



NEWS YOU CAN USE - OCTOBER 12, 2018

Nardin Park United Methodist Church 248-476-8860

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

- October 28th:* Trunk or Treat! @ 5:30 pm
November 18th: Gratitude Brunch and Advent Festival
December 12th: Annual Church Conference @ 7:00 pm
December 16th: Christmas Concert @ 4:00 pm
December 24th: Christmas Eve Services

COMING UP IN WORSHIP:

Sunday, October 14th, New Members Received - Special guest preacher, Rev. Jon Reynolds, will be preaching: *In All the Times You Can*

Sunday, October 21st - Pastor Melanie Carey will be preaching: *Do Good, To All the People You Can.*

Sunday, October 28th, Gratitude Sunday - Pastor Melanie Carey will be preaching: *Do Good, As Long As Ever You Can.*

NEW MEMBERS:

Susanne Carey
Greg Hicok
Vijay Kanth Perikala and Rowena Grace Madar
Freal and Beverly Reyner
Janice Warren



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

C.A.R.E.S. Please help keep the C.A.R.E.S. pantry shelves stocked. For the month of October, the requested items are: *Mac and Cheese *Peanut Butter and Jelly *Laundry Soap

Baked Beans, Canned Soup, Jelly, Paper Towels, Rice, Canned Corn, Cereal, Mac & Cheese, Peanut Butter, Stuffing Mix, Canned Green Beans, Crackers, Manwich, Canned Ravioli and Tuna or Chicken are always needed. Monetary Donations are also welcome to purchase non-pantry items.

Cafe Nardin Fall Spaghetti Dinner. November 4, 2018. Enjoy a heartwarming plate of spaghetti following worship. Proceeds will go to Operation Common Good in memory of Susan Albee. The missions team is honoring Susan for a lifetime of service in Missions.

Over the Top Campaign and Fundraiser Dinner Update

Thank You!

We are pleased to celebrate the overwhelming success of these events! Thank you for your extravagant generosity!

Over 170 people attended the fundraiser dinner, and more attended and participated in the **Talent Showcase Concert**. Many gave to the **Over the Top Campaign**.

Our goal was to raise \$25,000 and we exceeded our goal by raising approximately **\$27,000!**



Thanks to Karen Nicholson for planting 45 mum plants around the building!

A sincere thank you for the prayers, cards, phone calls and inquiries about my health. For a year I have had trouble with physical activity and am currently recovering from a hip replacement. I return to work in early November and will try to stay connected to Nardin Park on Tuesday evenings. -Sue Ann Clark

MENU FOR NIGHT @ THE PARK

OCTOBER 16TH

Salad
Dinner Rolls
Baked Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Mixed Vegetables
Dessert

OCTOBER 23RD

Salad
Dinner Rolls
Spaghetti
Green Beans
Dessert

YOUTH:

Sunday, October 14th: Youth Family Orchard Trip Join us for a trip to the corn maze with pizza and donuts.

Sunday, October 28th: Trunk or Treat Car set-up 5:30 to 6:00, Trunk or Treating from 6:00 – 6:30. Prizes awarded at 6:30. Sign-up or get more information in the Fellowship Hall after worship on Sundays, 10/14, 10/21, and 10/28. We look forward to another fun year of reaching out to our neighbors.

October 28th - November 11th: Coat Drive The youth of Nardin Park have decided that they would like to help other children and youth have winter coats, mittens, hats and scarves, as their Kingdom Assignment. We will be having a "Winter Outer-Wear Drive." Please bring new or gently used winter coats, mitten, scarves and hats, for school age children and youth to church. Also watch for our "Silent Basket Auction" to multiply our finances so we can serve even more young people in need Nov. 4th and 11th.

Sunday, November 4th: Youth Bake Sale The youth are beginning to do fund raising for their summer trip to YOUTH 2019 in Kansas City.



Nardin Park Kids - Preschool - 5th Grade (see www.nardinpark.org/children)

* Nursery and Toddler care throughout

Sunday Mornings:

"Godly Play" 10 - 10:50 a.m. Music Moments: 10:50 - 11:10 a.m.

Tuesdays: N@TP (Night @ the Park)

5:00 p. m. - Snack and Games; 5:30 p.m. - Dinner 6 or 6:30 p.m. Choir

6:00 p.m. - **Bible Black Belts** - Scripture with a Kick K - 2nd Graders

6:35 p.m. - My Testament A picture and word journal about *me* and *God* 3rd- 5th Graders

Sunday, October 28 - (5:30 p. m.) 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. **"Trunk or Treat"**

Coming: Sunday, November 18 during "Godly Play" Picture taking of "The Christmas Story" in costume!

A WAY FORWARD:

The Commission on the Way Forward was proposed by the UMC Council of Bishops after the 2016 General Conference delegates asked the bishops to help lead us toward a resolution of our more than 40 years of conflict over what we officially believe in our world wide denomination about human sexuality. The commission has completed its work and out of three plans proposed, the Council of Bishops has recommended one of them to help us move forward as a denomination. There will be a specially called session of the world wide General Conference in St. Louis, Mo. In February 2019 to act on the Council of Bishop's recommendation. Pastor Melanie Carey will be among the delegates at this special session of General Conference. As the date of the conference approaches, you have the opportunity to learn more about all three plans and how the adoption of one of them will impact the world wide United Methodist Church and our place in it.

You have the opportunity to hear directly from our Bishop about this session, the work that is being done in preparation for it and how it will impact the United Methodist Church. The DATE TO REMEMBER IS TUESDAY, OCT. 16, 7-9 P.M., NARDIN PARK UMC, MERCER (Fellowship Hall) . This session will be a part of Night @ the Park and the discussion with Bishop Bard will be open to the public. We especially want Nardin Park people to hear him speak on this topic so we are informed and understand what will take place at the General Conference. If you can't attend this session with Bishop Bard and would like to be a part of another discussion here are some additional opportunity.

Other opportunities for The Way Forward discussion include three sessions at Northville United Methodist Church, 777 W. Eight Mile Road:

Sunday, Oct. 14, 4-5:30 p.m. Viewing and discussion of the "Truth and Reconciliation" video, led by Rev. Ed Rowe, Retired Pastor, UMC and Jerry Peterson, Director of Ruth Ellis Center in Detroit

Sunday, Oct. 21, 4-5:50 p.m. The Way Forward: Where are We? Prospects and Possibilities, led by Michigan Area Bishop David Bard

An additional informational Forum on The Way Forward will be hosted at First UMC Birmingham, 1589 W. Maple Road:

Friday, Nov. 9, 7-9 p.m. Forum on the General Conference. Rev. Melanie Carey will be a presenter at this meeting along with other Michigan delegates to the General Conference.

These opportunities for discussion are Sponsored by Church and Society Team

What will you do with the talents God has given you?

#DoGood#ShowLove

Our 2018 gratitude campaign will conclude on Sunday, October 28th! That is the day you are invited to turn in your gratitude card where you indicate your financial pledge for 2019. Gratitude cards will go out in the mail on October 15th. Fill out your card and put it in the offering plate on Sunday, October 28th or mail it to the church accountant, Karl Heiss.

Kingdom Assignment Volunteers

If you are one of the volunteers who received \$100 for expanding God's Kingdom, watch for a special reporting form coming to you from Pastor Melanie. We want to hear what you have done with this assignment.

Forms are due November 30th.

COMING UP IN NOVEMBER 2018

Healthy and Nutrition Classes (Eat Healthy - Be Active) Healthy People - Healthy Congregation-Healthy Community

You are invited to explore how to become healthier at Nardin Park UMC as we Journey with Jesus (JWJ).

Join us, as we share health and nutrition wellness tips for the entire family. Learn facts on BMI, Diabetes, High Blood Pressure, physical activity and foods to eat and foods to avoid while staying healthy. Enjoy delicious healthy treats, movement, demonstrations and more! This will be a 6-8 week class, every Thursday at noon here at Nardin Park starting on November 1, 2018.

If you are interested, please sign up at the office with Linda McDoniel or you can reach me (Beatrice Alghali) at 313-530-9659.

JOY (Just Older Youth): Will meet on October 24th at 11:00 am in Mercer Hall. Dr. Wes Brun will be leading our devotions. We welcome any newcomers to join us for a time of reflection, fellowship, and food. Lunch will be served at noon. You can sign up on Sunday, October 14th, or call the church office. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Glenn (248) 380-9837.

Night @the Park - Tuesday Evening Book Study starting October 23rd

The Inconvenient Indian, by Thomas King, led by Rev George Covintree

More than 370 million people across 70 countries worldwide identify themselves as Indigenous. They belong to more than 5,000 distinct nations and speak more than 4,000 languages. They have different customs and cultures, but they do share some harsh realities: removal of their lands, denial of their culture, physical attacks and being treated as second-class citizens.

Indigenous peoples often share a key value – the close association between their identity, their way of life and the land. They act as guardians, as custodians of the land for future generations. Losing it means a loss of identity.

Thomas King's *The Inconvenient Indian* is our choice for our October/November Night @the Park Book Study, starting on October 16th and running for a total of four Tuesdays (October 23 and 30, November 6 and 13).

Through storytelling, humor and reality-checks, the author challenges our understanding of history, the impact of colonization, and our own attitudes on race and culture on the Indigenous peoples of North America. Fascinating and devastatingly truthful, it is a must read.

So sign up after worship or in the office, purchase a copy of the book here at church and join us Tuesday evening.

Night @the Park - Volunteers needed!

Night at the Park could use your help with table setting, greeting, serving, and clean up. Would you consider volunteering for as little as a half hour, one Tuesday evening or two? No experience necessary! A sign up sheet will be available after church on Sunday, October 14 and on Tuesdays at *Night at the Park*, or contact Jackie Doerr or Christine Scobel at christinescobel@yahoo.com, phone number is 248-497-5256. Thank you!

FLU SHOT CLINIC:

Get your Flu Shot on Sunday, October 21st from 8:30 am to 10:30 am in the Parlor.

FILMGOERS

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, October 28th at 7:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room. We will be discussing "The Old Man & the Gun" and "A Simple Favor." Please see the films on your own and then join us for a lively discussion. All are welcome - come and join us. Any questions, please contact Wes Brun.



Nardin Park Staff Retirement Remarks:

Over my lifetime, I, like all of you, have lived through a number of transition events. In reflecting on these, I have come to the conclusion that such transition events are always ambiguous events that fill us with ambivalent feelings. Let me illustrate what I mean: a young high school girl is donning her graduation gown. She puts on her National Honor Society stole, and all the ribbons which signify her many achievements in academic and extracurricular pursuits. She looks forward to going to college to pursue her dreams. After the ceremony she hugs her girl and boy classmates and friends, and then she begins to cry. On the one hand, she is proud of her record and excited about her future; but on the other hand she is sad, realizing that she will not see these friends on a regular basis she has known in the past, and she is already beginning to miss them. Significant transition events are always ambiguous and our feelings are always ambivalent and mixed.

Two years ago this October 26th, my beloved Beverly died. On the one hand, I miss her every day of the world. I wear her ring on a chain around my neck as one way of keeping her as close as possible. On the other hand, I know how she suffered for eight long years with the side-effects of radiation and chemotherapy. I understand her reasons and admire her courage for admitting herself to hospice. While I miss her every day of my life, I would not wish upon her another month, another week, not even another day of suffering side-effects of chemotherapy. Significant transition events are always ambiguous and our feelings are always ambivalent and mixed.

Today, I end my membership on the professional staff. On the one hand, I know that this is something I must do for myself. I am not getting any younger. I do not have the energy and endurance I once had. I need to do this not only for my own sake, but also for the sake of the church. On the other hand, Melanie has helped the staff to become a "team." Both professional and support staff have come to recognize and respect the "gifts and graces" each of us bring to the ministry of, with and to this congregation. In addition, we have come to have genuine affection for each other and each other's families. I know that I am going to miss these wonderful associates. I take comfort in the assurances Melanie has given me that she will still call on me from time to time to serve as a liturgist, to help serve communion, and even occasionally to preach. So while I know it is time to retire once again, I am deeply saddened to leave a staff that has become like a family. Significant transitional events are always ambiguous and our feelings are always ambivalent and mixed. Mine certainly are today.

One last word. Bevie and I have said to each other on numerous occasions that both of us have lived here in Farmington Hills longer than either of us ever lived anywhere else. This has truly become "home" to us and our family. To all of you, for the warm, gracious and respectful way you have received me and my family, I shall be eternally grateful. Thank you, thank you, to all of you.

Wes Brun

The VCI Express

A bi monthly update on what is happening with the Vital Church Initiative at Nardin Park Church



October 12th, 2018 HEADLINE

Staff Parish approves job description for new part time communications specialist

What has happened in last few weeks?

- Marketing and Communications team has been working on a job description for a new part time staff position: Communications Specialist. The part time job will include graphic design, and communications for the church, including social media. The job description was shared with Staff Parish and has been approved.
- Next, the marketing team will apply for a sunsetting grant from the United Methodist Union to help with the funding of this new part time staff position. Grant application will go the Union for review at their December meeting, and job will be posted after that time.
- Governance and Hospitality teams have begun meeting and working on accomplishing their prescriptions. All other teams continue to meet and work.

A Nugget of Wisdom for Growing Churches

Effective congregations are permission-giving congregations. That is they have a culture of "go and do" without a lot of constraints. They don't micro manage the leaders, rather they agree on goals and mission, then they release control to those in leadership to go and do. They ask for a report on how goals and strategies were met. In this way, ministry is empowered rather than constrained.

Bishop Bob Farr and Kay Kotan