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NARDIN PARK NEWS



Where Do We Go From Here?

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I have been asked many questions since the special session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. But the question I am asked the most is where do we go from here?

As a three time delegate to General Conference meeting, I have learned that it takes time to unpack from a General Conference and this special session is no exception. This one may take even longer. What we know for sure is that the traditional plan petitions that passed are under review by the judicial council (akin to the supreme court of Methodism). The Judicial Council will meet at the end of April and they will review whether or not the petitions are in line with the United Methodist Constitution. We need that information before we can find a way forward.

The truth is that 2/3 of the US delegates to the General Conference did not vote for the traditional plan and will find it difficult if not impossible to live under the plans rules and added restrictions. The other thing I have been seeing, hearing and participating in since returning home from St. Louis is a kind of revival of the local church. Clergy, including your clergy and laity here and from across Michigan have made strong statements for full inclusion regardless of what the General Conference has decided. This Sunday, March 17th, there will be full page ads in newspapers across Michigan, with a love letter to LGBTQIA+ persons, their families and allies letting everyone know that there are many people in Michigan who do not agree with the General Conference decision. To read about the ads go to www.michiganstatement.org

Nardin Park Church is alive and well and we will continue to be the people we have been. Our VCI initiatives will continue as planned. And we will continue to be very clear about who we are and the fact that we believe that there is a place for everyone at God's table. We will also continue to be very clear that we welcome and fully support members of the LGBTQIA+ community who are our neighbors, friends, family members and church members.

It is an honor to serve as your lead pastor.

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UPCOMING SUNDAY SERVICES

Join us as we explore What's in a name?
The I am sayings of Jesus during our Lenten Journey.

Sunday March 17th

I am the light of the world. Pastor Melanie, Preaching, Chancel choir singing, Nardin Park Ringers

Sunday March 24th

I am the true vine. Pastor Lynn preaching, Chancel Choir and Gracers Ignite Youth choir singing

Sunday March 31st

I am the good Shepherd. Pastor Beth preaching, Chancel Choir singing

Holy Week and Easter Services:

April 14th—Palm Sunday worship at 10 a.m.

Maundy Thursday service at 7 p.m. at Farmington First with Pastor Melanie preaching and our chancel choir singing

Good Friday Service at 7 p.m. at Nardin Park

Easter Sunday, April 21st

2 Services

7:30 a.m. Sunrise service in the chapel

10:00 a.m. service in the sanctuary with Pastor Melanie preaching I am the resurrection and the life.

Brass Quintet, chancel choir and Nardin Park ringers

*Extra!
Extra!*



**EACH SUNDAY
CHURCH & SOCIETY IS
COLLECTING PERSONAL HYGIENE
ITEMS TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO
THOSE IN NEED.**

Sunday, March 17

**BAR SOAP
HAND SANITIZER**

**Fair Trade Sunday
March, 17th**

Mercer Hall before & after service

**Bring cash or your checkbook and
get your Easter candy to fill up
those baskets!**



LAY LITURGIST TRAINING

Would you like to read scripture and lead liturgy during worship?

A lay liturgist training will be held on 2 Sundays: April 7th & April 14th, after service,
for anyone interested!

Email Bea Algahli (Ministerial Intern) to sign up!

sierraintl25@gmail.com

The Kids Corner



"Godly Play"
classes for kids

Sundays ~ 10 a.m.

Second Floor
Ages 3 Years - 5th Grade Rooms

March 17

"The Two Debtors" Luke 7: 41-43

March 24

"The Last Supper" Matthew 26: 17-30

Music with

Mrs. Brady 10:50 - 11:10

Nursery and Toddler Care

First Floor

Toddler Theme:

"Jesus and the Children"



*Kids
start in worship
then ~ 10:10 a.m.
go to Godly Play*

*Deep Blue Kids
have joined Godly Play
Download
Deep Blue Kids App
and get acquainted!*

March Missions:

Friday, March 29

**We'll make cards for shut-ins
and**

7:00 P. M. - 8:00 P.M.

P. B. J. Outreach Sandwiches

"Night @ the Park"

Tuesday Night

March 19 and 26th

(and into April)



Kids Schedule: K - 5th Grade

5:00 p.m. Games / Snacks

5:30 p.m. Dinner

6:00 p.m. Choir : 3rd - 5th Grades

Bible 101 : K - 2nd Graders
Purple Belt

Psalms 23 and other Psalms

6:30 p.m. Choir - K - 2nd Grades

Bible 235: 3rd - 5th Graders
My Testament :

*A Picture and Word Journal
about Me and God*

March 19: Prayer

March 26: The Good Shepherd

All end @ 7:10 p.m.

Childcare 5-5:30; and 6 - 7:15 p.m.

See other notes for youth and adults.

YOUTH CONNECTIONS

Motown Mission 2019

All youth (and parents are also welcome on this trip) are invited to join us for the Motown Mission Trip, June 16th -20th. Motown Mission is an urban work mission in Detroit for people interested in economic disaster recovery work.

We will be staying in the historical Metropolitan United Methodist Church on Woodward in Detroit. They turn classrooms into dorms for the summer. We will be working alongside other agencies in Detroit to serve and show love to those in need. It might include making lunches, working on homes, and community gardening, along with other possibilities. Work days are 9-4 and evening activities are planned at the church. One night will include a night out in Detroit. We will be home on Thursday night.

Deposit of \$50/person is due by Sunday March 30th.



Events



EVERYONE IS WELCOME! BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Community Health Fair

Saturday, March 23rd 10AM-3PM

Blood pressure screenings, eye exams, nutrition counseling, yoga and more!

Call 248-476-8860 for more information.

HEALTHY PEOPLE - HEALTHY CONGREGATION - HEALTHY COMMUNITY



Events

Violin Concert
March 24th @ 3PM
The Sanctuary

Students ages 5-16 will
perform.
Reception to follow.

All are welcome!



The Spring Rummage Sale is
coming!

April 30th , May 1st and May 2nd

Items can be brought to the
church beginning March 17th!

For more information contact,

Tina Jensen 248-227-6119

Sherry Wright 313-532-0686

Last year we raised over
\$4,000 with your donations!



Fellowship Groups

MARCH 24TH @ 7PM

FILM-GOERS

***WE WILL DISCUSSING
"RUN THE RACE" & "ROMA".***

***PLEASE ENJOY THE MOVIES ON YOUR OWN AND
THEN JOIN US FOR A LIVELY DISCUSSION!***


MARCH 22

7:30 PM

All Ages
TICKETS: \$25

Farmington Players Barn Theatre
32332 W. Twelve Mile Rd.

Order tickets online:
<https://recreg.fhgov.com>
(248) 473-1848




**TRIBUTE TO
ARETHA
FRANKLIN**

PRESENTED BY FARMINGTON HILLS CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION

Photo of Aretha Franklin: S. Kay Young

A spectacular evening of music, art and theatrical performance to honor the life and legacy of the "Queen of Soul" Aretha Franklin. Featuring Dames Brown vocalists Teresa Marbury, LaRae Starr and Athena Johnson.



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[City of Farmington Hills](https://www.youtube.com/Channel/UC...)

Neighborhood House

An affiliate of the Farmington Area Goodfellows

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

Night @ The Park



March 19

Salad

Broccoli Cheese Soup

Tomato Bisque Soup

Grilled Cheese

Dessert

March 26

Salad

Tandoori Chicken

Basmati Rice

Veggies

Dessert

April 9

Salad

Ham

Scalloped Potatoes

Green Beans

Dessert



The Fine Print



VCI News:

Check out the [church website](http://nardinpark.org) (nardinpark.org) for information that was shared during our February 10th town hall meeting.

Next town hall meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 23rd at 7 p.m.

Nardin Park welcome 2 new part time staff members:

Elizabeth (Liz) King has joined our program and administrative staff as our new part time communications specialist. She is helping improve our communications and connections with our community. She works 20 hours a week (Tuesdays, Wed and Thursdays) Her email is Eking@nardinpark.org

Rev. Lynn Hasley has joined our program staff as our new Pastor of Discipleship Pathways. She is helping current and new members get connected to a pathway for discipleship. She works 15 hours a week. (Sundays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) Her email is Lhasley@nardinpark.org