

AT THE PARK



APRIL 2018

EASTER IS : Faith over Fear

While you can't tell from our cold weather, Easter is right around the corner. This year, we will listen to the Easter story from Mark's Gospel. The major theme in this gospel is fear and the resurrection of Jesus is the story of faith overcoming fear. What did the people in Mark's gospel fear? They feared all the things we also fear: losing self, status, wealth, political and religious power and most of all losing our life. Jesus calls us to the way of the cross and he invites us to have faith and he promises us and shows us through Easter that our faith will indeed overcome ALL fears. Why? Because God is in the business of raising new life from fear and death.

Whatever you might be facing in your life, remember that Easter means that faith overcomes fear. With all that we face as a nation and in our world today, let us remember that Easter means that faith overcomes fear. As we listen for the plans that God has for the future of Nardin Park Church, may we remember that Easter means faith overcomes our fears.

I look forward to seeing you for Palm Sunday, the services of Holy Week and most of all for Easter! In the words of brother Charles Wesley, "Love's redeeming work is done, fought the fight the battle won, death in vain forbids him rise, Christ hath opened paradise." Happy Easter. Let us remember that it means our faith overcomes our fears. Amen! *Pastor Melanie*

Holy Week Worship Services at Nardin Park

Maundy Thursday Service - Thursday, March 29th at 7:00pm

Worship at Nardin Park with the Farmington First UMC congregation.

Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood will be preaching.

Holy Communion will be celebrated around a common table.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service - Friday, March 30th at 7:00pm

Led by Kyle Webber and the Chancel Choir

The Tenebrae Service has a rich tradition in the church dating back to the 8th Century.

*Through word and music, this service dramatizes the suffering,
death and burial of Jesus Christ.*

Easter Services - April 1st

Sunrise Service - 7:30am *Service will be held in the chapel and will include communion*

Easter Worship - 10:00am

Easter Celebration in the sanctuary with communion

WORSHIP AT THE PARK

HOLY WEEK

Palm Sunday worship, 10:00 a.m. on March 25th

Pastor Melanie will be preaching on *Finding Your Purpose and Listening to your Heart*.

Becky Bloomer on trumpet, Nardin Park Ringers, Chancel Choir, Cherub and Wesley Choirs and Dance Choir will share in music ministry during this service and children will join in the palm parade as we kick off Holy Week with the *Parade and Passion of Christ*.

Maundy Holy Thursday, 7:00 p.m. on March 29th

This will be a joint worship service at Nardin Park with Farmington First United Methodist. Rev. Dr. Anthony Hood, pastor of Farmington First, will preach and a special choral ensemble will lead us as we remember Jesus' Last Supper with his disciples.

Good Friday, 7:00 p.m. on March 30th

A special Tenebrae (Service of Shadows) will be led by our Chancel Choir under the direction of our Minister of Music, Kyle Webber.



Easter Sunday, April 1st

7:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with flowers, Communion and special music in the Chapel.

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary with the Brass Quintet, Chancel Choir, special children's message, flowers and Communion.

Pastor Melanie will be preaching on Mark's Gospel Story of Easter. *Easter Imperfect* is the sermon title.

Sunday, April 8th

Pastor Beth Titus will be preaching.

Chancel Choir will sing and Don, Peggy and Lizzie Babcock, along with Kyle Webber will share in music ministry.

Sunday, April 15th

Rev. Melanie will be preaching from Luke 24:36b-48, *What's for dinner when Jesus shows up?*

Jubilate Ringers, Chancel Choir and Kyle Webber will share in music ministries.

Sunday, April 22nd

Worship through Music Sunday - All ensembles will be participating in worship.

Sunday, April 29th

Pastor Melanie will be preaching from 1John 4:7-21, *Who God is and what God is about*.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

How can I get a Stephen Minister?

It really isn't all that difficult. All you need to do is to ask one of the pastors or say something to Wes Brun, and a relationship with a Stephen Minister can be arranged.

What we have found out, however, is that it is hard for some people to ask for help! Some may think that asking for help is a sign of "weakness." Or some may worry about what such a person like a Stephen Minister might think about them if they shared anything about what they struggle with.

The truth of the matter is, though, that many of us could use someone to talk things through with, especially when we are dealing with a significant issue, such as a major health issue, or a major decision we have to make. We, Stephen Ministers, are not "counselors"—we are "listeners" and companions on the walk of life. When you might worry that you might wear out family members and/or friends especially if you needed to or wanted to talk over something with someone, we are available, and we never get tired of listening and journeying with you.

We are here for you. And anything and everything you share is kept in the strictest of confidence. Let us know if you might like to have a Stephen Minister!



IN THE LIFE AT NARDIN PARK

VCI—Vital Church Initiative—What is happening next?

On Sunday, March 11th we received our prescriptions from the consultation team. We held two identical town hall meetings to discuss the prescriptions on Tuesday, March 13th and Sunday, March 18th.

Sunday, April 8th 6:30 to 8 p.m. Join us for a third identical town hall meeting to discuss the prescriptions in Mercer Hall. Light Refreshments served and childcare provided. No pre-registration is necessary.

Sunday, April 22nd, following worship. Special All Church Conference to vote on adopting the VCI Prescriptions, presided by Rev. Jean Snyder. You must be present and a member of the church to vote at this meeting.

Child Protection Policy Training is on Saturday, April 14th, here at Nardin Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

New Members Class

If you are interested in becoming a member of Nardin Park, we would love to have you join us! A Membership Class will be held on Tuesday Nights, April 10th, 17th and 24th. Dinner and childcare will be included. Email Pastor Melanie if you are interested in being a part of the upcoming class. Mcarey@nardinpark.org

The Rummage Sale is Coming!

Set up will be after church on Sunday, April 29th and pizza will be served.

Rummage sale schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, May 1st - 6pm to 9pm (presale) There will be a 20% surcharge Tuesday night.

Wednesday, May 2nd - 9am to 5pm

Thursday, May 3rd - 9am to 3pm



Did you know that the fall Rummage Sale's jewelry counter had over \$2,000 in sales?!? We hope to exceed that amount at the Spring Rummage Sale May 1-3. You can help by cleaning out your drawers & jewelry boxes and donating previously loved items to the sale. Drop them off in the church office so that items can be cleaned, repaired and priced in time for the sale.

PASTOR ON CALL:

313 - 681 - 4871

Please call this number to reach a Pastor after hours, on weekends, and holidays.

You may call the church office at 248-476-8860

Monday - Friday from 8:30-4:30.

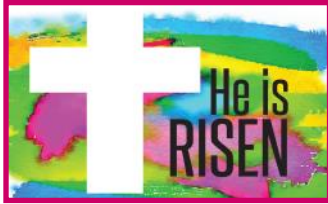
AMAZON SMILE PROGRAM

Nardin Park UMC has a registered charitable organization account with **AmazonSmile**. If you make a purchase on Amazon.com, you may now designate Nardin Park UMC to receive 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products that you bought.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

April

April 1 -



April 8 - **Common Ground**
6:00 - 7:30

April 10 - **Night @ The Park**
Dessert and Study 6:30

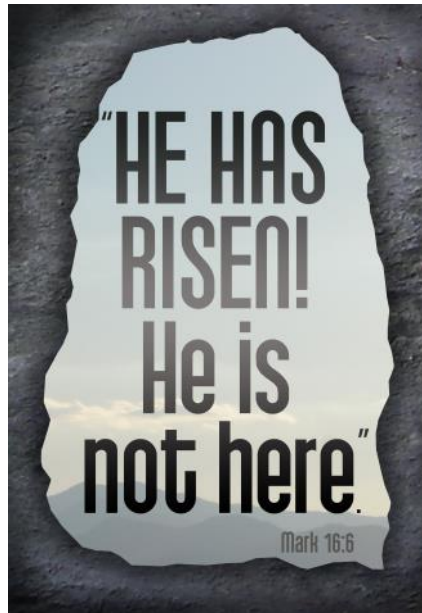
April 15 - **Common Ground**

April 17 - **Night @ The Park**
Dessert and Study 6:30

April 20 - **Common Ground**

April 22 - **Night @ The Park**

YOUTH MINISTRY



CROP Walk

Sunday, May 6th 1:00 pm
Downtown Farmington
We will plan to walk together
in the walk and get ice cream
after we finish.



2018 SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Henderson Settlement

June 17 - 23

For more information contact
Pastor Beth - btitus@nardinpark.org

All youth completing grades 6 - 12 are
welcome to join us for this opportunity to
serve in the mountains of Kentucky.

**Sign Up
Today!**



ARTS CAMP 2018

Monday, July 9-Thursday, July 12
9:00 am - 2:00pm



Registrations are now available. Grab a friend and join us for an exciting week of discovering your strength in God. Art, music, science, stories and more will make this a week you won't want to miss.



Questions?? Please talk to Pastor Beth by calling the church 248-476-8860, or by email, btitus@nardinpark.org



Be part of this exciting ministry that reaches beyond our walls. Many volunteers are needed to make this an amazing week for our children and children in our community. We hope to have a counselor and a youth counselor with groups of 8-10, plus leaders and assistants for each center. Please consider volunteering for all or part of the week.



Children's Ministries

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



Sundays 10:00 a.m.

“Godly Play”

- A. 3 - 5 Year Olds - First Floor
- B. 5K/6 K - 1st Graders - Second Floor
- C. 2nd - 3rd Graders - Second Floor
- D. 4th, 5th, 6th Graders - Second Floor



Nursery Care - First Floor
Toddler-Two Year Room - First Floor

Nursery-Toddler Coordinator
Lauren Sundquist



The Season of Easter

extends the experience of Easter Sunday for six weeks, but it also helps to prepare us for the coming of the Mystery of Pentecost.

JESUS IS ALIVE !



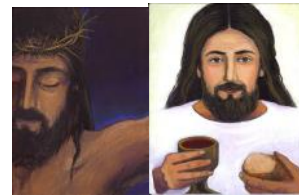
EASTER MORNING - *Empty Tomb*
“...very early in the morning on the first day of the week, the women went to the tomb ...They found the stone rolled away...He isn't here but has been raised. ...then they remembered his words...”

Luke 24: 1 - 12

April 1—Easter Sunday

7:30 a.m. Worship in the Chapel

Holy Communion



10:00 a.m. Main Worship Hour

At 10:00 a.m. children begin in worship then move to their “Godly Play” rooms following the Children’s Message.

Lesson : Faces of Easter 7 Jesus on the Cross and Easter Sunday

Children 3 years and older will be offered Holy Communion

See www.nardinpark.org **CHILDREN** for other “Godly Play” lessons this month



Events for Children, Families, and others
beyond Sunday morning...



Night @ the Park

*The place to be
on Tuesday Nights!
April 10th and 17th !
Only nights this month*

5:00 p.m. - 5:25 p.m. Snack 'n Fun

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

0 - 4yr. Olds **Childcare** in the Toddler Room



5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Dinner

*with family and friends
Choose a time that works for you*

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

0 - 4 Year Olds - **Childcare** Return to Toddler Room

Study

Bible 101 - 6 p.m. - 6:25 p.m.

In "The Avenue" - 5 Yrs. - 2nd Graders

Bible 235 - 6:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.

*Second Floor Bible 235 Room -
3rd—5th Graders*

Music



6:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Cherub Choir - K—2nd Graders

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

Wesley Choir - 3rd—5th Graders

Adult Study

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

*Check for the latest book or topic in a recent
bulletin or **Newsletter***

**Youth (6th - 12th graders)
happenings** from 5:00 p.m. on
see Youth Page and / or Music notes.



GEMINI

*A Night of Music
and Song*

Friday, April 20, 2018

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

Saturday, April 14, 2018

9 a.m. – 1 p.m. here at Nardin



Michigan Area

United Methodist Camping

umcamping.org/events

lakelouisecommunity.org

campmichigamme.org

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

**ARTS Camp
July 9-12, 2018!**

*Registration Open
4yrs. - 5th Graders*



MUSIC AND ARTS MINISTRIES



"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, April 20, 2018—7:00 p.m.
FREE and open to all.

Coming Up!

MSU Piano Quartet

May 6 @ 3 p.m.

Featuring Yalan Piao, Piano

Detroit Handbell Ensemble

May 20 @ 5 p.m.

Brenda Austin, Artistic Director

Kyle Webber, Ringer

Stay tuned for an announcement of our summer "Wednesdays at Eight" music lineup!



Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Worship through Music Sunday—April 22, 2018 @ 10 a.m.

Come experience the presence of the Holy Spirit through music, scripture, poetry and song!



Featuring:
Chancel Choir
Cherub & Wesley Choirs
Gracers Ignite Youth Choir
Dance Choir
Nardin Park Ringers
Instrumental Ensemble



MISSIONS

CROP HUNGER WALK

ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME



Sunday, May 6

Registration 1:00

Walk starts at 1:30

Let's all walk together to fight hunger!

CROP Walk supports:

Church World Service

Baldwin Center

Neighborhood House

C.A.R.E.S. of Farmington

Yad Ezra

This is great time to come as a family and make a difference in our community and around the world. You can pick up your pledge forms and register at a table in the Fellowship Hall in April or by going to :

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/farmingtonmi/nardinparkumc>

The walk starts at
Farmington First United Methodist Church

33112 Grand River Ave,
Farmington, MI 48336



OPERATION COMMON GOOD

Serving students of Farmington Schools who struggle with poverty and homelessness.

The Mission Team has been working to raise money to help 12 graduating seniors cover the costs of participating in graduation ceremonies and traditions. The goal was \$3600, to date we have raised over \$2500, thank you for your generosity! Please help us reach the goal so that all students can celebrate this accomplishment in their lives.



South Oakland Shelter (SOS) Sun., July 15 - Sun., July 22, 2018

Each year for over 25 years, Nardin Park has hosted SOS in our church for one week in July. This is an incredible ministry that welcomes homeless people and families with good meals and a place to stay. SOS provides counseling and assistance to get people into homes they can live in.

Deb and Jeff Lockledge have led this ministry for 16 of these years! Thank you for your commitment! (They have done an amazing job). They have decided to step down and thankfully **Jenna and Tim Latimer** are picking it up for this year. We are looking for volunteers who will commit to being part of this ministry in July. It **can not** be done without the help of many people.

We will be having 2 informational meetings for you to attend and volunteer to help. Volunteers are needed for overnights, cooking and serving meals, helping with lunches, driving, set-up and take-down, and laundry.

Sunday, April 15 - After Worship 11:30
April 17 - 6:00

Come and see how you can help!

A Thank You Note from Central UMC:

Dear Rev. Carey & Nardin Park UMC,
Thank you for your generous donation To our sanctuary family. Ded, Flora, and their sons have been amazed at the generosity of people from around the world.

Of course, their story is just one of hundreds of stories of families threatened by deportation every day. Because of generous people like you, we will be able to keep this family safe and together and we will continue to fight for immigration reform.

Grace and Peace,
Rev. Jill Zundel



SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER

UPCOMING EVENTS

PREPARE & ENRICH COUNSELOR TRAINING

This is a one-day training to become certified to administer and interpret the series of Prepare/Enrich Marital and Pre-Marital questionnaires.

DATE: April 13, 2018
 TIME: 8:30 am to 3:00 pm
 LOCATION: Nardin Park UMC, 29887 W. 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills
 FEE: \$200 per person

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: April 21, 2018
 TIME: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm
 LOCATION: Nardin Park UMC, 29887 W 11 Mile, Farmington Hills
 FEE: \$225 per couple. A \$125 deposit is required at registration

CONNECTIONS: ENRICHING YOUR RELATIONSHIP

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

DATE: April 28, 2018
 TIME: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm
 LOCATION: Commerce UMC, 1155 N. Commerce Rd., Commerce, MI
 FEE: \$185 per couple

Please contact SCC's main office at (248) 474-4701 to register. For further information, please visit SCC's website, sccmich.org.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Kay Marie Hill 4/1	Annika Taylor 4/9	Faith Fitzpatrick 4/14	Doug Barrick 4/17	Sarah Winterbottom 4/24
Rene Yaroch 4/1	Sam Afolabi 4/10	Karli Frye 4/14	Eva Ashton 4/18	Sue Genschoreck 4/26
Robbie Hayes 4/3	Debbi Lockledge 4/10	Lorene Juhnke 4/14	Kyle Kahsin 4/18	Cathey Studnicki 4/26
Emma Latimer 4/4	Douglas Walters 4/10	Toni Boehms 4/15	Janet Lefstad 4/19	Hal Hood 4/27
Patrick Paquette 4/4	Terry West 4/10	Noah Brackenbury 4/15	Lizzie Petoskey 4/20	Wesley Schwartz 4/27
Bob Smith 4/4	Brendan Wesaw 4/11	Mill Docking 4/15	AnneMarie Rousseau 4/20	Christopher Baker 4/28
Merry Hulslander 4/5	Matthew Weber 4/12	Melinda Polk 4/15	Carolyn Weber 4/20	Sarah Kellogg 4/28
Sherry Ryan 4/5	Dale Bjorklund 4/13	Abigail Ray 4/15	Cole Shenton 4/21	Jake Lockledge 4/28
Kristin Timpner 4/5	Cameron Ellis 4/13	Graham Teal 4/15	Barb Williams 4/21	Clark Williams 4/28
Vicky Vainer 4/5	Brenden Frabutt 4/13	Sue Whitston 4/15	Drew Shenton 4/22	Ken Hixson 4/29
Mark Martinez 4/6	Madison Lane 4/13	Sherry Wright 4/15	Callum Ellis 4/24	Jacqui Laskowsky 4/29
Evelyn Bertram 4/8	Richard Lefstad 4/13	Scott Dixon 4/16	Carl Holdampf 4/24	Al Wujcik 4/29
Charles Petoskey 4/8	Veronica McAuliffe 4/13	Marshall Dunlap 4/16	Curtis Tingle 4/24	Elizabeth Morrison 4/30
				Keith Weekley 4/30



Wedding Anniversaries

John and Betty Barclay 4/25

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

Prayers for the families of:



Robert Albertson, a long time member of Nardin Park, who passed away on February 10th. A funeral service is being planned for a future date.

Alan Maddaford, a former member of Nardin Park, who passed away on February 20th. A funeral service was held on February 26th at McCabe Funeral Home in Farmington Hills.



April 22d -In memory of Richard Huntoon. With love from your family

April 29th -In memory of Anne Hollingsworth on our anniversary. With love from Bill

Steeple Lighting for the week of:

April 15th - In loving memory of our son Craig's birthday. With love from Barbara and Dic Kahl



WE PRAY FOR ...



Jerry Foss
Joan Graham
Earl Hendrickson
Amy Langdon

Mel Rookus
Paul Sanders
Glenn Schlott
Gary Sharp
Janet Simpson
Carolyn Wojtowicz
George Wold
Lynda Wonn
Richard Campbell

Eva Ashton
Betty and John Barclay
Carrol Belott
Jane Black
Bob Bough
Joyce Campbell
Lorene Juhnke
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
Vicki Webster



Christ-centered
People-focused
Spirit-led



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