



## NEWS YOU CAN USE - NOVEMBER 30, 2018

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### **SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:**

**December 16th:** Christmas Concert @ 4:00 pm

**December 24th:** Christmas Eve Services @ 5:00 p.m., 8:00 p.m. and 10:00 p.m.

*5:00 p.m. Service: Children and Family worship with candles and Carols*

*8:00 p.m. Service: Traditional Christmas Eve Service with candles, Carols and Choir*

*10:00 p.m. Service: Traditional Christmas Eve Service with Communion, candles, Carols and Choir*

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**COMING UP IN WORSHIP: CALM and BRIGHT** A New Advent and Christmas Worship series begins on December 2nd.

This year is the 200th anniversary of the debut of "Silent Night, Holy Night." This hymn has become the best-loved worship moment of many Christians. Something mystical occurs as we light our candles and sing the hope of "all is calm, all is bright"—peace and light for the world. This worship series will celebrate the Carol's message over the entire season of Advent and highlight its call for our lives that can guide us all year long. Each week we will be hearing some of the stories of results from \$100 project from September called The Kingdom Assignment.

**Sunday, December 2nd - PEACE – Sleep in Peace.** We will celebrate Holy Communion, as we focus on the first verse of Silent Night. Chancel Choir, Karen Roth, Violin, Kyle Webber and Kristal Bells will share in music. Pastor Melanie will be preaching and Andy Wayne will serve as lay liturgist.

**Sunday, December 9th - JOY - Glories Stream.** We will focus on joy as we celebrate the stories of results from the \$100 project from September called The Kingdom Assignment. Chancel Choir, Dance Choir, special bell group, and Kyle Webber will share in music. Pastor Melanie will be preaching, Susanna Brennan will serve as lay liturgist

**Sunday, December 16th - LOVE- Redeeming Grace.** We will focus on God's love and redeeming grace. Nardin Park Ringers and Kyle Webber will share in music. Pastor Beth will be preaching and Nancy Gingrich will serve as lay liturgist.

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**WILLIAM RITTER Book Signing / fundraiser:** December 2nd following worship in Fellowship Hall. Get your copy of his latest book, "On Playing the Back Nine" (which is not a book about golf). The book includes seasoned reflections and sermons focused on the topic of aging, specifically growing older and looking backward at one's life while facing the future. Bill and his wife Kris Ritter will be donating \$7 of each book sale to Nardin Park Ministries.

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### **Annual All Church Conference on Wednesday December 12th at 7 p.m.**

Our annual church conference will be held in the chapel on Wednesday, December 12th at 7 p.m. District Superintendent ( DS) Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue will be presiding. This is the church annual meeting. On the agenda will be some editorial changes to our church's endowment policy. All members of the church have a voice and vote. Please note that Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet with the DS in the Multi Purpose Room at 6:15 p.m. prior to the church conference.

## MENU FOR NIGHT @ THE PARK:



### DECEMBER 4TH

Salad  
Chili  
Loaded Potato Soup  
Dinner Rolls  
Dessert

### DECEMBER 11TH

Salad  
Goulash  
Dinner Rolls  
Dessert



**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 on Tuesdays at *Night at the Park*, or contact Jackie Doerr or Christine Scobel at [christinescobel@yahoo.com](mailto:christinescobel@yahoo.com), phone number is 248-497-5256.

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## YOUTH:

REMINDER: **Kingdom Assignment - Warm the Children of the Farmington area:** Please bring the new and gently used coats, hats, mittens and winter boots you have been collecting to church by December 2nd. Collection location will be on the rack in the hallway outside of the music suite.



## NARDIN PARK KIDS:

*"Fun and Fellowship Times"*

**Saturday, December 1st, ReGen Fellowship** (for families with children) is going to "Light Up the Grand" in downtown Farmington. We'll meet at 6 p.m. in front of Town Hall on Grand River to watch the parade. From 7 – 8 p.m. Is Tree Lighting and a Sing-a-long. Let us know that you are planning to come so we can look for you!

Contact: [Kari.Shea@plantemoran.com](mailto:Kari.Shea@plantemoran.com)

**Saturday, December 8th, is Parent's Night Out at Nardin.** Enjoy a night out while the kids enjoy food, fellowship and fun. Signing Up ahead of time is IMPORTANT! Contact: Lauren at [imsundqu@gmail.com](mailto:imsundqu@gmail.com)

**Spiritual Guidance "Godly Play"** all Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. On Sunday, December 9th the kids will re-enact "The Nativity" in costume. This is a favorite of theirs.

**Kids Play the Kristal Bells** at the end of worship on Sunday, December 2nd!

*Looking ahead:*

**"Christmas at the Park"** music concert on Sunday, December 16th. Children's Choirs sing with all the other choirs of Nardin. A great night of music!

Monday, December 24th 5 p.m., **Christmas Eve Special service** for children and their families.



I would like to thank the following people who worked on making the Gratitude Luncheon so successful. We served 180 people. Thanks to Cliff and Lisa Merritt for preparing the food and the following for the set up, serving and clean up: Sue and Jack Ward, Arlene and Mike Marks, John and Nancy Gingrich, Fay Hager, Robbie Hayes, Jan and Tom Tobe, Mary Holland, Lisa Smith, Kathryn Bough, Cynthia Kubert, Christine, Ben and Emily Scobel and Dave and Julie Bjorklund (dish washers). It could not happen without this great team of workers.

Blessing on you, Carolyn Bough, coordinator



## Join the Christmas Choir!

For those that love to sing, but maybe can't make a commitment to singing in the Chancel Choir on a weekly basis, consider making a one-time commitment and join us in singing on the Christmas Concert, Sunday, December 16 @ 4 p.m. If that doesn't fit in your schedule, consider joining us for Christmas Eve – December 24 @ 8:00 p.m. Rehearse with the Chancel Choir between now and December 16th (or 24th) by attending the beginning of our rehearsals on Thursday nights at 7:00 p.m. No audition required! You don't have an operatic voice that shatters glass! No sweat! You don't have a music degree, neither does most of our choir! Do you love jamming out to tunes in the shower? You'll fit perfectly! We understand life is busy! Consider making a short-term commitment and making a joyful noise! Contact Kyle Webber, Director of Music ([kwebber@nardinpark.org](mailto:kwebber@nardinpark.org)) to sign up or receive more information.

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### **Finance Committee:**

Hi to the Ladies & Gentlemen of NPUMC,  
We appreciate very much your support of the Over the Top Campaign and the Talent Showcase during September. However, we are still behind in Operating Income. As of Oct. 31, 2018, we have an operating budget deficit of \$43K. We are counting on strong results during November and December, and will need everyone's help with increased donations. Especially if you are behind in your pledged giving, please do the best that you can to catch up during these final few weeks of 2018 so we can finish the year in a strong financial position.

Thank you for all of your support of Nardin Park and its ministries and programs,  
George Walker, on behalf of the Finance Committee

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### **Kingdom Assignment Volunteers:**

Reminder: if you are one of the volunteers who received \$100 for expanding God's Kingdom, the special reporting form is due November 30th. If you do not have one, please contact the church office. We can't wait to hear what you have done with this assignment!

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### **Sunday, December 2nd:**



Handcrafted Holiday wreaths and centerpieces by Carolyn and Kathryn Bough will be available to purchase. Pricing starts at \$20.00 and all proceeds earned will go to their Community Outreach Project for the homeless at Cass Community Social Services. We delivered 25 sleeping bags last month with our resources and plan to do more with your support this month.



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### **FAIR TRADE ADVENT SALE:**

The next Fair Trade/Serrv/Cokesbury Sale will be on Sunday, December 16th in the Parlor. This will be the last Sunday we will be selling these beautiful things from the third world countries. We appreciate all your support and the people benefiting from these sales are very grateful! With that in mind, see you December 16th and we will be there to help you finish up your last minute shopping.

## **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:**

**An opportunity to help the women of East Africa:** I have a sewing project for the women of East Africa and it is very simple work. All you need is a zig-zag sewing machine and a few minutes here and there - it would be a great help to many. You do this at home - at any time - giving as much time as you wish or have to give. I will provide all the necessary material, patterns and instructions. - I just need help! Susanne Carey 248-987-6694

**The Next Focus Hope food delivery** is on December 15th, 2018. Six Drivers are needed to help deliver food to seniors in the Pontiac area, so if you or your group have vehicles large or small and have 2 hours on a Saturday morning, please contact Robert Davis at 248-320-7147.

**Operation Common Good:** Please bring **UNWRAPPED** gifts on Sunday, December 2nd or Sunday, December 9th. The Mission Team will be delivering gifts to Operation Common Good on December 12th. Operation Common Good helps families in need in Farmington Public Schools.

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## **FILMGOERS:**

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Jan. 13, 2019 at 7:00pm. We will be seeing "Can You Ever Forgive Me?", "Boy Erased", & "The Mule". Please see the movies on your own & then join us for a lively discussion. All are welcome - come & join us. Any questions, please call Wes Brun.

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## **JOY (Just Older Youth):**

JOY (Just Older Youth) will meet on December 12, 2018 at 11am in Fellowship Hall. Nancy Gingrich will lead our devotions. Our program will be based on 'Christmas Memories'. Take a walk down memory lane as you think about what you might like to share with the group. We welcome any newcomers to join us for a time of reflection, fellowship, and food. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Several have asked about the cost of our catered meals. We pay \$10 per person. Call the church office or Mary Glenn for reservations. We will have one meeting in December. The group has decided to meet once a month on the second Wednesday. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Glenn (248) 380-9837.

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## **STITCHES OF LOVE:**

Calling all Knitters, Crocheters, Weavers, Fabric enthusiasts and those that want to learn these arts:

A new group will be forming in 2019 to help supplement the Quilting Group's outreach of providing handmade comfort items to our loved ones who need a reminder they are wrapped in the warmth of the love of Nardin Park.

Do you already knit, crochet, crochet edging around fleece blankets or make tie blankets? Do you knit scarves or prayer shawls? Do you want to learn how? We are looking for people who are interested in teaching knitting and crocheting, and people to work on items. We have lots of supplies and patterns waiting for our start-up. You can also join us in fellowship to work on your own projects in an atmosphere of fellowship and fun.

Please let us know what days/nights or times work for you and if you are willing to be an instructor. Email Dorothy Moore at [dorothy.moore@yahoo.com](mailto:dorothy.moore@yahoo.com) or Laura Olson at [swimolson@yahoo.com](mailto:swimolson@yahoo.com) *LET THE STITCHING BEGIN!*

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**Beechview Elementary** is in need of help for their yearly HOLIDAY SHOP. This is a time where the kids get to come shopping for their families. The shop runs from December 10 to 14th from 8:45 - 11:30 and 1:45 - 3:45 pm daily. Any time you could give would be greatly appreciated to make this a success for the kids. If you are interested in helping out please contact Honey Brown at [damock14@gmail.com](mailto:damock14@gmail.com) or you can contact the school directly at 248-489-3655. A volunteer form will need to be completed before you can volunteer. The form takes about 5 days to get approved.