



NEWS YOU CAN USE - NOVEMBER 9, 2018

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

- 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:

Church youth, Lizzie Babcock and Kaylie Snow, have collaborated with Pastor Melanie and our Music Director, Kyle Webber, to inspire a Disney Princess Sermon Series! Thanks Lizzie and Kaylie for all the work you have done to help make this series possible. Come and hear about the power of God and the themes we find with these Disney characters.

Sunday, November 11th - Disney Princess Sunday - Pastor Melanie will be preaching on the Disney movie *Moana*, the woman at the well from John 4 and the power of the living water. We will celebrate the baptisms of Felicity and Bennett Leftwich and the Nardin Park Ringers and Gracers Ignite Youth Choir will share music.

Sunday, November 18th - Thanksgiving Sunday - We will celebrate Thanksgiving with Pastor Melanie preaching on Gratitude. The Chancel Choir will sing along with Michael Riffe on the flute.



Complimentary Gratitude Brunch after worship on November 18th

**Come one, come all! We have so much to be thankful for.
Grateful. Thankful. Blessed.**

A delicious brunch prepared by Cliff Donovan will be served after worship on Sunday, November 18th. Nardin Park children will hand out blessing bags for us to share with those in need. Advent crafts for children will be on hand to help children and families prepare for the coming season. Fair Trade will have beautiful products from around the world made available for purchase through SERV and Church and Society. Thanks be to God for all the blessings in life!

Sunday, November 25th - Disney Princess Sunday - Our Ministerial Student Intern, Beatrice Alghali, will be preaching on the movie *Tangled*. Rachel Leftwich will provide special music from *Moana*.

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 will be donating half of the book sale proceeds to Nardin Park's Operating Budget.

MENU FOR NIGHT @ THE PARK:

NOVEMBER 13TH

Salad/Dinner Rolls
Roasted Turkey/Honey Ham
Mashed Potatoes
Green Bean Casserole
Dessert

NOVEMBER 27TH Breakfast for Dinner!

Egg Fritata
Pastries
Fruit Cups
Hash Browns
Sausage

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, phone number is 248-497-5256.

YOUTH:

Warm the Children of the Farmington area: As their Kingdom Assignment, Nardin Park Youth are collecting new and gently used coats, hats, mittens, and winter boots. Their goal is to insure that all the children in our community have warm clothing for the winter. Please bring to church by Dec. 2. Collection location will be on the rack in the hallway outside of the music suite.

Silent Auction: Some of our youth have put together some very beautiful and valuable gift baskets, to raise money to buy subsidize their "Warm the Children" project. Baskets will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays 11/11 and 11/18. Please take a look and make a bid on your favorite.

Youth Bake Sale: The youth are having a bake sale to raise funds for their summer trips. This summer they are hoping to go on a mission trip and to attend Youth 2019 in Kansas City. Come and check out the good bake goods.

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 in the Multi-Purpose Room starting on November 1, 2018. Its not too late to join this fun and educational group!

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

The Farmington Hills Police Department is one location for disposing of prescription drugs. It is also true of the police departments in Novi, Orchard Lake and more. Please consider these options when disposing of prescription drugs. Flushing down the drain or toilet or throwing them in the trash are not acceptable methods of disposal.



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. 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) to sign up or receive more information.

What will you do with the talents God has given you? **#DoGood#ShowLove**

Our 2018 gratitude campaign was concluded on Sunday, October 28th! You are invited to turn in your gratitude card for your 2019 financial pledge to our accountant Karl Heiss if you have not yet done so. Join us for a complimentary Gratitude Brunch on Sunday, November 18th after worship. No advance sign up needed.

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 can't wait to hear what you have done with this assignment!

Forms are due November 30th.

Evening Star Women's group invites all women of Nardin Park to join us for our November 26 meeting at 7PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. We are an intergenerational group that meets for fun, fellowship, and service. Our November program will be a service project, helping complete two tied fleece lap robes for the Congregational Care Team to take to those in need of a loving touch from their church family.

FAIR TRADE ADVENT SALE:

Plan on doing your Christmas shopping in the "Nardin Park Parlor" on Advent Sunday, November 18th.

There will be THREE SEPARATE SALES going on: REGULAR FAIR TRADE; FAIR TRADE SERRV AND FAIR TRADE COKESBURY. There will be a variety of items for sale: baskets, jewelry, scarves, just to name a few. We will be accepting CHECKS or CASH. This is a great way to make headway on your Christmas Shopping! See you on the 18th!!

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:

An opportunity to help the women of East Africa: All you need is a sewing machine that zig zags and the ability to sew in an almost straight line. No fussy perfectin expected nor needed! If you could spare a little time and have the requirements listed above, please call Susanne Carey @ 248-987-6694 or a email susannecarey@yahoo.com. Many people (all of whom we will never meet!) will appreciate your help.

Harvest Altar: Sunday November 11, 2018. Food bags were distributed on Sunday, November 4. Please return filled bags on November 11. Donated food will be taken to Redford Aldersgate.

Diapers Needed: Neighborhood House has a great need for boxes of diapers - Sizes infant, toddler and adult. Please put your contributions in the food boxes located at the East and West doors (near the music suite). Your generosity is appreciated.

The Next Focus Hope food delivery is on December 15th, 2018, 6 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.

FILMGOERS:

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, Nov. 18th at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing "The Hate U Give" & "First Man". 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.

JOY (Just Older Youth):

Our next meeting will be on November 14th at 11am in Fellowship Hall. Rev. George Covintree will lead our devotions. Mike Glenn will answer questions about projects around the church. 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, Nov 11th or call the church office. We will have only one meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you have any questions, please call Mary Glenn at 248 380-9837.

STITCHES OF LOVE:

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

A new group will be forming in 2019 to help supplement the Quilting Groups 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 or Laura Olson at swimolson@yahoo.com

Let the stitching begin!

SMALL PINE CABINET WITH GLASS DOORS is still available from rummage sale. Contact Tina Jensen if you are interested. 248-478-7017

Children's November News

Sunday,
November 18th

Gratitude Brunch!

Following worship is the Gratitude Brunch with a variety of food choices for all ages. All are welcome at no cost, our gratitude to you!

The Children assemble

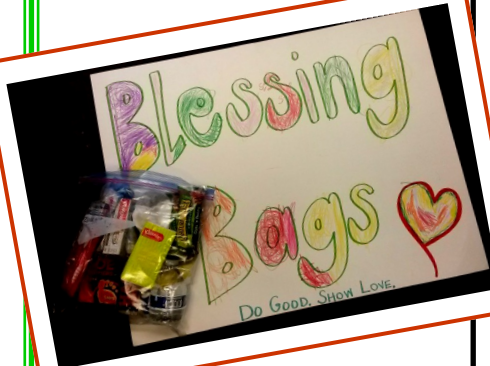
Blessing Bags

We hope all will take at least one bag to put in their car to share with someone in need.

Shop **SERRV** products in the Parlor. Well crafted products made by persons in developing countries throughout the world.

There will be special tables for the children to frost cookies, and paint a Christmas Tree ornament.

ADVENT - a time of
preparing for
CHRISTMAS.



Each child will receive
an Advent Calendar.



Each family with children
will receive an Advent Wreath.

Thank you creative craftsman Allan Knappenberger!

Remember to bring your HARVEST BAGS
back on Sunday, November 11th!

N@TP - Night @ the Park
Dates for November: 6, 13, and 27
NO gathering November 20th

Parent's Night Out - Coming
Saturday, December 8th 4 - 8 p.m.

Visit www.nardinpark.org
click on Children
for more information
on Children's Ministry
"Godly Play", etc.

The VCI Express

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



November 8th, 2018 HEADLINE

VCI teams continue to meet and do their work. We remain on track with VCI prescription deadlines!

What has happened in last few weeks ?

- * **Hospitality Team** is developing plans for enhancing the ways we welcome guests to our church. The team is discussing having parking lot greeters, working with our existing Sunday morning greeters, new hallway hosts, new training for our usher teams and enhancements to our welcome center.
- * 7 members of the **new worship design team** attended the REACH Summit in Lansing on Nov 2nd and 3rd. Not only did the team learn best practices for launching a new worship service, they also spent one on one time with workshop presenter and our new worship design coach, Cathy Townley. In addition the team was able to network with other churches also launching new services.
- * The **Governance Team** has attended several of our administrative committee meetings as it works to design a new, more efficient team structure to accomplish our new vision.

What is coming up next?

Facilities team is finalizing plans for the restroom renovations, and dedicated spaces for memorials and church history.

Discipleship team plans small group leader training for January and launch of a few new small groups for February 2019

Next Town Hall Meeting will be on Sunday February 10th. Lunch and childcare provided.

A Nugget of Wisdom for Growing Churches

Growing churches are clear about their most important purpose. The purpose of the church is to help people connect with Jesus and to grow people as Christ's disciples. To help connect people with Jesus, we have to build a bridge between our church and today's culture. This means that we have to care more about someone else's eternity than our own personal preferences.