

AT THE PARK



Nardin Park United Methodist Church

MAY 2018

Anticipation

Anticipation. Carly Simon sang about it long ago, and Heinz's ketchup used anticipation as their theme song while people waited for the "slow good" condiment to cover their hot dog or hamburger. Anticipation is the word for us at Nardin Park this spring and during this season of Eastertide. Synonyms for the word anticipation include: expectation, hope and eagerness.

As an Easter people, we live with expectation, eagerness and hope that Jesus is alive and that he is appearing in our lives and in our world with his message of new life and hope.

During April we, in the state of Michigan, live with eagerness, expectation and hope that Spring weather will actually make an appearance, even while it remains cold, and snowflakes still show up from time to time. We trust in the flowers of spring and we anticipate the buds on the trees becoming actual green leaves. We anticipate the warm sunshine and long for its appearing.

This newsletter will go to press just before our April 22nd a special all church conference on the adoption of our prescriptions in the Vital Church Initiative (VCI). After all the town hall meetings, workshops and preparations, we anticipate the outcome of our vote, whatever it may be, and we await with expectation, the future that God surely has in store for us.

As Christians we are a people who live by hope. Particularly in this season of the "greening" of Spring and the days after Easter.

Happy Easter,

Pastor Melanie

WORSHIP AT THE PARK



Sunday, May 6th - 6th Sunday of Easter, Holy Communion

Pastor Melanie will be preaching. Pastor Beth will serve as liturgist. We will celebrate Holy Communion and the Chancel Choir will be singing.

Sunday, May 13th - Mother's Day and Festival of The Christian Home

Guest preacher, Rev. Dr. John E. Harnish, pastor emeritus from Birmingham First will be preaching. Pastor Melanie will serve as liturgist. The Chancel Choir will sing. We will celebrate the sacrament of baptism for **Alexandar Simkow**.

Sunday, May 20th - Pentecost Sunday

Pastor Karen Poole will be preaching and Pastor Melanie will serve as liturgist. The Chancel Choir and Nardin Park Ringers will provide music. Come and celebrate this special day!

Sunday, May 27th - Peace with Justice Sunday

Pastor George Covintree will be preaching and Rev. Dr. Wes Brun will serve as liturgist. The Chancel Choir will sing.

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry: Care for Hurting People

Out of a job? Broken relationship? Stressed Caregiver? Cancer? Empty nest? New baby? Overwhelmed with life? A Stephen Minister could be what you need.

Stephen Ministers help people walk through a difficult time in their life and show them Christian care. If you want to talk—they'll listen. If you want to pray—they'll pray. If you want to sit and cry---they'll be there. Stephen Ministers are available to listen and care—not to "fix things" or tell you what to do. Having someone to talk to and be present during life's crises, both big and small, can make things manageable.

Stephen Ministry connections can lead to growth, practiced faith, and hope for the future.

Contact Pastor Melanie or Wes Brun to learn how to be connected with a Stephen Minister. No one should have to face life's struggles alone.



IN THE LIFE AT NARDIN PARK

NOOMA is a welcoming, multi-generational, spirit-led women's gathering that meets the first Sunday of each month at 8:30 am. This is an opportunity for women to take a breath (Nooma is the phonetic spelling of the Greek word for both breath and spirit) to relax, enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Nooma will be meeting on May 6 and June 3 in the Multi-Purpose Room. After a break during the summer, Nooma resumes in September. If you have any questions, please contact Karen Roth (248-921-0681) or email karensmiles18@hotmail.com

REPORT ON 2018 PLEDGES

To the Ladies and Gentlemen of Nardin Park,

On behalf of your Finance Committee, I am pleased to report that for its 2018 finance campaign, Nardin Park received 186 pledges in the amount of approximately \$430,000.00.

For comparison, in 2017 Nardin Park received 210 pledges in the amount of approximately \$473,000.00.

We appreciate this strong support, and thank everyone. With your help, we look forward to supporting the many fine worship and programs this year.

Respectfully,
George Walker
Chair, Finance Committee

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.



Sunday, May 9 - CROP Walk

1:00 meet at First United Methodist in downtown Farmington

Sunday, May 13 - Mother's Day Cinnamon Roll Sale

No Common Ground



Sunday, May 20 -

Common Ground

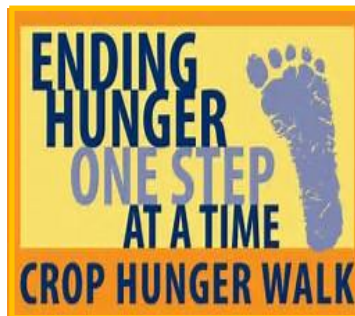
6:30 - 7:30pm

Hot Dog Cook-Out

Come for the campfire, hotdogs, s'mores and fun!



SUMMER MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING PROGRESS



Sunday, May 6, 1:00 p.m.
Let's plan to walk together. *(we will walk the short walk.)*
Afterward, we will get ice cream. Grab a pledge sheet after church, get some sponsors, walk and make a difference!

2018 SUMMER MISSION TRIP



Registration Forms and deposits are now due!
All youth completing 6th grade -12th grade are welcome to join us!

Questions: Talk to Pastor Beth,
or email at btitus@nardinpark.org

MISSIONS

ENDING HUNGER
ONE STEP
AT A TIME

CROP HUNGER WALK



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 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

ARTS CAMP 2018



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

Registrations are now available.

Please consider volunteering for all or part of the week, many volunteers are needed and you will be blessed too.



South Oakland Shelter

Sunday, July 15 - Sunday, July 22,
2018

For over 30 years, South Oakland Shelter (SOS) has been ending homelessness for individuals and families in crisis. With an emphasis on homeless prevention, sustainable housing solutions, and career development, SOS implements strategies and programs that provide realistic options for homeless and at-risk people seeking stabilization and self-sufficiency.

You want to be part of this!

In 2017:

- 3,118 homeless or at-risk individuals were served.
- Congregations provided 11,114 nights of shelter and 33,324 meals to individuals and families experiencing homelessness.
- 80% of shelter guests successfully secured housing.

You want to be part of this!

Mark you calendars and plan to help provide a meal, drive, stay overnight, host, or sign in...



Children's Ministries

Jesus Said "...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*

10:00 a.m. Sundays

Children's Spiritual Guidance



Nursery - First Floor

Toddler Two / Three Year Olds - First Floor

May Theme: Pentecost - "Change your hearts and lives" *Acts 2:38*



The Season of Easter to Pentecost

The Season of Easter is from Easter Sunday to Pentecost, fifty days in all.

Easter is a joyful season with white / or gold as the main liturgical color.

When the Day of Pentecost arrives we celebrate.

"Godly Play" **Sunday 10 - 11:00 a.m.**

- (a) 4 Year olds - 6 Year Olds - *Second Floor*
- (b) 1st - 2nd Graders - *Second Floor*
- (c) 3rd - 5th Graders - *Second Floor*



May 6

- (a) "Jesus and the Twelve"
- (b) "Jesus and the Twelve"
- (c) "Synagogue and the Upper Room"

On the First Sunday of the month, children are invited to receive Holy Communion in the main worship area. They then return to their "Godly Play" rooms.

May 13

- (a) "Parable of the Well"
- (b) "Synagogue and the Upper Room"
- (c) "The Crosses"

May 20 - Pentecost

Children begin with the Pentecost Parade

- (a, b, c) "The Mystery of Pentecost"

May 27

- (a) "St. Julian of Norwich"
- (b) "Parable of the Leaven"
- (c) "The Holy Trinity"

CROP HUNGER WALK  **Sunday May 6**
 ENDING HUNGER ONE STEP AT A TIME

1:30 p.m. Farmington/ Farmington Hills
Begins at Farmington First United Methodist Downtown

Arts Camps July 9-12th!

WELCOME New Members

On Sunday, April 15th we welcomed 7 new members to Nardin Park! Here is a little bit about them and their contact information for you to add to your phone directories.

Julie Bjorklund is a teacher with Livonia Public Schools. She is married to Dave Bjorklund and she and husband Dave are parents of two sons: 3rd grader Tyler and 1st grader Ryan. Julie joins the church on reaffirmation of her faith.

Julie and Dave Bjorklund
13922 Riverside St
Livonia, Mi. 48154
Juliebjorklund13@gmail.com
734-718-6055

Christopher Brennan is in the healthcare industry and works at St. Mary's Hospital in Livonia. He is married to Susanna Brennan and he and wife Susanna are parents of two sons: 2nd grader Sam and pre-schooler Eli. Chris joins the church on reaffirmation of his faith.

Chris and Susanna Brennan
35745 Johnstown Rd.
Farmington Hills, Mi. 48335
Christopher.Brennan@gmail.com
248-227-7356

Jason Clinkscale is an educator with Birmingham Public Schools. He is married to Koren Clinkscale and he and wife Koren are parents of a son and a daughter: 5th grader Kyle and 3rd grader Kara. Jason joins the church on reaffirmation of his faith.

Koren Clinkscale is an educator with Southfield Public Schools. She is married to Jason Clinkscale and she and husband Jason are parents of a son and a daughter: 5th grader Kyle and 3rd grader Kara. Koren joins the church on reaffirmation of her faith.

Jason and Koren Clinkscale
26301 Kiltartan
Farmington Hills, Mi. 48334
Jclinkisback@yahoo.com Jason
ClinkscaleK@gamil.com Koren
248-477-4104

Paul Kochan is Vice President and General Manager of Galco Industrial Electronics. He is married to Tamela Kochan (formerly Tamela Latham). Paul and Tamela were married here at Nardin Park last fall. Together they are parents to young adults Craig, Hannah and Scott Latham. Paul joins the church on reaffirmation of his faith.

Paul and Tamela Kochan
24010 Elizabeth Lane
Novi, Mi. 48374
Pkochan@galco.com
248-296-9958

Timothy Latimer is the creative director of Czarnowski. He is married to Jenna Latimer and he and his wife Jenna are parents of two sons and a daughter: 8th grader Zach, 6th grader Emma and 1st grader Mason. Tim is transferring his membership from the Farmington First United Methodist Church.

Tim and Jenna Latimer
30024 Muirland Dr.
Farmington Hills, Mi. 48334
Timothylatimer@gmail.com
248-982-6080

Daniel Shea Dan is an engineering manager with Nissan Technical Center, NA. He is married to Kari Shea and he and his wife Kari are parents of two sons: 5th grader Braeden and 2nd grader Garrett. Dan joins the church on reaffirmation of his faith.

Dan and Kari Shea
34638 Beechwood St.
Farmington Hills, Mi. 48335
Danshea@me.com

MUSIC AND ARTS MINITRIES



Nardin Park United Methodist Church

Michigan State University Piano Quartet

Featuring Nardin Park's own Chancel Choir
Accompanist Yalan Piao, Piano!

Kyle Venlet, Violin; Irina Banova, Viola; Jinhyun Kim,
Cello

Works by: Beethoven and Dvorak

Sunday, May 6 @ 3:00 p.m.
FREE and Open to All!



Detroit Handbell Ensemble in Concert!

Brenda Austin, Artistic Director

Kyle Webber, Associate Conductor & Handbell Ringer



MUSIC AND ARTS MINISTRIES



Host Families Needed!!

On **Sunday, June 10, 2018**, Nardin Park has the pleasure of hosting the youth choir from Church of the Saviour United Methodist in Cincinnati, Ohio. They will be presenting a 60 minute worship concert of Choral & Handbell music as well as Drama. Families are needed to house the students overnight June 10, returning them to Nardin Park early on June 11. There are a total of 40 people (35 students + Chaperones).

Please contact Kyle Webber, Director of Music if you are able and willing to host these amazing students. (kwebber@nardinpark.org)



Please consider signing-up to provide worship music during the summer months while our ensembles take a much needed rest! Children, Youth, Adults—ALL are welcome. The summer music schedule begins **June 17** and runs through **September 2**. Sign up by clicking the link below or contacting Kyle Webber (kwebber@nardinpark.org)
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0c48a9ac28a7f85-nardin>



May Worship Schedule

May 6: Chancel Choir

May 13: Chancel Choir

May 20: Chancel Choir & Nardin Ringers

May 27: Chancel Choir



SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER

Samaritan Counseling Center (SCC) is a 501c3 Non-Profit therapeutic counseling center which has been serving southeastern Michigan since 1986. Located right here at Nardin Park Church with 11 satellite offices, Samaritan Counseling Center has clients in Wayne, Oakland, Livingston, and Washtenaw Counties. In 2017 SCC provided over 7,000 hours of spiritually integrated, professional counseling to over 400 clients. **SCC** is excited to announce the following addition to our staff: **Andrew Fralick, M.A., TLPC** - Clinician in Samaritan Counseling Center's Nardin Park UMC (Farmington Hills) office.

COMING 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: June 8, 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: June 9, 2018

TIME: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

LOCATION: First UMC of Northville, 777 W. Eight Mile Road, Northville

FEE: \$225 per couple. A \$125 deposit is required at registration

Please contact SCC's main office at (248) 474-4701 to register. An additional workshop will be held on September 22. For further information, please visit SCC's website, www.sccmich.org

ANNUAL GOLF OUTING

One FUN WAY to help support the good work of Samaritan is by getting 4, 8 or 12 people together, who like golf and come as a group representing your church to PLAY in our 17th Annual Golf Outing Fundraising Event, Friday June 22, 2018 at Tanglewood Golf Club on Ten Mile Road in South Lyon, MI. The individual cost of \$135/player is 50% tax deductible. All profits from this outing go to our Client Assistance Fund (CAF) – which subsidizes treatment costs for those seeking service, who have no Health Insurance or cannot afford the cost of treatment. Call 248-474-4701 to sign up for golf outing. Or visit www.sccmich.org

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



April 15th - Happy 80th Birthday to our mother,
Sherry Writght!
With love from Scott, Beth, Ryan, Diane, Matthew,
Megan & Jordan Tingle, Todd, Lisa,
Lindsey & Brandon Swartz

Steeple Lighting for the week of:

May 13h - In loving memory of
Barbara Lutz McConnell.
With love from Sue

May 14th - in memory of our
Loved Ones.
With love from Bev and Al Fletcher



*Prayers of Sympathy for Jack and Sue Ward on
the death of Jack's brother and brother-in-law.*



MAY BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

Ethan Kain	5/1	Dale Nicholls	5/6	Mikie Ruhl	5/13	Elise Foss	5/21	Andy Howell	5/27
Paula Albert	5/2	Brandon Rothenberg	5/6	Martha Taylor	5/13	Katie Foss	5/21	Kari Labadie	5/27
Kenny Bolthouse	5/2	Dorothy Sheedlo	5/6	Abigail Wayne	5/13	Jennifer Klunge	5/21	David Olson	5/27
Cameron Jones	5/2	Maria Vainer	5/7	Kellee Olson	5/14	Aaron Work	5/21	Diane Riley	5/27
Brendan Morrison	5/2	John Barclay	5/8	Ruthe Peterson	5/14	Brian Evola	5/22	James Tritt	5/27
Sara Romano	5/2	Grace Carey	5/8	Mark McQuiggan	5/15	Jenna Riley	5/22	Craig Latham	5/28
Elizabeth Bartram	5/3	Brandon Nicholls	5/8	Greg Suter	5/15	Luke Shenton	5/23	Bev Mumbulo	5/28
Jen Teal	5/3	Arie Oostlander	5/8	Jim Johnson	5/16	Lucy Bolerjack	5/24	Joan Simon	5/28
Mark Tingle	5/3	Eric Roth	5/8	Al Fletcher	5/17	Gayle Rosey	5/24	Laura Olson	5/29
Ametta Whitehouse	5/3	Kimberly Bogart	5/9	Allison Bosink	5/18	Mackenzie Tritt	5/24	Michael Riffe	5/29
Brian Avedisian	5/4	Rich Sarlund	5/10	Hannah Rothenberg	5/18	Robert Adams	5/25	Ryan Baessler	5/30
Amy Dowell	5/4	Kalyd Manville	5/11	Kendall Gagnon	5/19	Bart Oostlander	5/25	Amy Mescher	5/30
Jessica Nosal	5/5	Cameron Martin	5/12	Shawn Sturgis	5/19	Steven Cook	5/26	Melanie Allbery	5/31
Bev Notestine	5/5	Stefi Neef	5/12	Marilynn Woelke	5/19	Abby Ellis	5/26	Alice Avedisian	5/31
Melanie Carey	5/6	Brock Labadie	5/13	Gail Pawl	5/20	Lois Kaercher	5/26	Lisbeth Nordstrom-Lerner	5/31
Amanda Cook	5/6	Mason Latimer	5/13	Karen Roth	5/20	Tyler Pokryfky	5/26	Karen Sanders	5/31
Karen Lindahl	5/6	John Olson	5/13	Maureen Fandale	5/21	Rebecca Darnbrook	5/27	Rick Sundquist	5/31



Wedding Anniversaries

<i>Jack and Lois Mumford</i>	5/1	<i>Terry and Judy West</i>	5/16
<i>Sharon and Lawrence Sundblad</i>	5/12	<i>Irwin and Dorcas Knox</i>	5/20
<i>Felicia and Marvin Cole</i>	5/14	<i>Bruce Irey and Linda Sherman-Irey</i>	5/21
<i>Tom and Deb Emerson</i>	5/14	<i>Jim and Evelyn Bertram</i>	5/21
		<i>Wayne and Debbie Perry</i>	5/27

WE PRAY FOR ...



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
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Jeannine Webber
Bev Notestine
Diane Sherman
Carol Howell
Vicki Webster



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centered
People-focused
Spirit-led



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Rev. Karen Poole, Pastor, Children's Ministry

Rev. Dr. Wes Brun, Director, Stephen Ministry

Rev. George Covintree, Pastor, Congregational Care

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