



NEWS YOU CAN USE - DECEMBER 14, 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*

Office hours during the holidays will be as follows:

Monday, December 24th - Closed

Tuesday, December 25th & Wednesday, December 26th - Closed.

Thursday, December 27th & Friday, December 28th - 8:30 am to 12:00 pm.

Monday, December 31st & Tuesday, January 1st - Closed.

Tuesday, January 2nd - normal hours 8:30 am to 4:30 pm resume.

COMING UP IN WORSHIP: CALM and BRIGHT

Sunday, December 16th - Third Sunday in Advent. Pastor Beth Titus will be preaching on Love's Redeeming Grace as we explore the 3rd verse of *Silent Night*. Nancy Gingrich will serve as liturgist and the Nardin Park Ringers and Kyle Webber will provide music of the season. The Shea Family will be sharing about their Kingdom Assignment.

Sunday, December 23rd - Fourth Sunday in Advent. Pastor Melanie will be preaching on Hope as we explore the 4th verse of *Silent Night*. Susanne Carey will serve as liturgist and Kyle Webber and the Chancel Choir will provide music of the season. The Paulson family, Rev. Lynn Hasley and Susanne Carey will be sharing about their Kingdom Assignment.

Sunday, December 30th - Sunday after Christmas. Pastor George will be preaching on the birth of Christ as we conclude our worship series on *Silent Night*. Ministerial Intern Beatrice Alghali will serve as liturgist and special music will be provided, including Ann Buland who will serve as our guest organist. Another Kingdom Assignment Story will be shared.

NIGHT @ THE PARK:

The next Night at the Park will be Tuesday,
January 8th 2019. Happy Holidays!
See you next year!



YOUTH MINISTRIES:

Treat your family to dinner at Leo's Coney Island at 12 Mile Rd and Farmington Rd between the hours of 5:00 and 8:00 pm on Wednesday, January 2nd! Leo's has generously offered to donate 20% of sales during those hours to Nardin Park's Youth Mission Trip! This applies to dine in and carry out orders.



Youth Bake Sale to Support their Compassion Child, Love-Darlie: The youth will be holding a Christmas Cookie Bake Sale next week, Dec. 16th, to raise money to support their sponsored child. She is from Haiti and although she is 18, she is still finishing up school and still being sponsored by Compassion. Nardin Park youth have been sponsoring Love-Darlie since 2015. For more information on her see the bulletin board outside of Park Place.

Children's Ministry

Our Advent candles continue to lead us toward the "Mystery of Christmas"

Spiritual Guidance "Godly Play" Ages 3 yrs. - 5th Grade Sunday mornings at 10 a.m.



December 16: Advent 3 – "The Shepherds"

December 23: Advent 4 – "The Magi and Christmas"

December 30: Children can attend worship with you, and work with "In House Church Boxes" or go to a combined class of "Godly Play", entering the story "The Mystery of Christmas".

"Christmas at the Park" music concert 4:00 p.m., Sunday, December 16th

Children's Choirs sing along with other choirs of Nardin Park. A great night of music.

Monday, December 24th 5 p.m., Christmas Eve Special service for children and their families: Children's Choirs sing, children create a wooden nativity scene, lay glowing stars around the manger, experience a special message through the handheld puppet drama "The Christmas Mouse", and conclude this wondrous night with the lighting of candles singing "Silent Night".



Dear Nardin Park friends,

Thank you for your generous love gift presented to me shortly after my "retirement" from the staff. Being with you in ministry is its own reward, and this gift was icing on the cake. Thank you for all you have done, and continue to do for me. And thank you for being who you are.

Gratefully yours, Wes



This season give a gift to Mother Earth!

Set your thermostat at 68 F or lower while you're home and awake.
Not ready for 68 F ? Just set it 1 - 2 degrees lower than you have been!

Already at 68 F ?

Set it up to 8 - 10 degrees lower while you're asleep or away.



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.

SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER:

SCC is excited to announce the following:

Allison Krieg-Hill, M.A., LLPC, will join our staff as a clinician in Samaritan Counseling Center's North Congregational Church and Seymour Lake UMC offices (to be opening soon).

Congratulations to Karen Schurgin, Psy.D., ATR, L.P.C., L.P. who was recently appointed Clinical Director of Samaritan Counseling Center.

CREATIVE SELF-CARE PROGRAM:

This is a 10-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.

DAY: Every Thursday beginning in mid-January

TIME: 6:00-8:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Samaritan Counseling Center, 29887 West 11 Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336, in the Multi-Purpose room

FEE: \$25/session plus a one-time material fee of \$25

For further information, please contact SCC's business office at 248 474-4701, or visit our website, sccmich.org.

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: February 2019 (exact date TBD)

TIME: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

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

Please contact SCC's main office at 248 474-4701 or visit our website, sccmich.org, for further information. Additional workshops are usually held in April, June and September, and private sessions can be arranged throughout the year for an additional \$50 fee.

SPEAKERS BUREAU:

This workshop series is designed to support and further educate lay caregivers by providing opportunities to grow in their sense of calling, identity and skill; deepen their knowledge and understanding of many difficult issues; and gain a variety of resources to enhance their caregiving. Any individual or organization with a topic they would like to see presented can contact SCC's office at 248 474-4701, and we will try to accommodate your request.

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

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.

YEAR END BOOK KEEPING:

Dear Nardin Park Church Family,

I just want to share a few things as we head toward the end of the year. For those who made pledge commitments this year, if you need to catch up, please do so soon.

My goal is to close the 2018 books on January 1, 2019. This means that all donations and reimbursement payments must be received at the church for calendar year 2018 by Sunday December 30, 2018.

Online giving donations must be submitted online by Sunday December 30, 2018.

Sincerely, Karl Heiss

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 or Laura Olson at swimolson@yahoo.com *LET THE STITCHING BEGIN!*

LADIES NIGHT OUT:

Evening Star Women's Group invites all ladies of the church and their friends to join us on Monday, January 28 at 6PM for a fun evening out for dinner and fellowship. We will be meeting at Taste of China, located at the North East corner of Middlebelt and Twelve Mile, Farmington Hills (in the Planet Fitness strip mall). Separate bills are available. Please RSVP to Dorothy Moore at dorothy.moore@yahoo.com or (248-893-7334) or Sue Genschoreck. Lets start the New Year with Fun and Friendship!

The VCI Express

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



December 14th, 2018 HEADLINE

Nardin Park Church awarded a \$30,000 grant to help fund new part time communications specialist staff position!

What has happened in last few weeks ?

- **Marketing Team** received word from The United Methodist Union of Greater Detroit that Nardin Park has been awarded a \$30,000 grant to help fund the new part time communications specialist staff position. This is a sun setting grant where 75% of the salary for this new position will be funded by the grant in 2019, 50% funded by the grant in 2020 and 25% funded by the grant in 2021. The Marketing team in conjunction with Staff Parish has posted the communications job and will begin interviews in January 2019. We CELEBRATE this huge blessing from God!
- **Worship Task Force Team** met with Rev. Jon Reynolds to discuss Mission Insite Demographics and learn from Jon's experience in successfully launching a new worship service at Rochester St. Paul's UMC. Team members will visit that service on January 27th.
- The **Governance Team** is beginning the ministry audit and developing the curriculum for a workshop for church leaders on accountable leadership on January 30th, 2019.

What is coming up next?

Facilities team continues to finalize plans for the restroom renovations, and dedicated spaces for memorials and church history.

Worship Task Force to host Cathy Townley, worship design coach January 12-13th, 2019.

Next Town Hall Meeting will be on Sunday February 10th following worship. Lunch and childcare provided. Plan to attend, no pre sign up needed.

A Nugget of Wisdom for Growing Churches

Growing churches win on purpose. They do this because they organize their congregation to effectively accomplish their mission. When we aim at nothing in particular, we hit it. When we in the church are clear about our mission and purpose we can accomplish it because we know where we are going, we aim for that target and we focus on accomplishing a particular outcome. This is called Winning on purpose and is known as accountable leadership.