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LAUNCH TEAM CHALLENGE

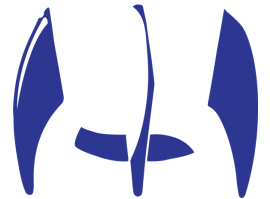


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#SHOWLOVE



Launch Team
2020



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The Launch Team is having a Fill a Food Truck Rally on September 14 from 5-9pm in an effort to Do Good for C.A.R.E.S. and Operation Common Good. As a way to reach out with kindness in the community and to encourage new people to come to the event, we challenged the congregation to purchase \$10 ticket vouchers to be handed out to strangers, people in need, or even our own neighbors. Our challenge was to match the Launch Team's donation of \$500 (or 50 tickets). In one Sunday, you not only matched our contribution, but you doubled it! God is good! We still have 2 more Sundays to donate to this awesome opportunity for outreach. Wouldn't it be incredible if we had 250 tickets to share with love in our community?!

Stop by our table in Fellowship Hall after the service to join in the Journey with Jesus!



Coming up in worship



September 1st

Rev. Karen Poole will be preaching on unity.

"We are One". Holy Communion will be celebrated.

Rachel Leftwich, Jim Allbery, Don and Peggy Babcock will provide music.

Pastor Lynn will serve as clergy liturgist and Dorcas Knox will serve as liturgist.

New Worship Series starting on September 8th: The Art of Neighboring

Who is our neighbor? What does Jesus say about being a neighbor? What does Jesus tell us about how to treat our neighbor? What does the Bible say about how we are to treat the stranger?

Our new worship series will explore these topics and more. Pastor Melanie will be teaching a 4 week one hour study on this same topic from 6 to 7 p.m. starting Tuesday September 17th.

(Sign up start week of Sept. 8th after worship)

September 8th

Rev. Melanie Carey will be preaching.

Won't you be my Neighbor?

Chancel Choir with Jaqueline Brown, soloist, Yalan Piao, Rachel Leftwich and Kyle Webber will provide music.

Susanna Brennan will serve as liturgist and Pastor George as the clergy liturgist

September 15th

Who really is my neighbor?

Pastor Melanie will be preaching.

Chancel Choir and Kyle Webber will provide music.

Coming up...

Connecting Group Sign up: September 15th

Bible Sunday: September 22nd

Acolyte Dedication: Sunday, September 29th

JOIN US

Sunday, September 8th: Ice Cream Sundaes
after worship in fellowship hall.

Sign up for Fall and Advent classes, mission
outreach efforts and more!

Extra!
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Grocery Store Give Away

On Sunday August 25th, Pastor Melanie challenged the congregation to raise at least \$2,000 to provide free groceries at Kroger to people in our neighborhood each day during the week before Thanksgiving. Several generous angels have stepped forward to help make this goal a reality.

If you would like to help make this happen, please contact Pastor Melanie Mcarey@nardinpark.org

Town Hall Meeting

September 22

11:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

Lunch and childcare provided.

Come hear all the latest news on construction, connecting groups, new worship service launch, and more.

Inviting All Readers

Evening Star, an intergenerational womens group, invites all ladies to our September 23 gathering at 7PM. We will be having a book discussion on two books relevant to the unfortunate events in the news recently.

The two fictional books are:

A Spark of Light: A Novel by Jodi Picoult

The author of Small Great Things returns with a powerful and provocative new novel about ordinary lives that intersect during a heart-stopping crisis at a Womens Center.

Shelter in Place by Nora Roberts

From Amazon - Shelter in Place (June 2018) — is a powerful tale of heart, heroism...and propulsive suspense.

Both books deal with a shooting crisis, but in different settings, and the ramifications that happen after a shooting.

We will discuss both the books as well as the crisis of shooting spree in America, and how these affect us as a country, as Christians and how it affects our view of safety and security.

The next Focus Hope food delivery is on Saturday October 12th, 5 drivers are needed to deliver food to seniors in the Pontiac area, so if you or your group have a vehicle large or small and have 2 hours on a Saturday morning please contact Robert Davis at 248-320-7147 or sign up after church in Mercer Hall in September.

Ice Cream Social

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After

Extra!
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JOY (Just Older Youth)

will meet on Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 11am in Fellowship Hall. This will be our first meeting of the fall. Al Knappenberger will lead our devotions and Laura Olson and Oakley will present our program on PAWS. 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.

Night @ The Park returns September 17th! Bring your friends!

Tuesday Night at the Park returns on September 17th. Dinner from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Study and music activities for all ages!

For everyone—Dinner from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m. (donations welcome)

For Youth—5:00 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Youth activities in the music suite, dinner at 6:30 p.m.

For young children—childcare from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Children's choirs and children's studies start at 5:55 p.m.
and continue until 7 p.m.

For Adults—6:00- 7 p.m.

study classes, FAME Bible Study at 7 p.m. Connecting group Stiches of Love starting October 15th 6- 7:30 p.m. and Adult Handbells at 7 p.m. in the music suite



Adult studies on Tuesday nights this Fall:
All studies are on Tuesday night 6-7 p.m.
Sign up on September 8th or email the church office.

-4 week study on Neighboring taught by Pastor Melanie. A companion to the September Art of Neighboring worship series. Study book by Jorge Acevedo. September 17th, 24th, October 1st and 15th.

-3 Week study taught by Pastor George. October, 22nd ,29th & Nov. 12th.

-4 Week Advent Study on Prayer taught by Wes Brun and Melanie Allbery. A companion to the Advent worship series on Prayer. Study book by Ray Buckley. November 19th, 26th, December 3rd and 10th.

Fall Rummage Sale!

Oct 8-10th

Set up: October 6
Furniture accepted after Labor Day
Jewelry accepted now in the church office!
For more information, contact Tina Jensen
248-478-7017

Connecting Groups are a great way to make new friends and to grow in faith. The VCI Discipleship Team is happy to announce that you can choose among eleven Connecting Groups this fall:

Sundays:

Connecting, Caring and Sharing

- Co-Leaders: Amy Dowell and Christine Scobel

Sundays after church, 11:30-1:00PM

Linking Faith to Current Events - Co-Leaders: Rev. Dr. Wes Brun

Sundays after church, 11:30-1:00PM

Tuesdays:

Maturing in Faith - Co-Leaders: Bob Docking and Rev. Marshall Dunlap

Every other Tuesday afternoon, 1:00-2:30, Gathering Space

Stitches of Love - Co-Leaders: Amy Dowell and Wendy Kastner

Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:30PM

Wednesdays:

Stitches of Love - Co-Leaders: Laura Olson and Susanne Carey

Wednesday mornings, 10:00-11:30AM

Pictures and Poetry - Co-Leaders: Liz King and Rev. Lynn Hasley

Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8:00PM

Grieving in Grace - Leader: Rachel Kain

Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:30PM

Thursdays:

BEYou-tiful in Spirit - Leader: Michelle Kreager

Every other Thursday afternoon, 1:30-3:00PM

Fridays or Saturdays:

Dinner Together - Co Leaders: Matt and Wendy Kastner

Once or twice a month dinners shared in homes or restaurants

Saturdays:

Message Dialogue Session Leader: Mike Marks

Saturday mornings, 10:00-11:30AM

Baker's Dozen (Bread-Baking) - Co-Leaders: Matt Kastner, Rev. Marshall Dunlap, Ken Dowell

Saturday before the First Sunday of Each Month, 9:00 - 10:30AM

Connecting Groups



Each group will have its own focus, but will also include time for dialogue about the Sunday message, sharing experiences and prayer. All of these groups will begin the week of October 13 and run through the end of November. Registration starts on September 15 after church as well as online. Contact Pastor Lynn (lynnhasley@gmail.com) or Dorothy Moore (Dorothy.Moore@yahoo.com) for more information.

Fall Rummage Sale

As we prepare for the Fall Rummage Sale which begins October 8th, the Rummage Sale Committee would like to share some of the good things your rummage sale donations are doing for Nardin Park and the community.

\$2,000 Church budget shortfall Fundraiser
\$500 Neighborhood House
\$500 Local Camp Scholarships
\$2,700 Park Place tables
\$1,400 Samaritan Center solar blinds
\$915 Conference Room solar blinds
\$5,400 The Avenue Sunday School improvements (continue to be work in progress)
\$7,500 Piano for music suite
\$575 Music Suite solar blinds
\$2,263 iPads for new worship
\$870 New music stands
\$1,000 Mulch for church grounds
Total: \$25,623

We will continue to improve and update Sunday School room, conference room multi-purpose room and the office work room.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped contribute to the Rummage Sale and hope to see you all October 8-10th for the Fall Rummage Sale!

Donations are more than welcome!

Thank you,
Tina Jensen



Children's Spiritual Guidance Sunday 10:00 a.m.

September 1 is the last Sunday for "One Room 'Godly Play'"

Fall classrooms begin September 8th!

Kindergarten through 5th Graders BEGIN IN WORSHIP
At ~10:10 a.m. they are guided to their 'Godly Play' rooms .
K - 1st Grade; 2nd - 3rd Grade and 4th - 5th Grade

Pre-schoolers go directly to their "Godly Play" room at 10 a.m.

Septembers Theme: Communities Welcome

This months memory verse: "The community of believers was of one heart and mind." Acts 4:32

September 1 - We Are One

1 Corinthians 12: 12 - 31

We each have a talent or gift
that can make the world a better place.

September 8 - Communities Accept

John 4: 1- 42

How do you show love to people who are different?



Blessing of the Backpacks

Jesus is with me



Did you get your keychain
on Sunday, August 25?!

If so great!

If not, there is one for you!
They'll be in your "Godly Play" room,
or see Pastor Karen.

Families pray this with your kids.
They can experience it more than once!

When it's the night before going to school and I'm making sure
I have all my school supplies...

Jesus is with me

When I am at school with my teachers and classmates

Jesus is with me

When I'm telling my family about my day at school...

Jesus is with me.

Thank you Jesus, for always being by my side. I know
that if I get nervous or afraid, you will be there with me.
When I see the cross on my backpack, I will remember
that you are always with me. I know that I can talk with
you any time - day or night - and for that I am so
thankful. I pray this all in your name. Amen.

**Mission: Friday, September 27, 7:00 p.m. in the Nardin Park kitchen -
P,B, and J Sandwich making!**



Tuesday Nights

Kids News - Night @ The Park

Begins - September 17th

No Night @ the Park October 8 or November 5

Last night this term December 10th

Food & Fun

5:30 Dinner



Time with family and friends.

Faith 'n Fun

6:00 - 6:25 p. m.

"The Avenue"
K - 2nd Graders

Music

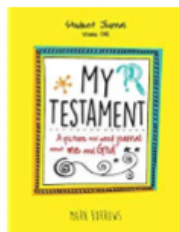
Choirs *(Music Suite)*



5:55 - 6:25 p. m. - Wesley 3rd - 5th Graders

6:30 - 6:55 p. m. - Cherub K - 2nd Graders

Study



Bible 345 - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Bible 345 Room - Second Floor
3rd - 5th Graders

Guiding kids through creative journaling
and Holy Conversation.

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Childcare Age 0 - 4yrs.

Toddler Room - first floor

All children are to be with their family during dinner time.

See weekly calendar for activities during Night @ the Park
for youth and adults.

Youth Connection

Common Ground - Sundays

6:00 - 7:30PM

COMMON GROUND IS OUR SUNDAY EVENING GATHERING FOR ALL YOUTH IN GRADES 6-12. COMMON GROUND CONSISTS OF A MEAL, SOME FUN TIME AND TIME OF GROWING IN OUR FAITH.

GRUB, GAMES, GROWTH. ALL YOUTH ARE WELCOME!

SEPTEMBER 8 WILL BE OUR FIRST MEETING. IT WILL BE PARENT'S NIGHT. WE WILL SERVE DINNER, GIVE YOU INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLANS FOR THE YEAR, ASK QUESTIONS, AND FILL OUT THE NECESSARY PAPERWORK. PLEASE BRING ANY SCHEDULES YOU MIGHT HAVE, BAND, SPORTS, VACATIONS, ETC. JOIN US!

DANCE CHOIR – SUNDAYS 5:00– 6:00PM

DANCE CHOIR IS OPEN TO ANYONE GRADES 5-12, WHO WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP THROUGH THE ART OF DANCE. PREVIOUS DANCE EXPERIENCE IS NOT REQUIRED, JUST THE DESIRE TO DANCE AS A FORM OF WORSHIP. WE WILL PRACTICE MOST SUNDAYS, AND PARTICIPATE IN WORSHIP 4 OR 5 TIMES DURING THE YEAR.

GRACE SPACE (NIGHT AT THE PARK FOR YOUTH) - TUESDAYS 5:00 – 6:30PM

THIS YEAR KYLE AND PASTOR BETH WILL BE WORKING TOGETHER ON TUESDAY EVENINGS. THERE WILL BE MUSIC REHEARSALS, DEVOTIONS AND MAYBE A SHORT GAME. IT'LL BE GOOD, PLAN TO BE THERE. WE WILL EAT DINNER TOGETHER AT 6:30.



Missions



Homeless/Low-Income Student School Supplies Donations Needed!

We want to make sure that ALL students have the school supplies they need for the first day of school and throughout the year.

Many families struggle to meet the day-to-day costs of housing and food demands, so purchasing these items is very challenging.

Last year we had over 180 homeless students and 27% of FPS families live at or below the poverty level!!!

Help us put a smile on these faces!

You can send/drop off
school supplies or monetary donations at office
listed below.

You may leave donations outside
our office door if we are not there

Hatty Ligon & Teresa Barrick, Homeless Dept.

Farmington Public School District

32789 W. Ten Mile Road (east

of Farmington Road, Room 3

Farmington, MI 48336

For questions, call:

248/426-2620 (Hatty) or 248/426-2745 (Teresa)

Crayons
pencils
spiral notebooks
Colored markers
pack of lined paper
dividers
Pocket folders
glue sticks,
erasers
Highlighters
rulers
index cards
Composition notebooks
scientific calculators
colored pencils
Headphones (in ear and over ear)
gym shoes

We will also be collecting donations at the church!

The VCI Express

An update on what is happening with the Vital Church Initiative at Nardin Park Church

August 30th, 2019 HEADLINE
Community Food Truck Rally Coming September 14th!



What has happened in last few weeks ?

- Phase I construction continues on restrooms and offices. It is on track and moving along well.
- 27 member launch team for new worship service plans a Food Truck Rally for our community on Saturday September 14th from 5- 9 p.m. on our front lawn!
- 18 Leaders are recruited and trained for new connecting groups. (small groups)
- Facilities team is finalizing plans for phase II (sanctuary) construction

What is coming up next?

- 11 New Connecting groups will launch October 15th. We have groups meeting every day of the week except for Mondays! Sign up will begin on September 15th after worship!
- Mark your calendar for next all church town hall meeting on September 22nd, 2019 right after worship until 1 p.m. Lunch and childcare provided.
- Launch team asking for your help in providing food truck vouchers for our community.
- Sanctuary construction. We don't have an official start date yet, but it is coming. More info at the September town hall meeting.

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.



VegMichigan's Free Festival!

When:

September 15, 2019 @ 11:00 am – 5:00 pm

Where:

Riley Park, Downtown Farmington

33113 Grand River Ave.

Farmington MI 48335

Cost: Free

15th Annual Harvest Moon Celebration

Each fall brings a season of discovery in Downtown Farmington – the cooler temperatures, longer shadows, wisps of woodsmoke and the Harvest Moon rising. Find yourself in our small town celebrating Michigan's most glorious season during the Harvest Moon Celebration. Plan your weekend with friends or come and make new ones. Join us outdoors at the Sundquist Pavilion in Riley Park as we say farewell to summer and festively ring in autumn for 3 nights– Thursday 9/19 through Saturday 9/21.



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.

