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NARDIN PARK NEWS

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Happy New Year! Happy New You!

Happy New Year Nardin Park! It is a brand new year and that brings a freshness of the spirit. I don't know about you, but I am still getting used to typing 2020 on my documents! It always takes a while to adjust to the new thing, but pretty soon it will seem normal to write those numbers on all things.

Over the holidays, I started a 1,000 piece jigsaw puzzle! It is a nature scene, with lots of flowers and trees. And while I have made significant progress on it, I am still struggling to figure out which pieces go with the sky and the water and all the flowers. While working on the puzzle, I was thinking about how when we look at one small piece of things, it is not always apparent where it fits in the whole puzzle. And I found that sometimes, I put a piece in the sky, only to discover that it was really the water instead! (And thus it goes on the bottom of the puzzle, not the top). Life is like that sometimes as well. When we see only a piece of things, it is difficult to figure out where it fits and how it fits and sometimes what we think is the sky, turns out to be the water. But when we keep working the puzzle, with patience, perseverance, trust and faith, we find that the pieces do eventually all fit and we have those wonderful "aha" moments where we discover a new perspective, and that what we thought was the sky is really the water! Faith is like that as well, it requires us to keep working the pieces, to trust in God for the big picture and for the fact that the pieces will all eventually fit. During this season of Epiphany, we also look for the ways that God surprises us, showing up when we don't expect it and offering blessings and grace in unexpected places—like the puzzle, God often surprises us with how the pieces all fit.

It is going to be an exciting new year at Nardin Park with our new worship service launching at 9 a.m. on March 1st and our 10 a.m. service moving to 11 a.m. on that date as well. In addition, we are moving ahead with continued updates to our building to make it more welcoming, changes in our governance structure to streamline our decision making process and have people spend less time in meetings and more time in ministry, and we will be introducing a spiritual gifts inventory process to help everyone discover and use their particular spiritual gifts for the sake of Christ.

Pastor Melanie



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Coming up



New Worship Series on the practice of worship itself.

Sunday, January 12th

Pastor Melanie preaching on the Baptism of Jesus and God is well pleased.

We will also celebrate the adult baptism of Sara Rice.

Sermon Title: Top 10 things that please God

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, January 19th

Pastor Melanie preaching on Jesus' first words in ministry from Luke 4:16-21 as he announces his new status as one who will bring justice and shalom. As we welcome new members and re-dedicate our sanctuary and give thanks for the incredible renovations, may our status be the same as Jesus.

Sermon Title: Hometown Status

Scripture: Luke 4:16

Sunday, January 26th

Pastor Melanie preaching on our call to bring out the God flavors in life as our Kingdom Building Work

Sermon Title: Salt Seasoning

Scripture: Matthew 5: 13-16

Coming in February 2020

The Bible and the Movies Returns as a Worship Theme.

Each week we will look at Biblical themes in 4 recent movies.

This year's movies will be:

Harriet

Yesterday

The Farewell

The Lion King

If you didn't catch them at the theater, watch them on Amazon, Netflix or other streaming services.

You will not have needed to see the movie to get something out of the worship service and message, but it will help deepen your experience if you have seen these movies.

WELCOME STATEMENT VOTE!

Coming up on January 26th



In November, the Reconciling Ministry Team conducted a straw poll to find out how the congregation felt about their proposed welcoming statement. Should this become the welcome statement for our church? By an overwhelming 83%, we voiced our support of the Reconciling Ministry Team's efforts.

Now comes the next step. The official vote. On Sunday, January 26, 2020, following our 10 am. morning worship service, we will have an official vote on the Welcome Statement (written out below). We will follow the same procedure we followed in November when we took the straw poll. Ballots will be handed out after the morning worship service. You must be a member or affiliate member of Nardin Park United Methodist Church and be present to vote. The ballot will contain three choices: "Yes," in favor of the statement and becoming part of the Reconciling Ministries Network; "No," not in favor; and "Abstain." (Please note, as with the straw poll, abstentions will be noted but not be counted as part of the total vote count).

The vote will be counted and our decision announced that Sunday.

If this welcoming statement is approved it will be the official Welcome Statement of our church. It will be used on all our operational, mission, and outreach materials. With the adoption of this statement we will seek to become a part of the Reconciling Ministries Network of United Methodist Churches worldwide (rmnnetwork.org).

Nardin Park UMC Proposed Welcome Statement

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 configurations, religious background, socio-economic situation, citizenship, language, and/or ability.

The UMC is once again in the news cycle

You may have seen the headline this past week about a plan for a split in the United Methodist Church. This is one of many proposals. It still has to be turned into legislation for General Conference 2020, which will be held in Minneapolis, MN. It remains to be seen what, if any, will actually pass once the delegates set down to work in early May. The point being, nothing has been decided yet. For further clarification, please read the statement from our Bishop, David Bard, using the link below.

michiganumc.org/bishop-releases-statement-on-separation-plan/

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any of the clergy staff at Nardin Park UMC.

A NEW SERVICE IS COMING MARCH 1ST!

Interested in what the new 9 a.m. band led worship service will be like?

Join us for 2 preview services!

Everyone is welcome to come and check it out and bring your friends!

Monday Feb. 10th @ 7PM

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Wednesday Feb. 19th @ 7PM

New worship service times begin on Sunday March 1st @ 9AM!

Band led, informal and participatory worship-- this will be our new worship service.

11AM choir led, traditional worship service, more formal than the 9 a.m. service. This will be the same wonderful worship service that we currently have at 10 a.m., just one hour later.

Please note that both worship services will have the same sermon/message and same preacher. You can attend either service or both if you like!

There will be childcare and Godly Play during both worship services.

Online Giving



New Online Giving System coming to Nardin Park! Sign up Now!

Help Us Grow: Give Electronically

Electronic gifts are fast and secure, and they reduce administrative costs, allowing more of every dollar to fund the important work we are called to do.

Sign up today on our new online/egiving system through GivePlus. Starting January 1st, 2020 we will no longer be using our former electronic giving resource MyEOFFERING. So sign up on our website with GivePlus and/or search "GivePlus Mobile" to quickly find and download the app on your phone today!

- Give anytime, anywhere to your favorite funds
- Schedule and manage recurring donations
- Make one-time donations to special appeals
- Pay for events, programs and other activities

If you would like to give electronically, visit our website Nardinpark.org or contact the church office and speak with church accountant Karl Heiss

Coming in January 2020

Text to give & swipe to give (an onsite credit/debit card reader)

GivePlus Powered By Vanco Payment Solutions.

Extra! Extra!



Announcements!

Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening will be here at Nardin Park on Friday, February 21, 2020 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today. For only \$139 (regularly \$149) you can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease.

Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 866-229-0469
- Online: www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle
- Text: the word circle to 797979

NOOMA

Nooma is a fellowship time for women, meeting the first Sunday of the month at 8:30 AM in the Multi-Purpose Room for breakfast and faith conversations. The word Nooma is a phonetic spelling of a Greek word which means "wind", "spirit", or "breath." All women are invited to join us, taking a little time for ourselves to breathe and address spiritual topics together. Our next gatherings are February 2 and March 1. Questions? Contact Karen Roth, 248-921-0861.

All Church Prayer Breakfast

JANUARY 12 @ 9AM

Fellowship Hall

All-Church Prayer Breakfast—All ages welcome! Come to eat together. Come to learn new ways to pray. Come meet new people.

2020 Offering Envelopes are available for pick up!

For those of you using offering envelopes, they have arrived and are ready for you to pick up. Offering envelopes are in the fellowship hall near the welcome center.

Questions? Contact Karl Heiss, church accountant
Karl.npchurch@gmail.com

Global Water Justice Summit
January 24-25, 2020
Cass Community UMC

A gathering of water advocates, experts, and engineers from across water insecure parts of the world and the U.S. Midwest. Their hope is to share information, float ideas, and inspire enthusiasm toward the development of a United Methodist led strategy for water security



Register Here
<https://michiganumc.org/water-summit/>



The Prayer Focus for this week is:

"Loving God, journey with me this year so that I may feel your presence."

FilmGoers

Our next meeting is on Jan. 12th at 7:00pm.

We will be discussing "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood", "Ford v Ferrari", and "Dark Waters". Please see the movies on your own and then join us for a lively and interesting discussion!

New Member Class Coming January 12!

If you would like to make Nardin Park your church home, we would love to have you attend our New Member Class on Sunday, January 12, 11:30-2:15. We will be experimenting with a new, extended format for the class in which all three classes will be integrated into one somewhat longer class on a Sunday afternoon. For more information or to register for the class, please make a note on your Connecting Card or contact Rev. Lynn Hasley via text – 248-227-6119 or email: Lynn.npchurch@gmail.com. Lunch & Childcare will be provided.



Children's Spiritual Guidance
"Godly Play" Sundays 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 can go directly to their "Godly Play" room at 10 a. m.
All Rooms are on the second floor.*

January

*January 12: Jesus' Baptism (Initiation by
Water and the Holy Spirit)*

January 19: Jesus Brings Good News

January 28: Jesus Calls Levi



Youth Connection

Common Ground

All youth, grades 6-12, are invited to join us for Common Ground on Sundays at 6:00. We have dinner together, play games, have life and faith lessons. If you would like more information, contact Pastor Beth by calling the church or emailing beth.npchurch@gmail.com

Super Bowl Party - Sunday, February 2 at 6:00pm.

We will be meeting at the Latimer's house. Check with Pastor Beth for the address. Plan to bring a snack and/or beverage to share.



Practices of Joy

Winter Youth Retreat

February 7-9, 2020



Retreat leader:
Marianne McMunn

Registration is due
January 19.

Where - Shanty Creek, Bellaire MI
Cost - \$75/ per student
Plus lift tickets if you want to ski or tube.

If you have questions or concerns, please feel free to talk to Beth—call, text or email. I'd love to hear from you! Beth.npchurch@gmail.com Cell: (586) 665-4333

Youth Fundraiser - Bottle Drive, Sunday Feb, 9.

Please bring your returnable donations to the youth room, Park Place. Your generous donations of returnables will help raise money for Youth Trips—including mission trips and retreats. *You don't want to have to take them back anyway.*



Snowshoe Trek Feb 2nd & 9th @ 1PM

Ages 5+R/NR Fee: \$5

Activity Code #: 211245 Heritage Park and Heavner Canoe Rental have partnered to offer a snowshoe wilderness adventure! Join other winter enthusiasts as we explore the woods on snowshoes. Lesson provided and an additional charge (\$5) for snowshoe rental. If no snow, we will walk the trails. Please dress for the weather and wear sturdy boots.

24915 Farmington Rd, Farmington Hills

Taste of Italy- Adults 50+ Feb 14 @ 11:30AM

Our menus are inspired by flavors from around the world. The International luncheons will stimulate all your senses as you discover exceptional ingredients and harmonious notes. Spend the afternoon enjoying a delicious lunch & the Mike Wolverton Band with musical entertainment that will make you feel like you are on the streets of Italy. Tickets available in Conway Hall.

Farmington Hills Special Services Department
28600 W 11 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills,
R/NR Fee: \$10/\$12



Over 30 Softball League

Ladies, looking for a women's slow-pitch softball league to have fun with during the summer?

Over 30 Softball, a Christian League since 1983 is seeking additional women teams. We play on Wednesday evenings, May-July with players ranging from 30 to 50+ years. Look us up on

www.over30softball.com or call

Patty Soter: 734-765-4777 or email: psoter@umich.edu.

If you are ready for camaraderie, fellowship and friendly competition, seek us out by Feb. 1st, 2020.

