Danielle Saldano	2/20	Melissa King	2/25
Russell Teal	2/1	Nolan Ellis	2/10	Tom Fleming	2/15	Rachael Allen	2/21	Janet Nader	2/25
Kelsey Weekley	2/2	Brein Merritt	2/10	Penny Groff	2/15	Diane Keils	2/21	Allanna Oostlander	2/26
Tim McFarland	2/3	Ryan Sharp	2/10	Johnathan Miller	2/15	Denny Rippet	2/21	Braeden Shea	2/26
Carolyn Bough	2/5	Paul Work	2/10	Amy Tritt	2/15	Judy Bjorklund	2/22	John Gingrich	2/27
Rebecca Miller	2/5	Hannah Brackenbury	2/11	Carmen McLachlan	2/16	Gabrielle Martinez	2/22	Marilynn Elliott	2/28
Fred Timpner	2/5	Jeri LaBelle	2/11	Olivia Keils	2/17	Debbie Perry	2/22	Makayla McCoskey	2/28
Kerri Brown	2/6	Jim Bertram	2/12	Linda Olsen	2/17	Andy Wayne	2/22	Judy West	2/28
Leon Cegers	2/6	Ann Frankini	2/13	Alyssa Sarlund	2/18	Carol Apol	2/24	Susan Zimmer	2/28
Logan Nasal	2/7	Tom Sayles	2/13	Kathryn Sarlund	2/18	Ella Dowell	2/24		
Fay Hager	2/8	Brian Kabara	2/14	Tina Jensen	2/19	Cherl Oostlander	2/24		

## Wedding Anniversaries

Kyle & Paula Albert	2/7
Kelly & Tom Paquette	2/10
Ed & Jackie Spala	2/12
Marshall & Susan Dunlap	2/15
Paul & Cindy Whiting	2/17
Matt & Wendy Kastner	2/27



**February 5th**-In memory of Clark Reid, with Love from Barbara

**February 12th**-In memory of Aunts Helen Gardhouse and Beatrice Spruhan, with Love from Susan and Allen Brown

**February 19th**-In memory of Marian Feehan, with Love from her son Dan Malanowski

## Prayers for the families of:



**Crystal Westphal**, dear family member of Laura Olson passed away on January 2nd. The funeral was held on January 6th at Nardin Park Methodist Church.

# WE PRAY FOR ...



Peggy Aranowski  
Glenn Brandon  
Michael Breckenridge  
Anthony Brown  
Jeff Gardner  
Marilyn Gibbs

Earl Hendrickson  
Amy Langdon  
Arlene Marks  
Dorothy McCoskey  
Walter McCoskey  
Marjorie Sayles  
Glenn Schlott  
Gary Sharp  
Janet Simpson  
Marilynn Woelke  
Myron Woelke  
Dave & Caro Wojtowicz  
George Wold  
Lynda Wonn

Eva Ashton  
Betty and John Barclay  
Carrol Belott  
Jane Black  
Bob Bough  
Joyce Campbell  
Elaine Haskell  
Lorene Juhnke  
Jean Kinderman  
Ricky Moore  
Bev Mumbulo  
Fred Nader  
Wendy Morlewski

Ruthe Peterson  
Jackie Rippet  
Ann Shell  
Margaret Shell  
Bonnie Rudolph  
Jeannine Webber  
Bev Notestine  
Diane Sherman  
Carol Howell  
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