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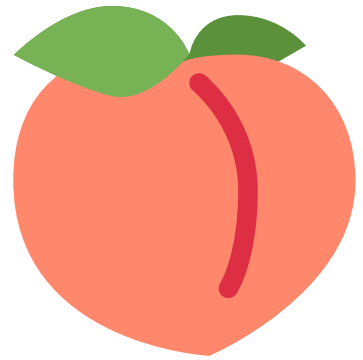
NARDIN PARK NEWS



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It is Now Our Turn.... Generosity Sunday



There is a story about an eighty year old man who was found by his friend to be planting a very small, short peach tree. The friend asked, "What kind of tree is that?" "Why that's a peach tree," he said. "I love to eat peaches." His friend said, "You're a crazy fool. You'll never live to see that tree bear fruit. What do you think you are doing?" The man replied, "Somebody planted peach trees and I love peaches. I have been eating peaches all my years because of planted peach trees. And so I am planting this peach tree for somebody else to enjoy the fruit of this tree in the future."

Isn't this the whole point of being the church? We are planting trees for someone else to be able to enjoy the fruit. That is the mission of Jesus Christ that we are called to. It is the kind of extravagant generosity that Jesus invites us to be a part of: planting trees for the future, so that others can know Him, and enjoy the fruit, and that in turn they too will plant trees for future generations.

A week ago, our 2020 pledge cards were mailed out. **This Sunday, Oct. 27th, you are invited to return them during our worship service**, or if you are not able to be present on Sunday, you can mail them into the church office or drop them off. Think of the pledge card as a tree, and our act of filling it out is like planting a tree for the future. May we respond with extravagant generosity, remembering that others before us planted trees so that we could enjoy fruit, and others before us helped us to know Jesus. It is now our turn to help Jesus be known.

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Pastor Melanie



Coming up in worship



Our worship theme for October through Thanksgiving is Multiplication as we focus on how we partner with God to multiply the impact of God's love through our congregation. Look for the x's throughout the church, the times sign, as a reminder that God Loves Multiplication!

Sunday, October 27th

Generosity Sunday!

Bring your 2020 Pledge Cards.

Pastor Melanie will be preaching about Extravagant Generosity as we all help multiply God's impact through the ministries and mission of this church.

Chancel Choir, Wesley and Children's choirs
will be providing music along with Kyle Webber.

Sunday November 3rd

All Saints Sunday and Holy Communion.

We will celebrate the memory of church members and loved ones who have died. We will share in holy communion. We will continue our multiply worship series. Pastor Melanie will be preaching on having a Kingdom Perspective. Chancel Choir and Kyle Webber will be providing music

Sunday November 10th

Pastor Beth will be preaching on multiplying leaders, as we continue our multiply sermon series.

Nardin Park Ringers and Kyle Webber will provide music.

Daylight Savings time is Sunday Nov. 3rd
Don't forget to turn your clocks back an hour
on Saturday night, Nov. 2nd



Reconciling Ministries

Q&A



Nardin Park's Reconciling Ministry team hosted three all-congregation "Holy Conferencing" informational opportunities this summer in preparation for our consideration to become a reconciling church. With feedback from the congregation who attended, the team has written a welcome statement for Nardin Park Church.

Recognizing that all church members were not able to attend one of these events, we are sharing the Welcome Statement and answers to questions you might have. Also recognizing that we do not know all of your questions, you are invited to come to "A Discussion on the Reconciling Congregation Decision," **Sunday, Nov. 3, immediately after worship in Mercer Hall.** Pastor Melanie and members of the reconciling ministry team will be available to answer your questions.

The Welcome Statement proposed for congregational vote is:

Nardin Park UMC celebrates that everyone is created in God's image and is of sacred worth. We welcome all into full participation in our church without regard to age, race culture, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, family configuration, religious background, socio-economic situation, citizenship, language and/or ability.

Q and A regarding the new welcome statement and Reconciling Ministries

Why do we need an official Welcoming Statement, I thought we already believed God loves everyone?

Because of the decisions made by the General Conference this past February, as well as the non-binding straw poll vote taken by the Michigan Annual Conference in May, leaders in our congregation felt that we at Nardin Park needed to be explicitly clear, especially with our neighbors, about who we believe God loves and who we are as a congregation.

If adopted, how will this welcome statement affect Nardin Park Church?

Day to day activities and ministries would not change. What would change is that this statement would become the official welcome statement of our church and Nardin Park would become an official reconciling congregation and would join the world-wide Reconciling Ministries Network (RMN). The statement would be printed on the front of our Sunday bulletin, we could use the RMN logo on our electronic sign and we would continue to honor the full participation in our church of every one of God's children.

What does "full participation" mean?

Full participation means:

- Sacraments: Baptism, Communion, Marriage
- Pathway to membership
- Pathway to ministry

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Reconciling ministries continued

Have we had any people leave Nardin Park because we are considering becoming a reconciling congregation?

Faithful United Methodists do not all agree on matters of human sexuality and we at Nardin Park also do not all agree on these matters. We don't have to agree to be in the same congregation. Over the summer, our Reconciling Ministries Team hosted three holy conversations where people were invited to talk with one another about what they believe about human sexuality.

We currently know of some persons who have officially indicated that they are no longer attending Nardin Park Church because they are not in agreement with the welcome statement and its theological implications.

We also know that some people have decided to start attending Nardin Park Church because of our welcome statement and its theological implications. In addition, we know of some people who have indicated they do not agree with the welcome statement but they are not going to leave the church over it.

Will there be a congregational vote on this welcome statement?

Yes. There will be two opportunities to vote on the welcome statement. The first will be Sunday, Nov. 17, right after the worship service during a special congregational meeting. The vote will be by ballot. This will be a NON-BINDING straw poll vote.

What is a non-binding straw poll vote? Why are we doing a straw poll vote?

It is a vote that simply helps us to understand where the church stands at this particular moment on this particular matter. Because it is a straw poll vote, the results are not binding on the congregation. A straw poll vote is advised from many other churches who have also done this same voting process on these same matters.

Will there be an official vote that is binding? If so, when?

Yes. The second and official vote will be at a future date determined by the reconciling ministries team in consultation with our church council. It will be announced and explained and will also be a ballot vote taken during a congregational meeting after worship.

Who can vote in the straw poll and in the official vote?

Full members, affiliate members and retired clergy who have made Nardin Park their church home are eligible to vote.

Can I vote if I am not present for the congregational meeting?

No. In the United Methodist Church, in order to vote you must be present at the meeting.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, Nov. 3, Mercer Hall, immediately after worship: "Discussion on Reconciling Congregation Decision"

Sunday, Nov. 17, Mercer Hall, immediately after worship: Straw poll vote to help the reconciling ministry team understand the congregation's response to becoming a reconciling church.



Extra!
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Cares & Prayers

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.

The Prayer Focus for this week is:
Everyday life is an exquisite gift. What would it look like to really pay attention to that gift today?

Upcoming Cares & Prayers Events

Prayer class

Tuesday nights:

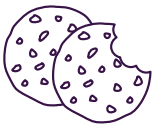
Nov. 19 & 26, Dec. 3 & 10

6-7pm

Led by Wes Brun and
Melanie Allbery

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.

BAND MEMBERS NEEDED!

It's time to start forming the band for our new worship service set to launch on March 1, 2020. We're looking for vocalists, guitar players, bass players and drummers. Band rehearsals will be on Thursday nights from 6-7:15 beginning in January 2020. Auditions will be held in early January with the goal of starting rehearsals in late January. If you are interested or know someone who would be interested, please contact Kyle Webber, Director of Music (kwebber@nardinpark.org).



FilmGoers

Our next meeting is on Oct. 27th at 7:00pm.

We will be discussing "The Goldfinch" & "Once Upon a Time...in Hollywood" & "Judy".

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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Job Posting Children's Ministries



Nardin Park seeks a part time (20 hours per week) Minister/Director of Children's Ministries. Position includes providing comprehensive spiritual guidance and programming for nursery through 5th graders in a growing and diverse congregation. Main responsibilities include children's education programming on Tuesday evenings and Sunday mornings, as well as Tuesday staff meeting and special events throughout the year (Easter Egg Hunt) Experience with Children's education preferred. See complete job description here

www.nardinpark.org/employment-opportunities

Anticipated start date January 1, 2020. Interested candidates may apply with resume and cover letter to: Nardin@nardinpark.org
Applications will be received through October 25th, 2019.

November 17th Harvest Altar Sunday

This is an annual Sunday for collecting food to help stock local food banks with extra food for the holidays. On Nov 10th, purple bags will be handed out after worship that morning. These are to help you remember to collect and return the bag with non-perishable food items. If you don't have a purple bag you can still bring food to be donated. This year food will be delivered to Redford Aldersgate Church in Redford and C.A.R.E.S. in Farmington Hills.



Loose Coin Schedule



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.

JOY

JOY (Just Older Youth) will meet on Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 11am in Fellowship Hall. Dorothy Moore will lead our devotions. Since this year celebrates the 100th anniversary of Veterans Day, we will be honoring veterans. Several veterans in our group will share with us some of their experiences while serving in the military. 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.



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.



KIDS IN MISSION

Sunday Morning
October 27

"Blessing Bags"
are being assembled by
the children during "Godly Play".

The Bags are shared Sunday night, October 27 at "Trunk or Treat" - 6 - 6:30 p.m.
to give to those in need. And with the congregation on Sunday, November 3rd.

November Theme: Stories that Shape Our Faith Community

November memory verse:

"Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey. (Psalm 119:105)

November 3

*Children are guided to the major worship area
to receive Holy Communion, they then return to the second floor.

"Adam and Eve" - Genesis 2: 10 - 3:24

God created humans to help take care of the earth.



SPECIAL NOTE : During the last fifteen minutes of "Godly Play" in November
the children are practicing their parts for the Children's Musical
"The Reluctant Innkeeper" to be presented in worship Sunday, December 15th.

Mission: Friday, October 25, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
P.B. & J Sandwich making and Game Night. Fun and Fellowship for all!



At Home with GOD

ALL HANDS ON DECK
NOVEMBER 2019

This Month: We hear Stories That Shape Our Faith Community.

This month we will be hearing stories that shape our faith community—the story of creation where God asks Adam and Eve to care for creation, the story of Noah and the Flood where God promises to never hurt humans or creatures, the story of Daniel in the lion’s den where Daniel’s faith in God helps him be brave, and the story of Jonah and the fish where God gives Jonah a second change to

show love to people Jonah considers his enemies. These stories help us learn more about God’s character and how we can live well in creation with other humans, animals, and plants knowing that God is always with us no matter how many chances we might need.

Week

1 Bible Story:
Adam and Eve
(Genesis 2:4b–3:24)

Bible Story Focus:
God created humans to help
take care of the earth.

Wonder Together:
How do you care for creation?

Week

2 Bible Story:
Noah and the Flood
(Genesis 6:13–9:17)

Bible Story Focus:
We can remember the promise
God made to humans and
creatures every time we see a
rainbow.

Wonder Together:
What reminds you of God’s
promises?

Week

3 Bible Story:
Daniel and the Lions
(Daniel 6:1–28)

Bible Story Focus:
Prayer gives us a way to talk to
God whenever and wherever
we are. Praying can help us be
brave.

Wonder Together:
Who helps you be brave?

Week

4 Bible Story:
Jonah and the Fish
(Book of Jonah)

Bible Story Focus:
God gives us unlimited
chances to show God’s love to
others, even to people unlike
us.

Wonder Together:
When has someone given you
a second chance?

Memory Verse

Your word is a lamp before my feet and a light for my journey. (Psalm 119:105)

Pray Together

Dear God, thank you for the stories of Adam, Eve, Noah, Daniel, and Jonah. They show us how to live well. Amen.

Youth Connection

TRUNK OR TREAT

**PLEASE JOIN US ON
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2019**

SCHEDULE

5:30 – 6:00PM:

• REGISTRATION & DECORATING OF CARS.

6:00 – 6:30PM:

- TRUNK OR TREATING.**
- COMPETITION JUDGING**
- CIDER AND DONUTS**

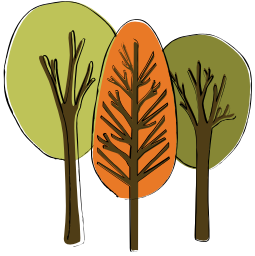
6:30 PM

• PRIZES AWARDED

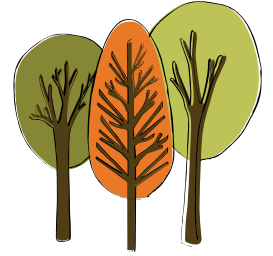
**Join us for the “Boo Good” opportunity!
Help fill Blessing Bags to give to people who are in
need that we see and want to help but don't
always know how.**



Youth Connection



Night @ The Park for Youth



IN CASE YOU HAVEN'T HEARD- THE YOUTH PROGRAM FOR NIGHT @ THE PARK HAS CHANGED THIS YEAR. FROM 5:00 - 6:30, WE HAVE "GRACE SPACE, " WHICH IS FLEXIBLE. KYLE AND BETH ARE WORKING TOGETHER. WE START WITH DEVOTIONS OR A GAME AT 5:00, ABOUT 5:20 WE RING HAND BELLS AND THEN AROUND 6ISH, MAYBE A LITTLE EARLIER WE HAVE CHOIR. IF YOU HAVEN'T BEEN TO NIGHT @ THE PARK, PLEASE JOIN US. IT'S FUN!! (THERE WILL BE NO NIGHT @ THE PARK ON NOV 5TH, ELECTION DAY).



COMPASSION BAKE SALE

For 5 years, the youth of Nardin Park have been supporting a teenager in Haiti through Compassion International. It costs \$38/month, plus gift money for her Birthday and Christmas, to support Love-Darlie, who lives in northern Haiti. Plus we send cards and notes to encourage her in her faith and education.

Love- Darlie is 18 and in the 10th grade, in Haiti, that is really an accomplishment. We would like to help her get through high school. On Nov. 24th, we will be hosting a bake sale to raise the money to support her.
Total funds needed: \$500

Launch Team Party Events

Join the Launch Team as we gather in a spirit of invitation. Each of these events are opportunities to encourage new faces to join in the beautiful connections we have among us as fellow disciples of Christ.

You are welcome to join—and highly encouraged to bring a friend (or two)!

October 25th 7-9 pm:

PB&J and Game Night

Help make sandwiches for the homeless in Detroit followed by an hour of laughter and fun playing games with friends! Desserts will be provided. All ages are welcome.



November 23rd 5-9pm:

Movie and Potluck Night

Join us for grilled burgers and hotdogs and a delicious potluck spread! Then enjoy a family friendly movie, “Evan Almighty.” Bring a friend!



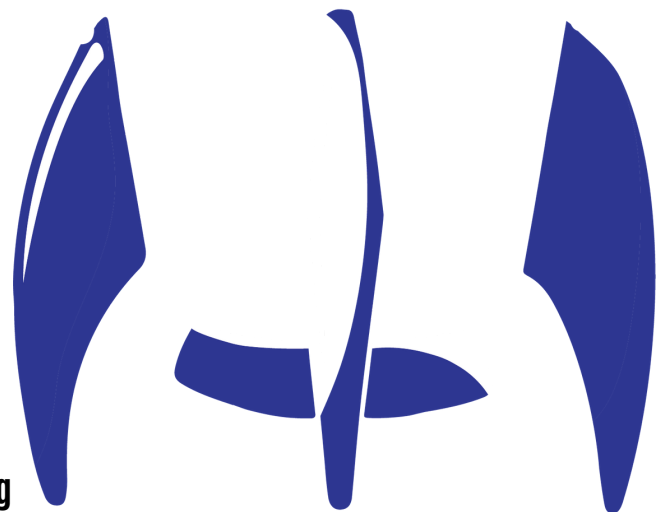
December 15th:

Cookie Decorating

2:30-3:30 and also following the concert:

Enjoy spreading love this Christmas season by decorating cookies to either enjoy or to share with others. Cookies and decorations provided. We hope to see you there!

Launch Team
2020



Questions? Contact Susanna Brennan: sbrennan@nardinpark.org

Night @ The Park Menu

**Dinner is served
Tuesday nights
5:30-6:45PM**

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

Please Note: There is no Night @ The Park on November 5th.

Donations are welcomed, but not required to attend this community dinner!



Rummage Sale



The Fall Rummage Sale succeeded even with construction all around! We made over \$9,325 in profits thanks to all of the volunteer hours, donations and purchases!

The biggest sorting was chaired by Sherry & Tim Wright along with Judy Blaney, Al Roberson, Linda McCraith, Peggy Aranowski, Marilyn & Bob Elliott, Janet & Richard Lefstad, Cathy Raffle and Dorothy Moore.

Previously Loved was more than loaded with treasures. Thank you to Gail & Tim Paul and Barb Kahl who were helped by Marion McCoy, Marilyn & Al Gibbs, and Lynn & Gary Hasley.

Jewelry was chaired by Carolyn Bough and Lisa Smith, helped by Kathryn Bough, Dorothy Moore, Cynthia Kubert, Schmica Mason, and Sandy & Jim Cole.

Signs for the Rummage Sale items were made by Karen Rowe.

Moving and delivery was done by Tom Tobe and Jon Carey.

Banking and Cash register/collection was handled by Tom Tobe—a big job—thank you!

The dinner for the rummage sale workers was provided by Tami Wayne and Mary Sue Lutz, along with Jan Leonardis, Bob Davis, Arlene Marks, Jan Tobe, Dorcas Knox, Andy, Abigal & Katherine Wayne. The lunch for the rummage sale workers was provided by Carolyn Bough and Karen Rowe. Mary Glenn baked the cookies for the clean-up crew and Kroger donated donuts for us!

Books were sorted by Jon Carey, Susanne Carey, Trevor & Craig Kahsin and Sue Whitston.

The stage dept. was chaired by Bob Elliott, helped by Al Roberson, Larry Zien and Alan Helisek.

Sue Ward chaired the women's wear, helped by many listed below.

Christmas was chaired by Pat Lange and Betsy Adams, helped by Maddie & Sophia Lange. Men's wear was handled by Tim Wright, Wes Brun, Rob Elliott, Richard Lefstad, Judy Blaney and Sherry Wright.

The following people did many jobs from set ups to cleaning and worked in many areas, Mike & Mary Glenn, Beth & Dale Titus, Andrea & Eric Brown, Anna Cassar, Doug Doggett, David Moffitt, Dic Kahl, Bill Donovan, Matt, Elsie and Philip Kreager, Jeannie Howard, Jack Mumford, Deanna Grace, Bruce Irely, Michael Kain, Pat Thrubis, Jack Ward, Donna Doerr, Sandy Tooman, Paul Kochan, Wendy Foss, Carolyn McQuiggan, Mike Marks, Greg Hicok, Liz Lindner, Barb Robertson, Brien & Paul Merritt, Melanie Carey and Dale Bjorklund.

Some others helped possibly on Sunday or other times and did not sign the sheet—many, many thanks to you!

These groups listed below received items from the Rummage Sale, The Salvation Army, Humble Design, Fort Street Presbyterian Homeless Shelter, Brightmoor Project, Costick Center, Senior Gift Shops, Common Good, 4 Corners Methodist Mission (delivered by Mary Sue Lutz). The Rummage Sale funds were also used to cover the cost (\$365) of the church landscaping.

See you the first weekend of May for the Spring Rummage Sale! Start saving!

Do Good. Show Love.

-Tina Jensen



FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE CONCERTS

A once-a-month concert series. Enjoy an evening of live music in the intimate setting of the Farmington Civic Theater's upstairs theater.

The focus is on talented singer-songwriters. Performers and audience members appreciate the up-close feeling and ideal acoustics. If you haven't been to Friday Night Live, we encourage you to give it a try. Fall season, September-November. Winter season, January-April.



First Presbyterian Church (Church of the Open Hands) will host their 4th annual craft/bake show Sat. Nov. 16th from 10:00 - 4:00. Our show has over 40 unique craft ranging from woven items, felt animals, hymnal wreaths, wooded toys, beaded accessories and much much more.

There will also be a bake sale with lots of goodies, one of which is our famous nut roll which sells out quickly. To order a nut roll please send a check for \$10.00 to First Presbyterian Church with nut roll in the memo.

Now is a great time to begin holiday shopping for family, friends, and yourself. The church is located at 26165 Farmington Rd. (Corner of 11 Mile and Farmington Rd.) at the traffic light. For more information please call Deborah 248-579-6053