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NARDIN PARK NEWS

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Celebrating Sole Work!



Nardin Park has once again partnered with The Summer Children's Program at Centro Familiar Cristiano, a Spanish speaking United Methodist Church in Melvindale to provide new shoes and socks to the children in this program. This year, we were able to provide 25 children with these items. Above are some photos from the special ceremony held to wash the children's feet (like Jesus does with his disciples), pray with them and present them with their new shoes and socks. Thanks to church members Amy Dowell and Graciela Hernandez for helping to coordinate the ministry this year. Because of the generous offerings for this ministry in previous years, we were able to use money from our New Shoe Fund for this effort. In addition, because the children's program was mostly virtual this year, they had children from other countries join them! The children and families in the Summer program decided to take up a special collection to send food and shoes to the children in the program from outside the U.S.! It was an international blessing for children in Venezuela, Colombia and Mexico!

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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.

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SOS Youth Fundraiser Update!

We have collected nearly \$4000 for SOS.

Help us get to \$5000 which will pay for 1/2 week for SOS guests. Your support is greatly appreciated!

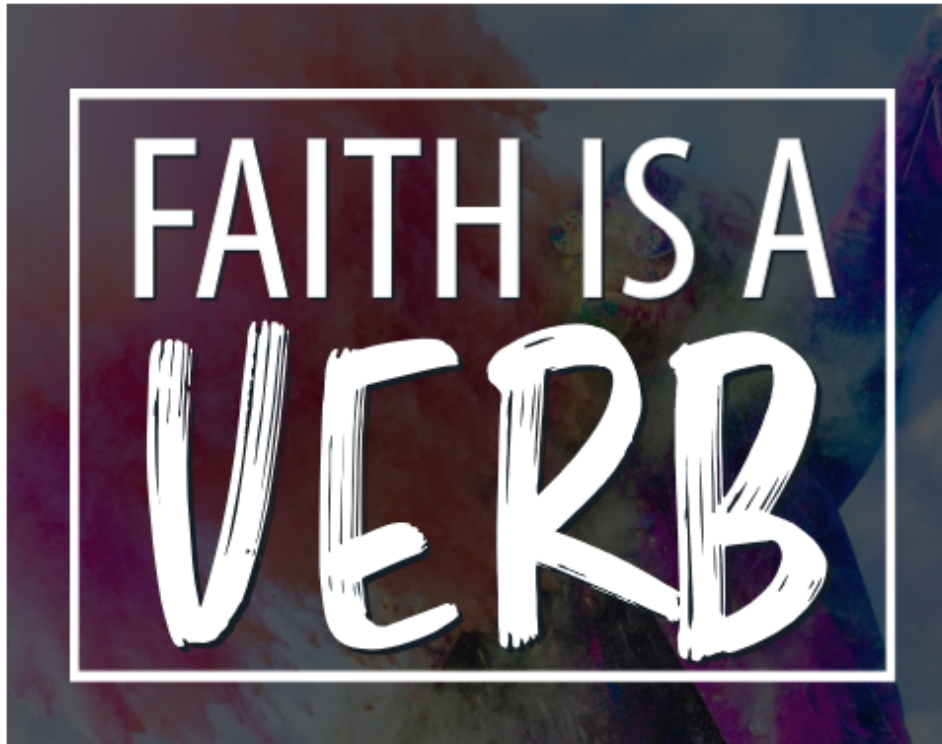
This is a difficult time for many people and especially for those that are already struggling with housing and poverty issues. Please give generously!

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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.

Worship Series for September



A new worship series based on the Book of James will run through September 20th!

Worship Times

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

10AM 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. Please note: the Classical service is available on our YouTube channel "nardinparkumc" **starting at 8AM on Sunday mornings!**

Adult Ed Classes! So Many Options!

This Fall the three United Methodist Churches in Farmington/Farmington Hills are combining forces to offer adult education classes to everyone in our three congregations and any friends or community members who wish to join with us. The robust list of Bible studies, book studies and current events classes will give you an opportunity to find a class which works in your schedule, and the opportunity to meet new friends and study with new leaders. Sign up and participation will be on Zoom. Purchase the book for the class from Cokesbury or

Amazon, contact the class leader to get the zoom link.

A brochure with the full class offerings will be coming out via eblast very soon.

In the meantime, the classes available now are below!

Farmington First UMC Classes:

Tuesday Evening Women's Bible Study – Led by Barbara Walker

Tuesdays @ 7:00 pm starting September 8th via zoom; 6 weeks

Contact Barbara Walker at walkerbarbar@yahoo.com to register and receive the zoom link.

Join with other women for this 6-week study, with accompanying DVD, of Adam Hamilton's book: *"The Call: The Life, Ministry and Message of the Apostle Paul"*.

Majoring in Minor – Led by Rev. Anthony R. Hood

Wednesdays @ 1:00 pm starting September 16th via zoom; 13 sessions

Contact Pastor Anthony at pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org to register and receive the zoom link.

This study will explore the writings and ministry of the minor prophets Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi. We will use the NIV translation as our primary text, but feel free to have your preferred translation as a companion.

Discovering Daniel – Led by Rev. Anthony R. Hood

Thursdays @ 7:00 pm starting September 17th via zoom; 9 sessions

Contact Pastor Anthony at pastoranthony@farmingtonfumc.org to register and receive the zoom link.

This study examines the Book of Daniel and the question: How can you remain faithful to God even while in a hostile environment? We will use the NIV translation as our primary text, but feel free to have your preferred translation as a companion.

Farmington Orchard UMC Classes:

Book Club Discussion - Led By Rev. Amy Mayo Moyle

Meets on Zoom Monday, September 14th and in person outside at the Orchard UMC parsonage

on Tuesday, September 15th. Both meetings will begin @ 7:00 p.m.

Contact Pastor Amy amayomoyle@orchardumc.org to RSVP for zoom or outside.

Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates is next up for our anti-racism book club. Toni Morrison declared, "This is required reading." A national correspondent for The Atlantic, Coates' book is in fact a letter to his adolescent son. *Between the World and Me* is Coates' creates a new framework for understanding our nation's history and current crisis. This book is Coates' attempt to answer questions like: "What is it like to inhabit a Black body and find a way to live within it?" and "How can we all honestly reckon with this fraught history and free ourselves from its burden?" *Between the World and Me* is available through Amazon.

Heart Sisters - coordinated by Colleen Aben
The first meeting will be on September 15th @ 8:00 pm.
Contact Colleen Aben for more information: colleenaben@orchardumc.org

If the group is small, there's a chance it will meet in person on a patio, although we can also do zoom meets as well. Heart Sisters began several years ago as a group of moms who just wanted to connect and support each other while growing in faith. We discuss faith, we discuss life and we pick different books to chat about throughout the year. At the beginning of each year, we open it up to new ladies who might like to join. We only open up once a year because information shared during meetings in confidential and keeping the group closed helps build trust and understanding amongst us. We are in the process of picking our first book for the year.

Restored: Finding Redemption in our Mess- Led by Rev. Amy Mayo Moyle
Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm starting on September 22nd; 6 weeks
Contact Pastor Amy at amayomoyle@orchardumc.org to sign up.

Now more than ever, it feels like things are a mess. The pandemic, the protests, the politics- it's all a mess. And that doesn't even include our own personal messes of guilt and shame and desperation. Pastor Amy will lead this study using Tom Berlin's book *Restored: Finding Redemption in our Mess*. Together we will learn about navigating the mess and finding redemption in the midst of it. This book is available through Amazon or Cokesbury.com.

Tuesday Mornings with Amy- Bible study with Rev. Amy Mayo Moyle
Tuesdays @ 9:30 am starting September 22nd; 8 weeks
Contact Pastor Amy for the zoom link: amayomoyle@orchardumc.org

The Book of Psalms contains some of the most moving words in the bible. It is a book of songs, poetry and prayer that demonstrates our human longing, lament, praise and thanksgiving. And a time such as this in our history, it seems that the Book of Psalms may have something to offer us more than ever. We will study the Psalms by using The Immersion Bible Study: Psalms. To purchase a book, search Amazon or Cokesbury for- "*Immersion Bible Studies: Psalms*".

The Bible 101- Led by Rev. Nick Bonsky
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm; starting September 23rd; 8 weeks
Contact Pastor Nick for the zoom link: nicholasbonsky@gmail.com

The Bible is an intimidating book to open. Filled with thousands of years of stories spanning from Adam and Eve in Genesis to the Revelation of John. Where does one even begin? Join Pastor Nick for a bible study focusing on this very question. Each week we will break down a series of biblical books, and discuss what is in them, and why they should still be read today. If you are someone who doesn't know where to begin, or desire to deepen your understanding of the biblical books you have steered clear of in the past, then this is a class you will want to join. The eight week class will meet by zoom.

A Thousand Tongues to Sing - Led By Jantz Black
Thursdays @ 6:30 pm; starting September 24th; 8 weeks
Contact Jantz at jantzblack@orchardumc.org to sign up.

During this eight week class, we will explore the lives and works of some of the most important hymn writers in history: Charles Wesley, Isaac Watts, Fannie Crosby, and others. We will also explore some lesser-known authors and 20th/21st century texts. Materials will be provided electronically.

Nardin Park UMC Classes:

Book Study- The Cross and the Lynching Tree - Led by Rev. Beth Titus
Tuesdays @ 6:00 pm starting September 1st; 5 weeks
Contact Beth.npchurch@gmail.com to sign up.

The Cross and the Lynching Tree, by Rev. Dr. James Cone, will really make you think about the church, faith and racism. Purchase the book on Amazon. Read ahead, then join in the discussion on Zoom.

Prayer Space- With Rachel Kain, Chad Smith and Rev. Lynn Hasley
Wednesdays from 12:15-12:30 pm
Contact Lynn.npchurch@gmail.com for the zoom link.

In these unprecedented times, prayer is needed now more than ever. Need a space to pray? Want to learn new prayer practices? Join the prayer space.

Wednesday Mornings with Melanie- Bible study with Rev. Melanie Lee Carey
Wednesdays @ 9:30 am starting September 9th; 6 weeks
Contact Melanie.npchurch@gmail.com for the zoom link

The Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5-7, contains some of Jesus' most profound and most memorable teachings. What might these teachings have meant to his disciples and to the others who first heard them? How do they enhance our reading of the rest of the Gospel of Matthew, and how do they speak across the centuries to listeners today? How, if we pay careful attention to his words, does Jesus provide us a road map to living as God would have us live? This class will explore the new book *Sermon on the Mount: A Beginner's Guide to the Kingdom of Heaven*, by Dr. Amy-Jill Levine. Purchase the book at Cokesbury or Amazon.

Saturday Morning Men's Book - Study Coordinated by Allan Knappenberger
Saturdays @ 10:00 am starting on September 12th; continues weekly
Contact Algloknapp@aol.com to get zoom link.

Join in this provocative discussion of Bishop John Shelby Spong's Book *"Unbelievable"*. This class, led by the participants, will explore chapters of this book and participate in lively discussion. The book is available on Amazon. This is an ongoing group.

Current Events and Faith - led by Rev. Dr. Wes Brun and Rev. Marshall Dunlap.
First and third Mondays of each month from 1:00 to 2:30 pm starting on September 21st.
Contact Lynn.npchurch@gmail.com to sign up.

The group selects topics of interest and engages in lively discussion, using FaithLink materials as a framework.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Special Church Conference Wednesday, September 30th at 7PM on Zoom

A special church conference meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 30th at 7 pm. on Zoom for the purpose of voting on the new governance model being proposed by our VCI (Vital Church Initiative) governance team. If approved, the new governance model would begin January 1, 2021.

In order to vote, you must be present
(by phone or computer) at the Zoom meeting on Sept. 30th. Information about the new governance proposal is being mailed out this week via USPS.

Contact Linda.npchurch@gmail.com to receive the zoom link for this meeting.

Contact members of the governance task force with any questions.

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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.

Steeple Lightings for the weeks of:

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| August 16 | In memory of Susan Albee, with love from her family and friends. |
| September 6 | In memory of Clora and Orby Morris, with love from Pat Lange and family. |
| September 6 | In memory of Karl and Grace Whitston's 77th wedding anniversary on September 12th, with love from their children, Howard and Sue Whitston. |
| September 13 | In memory of Doris Hildebrand's birthday today, with love from her family. In memory of William and Margaret Walsh, with love from Alison, Kate and Peter. |
| September 20 | In honor of Victoria, with love from Dad, William Hollingsworth. |
| September 27 | In memory of Jim Hildebrand's birthday on October 1st, with love from his family. |

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Thank you Trustees for the Beautiful parking lot repairs!

Thanks to our trustees, especially to Terry West of House Committee and Mike Glenn, project manager, for all the repairs to our parking lot and sidewalks. It looks amazing! Thanks to the Elaine Haskell Bequest for funding the cost of these repairs. What a blessing!

You are invited to visit the Prayer Space, which is led by Rachel Kain, Chad Smith, and Pastor Lynn. You can attend it live via zoom or you can watch the video on YouTube afterwards. It is a 15 minute drop-in session in which we try a different prayer practice each week, and it includes a little live music and some scripture reading, so it is great for a personal devotion time. It's the same zoom link every Wednesday at 12:15 – 12:30. For a sample video, click [here!](#) For the ongoing link, contact lynn.npchurch@gmail.com.

**VIRTUAL
PRAYER SPACE
WEDNESDAYS
12:15-12:30**

Youth Connection

Live in-person youth meetings - We will have Sunday youth meetings outdoors around the fire pit on **Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30 pm**, as long as the weather will let us.

Our **KICK-OFF SUNDAY** will be **September 20th**, following the can and bottle collection.

On September 20, we will be collecting can and bottle donations as our first fundraiser of the 2020-2021 year. We will collect bottles from 4-6 pm, followed by a meal and youth group meeting from 6-7 pm, and a parent and student meeting at 7:00 pm.

On following Sundays, the youth will meet with snacks from 6-7:30 pm.

RETURNABLE CAN AND BOTTLE COLLECTION - **Sunday, September 20th 4-6 pm** at the church. Please bring all your returnables to church to support youth trips. Important note: Please do not drop them off at church before or after, as there may not be anyone to take care of them. If you have donations to make and would like them picked up at another time, please email beth.npchurch@gmail.com.

MISSIONS

The next Focus Hope food delivery is October 10th!

Six drivers are 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.

There will be one more delivery in 2020 on December 12th, so mark your calendar!

The Mission Team has been busy re-thinking our ongoing mission connections. We have decided to have **"Drive-thru Donation Drops"** once a month.

Each month will have a different focus.

- **September 13 - School supplies** will be donated to Operation Common Good, for the many families who need to be supplied throughout the year.
- **October 4 - Personal items** including toiletries, paper and feminine hygiene products. They will be donated to Operation Common Good and CARES.
- **November 1 - Food** will be collected. Dry goods that can be used to support holiday meals through the food pantry at Redford/Aldersgate UMC and CARES.
- **December** - watch for information on the opportunity to help Operation Common Good with their annual Christmas gift project.

Collections will take place from 2-4 pm at the church. You will be able to drive up under the portico of the church and volunteers will be there to collect your donations.

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

Financially, at July month-end we have a Net Operating (Deficit) year-to-date of approximately (\$83,000), which is \$61,000 SMALLER THAN the budgeted (Deficit) of (\$144,000) at July 31. This smaller than budgeted (Deficit) is the net of \$16,000 increased contributions, including \$5,087 received toward the Grateful Gratuity campaign (thank you), and \$45,000 of reduced expenses (\$14,000 Church maintenance, \$6,000 pensions, \$5,000 Music, \$9,000 work areas, and \$11,000 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.

Thousands of \$

Year-To-Date

| | <u>7-31-20 Actual</u> | <u>7-31-19 Actual</u> | <u>7-31-20 Budget</u> |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Total Income | \$285 | \$291 | \$269 |
| Total Expenses | \$368 | \$388 | \$413 |
| Net Operating (Deficit) | (\$83) | (\$97) | (\$144) |

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!

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