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NARDIN PARK NEWS

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Online Prayer Space

The Prayer Space

Wednesdays 12:15-12:30PM

A place to come once a week to be guided through an experience of prayer--spending intentional moments with the God who loves every single person.

God is constantly inviting you into times of peaceful presence, times of new insights, times of sharing hard truths, and so much more. In the Prayer Space, you are guided into intentional prayer that is offered in fresh, life-giving ways. There is a new theme every week. Each week, a new 15-minute prayer session will be offered in two ways:

Live, via Zoom:

Noontime on Wednesdays, 12:15 – 12:30

for Zoom link, email Linda.npchurch@gmail.com

or

As a recording, via YouTube:

Any time you choose as your own Prayer Time

Entering the Prayer Space may be a next small step toward a life of meaning, courage, and hope in the company of the living God.

Questions?

lynn.npchurch@gmail.com

Want to join us?

linda.npchurch@gmail.com

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, will give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation that makes God known to you.

Ephesians 1:17

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STAYING CONNECTED

Many things in our lives have drastically changed, but the Nardin Park staff is still here for you!

Do you have questions for the church office or staff members?

In order to stay in touch with us while our building remains closed and most of the staff is working from home, you have several options to contact us:

You can call the church office (248-476-8860) and leave a message by selecting Linda McDoniel's extension #102. Phone messages are being checked Monday - Friday and we will do our best to return your call by the next business day. Please use this first for general questions and administrative needs.

Can't wait until tomorrow? For more immediate needs, the best way to reach us is by email. Staff email addresses follow the format first.name.npchurch@gmail.com (ie: Linda.npchurch@gmail.com) For pastoral care and emergencies, please contact the Pastor on Call at 313-681-4871 on evenings, weekends, and holidays.

As a gentle reminder, the Pastor on Call number is for pastoral care concerns and other emergencies. Whenever possible, please direct all administrative calls to the church office.

We are doing everything we can to stay connected to you!



YouTube



nardinpark.org



Make sure to follow, like and subscribe to stay up to date on all things Nardin!

- We are publishing a monthly newsletter to keep everyone informed on what's to come, while also sending out weekly eblasts to help you know what's happening right now.
- We are offering classes, book studies, meetings, connecting groups & more on Zoom!
- Our website has been updated, as it now serves as our "front door". Be sure to check it out (and invite your friends) to stay up to date on announcements, ways to connect, how to do good in your neighborhood, to sign up for our emails and more!

Worship

We are so grateful for the technology upgrades done in our sanctuary in the fall of 2019 and early winter of 2020! Thanks be to God for these connections.

Upcoming Worship Series and Themes

Based on the popular song *Waymaker*, we are currently exploring the names used for God in that song: *Waymaker*, *Miracle Worker*, *Promise Keeper*, *Light in the Darkness*, and *God is always working*.

August 2nd - God as Promise Keeper

We will celebrate virtual Holy Communion.

Have a piece of bread or cracker and some juice, water or beverage ready during the service for Communion.

August 9th- God as Light in the Darkness

August 16th- God as one who is always working

A new 5 week worship series on The New Testament Book of James starts on August 23rd. This series will cover each of the 5 chapters in this short New Testament book, written by James, the brother of Jesus. James was all about integrity in our faith and being doers as well as hearers of God's word. Series will conclude on September 20th.

Worship Times

Join us online as we continue to prioritize everyone's safety and inclusion.

10 a.m. each Sunday join us for our live stream band led

worship service—or on our YouTube channel ANYTIME you want to see it.

And/or watch our pre-recorded classical worship service with organ and piano music, hymns and pulpit preaching. Classical service is available on our YouTube channel nardinparkumc starting at 11 a.m. each Sunday morning

ANNOUNCEMENTS

June 2020 Financial Report from George Walker, Chairperson of our Finance Team:

Financially, at June month-end we have a Net Operating (Deficit) year-to-date of approximately (\$70,000). This is very good news, because this (Deficit) is \$52,000 SMALLER THAN the budgeted (Deficit) of (\$122,000) at June 30. This smaller than budgeted (Deficit) is a combination of \$15,000 increased contributions, including \$4,936 received toward the Grateful Gratitude campaign (thank you), and \$37,000 of reduced expenses (\$12,000 Church maintenance, \$4,000 pensions, \$5,000 Music, \$7,000 work areas, and \$9,000 net other). We continue to encourage everyone to do the best they can to support NPUMC financially through our online giving as well as mailing in donations. Your contributions make a huge difference in our ministries, which are needed now more than ever.

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Year-To-Date

	<u>6-30-20 Actual</u>	<u>6-30-19 Actual</u>	<u>6-30-20 Budg</u>
Total Income	\$252	\$246	\$237
Total Expenses	\$322	\$332	\$359
Net Operating (Deficit)	(\$70)	(\$86)	(\$122)

Nardin Park's steeple is a beacon to the surrounding community

As a way to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special event, the steeple can be lit for a week of your choice, Sunday-Saturday for a suggested donation of \$25.

Here is the list of Steeple Lightings for the weeks of:

August 2-in memory of Frank Kenny's Birthday, with love from Mary Sue.

August 16-in memory of Peter Neil Phillips, with love from Mother, Tally Witmer.

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Even while the church building is closed, our trustees continue to work on improvements so that when we are back in person we and our community will benefit from our wonderful facility.

Here are some photos of the repairs to our sidewalks and parts of our parking lot. Funds for these repairs are coming from the money set aside for trustee work from the Elaine Haskell Bequest. Our thanks to Trustee Chair Peter Sharpe, Vice Chair Matthew Kreager, Project Manager, Mike Glenn and House Committee Chair, Terry West for overseeing this work. We will continue to update you with photos so that you can see the progress on this important project.

Thank you Nardin Park Staff and Volunteers!

Thank you to Susanna Klimek, Liz King and our fabulous new worship service launch team for the Do Good Food truck Dinners hosted each Wednesday in July. We averaged between 175 and 200 people per week at the dinners and we helped to raise funds for some wonderful local charities including:

Black Lives Matter Detroit
Children's Hospital of Michigan
South Oakland Shelter (SOS)
Operation Common Good

Thanks for helping us Do Good and Show Love! with our community and to live out our mission.

Thank you to Kyle Webber, volunteers and our AV team for the wonderful music series concerts livestreamed each Wednesday evening in July. Missed the concerts? You can view any or all of them on our church

[YouTube channel.](#)

Youth Connection



Visit
nardinpark.org/sos
for more info and how
to help!

Over the summer some of our students finished reading a book called "Do Hard Things." The first thing they have taken on is to find a way to raise a lot of money to help SOS support homeless guests during a pandemic. The goal is to raise \$11,000, to house the SOS guests in a hotel for one week. You can find the video they made on our Nardin Park Facebook page, Instagram, the Nardin Park website and Youtube. Please share it with your friends to help our students do a hard thing and show love. And please give generously to the mission work of the church.

MISSIONS

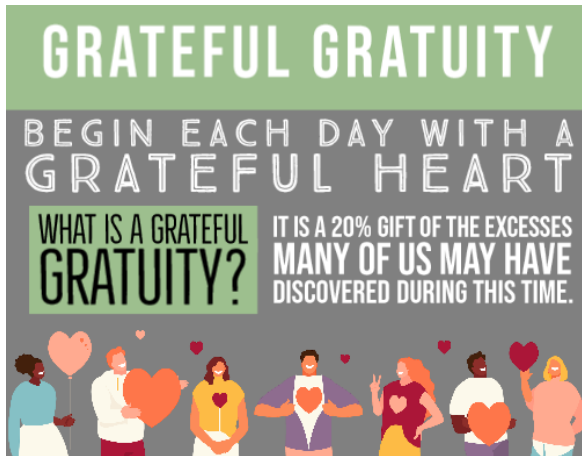
The Next Focus Hope food delivery is AUGUST 15TH!

Just 2 more drivers are still needed to help deliver food to seniors in the Pontiac area. There will be separate pens for each stop and gloves to carry the boxes to keep you and the seniors safe. 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.

Future Food Delivery Dates

October 10th
December 12th

Grateful Gratuity Update



In June Nardin Park launched a special campaign to reflect the gratitude we have toward God. You can read about the campaign [here](#). We are pleased to announce that \$4,936.54 has been raised in this effort! This grateful gratuity makes possible the many ministries of hope, love, outreach and justice that Nardin Park does in our congregation, community, state, nation and all around the world.

Thank you.

Your gifts have made a huge difference in our ability to do ministry.

Please visit our [website](#) for more information about this campaign!

Thank you for your generous financial gifts to God through Nardin Park Church. Your gifts help us to accomplish our mission of doing good and showing love in the world for the sake of Jesus Christ. The world, now more than ever, needs the church and our message of unconditional love, hope and care for all persons. Your financial gifts to Nardin Park make our ministries a reality.

Thank you!

1. TEXT 844-231-1970
ANY WHOLE DOLLAR AMOUNT YOU WOULD LIKE TO GIVE

2. NARDINPARK.ORG
CLICK GIVING OPTIONS ON HOMEPAGE

3. MAIL A CHECK
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