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NARDIN PARK NEWS

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God loves Multiplication

I was a good student in school. I did well in my classes but the class I found most challenging was math. My father was great at math and as an engineer, he would be able to do math problems easily in his head. Often, as he was helping me with my math homework, he would remind me that math is a form of logic. "It is a way of thinking to solve problems and find solutions" he would tell me.



While we don't usually think of God and math together, God loves multiplication. God's logic, God way of solving problems and finding solutions is through amazing math that multiplies the people involved, and the impact. For example, 5 loaves and 2 fish when put together with Jesus and prayer, feed over 5,000 people! Or one woman at the well, who meets Jesus, changes the hearts and minds of her entire village. God's math is about multiplying the impact and the number of people so that amazing things happen. Miracles happen with God's math and God's multiplication.

In October, we will begin our new worship series on multiplication as we continue to prepare for the new people God is sending to our congregation. Multiplication is also the theme of this year's stewardship emphasis. In a few weeks, you will be receiving, via USPS mail, your 2020 gratitude pledge card. You will be invited to return that card to the church on or by October 27th, our extravagant generosity Sunday. As we continue to learn about God's multiplication, let us also multiply our efforts to impact our community, nation and world through the amazing ministries of God's church.

Pastor Melanie

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Coming up in worship



September 29th

Pastor Beth will be preaching as we conclude our September sermon series on The Art of Neighboring. Beth's sermon will be on loving the stranger.

The Chancel Choir and the Nardin Park Ringers will bless us with their music. Dorcas Knox and Pastor Melanie will serve as liturgists, Emily Scobel as song leader and Andrew Moro and Bob Davis as our AV techs

October 6th

World Communion Sunday

Pastor Melanie will be preaching as we celebrate World Communion Sunday and kick off a new worship series called Multiply: Why God loves Multiplication. Chancel Choir and Kyle Webber will bless us with music. Dan Shea and Pastor Lynn will serve as liturgists, Rachel Leftwich will be our song leader and Amy Dowell and Bob Davis as our AV Techs

October 13th

Pastor Melanie will continue the Multiply worship series. Chancel Choir and Kyle Webber will provide music. Judy West and Pastor George will serve as liturgists and Rachel Kain will be our song leader. Derrick Teal and Bob Davis will be our AV Techs.

Coming up...Generosity Sunday, October 27.

Watch for your 2020 pledge card coming in the mail.

Bring your card to worship that day as we practice Extravagant Generosity, thanking God for all that God does for us.

Extra!
Extra!



Extra!
Extra!

On behalf of the Staff-Parish Relations Committee, It is my duty to inform the congregation that our pastor of children's ministries, the Reverend Karen Poole, will be retiring at the end of December. Karen first served Nardin Park from 1993-1997 as our associate pastor. After her official retirement from the appointive ministry in 2006, she came back to Nardin Park on a direct-hire basis to lead our children's ministries. Because of the Godly Play curriculum that Karen introduced, Nardin Park's children have grown up learning about God and the Bible in new and exciting ways. Karen's husband, Gary, has been an important part of our congregation as well. His I.T. and photography skills will certainly be missed. Karen and Gary have purchased a home in Big Rapids, where their daughter and her family live. They are very excited for the opportunity to spend more time with their grandchildren.

Toward the end of the year, the committee will be hosting a retirement reception in Karen's honor.

Children's ministries have always been important in the life of Nardin Park, and we are committed to continuing that tradition. As soon as a decision has been made regarding future staffing for this vital ministry area, we will let you know.

In Christ,
Andy Wayne
Staff-Parish Relations Chair

Evening Star Cookie Night

Evening Star (an inter-generational womens group) invites all ladies of the church to our October 28th meeting. We will meet in the church kitchen at 7PM to bake and decorate cookies. Cookie dough will be provided, but if you have a favorite recipe, please feel free to bring some cookie dough with you!! Sampling will be allowed! Cookies can be taken to neighbors, home-bound members or someone who could use a little sweetness in their life. We will be packaging cookies for our ministers and care team to take on their visits that week. Come and join the fun and fellowship of baking together for a good cause.

Due to Thanksgiving, Evening Star's November meeting will be on November 18.

Focus Hope

The next Focus Hope food delivery is on Saturday October 12th, 1 driver is 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.

Motor City Music Together @ Nardin Park

Motor City Music Together will be offering music and movement classes at Nardin Park on Thursdays at 10:30am this fall for a 10-week session. Each week families will enjoy the award-winning Music Together program that has helped adults to support their children's musical, social, and emotional development. To learn more, visit motorcitymusictogether.com

FilmGoers

Our next meeting is on Oct. 27th at 7:00pm.
We will be discussing "The Goldfinch" & "Once Upon a Time...in Hollywood".

Please see the movies on your own and then join us for a lively discussion. Any questions, please contact Wes Brun. wesbrun@gmail.com



Extra!
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The purpose of the Cares & Prayers ministry is to foster the prayer life of Nardin Park. We have a general prayer focus for people and the church.

Prayers and praying should be a part of everything we do. We need everyone in the church to pray and be mindful of each other. Watch for a prayer focus that will appear in each Sunday bulletin and will also be emailed and shared on social media!

Upcoming Cares & Prayers Events

Prayer class

Tuesday nights: Nov. 19 & 26, Dec. 3 & 10
6-7pm

Led by Wes Brun and Melanie Allbery

Prayer Breakfast

Sunday morning, January 12, 2020 at 9am

Night @ The Park is BACK!

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 6:00 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

First AME Bible Study at 7 p.m.

Connecting group Stitches of Love starting October 15th 6- 7:30 p.m.

Adult Handbells at 7 p.m. in the music suite



Loose Coin Schedule

September – Pastor's Discretionary Fund – There are times in ministry when there is a great need for a person or group of people that is not met through our general giving. This funds allows pastors to respond in a timely manner to people in need.

October – Redford Aldersgate Food Pantry – Redford Aldersgate United Methodist Church serves the community through their Food 4 U program. They collect and provide food to people in need. They will also be receiving our Harvest Altar Sunday donations on Nov. 17th.

Fall Rummage Sale!



Oct 8th 6-8PM (pre-sale)

Oct 9th 9-5PM

Oct 10th 9-3PM (Bag Sale)

Set up: October 6

(Pizza lunch for those staying to help set up!)

Donations welcome!

Jewelry accepted in the church office!

For more information, contact Tina Jensen

248-478-7017

2019 Operating Budget Fundraiser

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

In response to the mid-June letter requesting Fundraiser contributions for the Operating Budget, through September 23, 2019 we have received \$13,145. Our goal by December 31 is to raise at least \$55,000. Various questions have been asked related to this Fundraiser, and here are the answers.

Don't offering plate contributions fully fund the operating budget?

Not any longer. This is a trend Nardin Park and most other churches are experiencing. For example, during the past two and one-half years, a number of long-time Nardin Park members who were substantial donors have passed away. Thus, annual contributions are reduced more than \$52,000.

We received a large bequest; why don't we use \$55,000 of that?

A comprehensive funding plan for use of the Elaine Haskell Bequest was adopted by church council that is designed both to improve and maintain Nardin Park's facility, as well as support growth by enhancing current and future programs. That plan set aside nearly 40% of the bequest to fund annual operating budgets. \$50,000 of this amount was allocated directly to the 2019 operating budget. The balance is invested to generate income for use annually in future Operating Budgets.

Why did we donate \$50,000 to Cass United Methodist Church?

During planning for how to use the Haskell Bequest, the church council, finance and trustees unanimously agreed, in the spirit of Christian charity, it would be appropriate to share some part of this gift outside of Nardin Park.

When the need at Cass arose, the authorized committees decided that such a contribution, which was only 1.67% of the total Bequest received, was appropriate.

Why are we spending money on remodeling the building?

In order to grow our church, we need to update our 55 year old facility. Church Council, Finance and Trustees have allocated up to \$1.3 million out of the bequest to update our facilities.

Why did we create 3 new part time program staff positions?

Recent part time hires were made to better position Nardin Park for growth. One staff position is being paid, this year, entirely from a grant we received from a source outside of Nardin Park and the 2 other positions are being paid from funds from the Haskell Bequest. These costs are not being paid from the operating budget.

Your Finance Committee,

GEORGE WALKER, CHAIRPERSON

Connecting Groups



When do they start?
The week of October 13th

How to sign up:

- At a table after service
- Contact Rev. Lynn Hasley LHasley@nardinpark.org
- SignUpGenius (link below)

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044FA9AD2BA2F85-nardin>



Amy
Dowel



Christine
Scobel

Connecting, Caring and Sharing

Sundays
11:30am-1pm

Location:
First floor nursery area

A group for caregivers-spouses, family, children with extra needs. Connect with others in similar situations as we discuss the highs and lows of caring for our loved ones and ourselves, as well as gaining the strength for advocacy.



Rachel
Kain



Carolyn
Bough

Grieving in Grace

Wednesdays
7-8:30pm

Location:
Parlor

This group is for anyone who has experienced the death of a loved one at any time in life and who wishes to give and receive support by talking, sharing and learning together.



Amy
Dowel



Wendy
Kastner

Stitches of Love Evening Group

Tuesdays
6-7:30pm

Location:
Park Place

Are you a person who knits or crochets? Or perhaps you'd like to learn? You can find a group of new friends, perhaps create something to keep or share, and reflect together on faith and life.



Susanne
Carey



Laura
Olsen

Stitches of Love Morning Group

Wednesdays
9:30-11:30am

Location:
Multi Purpose Room

Loving Hands will keep your hands busy, introduce you to a new skill and perhaps new friends. This group will continue 'Bea's Busy Bees' by sewing personal hygiene products for women and girls in East Africa as well as knitting or crocheting shawls for home bound or hospitalized persons



Michelle Kreager

Be YOU-tiful

Every other Thursday
1:30-3pm

Location:
Park Place

An opportunity to find the beauty within your spirit as you connect with other women over prayer, book studies, guest speakers, crafts and more. This group will begin October 3rd and meet every other week through May 7th, with a brief break near Christmas.



Matt & Wendy
Kastner

Dinner Together

Fridays or Saturdays
Evenings

Location:
Group member homes
or restaurants

A great chance to make friends and share a meal, rotating among homes of group members, as the host each month chooses the theme and provides the main dish (or chooses a restaurant). We may form more than one Dinner Together Group if needed!



Arlene & Mike
Marks

Reflections & Dialogue

Saturdays
10:30-12pm

Location:
Gathering Place

This group will welcome people of all ages into helpful conversations about faith and life, building off the themes discussed in worship the previous Sunday.



Matt
Kastner



Rev. Marshall
Dunlap

Bakers Dozen

Saturday before the first
Sunday of each month
10/5, 11/2, 11/30
9-12pm

Location:
Church kitchen

Do you know how to bake bread? Would you like to learn? Once a month bread bakers Matt and Marshall will lead a group in baking loaves of bread that may be used for outreach, hospitality, and even Holy Communion. You are welcome to be a part of the work and the friendly conversation.

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 begins on September 15.

We are happy to schedule child care for groups as needed.

Contact Pastor Lynn at LHasley@nardinpark.org



Indicates childcare already scheduled



Rev. Dr. Wes
Brun



Rev. Marshall
Dunlap

Linking Faith to Current Events

Sundays
11:30am-1pm

Location:
Parlor

Interested in exploring how our faith connects with today's headlines and the themes beneath those headlines? Group members will seek sensitive and caring approaches to understanding our complex world.



Bob
Docking



Rev. Marshall
Dunlap

Maturing in Faith

Every other Tuesday
1-2:30pm

Location:
Multi Purpose Room

A discussion group which takes a deeper look at the scriptures and sermons raised by our pastors, including how these themes interact with daily living.



Rev. Lynn
Hasley



Liz King

Pictures & Poetry

Wednesdays
6-7:30PM

Location:
Park Place

Do you enjoy taking pictures? Are there some poems that speak to you (or perhaps you even have written a poem or two)? Each week members of this group will bring in one picture and one poem to share with the group, sometimes growing out of the sermon assignments for the previous week.

Most groups will end the last week of November.



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

Kindergarten through 5th Graders BEGIN IN WORSHIP
~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.

All Rooms are on the second floor.

Septembers Theme: Communities Welcome

Septembers memory verse:

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind." **Acts 4:32**

September 29 - **Children Contribute**

John 6:1-15

What can you do for your community?

Octobers Theme:

Community Foundations

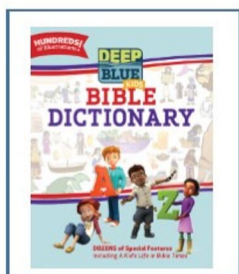
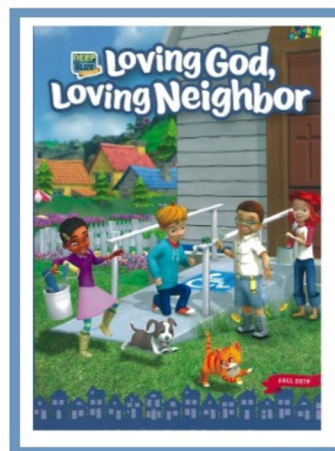
Octobers memory verse: *"I'll be with you."* **Exodus 3:12**

October 6

Call to Freedom

Exodus 2:11 - 3:22; 5:2 - 13:9

Have you ever been asked to do something hard?



There is a

Deep Blue Bible Dictionary for your family!

Many children received a Bible Dictionary for their family, on Sunday, September 22nd.
If you were not here on the 22nd, please check-in with your child's "Godly Play" leader.

There is a Dictionary for you in their room.

More than one child in your family? Check in the room of the youngest.

**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

No gathering - Tuesday, October 8th

Also no Night @ the Park 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

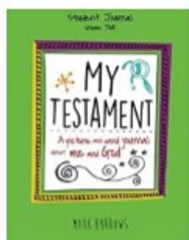
Choirs *(Music Suite)*



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 - 6:55 p.m.

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

Guiding kids through creative journaling
and Holy Conversation.

6:00 - 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

FUN FALL EVENING!

Hayride and campfire for youth and their families.

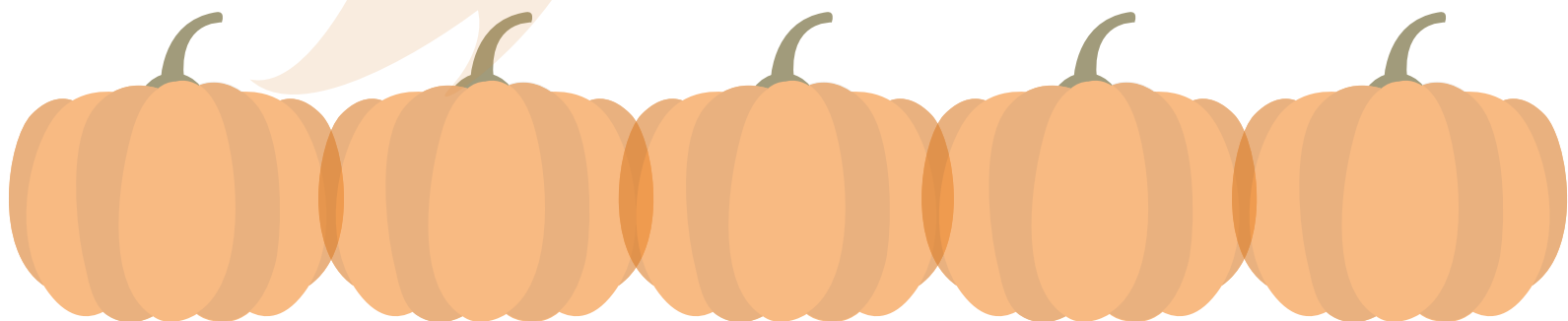
Oct 6, 5-8pm in Heritage Park

Join us for hot dogs, s'mores, donuts and cider around the fire. There will be a hayride from 6-7pm for up to 60 people. Come and have a good time with friends and neighbors.

Questions ask Beth, btitus@nardinpark.org

Trunk or Treat 2019

Mark your calendars now for the annual Trunk or Treat...Sunday, October 27,



Night @ The Park Menu

October 1
Dinner Rolls
Salad Bar
Dessert

October 15
Dinner Rolls
Salad
Swedish Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes
Peas and Carrots
Dessert

October 22
Salad
Dinner Rolls
Chili
Chicken Chili
Dessert

October 29
Tacos
Mexican Rice
Fiesta Corn
Dessert

November 12
Salad
Dinner
Rolls
Baked Chicken
Rice Pilaf
Mixed Veggies
Dessert

November 19
Salad
Dinner Rolls
Ham
Turkey
Green Bean Casserole
Mashed Potatoes
Dessert

JOIN US TUESDAYS
FOR
NIGHT @ THE PARK

VCI Express



What has happened:

- Church town hall meeting was held on September 22nd. You can watch it online on NP's facebook page.
- Phase I of the construction (New restrooms, offices and children's classroom) is scheduled to be completed this week!
- Phase II of the construction (Sanctuary) started last week and we hope to be back in the sanctuary in early December!

What is coming up:

- Carolyn Bough is the new coordinator of the Governance Team. This team will be bringing a new streamlined church governance structure to church council, then nominations will begin its work to nominate leaders for the new structure. New leaders will begin serving June 1st, 2020.
- New worship service is on target to launch on Sunday morning March 1st, 2020. It will be at 9 a.m. and will be band led and less formal than our current service. On March 1st, 2020, our current worship service will move from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. and it will be choir led and much as it is now in format and formality. Children's Ministries (Godly Play/Deep Blue) will be available during both services. Coffee hour will be in between the services.
- Our Music Minister, Kyle Webber, is working on forming the band for the 9am worship service. If you are interested, please contact him directly at KWebber@nardinpark.org



FARMINGTON CONSIDERS PUBLIC SPACE, PAST, PRESENT, FUTURE.

Farmington Civic Theater

Tuesday, October 1 | 7:00pm

Join us for a lively, informative, community-focused discussion. Free popcorn provided!

Questions: kknight@farmgov.com

PRESENTERS INCLUDE:



Mayor Steve Schneemann
Architect, Urbanist,
Principal
S3 Architecture



Sue Grissim
of Grissim Metz and
Associates, Landscape
Architect, Design Lead on
past and future streetscapes
in Farmington, local and
national consultant



Mark Nickita
Commissioner,
Former Mayor, Architect,
Urbanist, Principal,
Archive DS



Kate Knight
Executive Director,
Farmington Downtown
Development Authority



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Star Wars Reads Day

Join us for our annual celebration of all things Reading and Star Wars! We're bringing back your favorites, like costume contests, crafts, and games. Plus, we have a brand new Star Wars Escape Room. As always, there are plenty of chances to win prizes! Main Library: Saturday, October 5, 1-4 p.m.

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.

