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# NARDIN PARK NEWS

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For nearly 25 years, my mother in law, now a member of Nardin Park, Susanne Carey, lived in Rockland, Maine. Rockland is right on the Atlantic Ocean and we visited with her in Maine many times. Being so close to the ocean, Maine can experience very dense and intense fog. Fog banks can and do roll in, at all times, even on what appears to be sunny days, and then suddenly in the fog, it is impossible to see! Our family experienced such a fog bank in Maine, when we were on a whale watch excursion off the coast of Bar Harbor. We left the harbor in beautiful sunshine and clear skies and then out to sea, we were suddenly wrapped in fog. The fog was so thick and dense that could not even see the water from the boat! The captain made a joke that, since we couldn't see the whales, he was going to turn off the engines and let us smell the whales! I found that being in that fog bank was disorienting, uncomfortable (fog is like cold rain) and frightening as we literally could not see anything but white haze all around us. In that kind of fog, it is impossible to know where to go or how to find a way forward.

As you know, back in February, I served as one of the 864 delegates to the special session of the General Conference of The United Methodist Church. And since that time, I have felt much like I did in that fog bank in Maine. The fog has been so thick in our denomination that we have literally not been able to see which way to go. I want you to know that I now sense and believe that the fog bank we have been in is beginning to lift a bit. Two important signs point to this bit of clarity.

First, last week the Michigan Annual Conference met just outside of Traverse City and by a 2/3 to 1/3 margin consistently voted toward becoming a more open and inclusive Methodist expression in Michigan, a place where LGBTQ persons are welcomed, supported and accepted fully without discrimination, fear and punishment. These votes, while not binding, help to get a sense of the direction the conference is leaning in at this time. Secondly, May 20th-22nd, I along with lay person, Tom Russell, who has been attending Nardin Park since early March, were part of a national meeting called UMCNEXT at The Church of Resurrection outside of Kansas City. 10 people from each of the 54 Annual Conferences in the US gathered to talk about a way forward and we left that meeting encouraged to work with our local areas to help build the kind of church we wish to see, as well as we agreed to reject the traditional plan that was approved at the special session of General Conference 2019. Both of these meetings helped me to sense that some of the dense fog around these matters is beginning to lift and we are indeed finding our way forward in a church that truly loves and supports all our siblings in Christ. This gives me hope and inspires me to continue to work with you in being and building that kind of church! 16 people from Nardin Park, including our 5 elected lay delegates attended the Michigan Annual Conference and next week several of them will be sharing reflections with you in a special Annual Conference edition of The Nardin Park News. In that same newsletter we will share with you some plans for continued conversations at Nardin Park this Summer about what is happening in the denomination, in our annual conference as we live into what is next. I hope you will be a part of the conversations as we make our way forward in a church that truly loves, accepts and supports everyone, no exceptions.

-Pastor Melanie

Finding  
our way  
Forward



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# COMING UP IN WORSHIP



## **Sunday June 9th is Pentecost!**

You are encouraged to wear red to church to celebrate the birthday of the Church. Pastor Melanie will be preaching, we will also celebrate Holy Communion and the Chancel Choir will be singing.

## **Sunday June 16th is Graduation and Scholarship Sunday!**



Come and celebrate with our 2019 High School and College Graduates. Nardin Park is so blessed to have a wonderful scholarship endowment which generates scholarship funds for students each year. We will hand out scholarships and Pastor Melanie will be preaching. Her sermon, God Friendened Me-- is based on the CBS TV Show of the same name.

## **Sunday June 23rd**

We will celebrate Mission as our youth mission team will be sharing their experiences from the Motown Mission work that they will be doing the week before. Come, hear and be inspired by the youth and youth leaders of our church as they share their mission work experiences and help us to DoGood and ShowLove in our community.

Extra!  
Extra!



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## SOS GUESTS HOSTED @ NARDIN PARK

JULY 14 - 21

SOS will be here before we know it and your help is greatly needed! Because church renovations will be starting soon, flexibility and patience will be necessary in all areas of planning and scheduling this week. We are looking for someone to help coordinate daily dinners (contacting groups and making sure things are set for the night). Please contact us if you feel the calling to do this.

The sign up link is:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70AoC48ABAA23A57-nardin>

We will also be available for online sign up at church starting in June.

We appreciate all you do to help keep this ministry going year after year.

Thank you! Any questions please contact Jenna or Tim Latimer

JLatte1@gmail.com or 248-790-9827

There is a small computer desk available on the stage, from the rummage sale. If you are interested, contact Tina Jensen at 248-478-7017.

A big thank you to everyone who devoted their time to the Celebration of Life for Robert "Bob" Bough on May 18th. Thank you to everyone in the Nardin Park office who compiled details for the service, the Nardin Park Bereavement Team, to Tim Wright and his ushers, Bob Davis for Audio Production, Kyle Webber Organist and Director of Music Ministries, Chancel Choir, Chef Cliff and his staff in the kitchen for the amazing luncheon, and Rev. Melanie Carey, Rev. George Covintree, Rev. Robert Roth, Rev. Dr. Wes Brun, Rev. Dr. William Ritter for their time, words and support. We appreciate everyone in are Nardin Park church family who has shown so much love to us and gave generous donations for the church and the Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Love, Carolyn, Cynthia (Kubert) and Kathryn Bough.

Did you know that Nardin Park has a "medical equipment closet?" Walkers, shower chairs, wheel chairs and crutches are some of the items that have been donated for use free of charge if you find yourself in need. Just contact the church office to borrow this equipment for as long as necessary, then return when it is no longer needed.



### Nardin Park Memorial Garden



The Nardin Park Memorial Garden is a sacred and quiet place located in the inside center of the building. You can enter through doors located by the multi-purpose room (If locked, feel free to open). Visitors are welcome to come in at any time. If you are having a crazy day and seeking a place for a respite or quiet moment, please come in and sit on one of the benches to gather your thoughts. If you need some prayerful meditation, walk through and seek solace in Gods garden. If fellowship hall on Sunday is a little too busy for your child, bring them for a walk to see the pretty flowers and get a breath of fresh air. If you want to spend time with loved ones interred in the garden, come, sit and share your thoughts and prayers. This is a garden for all the people of Nardin Park. We invite you to visit it often.



#### Attention Golfers

The Samaritan Counseling Center Golf Outing is coming up soon, on Friday, June 14. If you are interested in playing in or supporting this annual charity event--see Jon Carey or Al Fletcher for more information, at a table in Mercer hall following Sunday Service





# MUSIC AT THE PARK

## WEDNESDAYS @ 8PM

July 10, 8PM  
**Dave Bennett Jazz Quartet**



Dave Bennett is a clarinet virtuoso who plays electric guitar, piano, drums, AND vocalizes. Saluting Swing to Rock: covering music from the Swing Era to early Rockabilly and Country, to Elvis Presley and more. Visit [davebennett.com](http://davebennett.com) for more info.

July 17, 8PM  
**Orchard Lake Philharmonic**



The Orchard Lake Philharmonic is a community orchestra conducted by Norman A. Logan. They entertain audiences throughout the season playing a wide range of music including classical as well as more modern pieces. Visit [orchardlakephil.org](http://orchardlakephil.org) for more info.

July 31, 8PM  
**Bob Milne  
 Ragtime Pianist**



Bob Milne is considered to be the best ragtime/boogie-woogie pianist in the world. Playing in concert halls since 1991, Mr. Milne plays worldwide every year and is an active Musical Ambassador for the United States Department of State. Visit [www.bobmilne.com](http://www.bobmilne.com) for more info.

July 24, 8PM  
**Chelsea House Orchestra**



Celtic with a Kick!

Chelsea House Orchestra (CHO) provides a varied and colorful performance repertoire with the majority of the music derived from traditional Celtic sources. However, other folk music sources are used to provide students with an eclectic musical experience. Visit [chelseahouseorchestra.org](http://chelseahouseorchestra.org) for more info.



Join us for

# FELLOWSHIP



## FILMGOERS

SUNDAY  
JUNE 23 @ 7PM  
MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

We will be discussing “Penguins”, “The Best of Enemies” & “Poms”.

Please see the movies on your own and then join us for a discussion!

## JOY (JUST OLDER YOUTH)

WEDNESDAY  
JUNE 12 @ 11AM  
FELLOWSHIP HALL

This will be our last meeting until the fall. Bob and Marilyn Elliott will open the program with the topic of ‘Finding Joy’. Our speaker will be Mary Anne Duluk, Dorothy Moore’s sister. She will be bringing landscape, special effects and picture quilts and talking about them. We welcome any newcomers to join us for a time of reflection, fellowship, and food. A catered lunch will be served at noon. Call the church office or Mary Glenn for reservations. The group meets once a month on the second Wednesday. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Glenn (248) 380-9837.

The Nardin Park Fellowship groups are open to all of our friends and neighbors, including those we haven't met yet!

For more information about any of our fellowship groups, please call the church office  
248-476-8860.

Church Office Hours

Monday-Friday

8:30AM-4:30PM



The people heard in their own languages.

Pentecost means fifty days after Passover



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3000 baptized and added to the church



# Children's Spiritual Guidance

Sunday 10:00 a.m.

Children 3 1/2 years and older begin in worship.

~10:10 a.m. they move

to



their "Godly Play" room second floor.

## June Theme:

### We Are A Church Family

"An abundance of grace was at work among them all." Acts 4:33

June 9

### **Pentecost**

Acts 2:1-41  
(Holy Communion)

June 16

### First Called Christians

Acts 11:19-30

Missions - P,B, and J Sandwich Making  
Friday, June 28 7:00 p.m. at Nardin  
  
Coming: Tuesday, July 16 or Saturday, July 20  
RE: Generation families are preparing and serving dinner to our S.O.S. guests.  
Sign-up for the date that works for you!

# WAYS TO PRAY WITH KIDS

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### NIGHT & MORNING PRAYERS

Build in prayer times in kids' routines. Ask them what they'd like to pray about and listen.



### PRAYER ROCKS

Go on a walk and find rocks of all different shapes and sizes. Then take chalk pens and google eyes and decorate the rocks. Then go on a prayer mission and leave these rocks in public places and pray together for whoever might see this rock. Or even give these prayer rocks to people who need a blessing.



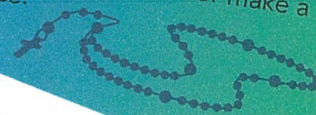
### PRAYERBALL

Get a beach ball and with your child draw pictures of things to pray for, such as pets, friends, etc. Have a fun time tossing the beach ball to each other and when someone catches the beach ball they can pray for the picture or word touched by a thumb.



### PRAYER BEADS

Have fun letting them choose wooden beads and string and even decorate the beads with paint pens or sharpies with things they'd like to pray for. Then let them place them using a key ring on their backpack or make a bracelet or necklace.



### AMBULANCE PRAYER

Stop to pray every time you hear an ambulance, police car, or fire truck.





The Farmington Farmers & Artisans Market is an outdoor seasonal weekly market operated by the City of Farmington for the enjoyment of the citizens of Farmington and surrounding communities. The market is located in downtown Farmington at the Walter E. Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park and operates Saturdays, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm, May through October. Please feel welcome to discover and enjoy the many treasures of the Farmington community.



Celebrate the longest day of the year, the Summer Solstice (June 21), at Heritage Park! Take a hayride through the park, enjoy roasting marshmallows around a campfire, explore the Nature Center, create a garden fairy door and art projects, and find out what makes this day so special with games and outdoor activities. A great way to celebrate the first day of summer with family and friends.

Register at <https://www.fhgov.com>

Explore the night sky with the Farmington Community Stargazers! Enjoy Monthly Star Parties at Heritage Park from April 16 through August 6. Star parties begin at dusk and last until about 90 minutes after sunset. Visitors of all ages will have the opportunity to observe the stars, planets, and other celestial objects through telescopes. Don't miss this unique opportunity to experience the park after dark.

[www.fcstargazers.org](http://www.fcstargazers.org)

