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# NARDIN PARK NEWS

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Worship with us Sundays at 10am



## Mother's Day



2019

Mother's Day brings so many emotions.

It is a day to give thanks for mothers who have nurtured us, given us life, consoled us, taught us, helped us to grow.

It is also a day to give thanks for women in our lives, who perhaps are not our biological mothers, but who have done all of the above and more for us.

It is also a day of sorrow and loss for those whose mothers are no longer physically present, or whose mothers could not provide the nurture needed and desired in this life. Our relationships with our mothers are complex. Full of so many wonderful and difficult connections, disconnections, joys and sorrows. As I think about it, that messy set of emotions is what makes it all real. Life itself is complex. It is rarely neat and tidy, more often messy, confusing and also wonderful and genuine.

Our daughter Grace turns 21 years old this week (May 8th) and she is graduating from Columbia College in Chicago on May 12th, Mother's Day. Grace came to live with us when she was six weeks old, an incredible gift from her birth mother Jeniffer. Since Grace's adoption in 1998, we have maintained an open relationship with Jeniffer. For a number of years, we lost contact with one another, as there have been many difficult twists and painful turns in Jeniffer's life. However, when Grace turned 17, Jeniffer re-established contact with us and since then she and Grace have been in regular online conversations. The connection has been very healing, nurturing and important for both of them. Jon and I also have been so touched by our conversations with Jeniffer, and we continue to marvel at her courage, and strength to entrust us with her child, who is now our child as well. Not all adoption stories turn out like ours, because life is messy and complex, full of heartbreak, loss and love and yet there is a great deal of beauty in our stories and our complicated family relationships.

This Mother's Day, Jon, my mother in law Susanne, our son Nick and I will be in Chicago, cheering Grace on as she launches herself into the world. I know that Jeniffer is also cheering for Grace as well. And I know my mom, who died in 2005, is also cheering Grace on from her heavenly home. Happy Mother's Day!

-Pastor Melanie



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# COMING UP IN WORSHIP



## **May 12th is Mother's Day.**

Pastor Beth will be preaching and the chancel choir will be singing.

## **May 19th will be worship through music Sunday.**

Pastor Melanie will be preaching on The Faith We Sing. Come and join us as we celebrate worship with our talented musicians.

## **May 26th is Memorial Day Sunday.**

Pastor George will be preaching and celebrating several among our congregation who have served in World War II as Riveters.

## **What's Next for our Denomination?**

In the wake of the special session of General Conference held in February 2019, many people are asking this question. On May 20th-22nd there will be a gathering at the Church of the Resurrection in Leewood, Kansas to discuss paths toward the future of the denomination. Pastor Melanie and Tom Russell will be attending this meeting as a part of a ten person delegation from Michigan. After they return, they will share what new directions are unfolding on the denominational level of the church. Please hold Pastor Melanie and Tom and the entire meeting in your prayers as we work to find our way forward and build a truly inclusive church for ALL of God's people.

Michigan Annual Conference will meet in Traverse City, May 30th through June 2nd. Nardin Park Clergy and the following Laity will be meeting for the Michigan Annual Conference. Your lay delegates are: John Gingrich, Nancy Gingrich, Mike Marks, Mary Glenn and Mike Kain.

Extra!  
Extra!



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## CASS COMMUNITY UMC PARTNERSHIP

On Sunday, May 5th, Nardin Park presented Cass Community UMC with a \$50,000 check to help them begin their journey of reaching new people in Downtown Detroit.

### A note from Bob Docking...

Part of Pastor Beth's sermon on Sunday just before we went down to Cass is that we all have Gods light—as I reflected on that—I realized that the contribution to Cass represented Gods light from Nardin Park as a collective community, shining on the Cass community. It was Nardin Park at its best. What I'll always remember about that day are the hugs, the hugs we received from almost every single parishioner. I'll never forget it.



Pastor Melanie, Judy Blaney, Mil & Bob Docking at Cass Community UMC

### Café Nardin

June 2nd following worship  
Salads and Sundaes

The Mission Committee is working again this year to raise money to support homeless seniors in the Farmington/Farmington Hills Schools pay the costs of graduation. There are 9 seniors that are homeless this year, the cost is \$300 for cap and gown, yearbook, all night party, etc.. all the things that make the graduation special. Please support Café Nardin generously to support these efforts. If you cannot be here on June 2nd, please make contributions to Missions – Homeless Seniors.



Congratulations Yalan, our Chancel Choir Accompanist, on receiving your Doctorate in Piano Performance from Michigan State University!

Help us connect better with you!

Please fill out the connection card in your bulletin on Sunday and place it in the collection plate. Thank you!

CONNECTION CARD  
PLEASE FILL OUT AND PLACE IN COLLECTION PLATE

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PREFERRED PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Sign up for our E-Newsletter

First Time Guest  Repeat Guest  Regular Participant  Member

FAIR TRADE SUNDAY

MAY 19

Coffee  
Tea  
Chocolates  
and more!



# The Kids Corner



## Children's Spiritual Guidance

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

First Floor - Nursery / Toddler Care Theme: Pentecost

All children 3 years and older begin in worship.

~10:10 a.m. they move to their "Godly Play" room second floor.



Download Deep Blue Kids App to compliment take home Bible Sheets



BEST FRIENDS - 1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:1-42



COURAGE FRIENDS - Daniel 3:1-30



THE FOUR FRIENDS - Mark 2:1-12



PRAYFUL FRIENDS - Acts 9:36-43

"Friends love all the time,  
and kinsfolk are born  
for times of trouble."

Proverbs 17:17

No. 1. May 5 (Holy Communion)

No. 2 May 12 (Music at 10:50)

No. 3 May 19 Family Worship  
Class for 3yrs.—K

No. 4 May 26

Missions - P,B, and J Sandwich Making  
Friday, May 24 7:00 p.m. at Nardin

# The Kids Corner



## At HOME with GOD

ALL HANDS ON DECK  
MAY 2019

### *This Month: Family Friends.*

This month we will hear stories from the Bible about friendship. Your children will hear the stories of David and Jonathan—famous best friends; Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s courage; the four friends who carried their friend to Jesus to be healed; and Peter and Tabitha and the power of praying for others. These Bible stories teach us that friends can help us when we are in need, can

help us have courage, and can help us see God’s call on our lives. They also teach us that by being a good friend, we are serving God.

This month we will also be learning about the Kim-Woo family. They do missionary work with the World Council of Churches in Switzerland. We will have opportunities to support their ministry.

#### *Week*

**1 Bible Story:**  
Best Friends  
(1 Samuel 18:1-5; 20:1-42)

**Bible Story Focus:**  
Being a good friend is one way to love and serve God.

**Wonder Together:**  
What makes a good friend?

#### *Week*

**2 Bible Story:**  
Courageous Friends  
(Daniel 3:1-30)

**Bible Story Focus:**  
God gives us friends to help us stand up for what is right.

**Wonder Together:**  
Who do you want with you when you are doing something difficult or scary?

#### *Week*

**3 Bible Story:**  
The Four Friends  
(Mark 2:1-12)

**Bible Story Focus:**  
Helping our friends is one way to show God’s love.

**Wonder Together:**  
What are some ways you help your friends?

#### *Week*

**4 Bible Story:**  
Prayerful Friends  
(Acts 9:36-43)

**Bible Story Focus:**  
We can pray for our friends.

**Wonder Together:**  
Who could you ask to pray for you?

#### *Memory Verse*

Friends love all the time, and kinsfolk are born for times of trouble. (Proverbs 17:17)

#### *Pray Together*

Dear God, thank you for friends. We can show your love to them, and we can see your love shine through them. Amen.

# YOUTH CONNECTIONS



**Front Row**

Kyle Clinkscale, Jacqueline Brown, Abby Suter, Arhianna Stokes, Braeden Shea, Avishay Mamidi

**Back Row**

Olivia Kastner, Madison Lince, Tyler Hixson, Austin Kain, Emma Latimer, Emily Scobel.

Sunday, May 5th, was a wonderful day in the life of Nardin Park. We celebrated the confirmations of 12 young people, 2 of whom were also baptized. This Confirmation Class is a blessing to Nardin Park. They are incredibly smart, creative, and caring.

They are already serving the church in many ways. I am so thankful to have the privilege of being part of their lives.

Congratulate these young people when you see them.

-Pastor Beth

# Fellowship



Our next meeting is on June 23rd at 7:00 pm. We will be discussing "Penguins", "The Best of Enemies", and "Poms". Please see the movies on your own and then join us for a lively discussion. All are welcome.

Any questions, please contact  
Wes Brun @ 248-956-7889



**Evening Star**



## **FIELD TRIP!**

Evening Star will be taking a field trip--a tour of the art and architecture of the beautiful Detroit Public Library is planned for Sunday, May 19th at 1:30PM. We plan to have lunch together after church and car pool down.

This information from our docent: "The tour is about 1.5 hours and covers over 1 mile in steps. Elevators at the library are unpredictable so it can be tough if anyone has walking challenges. The library can be warm, so dress light. The DPL staff lot is open to the public on Sunday, so parking will be easy."

Contact Melanie Allbery at [melanieallbery@yahoo.com](mailto:melanieallbery@yahoo.com) with your plans to attend.



## **SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER of Southeastern Michigan**

29887 West Eleven Mile Road, Farmington Hills, MI 48336

Phone: 248 474-4701

Website: [www.sccmich.org](http://www.sccmich.org)

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **MAY 2019**

We have new Satellite Offices! Seymour Lake United Methodist Church has provided SCC with two wonderful office spaces, which are currently awaiting new clients. Seymour Lake UMC is located at 3050 South Sashabaw Road, Oxford, MI 48371.

Cass Community United Methodist Church is currently getting office space ready for SCC therapists to begin seeing clients there. We hope to be up and running at Cass by late April. Cass Community UMC is located at 3901 Cass Avenue, Detroit, MI 48201.

Anyone interested in seeing a counselor at either of these locations should contact SCC's Business Office at (248) 474-4701. Thank you Seymour Lake United Methodist Church and Cass Community United Methodist Church for giving us the wonderful opportunity to help people in your areas!

Welcome Latha Ravi, M.Div., M.S.W., L.L.M.S.W., who has joined SCC's staff as a clinician in our offices in Nardin Park United Methodist Church of Farmington Hills and our new locations at Seymour Lake United Methodist Church and Cass Community United Methodist Church. Latha is currently accepting new clients.

#### **18TH ANNUAL CHARTY GOLF OUTING:**

SCC's Golf Outing raises money for our Client Assistance Fund, or CAF, which makes high-quality therapeutic care accessible for clients who would otherwise not be able to afford it. The CAF is solely funded by private contributors and SCC fundraising, and all monies raised from this Golf Outing are used in the Client Assistance Fund. This year's outing will be on Friday, June 14, 2019, at Tanglewood Golf Course, 22805 Country Club Drive, South Lyon, MI 48178. Please contact our main office at 248 474-4701 for more information.

#### **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.

##### **DATES:**

June 22nd at First UMC of Northville

September 21st at First UMC of Birmingham

##### **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](http://sccmich.org), for further information. Private sessions can be arranged any time throughout the year for an additional \$50 fee.

# The VCI Express



## Headline

New Restrooms and  
Renovated Offices Set to  
Begin Soon!

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

### What has happened in last few weeks ?

- A Town Hall Informational Meeting was held on April 23rd and recorded on FB Live. You can read reports on the church website and go the church FB Town Hall event page to see a recording of the meeting
- Marketing team working on a new logo and brand for Nardin Park.
- Pilot period of connecting groups is ending. Stay tuned for new groups launching in the Fall.
- In preparation for the new restrooms and office renovations, some of our church staff are temporarily relocating their offices to one end of the multi purpose room.

### What is coming up next?

- New worship service launch team set to meet on Sunday June 9th after worship. We are on track to start this new Sunday morning service in the 1st quarter of 2020.
- Facilities team working on construction plans for the chancel area in the sanctuary. To see the ideas being proposed thus far, go to our church website.

**Next all church town hall meeting September 22, 2019 after  
worship until 1 p.m. Lunch and childcare provided**

### A Nugget of Wisdom for Growing Churches

It is easy to design a new worship service, but much harder to build a crowd. Connecting with new people and building bridges from our church to our neighbors is the key to successfully launching our new worship service. Our focus over the summer and into the fall will be about building relationships with our neighbors out in the community so that we can launch our worship new worship service with a crowd.