



NEWS YOU CAN USE - SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Nardin Park United Methodist Church 248-476-8860

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

- September 30th:* Talent Showcase and Fund Raiser Dinner
Talent Showcase @ 4:00 pm Dinner @ 5:15 pm
- 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

COMING UP IN WORSHIP:

Sunday, September 30th - Pastor Melanie will be preaching: *In All the Ways You Can*

Sunday, October 7th, World Communion Sunday - Pastor Melanie will be preaching: *In All the Places You Can*

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

RUMMAGE SALE:

The Fall Rummage Sale will be October 9th, 10th and 11th. Items can be dropped off anytime. Please drop jewelry off in the office. The schedule is as follows:

Sunday, October 7th - Set up and pizza for workers after the Worship Service

Tuesday, October 9th - 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There is a 20% mark up during this time.

Wednesday, October 10th - 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Thursday, October 11th - 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. Most items are half price and bag sale

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

Focus Hope food delivery to seniors in the Pontiac area is October 13th. One more driver is needed. Please call Bob Davis @ 248-320-7147.

Saturday, October 6th: "HANDS FOR DETROIT" We will be working at the new location of CENTRO FAMILIAR CHRISTIANO from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Sign up after worship, email btitus@nardinpark.org or call the church office.

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.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE:

Sharing joys and concerns greeting cards are now on the Welcome Center. Feel free to pick one up to let someone know you're thinking of them!

Prayers and Sympathy for the families of: **Marion Barringer** who passed away on September 21st. Visitation will be on October 4th from 2:00 - 9:00 pm at the McCabe Funeral Home; funeral service at the funeral home on October 5th at 10:00 am. Former member, **Joyce Evans**, passed away on September 21st.



Thanks to Mike Glenn for assembling the new tables for Park Place!

Our lower level Sunday School rooms look great! Thanks to the Rummage Sale folks for the surprise decorating!

MENU FOR NIGHT @ THE PARK

Tuesday, October 2nd: Mostaccioli
Meatballs
Mac & Cheese
Tater Totes
Rolls and Muffins
Dessert

Tuesday, October 9th: RUMMAGE SALE

NO NIGHT @ THE PARK

YOUTH:

Sunday, September 30th: No Common Ground. Come and enjoy the Talent Showcase and stay for a delicious dinner. Get your tickets in fellowship hall after worship today.

Saturday, October 6th: "HANDS FOR DETROIT" Plan to join other church members to work together at the new location of CENTRAL FAMILIAR CHRISTIANO.

Sunday, October 7th: There is No Common Ground or Dance Choir.

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

NARDIN PARK KIDS:

OCTOBER 7TH



All children begin in their classrooms with the lesson of "The Good Shepherd and World Communion." After receiving Communion in the main worship space, they will return to their respective rooms.

OCTOBER 14TH

- a) "The Story of Creation"
- b) "The Circle of the Church Year"
- c) "The Circle of the Church Year"
- d) "Exodus" & "The Ten Best Ways"

DON'T FORGET: 10:50 - 11:10 a.m. *Music Time* Children's Worship Center

Trunk or Treat

Have a pet? Dress them up for the pet costume award! (Be gentle!)

5:30 - 6:00 p.m.

Games and Activities for children
In Mercer Hall
Registration
Decorating of Cars

6:00 - 7:00 p. m.

Trunk or Treating in church
parking lot
Cider and Donuts

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.

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. 7, 4-5:30 p.m. Theory and Practice of Listening and Speaking Respectfully and Faithfully to One Another. Led by Rev. Paul Perez, Michigan Conference Director of Mission and Justice Engagement

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

FUND RAISER UPDATE:

Over the Top Campaign and September 30th fundraiser dinner have exceeded our goals!

We are pleased to share with you that due to overwhelming generosity we exceeded our \$20,000 Over the Top Campaign goal! In addition to the aforementioned amount, we have close to 150 people who have purchased tickets to our September 30th fundraiser dinner. Our fundraising goal for the dinner was \$5,000 and we have exceeded that goal as well. We will give you a final total after the event on September 30th. Thank you for your amazing generosity and for helping us to go over the top (More than \$25,000!) for our church ministries and missions. Nardin Park - you are amazing!

UPCOMING EVENTS AT SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER:

CREATIVE SELF-CARE PROGRAM

This is a 7 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 Thursday beginning October 4, 2018 until November 15, 2018

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

LOCATION: Samaritan Counseling Center, 29887 West 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, in Park Place

FEE: \$25/session plus a one-time material fee of \$25 (\$200 total)

FINANCE :

Hi to the Ladies & Gentlemen of NPUMC,

Updating our Year-to-Date financial results as of August 31, 2018:

August financial results improved some over the previous few months, for which we thank you. Although we reduced our operating budget deficit to \$38K, and it is still significant, your finance team decided to keep current with our common budget apportionment payments to the greater United Methodist Church.

Once again, It is important that if you are behind in your pledged giving, please do the best that you can to catch up now rather than waiting until end of year. Also, It is very important that we support our special fund raisers, the Over the Top Campaign, and the Talent Showcase and Fundraising Dinner Sep. 30.

Thank you for your continued financial support of Nardin Park's ministries and programs, which are an important part of God's work.

Thank you, and blessings,

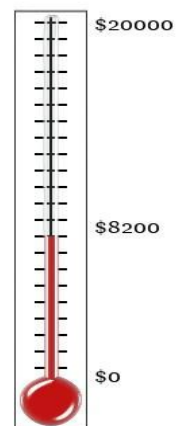
George Walker, on behalf of the Finance Committee

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) 389-9837.



Music at the Park Fundraising Update

Thanks to your extravagant generosity, we are closing in on the 1/2 way point of our \$20,000 goal to sustain the "Music at the Park" series for the 2018-2019 season. We have currently raised \$8,200! Many, many thanks to those that have contributed. There is still time to contribute if you have yet to make a donation. Thank you in advance for your thoughtful and prayerful consideration.



Night @the Park - Tuesday Evening Book Study starting October 16th

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 16 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.

The VCI Express

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



September 28th, 2018 HEADLINE

Journey with Jesus is Nardin Park's New Mission statement

New tag line is:

#DoGood #ShowLove

What has happened in last few weeks ?

- On September 19th, Church Council adopted the new Mission/Vision document proposed by the vision/mission team. This document contains not only our new mission statement and tag lines, but also our vision for 2018-2020, our strategies, our values and our measures. Copies of the full document are available on the website, and in hard copy at the welcome center.
- 98 people attended the first All Church Town Hall Meeting on Sept. 23rd, where each of the 8 VCI task teams shared the work they have been doing and what is coming up. It was a very positive and upbeat meeting!
- Effective September 28th, our Monthly at the Park Newsletter has been changed to a bi-weekly news format that will be emailed out, posted on the website, available in hard copy at the welcome center each Sunday and mailed out via USPS to the homebound.

What is coming up next?

Mark your calendar for next all church town hall meeting on Feb. 10th, 2019 right after worship until 1 p.m. Lunch and childcare provided.

Governance team meets October 1st to begin process of aligning ministries to our new mission and proposing ways to streamline our governance structure.

A Nugget of Wisdom for Growing Churches

Growing churches are unified around their mission. They know what the mission is and it gives them purpose. In growing churches the mission drives the church, goals are set and met because everyone agrees on the direction and helps the church to move there. This is how God's purposes are accomplished.

Hazardous Household Waste

Kitchen/Bathroom

- Bleach
- Drain Cleaners
- Mercury Thermometers
- Aerosol cans
- Expired prescription medications and over-the-counter medications
- Metal polish with solvent

Garage

- Used Oil
- Brake, transmission fluids
- Gasoline, kerosene, diesel fuel, fuel oil
- Car batteries and battery acid
- Antifreeze

Electronic Waste

- CPUs
- Monitors
- Printers
- Keyboards
- Televisions
- Radios, etc.

Garden

- Pesticides, herbicides, fungicides and insecticides
- Weed and Feeds
- Deck Wash

HHW Dates remaining for 2018

October 6, 2018 – Novi

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

Novi Civic Center

45175 W. Ten Mile Road, Novi *(Between Novi and Taft Roads)*

Acceptable Materials

Residents of RRRASOC's Member Communities may dispose of HHW at any of our six events. The events provide a venue for residents to safely discard or recycle hazardous items. The following are examples of HHW and e-waste materials that RRRASOC accepts:

Workshop

- Fluorescent bulbs – tubes and CFLs
- Glue
- Oil-based paint and primer
- Solvents, paint thinner
- Turpentine / Varnish
- Wood preservatives

Miscellaneous

- Batteries – Including alkaline, rechargeable, and car batteries
- Any mercury-containing devices
- Moth balls
- Small and gas grill size propane tanks
- Acids
- Aerosols
- Pool chemicals
- Fiberglass epoxy/Lighter fluid
- Photo chemicals

Unacceptable Items

- Latex Paint
- Unknowns over 5 gallons
- Commercial / business waste
- Smoke detectors
- Radioactive waste
- Explosives including flares, ammo, and fireworks

October 27, 2018 – Southfield

9:00 am – 2:00 pm

RRRASOC Materials Recovery Facility – Truck
Entrance

20875 Mapleridge Avenue, Southfield