

## **THE ARCHIVES OF NARDIN PARK METHODIST CHURCH: A BRIEF OUTLINE**

Even before Nardin Park was established, records from its predecessor congregations were being collected and preserved. Although sketchy for Tracy, Ninde, Hudson Avenue and Grand River Avenue churches, the records for Nardin Park are extensive since its November 2, 1927, founding. The Nardin Park Archives contain virtually every Sunday worship bulletin from its first services to the present. For most of the years copies are available for each month the newsletter was issued. Board of Trustees, Administrative Board, and other organization materials are contained in notebooks. In addition, chronological files contain programs, photographs, and other documents related to the ongoing life of the church. Several church organizations also have provided the Archives with many of their key documents. Our Archives contain conference reports since the early 1860s and local church records from the 1880s. Many individuals have contributed resources and volunteer time to help maintain these materials. Today, the records are stored in a storage room and a closet in the Conference Room.

*For information about the Archives, email the church office  
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### **STORAGE ROOM**

#### **CABINETS ABOVE COUNTER:**

##### Left Cabinet, Top Shelf

Nardin Park slides  
Box of supplies

##### Left Cabinet, Bottom Shelf

AV materials, DVDs  
Books on Methodist History

##### Center Cabinet, Top Shelf

Lyncastle Parsonage User Manual Record of  
Purchases (1&2)  
Board of Trustees Meeting Notes, 1947-1986

##### Center Cabinet, Bottom Shelf

Board of Trustees Meeting Notes, 1987-1993

##### Right Cabinet, Top Shelf

Misc. plaques and 1929 framed photo of men  
Basketball trophy 1956-57  
A.S.K. Class bowl 1969

##### Right Cabinet, Bottom Shelf

Nardin Park historical plates  
Boy Scout memos- flags, etc.  
“Our Church Guests”, 1963-1966; 1966-1969  
Board of Trustees Meeting Notes, 1994-2006

#### **CABINETS BELOW COUNTER:**

##### Left Cabinet, Top & Bottom Shelves

Sunday Bulletins arranged chronologically  
from the 1920s to the present. (5 boxes)  
Research notes for “Our Journey” Blue box

##### Center Cabinet, Top & Bottom Shelves

Nardin Park Building Program (2)  
Building Study Comm. 1986  
Building Specifications 1989  
1986 Inventory  
Mercer Hall Renovation & Naming Project  
Change Orders Building Program 1990-91  
Nardin Park Organ Console & Revision of  
Pipes 1987  
House Committee 1990-95  
Endowments (3) 1998-2000  
Administrative Board 1994-96  
History of Senior Ministers (2)  
Nardin Park Newsletters/Newsletter in box (By  
decades in manila folders)  
Christian Homebuilder Fellowship Newsletter,  
1935-1978, 1980s-2000 (Box)  
Christian Homemaker Fellowship, 1955-1961  
Notebook (Black)

##### Right Cabinet, Top & Bottom Shelves

Annual Conference Reports (from 1860s-  
present)  
Pacemakers Books (3)  
Women’s Society of Christian Service (2)  
Costa Rico Reports  
Pictorial Directories  
Addresses Directories  
Historical Memorial books (box)

#### **WOOD STAND ON FLOOR**

Nardin Park Floor Plans on rack

## THE ARCHIVES OF NARDIN PARK #2

### FILE CABINET CLOSET

#### Left File Cabinet

#### Top Drawer-Topical

Ministers  
Associate Ministers and other staff  
Detroit District/Conference  
History & "Memories/Remembrances"  
"Memories" Comments from Members  
"Our Journey" book notes  
Hatch Scrapbook

#### Second Drawer-Chronological 1990s-Present

#### Third Drawer-Chronological 1964-1989

#### Bottom Drawer-Chronological

Grand River Ave., Ninde & earlier churches  
West Chicago Blvd., 1928-1963

#### Right File Cabinet-Topical:

#### Top Drawer

Anniversary Celebrations/ Mortgage Burnings  
Building & Additions (Farmington Hills)  
Finance  
Maintenance

#### Second Drawer:

Administrative Board  
Aldersgate  
Altar  
A.S.K.  
Back 40  
Beautification Awards  
Bible Class "C"  
Braille Transcribers  
Charge Conferences, 1993-1998 (Recent reports in "Chrono" files)  
Christian Homebuilder's Fellowship (CHF)  
Confirmation Classes  
Costa Rica  
Council on Ministries (1990-1995)  
Courtyard  
Double Ring (Need Info)  
Drama  
DuCum Class  
Embezzlement  
Fall Festivals, 1965-1974  
Family Fellowship (Need Info)  
Homecoming, 1991-1996  
K.E.E.P.S.A.K.E. (Need Info)  
Marketing Retreat

Memorials (Files on Policies; Scrapbook, 1984-1989; 2990-2999; 2000-2009)

Men's Bible study (Sat. a.m.)

Methodist Men

Methodist Union

Mission Projects

Music

Music Appreciation Circle

Nardin Parkers in the News

Nardineers

Organ

Pathfinders

Pentecost, 1984, 1987, 1995

#### Third Drawer:

Samaritan Counseling Center

Scouting (Boys/Girls)

Shepherd Program

Softball

Stephen Ministry

Sunday School (Need Info)

United Methodist Women (1982-04/1987-03)

Torch Circle

Ushers

Vacation Bible School

Vision 2000

Vital Church Initiative, 2016-2018 (Need Info)

Winter Weekend

Worship

Youth Club

#### Fourth Drawer:

Supplies/Folders

#### **Items on Shelf Above Filing Cabinets**

Supplies

"Our Journey: The History of Nardin Park" box with about 30 remaining copies

#### **Items on Closet Floor next to Filing Cabinets**

Display Boards (some with photos) 1965-2015

Photo Panels

DuCum Sunday School Class wood emblem

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