



NEWS YOU CAN USE - JANUARY 18, 2019

Nardin Park United Methodist Church 248-476-8860

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THESE SPECIAL EVENTS:

January 26th: New Member Reunion Party - 3:30 to 6:30 pm in Mercer Hall

February 10th: Bottle and Can Drive

February 10th: VCI Town Hall Meeting after worship

March 23rd: Community Health Fair

The office will be closed on the following Fridays: January 18th, and 25th.

COMING UP IN WORSHIP:

Sunday, January 20th - Human Relations Sunday. Pastor Melanie will be preaching as we celebrate Dr. King's birthday. The Chancel Choir will be singing.

Rolled ice cream will be for sale in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the service! This is a Kingdom Assignment event and donations will be given to Cass Community Social Services.

Sunday, January 27th - Ministerial Student Intern, Beatrice Alghali, will be preaching. The Chancel Choir will be singing.

Sunday, February 3rd - New worship series begins: *Nardin Park @ the Movies.* Pastor Melanie will be preaching on the movie, *Wonder*. The Chancel Choir will be singing.

COMING IN FEBRUARY: Nardin Park @ the Movies

Beat the doldrums of winter with our new worship series: ***The Gospel and the Movies.*** We will explore several recent movies as a part of our worship services, and the gospel messages. Watch movies by renting from the library or on cable, Netflix, Hulu or Amazon and then come and hear about them in worship. (You can still enjoy the worship series even if you don't see the movies.)

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| Feb. 3rd | <i>Wonder</i> |
| Feb. 10th | <i>The Greatest Showman</i> |
| Feb. 17th | <i>Black Panther</i> |
| Feb. 24th | <i>Christopher Robin Returns</i> |



NIGHT @ THE PARK MENU:



January 22nd

Lasagna Night

Salad

Dinner Rolls

Traditional Lasagna

Vegetable Lasagna

Green Beans

Dessert

January 29th

Slider Night

Turkey & Swiss Sliders

Pulled Pork & Coleslaw Sliders

Ranch Pasta Salad

Potato Chips

Fruit

February 5th

Soul Food Night

Salad

Corn Bread

Oven Fried Chicken

Mac N Cheese

Greens

Peach Cobbler

FILMGOERS:

Our next meeting is on February 17, 2019 at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing "On the Basis of Sex", "If Beale Street Could Talk", "Vice", & "Destroyer". Please see the movies on your own & then join us for a lively discussion. Any questions, please call Wes Brun.

YOUTH MINISTRIES AT NARDIN PARK:

Sunday, February 10th, the youth are collecting returnable bottle and cans to help raise funds for their summer mission trip and Youth 2019. Bring your bottles to the back parking lot of the church before or after worship, and we will have a truck to collect them in. Thank you for your generosity.

SMALL GROUPS - COMING SOON TO NARDIN PARK!

The VCI Discipleship Team is excited to announce the launch of a new program for Nardin Park. We will be forming "Small Groups" in February, to run from March to May. Sign up is on Jan. 27th and Feb. 3rd after worship service. Wes Brun and others will be at the table to answer any questions you might have. Details on each group will be in the bulletin both Sundays. The initial launch will be 4 Small Groups that will be led by Matt and Wendy Kastner, Amy Dowell, Michelle Kreager and Marshall Dunlap and Bob Docking.

Would you like to find a practical way to take the Sunday message out into the world, your home, your work and the community by meeting with a friendly group of people? By sharing how it applies to your lives and your faith, you will grow together in your faith and help each of us to recognize God's call in our lives.

Small Groups are designed to help us grow as Christians and individuals in connection to God and others and take God's work out into the world with our actions and our reactions. The goal of these fellowship groups is to help us recognize the Holy Spirit in everyday life. These are different than the normal Bible Studies that have been offered. These groups start by having a dialogue about the Bible verses and sermon topics used each Sunday and how we can apply them to our everyday life.

Please watch for the bulletin insert and stop by our information table for more details on this exciting new program!



NARDIN PARK KIDS

Benediction Children:

Sunday, January 20 - Maggie Paulson baptized January 12

Sunday, January 27 - Ryan Bjorklund baptized January 30

All children are invited to be a Benediction Child on a Sunday that works for them.

However, I'm hoping in 2019 to weave at least one experience for children who have been baptized to be during their month of baptism.



"Godly Play" classes for kids on Sundays 10 a.m. - Second Floor rooms Ages 3 years - 5th Grade.

Jan. 20 - Parable of the Deep Well (3 Yrs. - 2nd Grade) Intro. to the Saints (3rd - 5th Grade).

Jan. 27 - Parable of the Good Samaritan (3 Yrs. - 2nd Grade) ; St. Thomas Aquinas (3rd - 5th Grade).

Music with Mrs. Brady 10:50 - 11:05 a. m.

"Night @ the Park" Tuesdays, January 22 and 29. For kids K - 5th Grade : Games / Snacks at 5 p.m.; Dinner - 5:30 p.m.
Kids choirs: 6 p.m. (3rd - 5th Graders) and 6:30 p.m. (K - 2nd Graders)

Bible 101: *Bible Black Belt / Bible Study with a Kick* - 6 p. m. (K - 2nd Graders)

We're working on our **Orange Belts** this month with concentration on Books of the New Testament.

Bible 235: *My Testament : A Picture and Word Journal about Me and God.*

Jan. 22: Called - Walking with Jesus Jan. 29: Stones - With who will you stand? - 6:30 p.m. (3rd - 5th Graders.)

All end @ 7 p.m. Childcare 5-5:30; and 6 - 7:15 p.m. *See other notes for youth and adults.*

January Mission: Bring your kids while you all help to make P, B and J sandwiches on Friday night, January 25 at 7 p.m.

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

Six drivers are needed for the February 16th **Focus Hope food delivery** to seniors in the Pontiac area. Please contact Bob Davis at 248-320-7147 or sign up after Church later this month.

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 South 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!

FAIR TRADE:

Sunday, January 20, will be our first "FAIR TRADE" Sunday in 2019. We will be set-up in Mercer Hall to fill your orders. So, please come with your checkbook or cash and help will be there to assist you with your favorite items. We so appreciate your continued support in this very important Nardi Park Ministry.

The VCI Express

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



January 17th, 2019 HEADLINE

Worship Consultant Cathy Townley visits Nardin Park!

What has happened in last few weeks ?

- Worship Consultant, Cathy Townley visited Nardin Park on the weekend of January 12th and 13th. While here she helped us to see and understand our community, met with over 50 leaders to share about plans for the new worship service which will be launched in late 2019 or early 2020.
- Marketing team and Staff Parish are conducting interviews for the new part time communications specialist position this week.
- Staff Parish, in response to a need expressed from the hospitality and discipleship teams plans to hire a part time director of discipleship pathways.
- Governance team plans to lead a workshop with the church council members on January 30th about a new model of church governance called accountable leadership.

What is coming up next?

Stay tuned for announcements regarding new part time staff hires in late January or early February for communications and discipleship pathways.

Facilities team is working on plans to begin bathroom and office construction.

Mark your calendar for the next all Church Town Hall meeting on Feb. 10th, 2019 right after worship until 1 p.m. Lunch and childcare will be provided.

A Nugget of Wisdom for Growing Churches

Growing churches understand that there are 4 things that are critical to a successful launch of a new worship service: 1) **Acts of welcoming** and hospitality are critical, including friendly and helpful greeters 2) **Music** is key- the quality and how it connects with people 3) High quality **Children's ministries** 4) **The facility** and how welcoming it feels and how well it matches the culture around us.



Main Library
32737 W 12 Mile Rd
Farmington Hills, MI 48334
248-553-0300

DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY CELEBRATION - MONDAY, JANUARY 21st

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| 10:00 a.m. | Make peace signs and banners - Main Library browsing room |
| 10:45 a.m. | Peace walk down 12 Mile Rd. |
| 11:15 a.m. | Remarks from officials |
| 11:45 a.m. | Keynote speakers |
| 12:45 p.m. | Performance by the Warner Middle School Choir |
| 1:00 p.m. | Storytelling with Miz Rosie |
| 2:00 p.m. | Service Opportunity: C.A.R.E.S. food packages |
| 3:30 p.m. | Poetry with Ber-Henda Williams |
| 4:00 p.m. | Performance by the Harrison High School Dance Company |
| 6:30 p.m. | "We Share the House that Race Built" presented by La'Ron William |

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| 1-7 p.m. | Children's crafts - Children's Program Room |
| 12-4 p.m. | Make valentines for seniors - Conference room |
| 2-5 p.m. | Learn about volunteer opportunities - Main Library Lobby |

ALL PROGRAMS ARE IN THE AUDITORIUM UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED

Annual Fund Raising Gala

April 18, 2019 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.

program at 5:30 p.m.

Longacre House 24705 Farmington Rd Farmington Hills

Presenting the Annual

Dick Tupper Community Service Award

Individual Sponsor Tickets - \$50 per person Event Tickets - \$25 per person

Additional donations gratefully accepted

Hors D'oeuvres and Cash Bar

Tickets are available at the door through Farmington Public Schools Central Office