



AT THE PARK



Nardin Park United Methodist Church

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Parson-to-Person

The youth of the Detroit Annual Conference have invited all of the churches to participate in raising funds for "S.P.L.A.S.H." - "Saving People's Lives And Spreading Hope." This is an effort to promote global health by providing clean water, especially in Third World countries. During February we began our participation through the Detroit Renaissance District by collecting loose coin in a plastic water jug.

We want to step up our efforts and we are going to be able to accomplish this with the help of Aaron Barsaleau, owner and executive chef of the newly opened *The Maple House* restaurant. Several of us from Nardin Park frequent his restaurant and have become acquainted with Aaron and his wife, Tiffany, who are expecting their second child at the end of July. Aaron is a preacher's kid and shares a passion for mission with us.

A couple of weeks ago I initiated a conversation with Aaron about having a "Nardin Park" day at *The Maple House*, with 10% of the proceeds spent by Nardin Park people going toward "S.P.L.A.S.H." Aaron became so excited that he said that he would pitch in 10% of all of the proceeds of the day, regardless if the customers were from Nardin Park or not. What a guy!

So, **Saturday, May 5**, is "Nardin Park Day" at *The Maple House*, located at the corner of Eleven Mile and Middlebelt Roads, a short ¼ mile from the church. The food is good. The owner/chef is a wonderful young man (even if he is a Baptist). And monies will be raised for a good cause! I hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity.

May is also the month when we will be celebrating our **Caring Ministries** at Nardin Park. During our worship services we will have the opportunity to hear an exciting word about the wonderful ministries going on that benefit not only the people who are served, but those who graciously volunteer their time and energies in providing these ministries.


Whether it is a volunteer from the Congregational Care Team that visits the hospitalized and the homebound; or it is one of our Stephen Ministers who provide a sympathetic, listening ear to people going through a rough patch in their lives; or the Loving Hands Needlework Ministry and their prayer quilts; or the Bereavement Ministry Team who provide comfort through luncheons after funerals, allowing people to share a time of remembering and connecting; we have incredible people involved in these ministries. We can support them through a special offering for our Caring Ministries.

Our goal is to raise \$2,000 through the month of May to make sure these vital programs are fully funded. Offering envelopes will be available in the pew pockets. If you are unable to be in worship, you may still support these ministries by sending in a check made out to "Nardin Park UMC," with the words "Caring Ministries" on the memo line.

I am so proud of you, people. You have the capability and the desire to make so many wonderful missions and ministries happen. It truly is a privilege to be your pastor. Thank you.

In hope and confidence,

Dale

**May 5 Fundraiser
at
The Maple House
Restaurant**

**for Nardin Park's
contribution to the
S.P.L.A.S.H. mission
project. 10% of all the
day's profits goes to
support access to clean
water around the
world.**

**Located at Middlebelt
and 11 Mile Road,
serving breakfast,
lunch and dinner.**

**Stop by for a meal and
help S.P.L.A.S.H!**

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WORSHIP & ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR MAY



May

- 6 **“Standing in for Christ”** ... John 15:1-8 Dr. Dale Miller
 Acolytes: Collin Mueller, Olivia Mueller, Kadi Riffe, Michael Riffe
- 13 **“Stand Out for Love”** ...John 15:9-17 *Mother’s Day* Dr. Dale Miller
 Acolytes: David Moening, Grace Moening, Tommy Moening, Daniel Worpell
- 20 **“Standing Tall”** ...1 John 5:9-16 Dr. Dale Miller
 Acolytes: Hannah Allbery, James Allbery, Hailey Ducklow, Nathan Ducklow
- 27 **“Standing at the Finish Line”** ...1 Kings 2:1-11 Dr. Dale Miller
 Acolytes: Cameron Jones, Kiersten Jones, Elizabeth Morrison, Maria Vainer



May Congregational Care

<u>Week Starting</u>	<u>Team Member Serving</u>
April 29	Melanie Allbery
May 6	Judy Blaney
May 13	Tim & Sherry Wright
May 20	Carolyn & Dave Wojtowicz
May 27	Cindy Whiting



PICTURES, PICTURES, PICTURES!!!

We will be updating our church directory this spring. We want to include everyone in our new directory. Pictures will be taken beginning Friday, June 8 and running through Saturday, June 16. Sign-up online beginning May 1, or after services on Sundays in May. You can follow the link on the website www.nardinpark.org under the “Announcements” section, or sign up directly at

<https://www.securedata-trans14.com/ap/nardinparkunitedmethodistchurch/index.php?page=10>.



If you have any pictures of events that have taken place at Nardin Park that you would like to submit for possible inclusion in our new directory, please email them to kahrens@dcds.edu.

Also, we are looking for volunteers to help greet and register families on the days the pictures will be taken. If you would be interested in volunteering for a few hours, please email Kristin Ahrens at kahrens@dcds.edu or call 248-921-1557. We need your help! Thanks!!

LIFE & MINISTRY

LOOSE COIN OFFERING FOR MAY — UMCOR Spring Storm Relief — Advance 901670. ~

FIRST SUNDAY WORSHIP — May 6 6:30pm, Chapel.

This is a warm and welcoming service of worship designed for those in the Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual & Transgendered community, their families, friends and church members who are supportive. Join others for a time of fellowship and light refreshments at 6:00pm. ~

ANCHOR-TORCH CIRCLE — May 13, Mercer Hall at 11:00am. Program on "Women's Faith Journey" presented by Bev Brun. "A Time of Remembrance" special memorial observance. Bring your lunch, dessert provided. ~

EVENING STAR CIRCLE — May 21 7:00pm in the Parlor. We will have a 70 min. DVD "Where Jesus Walked" shared by Arnetta Whitehouse. Any woman in the church is invited to attend. Feel free to bring a friend. ~



My Favorite Dessert!

help celebrate Father's Day! ~

FILMGOERS - DATE, PLACE and TIME CHANGE: The next meeting has been changed to May 6 at 5:00pm in the Gathering Place, so that some of us can attend the 7:30pm Concert that evening. We will be discussing "Detachment" and "Reuniting the Rubins." Please bring a bag lunch and your own beverage, and we will eat as we discuss the films. ~

GRADUATING? - We would like to recognize our graduating students (whether from High School, College, or Graduate School). Please supply a photo of yourself, the name of the school from which you are graduating, and some news about what you are planning for your future. We will be recognizing our graduates during the worship service on Graduation Sunday, June 10.



NEW AT SAMARITAN COUNSELING CENTER - Samaritan Counseling Center is offering two new therapy groups this spring. They are time and space limited groups, offered at a nominal charge. **Personal Growth Group:** meets on Monday evenings from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at Nardin Park for 10 weeks starting May 7. It will provide a safe and supportive group environment to learn more about patterns of relating to others, grow emotionally, gain confidence, experiment with new ways of interacting, and develop new outlooks on life's issues. **Art Therapy Group:** for teenagers, ages 14-17, 10 weeks on Wednesday evenings from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. at North Congregational Church in Farmington Hills. The group begins May 2. Teens will explore positive and productive ways to channel negative and positive emotions, recognize personal strengths, gain insight into the self through art-making and reflection. (All art materials will be provided.) If you can only attend for some of the sessions, this may be a possibility. Call Samaritan Counseling Center: 248-474-4701. ~



CROP Hunger Walk

and consists of a 2 mile short route or a 10K (6.2 mile) long route. We walk rain or shine. You can help provide the resources that sustain life and give people hope, both here and around the world. Please plan to walk or support a walker. We are looking to raise over \$30,000 here in the Farmington area. Last year 194 walkers generated over \$26,500 to stop world hunger. Please help make this 27th year walk a continued success. Sign up in Mercer Hall after Worship to be a walker or a to make a pledge.

The 27th annual Farmington/Farmington Hills/West Bloomfield **CROP Hunger Walk** will be held on **May 6th, 2012** at 1:00 PM. The walk is hosted by First United Methodist Church in Farmington

DEADLINE

Weekly Bulletin Announcements

Wednesdays - Noon

JUNE Newsletter — Monday, May 14

Send information to:

lmoses@nardinpark.org



**Fair Trade
Equal Exchange
Coffee Sales**

Sunday, May 20

Coffee, Tea, Chocolates

Mercer Hall

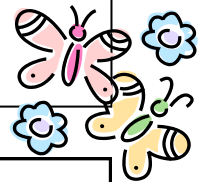
Sponsored by
Church & Society Ministry Team



Children's Ministries ...Christ-Centered, People-Focused, Spirit-Led

"...Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs." Mark 10:14

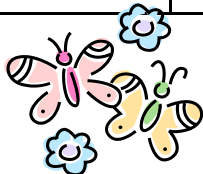
<p><i>People-Focused</i></p> <p>Study</p> <p>Parenting in the Pew</p> <p><i>Saturdays—6—7:30 p.m.</i> <i>April 28th, May 5th, May 12th</i></p> <p><i>A time to share and explore ideas on how we can help our children (and ourselves) worship and celebrate praising God.</i></p> <p><i>Childcare provided</i> <i>(please let us know of your needs)</i></p> <p><i>Books available :Sundays -Mercer Hall.; weekdays - Church Office, or see Rev. Karen. \$10</i></p>	<p><i>People-Focused</i></p> <p>Fellowship</p> <p>Young Family Group</p> <p>"Nature Discovery Ride"</p> <p><i>Heritage Park—FH</i> Saturday, May 5th 1—2 p.m.</p> <p><i>Take a spring hayride and discover animals waking up from their winter naps</i></p> <p><i>Reservations helpful</i> <i>Contact Peggy and Don Babcock</i> <i>bonebottle@aol.com</i> <i>Cost \$5/person</i></p>	<p><i>People-Focused</i></p> <p>Camping</p> <p>Young Family Group</p> <p>Elementary Bear Camp</p> <p><i>Lake Louise UMC Camp</i> <i>Boyer Falls, MI</i> During the week of August 5th</p> <p><i>See bulletin board</i> <i>aCross form</i> <i>Rev. Karen's office.</i></p> <p><i>umccamps.org</i></p>
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<p>Christ-Centered—Spiritual Formation—First Floor</p> <p>Nursery : Nursery Care Infants – 18 months</p> <p>Toddler/ 2yr. Old Room: Theme Based Lessons 19 months—2 year olds</p> <p><i>May 6 "God Cares for Us"; May 13 & 20 "The Good Shepherd"; May 27 and June 3rd "Pentecost"</i></p> <p>3 & 4 Yr. Old Room: Lectionary Based Lessons 3 and 4 year olds <i>(see be chart below)</i></p>
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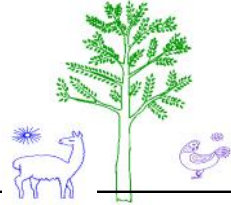
Christ-Centered—**Spiritual Formation**—Second Floor
All gather in the Children's Worship Center for opening worship, then go to their respective workshops

	May 6	May 13	May 20	May 27	June 3
Sanctuary Worship	Holy Communion	Cherub & Wesley Choirs			Pentecost
Children's Worship	"Sharing the Good News" Acts 8:26-40	"Jesus talks about Friendship" John 15:9—17	"How prayer helped Jesus' Friends" Acts 1:15-17;21-26	The Pentecost Story Acts 2: 1– 21	Pentecost
Kindergarten * own room	Making Booklets * K Room	Making a Friendship Tree * K Room	Baking Communion Bread Kitchen	Arts/Crafts Preparing for Pentecost Art Room	Pentecost
1st—2nd graders	Drama Drama Room	Telling the Story/plus Art Room	Prayer Cards Art Room	Baking Communion Bread Kitchen	Pentecost
3rd—4th graders	Drama Drama Room	Telling the Story/plus Art Room	Bible 134 CWC	Baking Communion Bread Kitchen	Pentecost
5th—6th graders	Bible Study/plus Bibleland/Art Room	Readers Theater Drama Room	Baking Communion Bread Kitchen	Arts/Crafts Preparing for Pentecost Art Room	Pentecost



Leaders/ Teachers Meeting
 Tuesday, May 22nd - 7 p.m.
 "Animal Crackers"
 Vacation Bible School
 August 13—17, 2012

New or experienced
 all are welcomed!
 See Rev. Karen

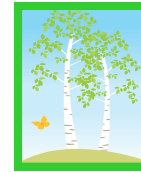


Children began their mission giving
 at the Easter Egg Extravaganza



Bees: \$16

\$30 for a hive



Trees: \$14

\$60 will make a seedling package



Chicks: \$20

Enough for one flock!!

The children will be adding more throughout the year and will be inviting you to join them in this missional outreach of providing food ...caring for souls!

Family Faith Time—Thumbprints

Make Thumbprint Cookies (you can use refrigerated cook dough). Give each member in your family a small spoonful of cookie dough. Have them roll it between the palms of their hands to form a ball. Then have them place their ball on the cookie sheet and press their thumb into the middle of the ball. Bake the cookies at 350 degrees for eight to ten minutes or until the cookies are lightly browned. Remove the cookie sheet from the oven and allow the cookies to cool. Place a small amount of jelly in the center of each cookie. Gather your family members together in a circle. Have everyone look closely at their thumbs and then at the palm of their hands. Ask them to compare their hands with the hands

of the other members of your family. Then ask them to look at the faces of those around the circle. Say: Each one of you is a child of God. You are all special and you have an important place in God's family. I hope you will always remember who you are and whose you are. Pray: Loving God. Jesus showed us that children are important to you. Help us to remember we are your children, and we belong to the family of God. Amen

From : Power-Xpress Jesus and the Children



The Final Concert of the 2011-2012 Nardin Park UMC Music Series

The Rackham Symphony Choir

"From Bach to Broadway"

Directed by Suzanne Mallare Acton

Sunday, May 6, 2012 – 7:30 PM

Free Admission

(Seating at 6:45 with Pre-Concert Reception)

Gorgeous Melodic Music

Featuring the

100-Voice Choir for Your Listening Pleasure!

PART ONE

"Mass in B Minor" (Excerpts) Bach

"Cavalleria Rusticana" (Easter Hymn) Mascagni

"Anvil Chorus" Verdi

"Va Pensiero" Verdi (Most popular Opera Chorus)

"Son'io" Mascagni

Intermission with Reception

PART TWO

"Rhapsody in Rhythm" (Medley)

"Crazy Rhythm", "I Got Rhythm",

"Fascinatin' Rhythm", "Rhapsody in Blue"

"Java Jive"

"Once Upon a Time"

"The Way You Look Tonight"

"Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy"

"Something's Gotta Give"

The Chancel Choir

“Tidbits, Trivia, Thanks, and Transformations”

Mel Rookus, Director of Music

Dr. Miller, at the second service on Easter Sunday, took a moment to express his appreciation to the musicians for their presence and gifts of that glorious worship experience. Brass and percussion were lauded by name. I was mentioned, which was embarrassing, yet kind of him to do. The Chancel Choir was acknowledged, which pleased them immensely. Of course, he couldn't pat himself on the back for his own musical contribution via the opening piece. But I will. What a joy it is to have a minister who can sit at the piano and bring forth joy and excitement as part of opening Voluntary “Because He Lives”. Yet the ultimate result comes forth from each individual musician who participates, be it professional, skilled, or amateur.

“In a two week span, the Chancel Choir provided eleven anthems for Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, two services on Easter Sunday, and the following week continued the Easter “theme” with “Hallelujahs” by Handel and Beethoven.”

When I arrived for my first rehearsal in 1977, I was awed by about 43 choristers. Over the years we grew in numbers and by 1985 we had 107 participants in two adult choirs, each rehearsing on separate nights and leading worship at 9:15 and 11:00. Each choir also sang different music at each service, yet combined for festive Sundays and concerts. Attendance records show that if we were to have a “celestial reunion” of all those who have sung in the Chancel and Sanctuary during my tenure, the choir would number 218 ... 75 sopranos, 67 altos, 31 tenors, and 45 basses.

In September, 2011 the Chancel Choir had an official roster of 53 singers. Since that time we have faced a myriad of attendance declines. Health (serious and seasonal) have impacted a large number and resulted in the “retirement” of 6 members. Family obligations have forced several short-term leaves of absence. The snow-birds have migrated in larger numbers from January through April. The desire to visit out-of-state family members have seen more than a few periodic absences over this time period.

In summary, we have averaged 32 in rehearsals and Sundays over the past 4 months.

Amazingly, while the numbers are down, the quality of the music each week has not diminished. This group has a marvelous spirit that makes rehearsals highly productive. New music has been learned and polished in a most admirable manner. I say this with a mixture of professional pride, along with a personal word of thanks to those who go the extra mile to lead our worship in the best possible manner.


Might I suggest the following?

Make it a point, to provide either a verbal or written note of appreciation to a choir member?

Consider joining the choir either on a long-term or short-term basis.

- * (We are not a “closed-shop” group – we will welcome new members at any time)
- * (Reading music is certainly helpful, but not a requirement)
- * (Rehearsals run just about an hour each Wednesday at 7:30)
- * (There is no audition of any kind)
- * (We currently sing September through July)

Call or email me at 248-476-8860 (Ext 111) mrookus@sbcglobal.net



YOUTH NEWS



Mother's Day



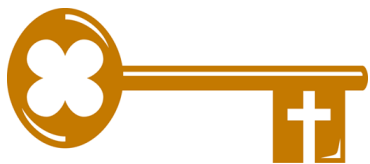
Youth Ministries Calendar of Events!

- May 4-5 **ASP Team Training Work Weekend** at NPUMC 6pm Friday to 6pm Saturday.
- May 5 **S.P.L.A.S.H. Fundraiser at Maple House Restaurant** at 11 Mile and Middle-belt. Enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner and 10% of your bill will be donated to provide clean, fresh water in under-developed countries around the world!
- May 6 **Route 56 11:30am to 12:30pm** All 'tweens in grades 5 and 6 are invited for a time of fellowship and fun on 1st Sundays following worship. Meet in Park Place for a snack. Interested in walking the CROP Walk to raise funds for needy families? Contact Pastor Susan!!!
- May 6 **CROP Walk** 1pm registration/1:30pm Walk (all events at Farmington First UMC in Downtown Farmington). Youth and Families invited to walk with Pastor Susan's Team!!! See Pastor Susan for details.
- May 6 **Youth Fellowship Sunday Night** at 6pm-8pm. Middle School and High School Youth in Park Place (last Sunday night with Pastor Susan).
- May 13 **Mother's Day** NO youth fellowship.
- May 14 **Youth Council**—any interested youth in grades 5-12 are invited to represent your peers on Youth Council. Meet at 6:30pm in Park Place. Contact Tami Wayne for information (tspencer@yahoo.com).

Looking Ahead...

- June 3 **Pentecost Picnic**—all church event.
- June 10 **Graduation Sunday**—High School graduating seniors and all college/graduate school degrees celebrated in worship!!! Please contact the church office with your graduation information for the bulletin boards and worship celebration. Pastor Susan's last day at NPUMC.
- June 17 **ASP Team Commissioning**—join in praying God's blessings upon this 21-member missionary team serving in Lawrence County, Kentucky the week of July 7-14.
- June 24 **Date TBD—Welcome Mandy McNeil** as new youth ministries staff person!!!
- July **South Oakland Shelter**—NPUMC hosts SOS guests. Youth may sign up to volunteer. See Deb or Jeff Lockledge for more information!
- July 1-8 **ASP Mission Week.**
- July 7-14 **Empty Bowls Project**—children and youth ages 5-17 create two clay bowls, one for Gleaner's Empty Bowls fundraisers and the other to keep. Contact Pastor Karen for details.
- July 14 **Blessing of the Animals Service/VBS "Animal Crackers" Kick-Off event!!!** Volunteer opportunities all week. Contact Pastor Karen for information or to volunteer.
- August 12 **"Animal Crackers" Vacation Bible School.**
- August 13-17 **Middle School Service Week**—grades 6, 7, and 8 are in service to the community for three days. Learn about serving from the heart—parent's day out on Monday, Gleaner's Food Bank work on Tuesday, and Earthworks Urban Garden on Wednesday. Contact Melanie Allbery for details (melanieallbery@yahoo.com).
- August 20-22

TRUSTEES TEAM



HAVE A CHURCH KEY?

The Trustees are working on a project to enhance the safety and security of the church building. As part of this effort,

the Trustees are compiling a list of all the people in the church who have a church key or an alarm code. If you have either a key or an alarm code, please contact Mike Glenn (Trustees chair) or Linda Moses (Administrative Assistant in the church office) to be sure that your name and code are included. If you have a key or alarm code that you think you no longer need, please let us know that as well, and you may turn in your key at the church office.

HISTORY & ARCHIVES



50 YEARS AGO...

Fifty Years Ago at Nardin Park

May, 1962

Not realizing what the future would hold (in six months, the congregation would receive an offer from Ebenezer African Methodist Episcopal Church to purchase the building), Nardin Parkers filled May 1962 with many traditional activities. They were unaware of the change that was to come soon and would today find their congregation in Farmington Hills.

Certainly plans for a reception the end of May honoring Bishop Reed, Nardin Park's pastor (1934-1948) was a cause for joy. However, the need to extend the Easter missionary collection into May was a cause for concern. Even though the shortfall in support of the mission church in Honolulu and for the work of the Women's Society was still unmet by May 13th, plans were made for other traditional church programs. The Annual Methodist Men Installation of Officers and Bowling League Banquet featured a program on "Game Hunting in Alaska." Plans were made to visit the Children's Village in Redford and those interested in summer camping were encouraged to see Mrs. Rhoad, Mr. Pratt, or Mrs. Manning Sanders. The month ended well, with the report that the Easter offering had raised \$1,638.18, and the reception for Bishop Reed.

LIBRARY PROJECT

Parlor Library has Books for Everyone

The Nardin Park Parlor Library has many books to borrow and even some you can take with you on vacation or read and pass on to a friend!

In our Borrowing Section of the Library are books for the new parents like *The Baby Cookbook* and *What to Expect the First Year*. For parents with older children, there are books dealing with peer pressure and discipline. There is also a large section of devotional and inspirational books, Bible studies and books by contemporary Christian writers like Max Lucado, Joyce Meyers and others. There are advice books by Susie Orman and Dr. Phil. If you need a short inspirational piece to use as a devotional for a meeting, come and check out our many Books for the Christian: mother...teen...pet-lover..., etc.

These can be borrowed, read, and returned for other families/parishioners to use.

In the Lending Library, we have novels by some of the leading Christian fiction writers:

- * New York Times and bestselling author **Karen Kingsbury** is an American favorite inspirational novelist, with over 20 million books in print;
- * Award winning author **Beverly Lewis** has written well over 100 books for children, youth, and adults, many of which have appeared on bestseller lists, including USA Today and The New York Times; and
- * **Lori Wick** is a multifaceted author of Christian fiction. As comfortable writing period stories as she is penning contemporary works, Lori's books, several million in print, vary widely in location and time period.

These are just a few of the authors available. So plan to stop in the parlor on Sunday, or anytime you are in the building and see what the Parlor Library can offer you!

CHURCH & SOCIETY



Church and Society will be honoring our active military and National Guard members with recognition on Memorial Day Sunday, May 27. Please send the name of your family member including correct

military title, branch of service, location at this time (U.S. base or out of country), and your name to Linda McCraith, wmcraith@yahoo.com, or call 313-580-0006. Please submit your information by Tuesday, May 15.

MAY 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29 9 CHF Adult Class 10 Nursery & PreSchool Sunday School 10 Family Worship 11 Cafe Nardin 11:15 New Generation Youth Choir 11:30 Youth Council Transition Retreat 5p Liturgical Dancers 6p Youth Fellowship Fabulous 5th	30 7p Nominations & Lay Leadership	1-May 9:30 Women's Book Study 5:15p Cherub & Wesley Choirs 6p District Youth Meeting 7p Audit Committee 7p Soul Stretch Yoga	2 7 Energizers 9 Program Staff 6:30p Loving Hands Needlework 7:30p Nardin Ringers	3 10:30 Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30p Chancel Choir	4 (6:00pm) ASP Training Weekend	5 (6:00pm) ASP Training Weekend 8:30 Men's Book Study 9:15 Soul Stretch Yoga 1p Young Families Group 6p Parenting in the Pews Class
6 CROP Walk Off-Site Holy Communion 8:30 Noona 9 CHF Adult Class 10 K-6th Grade Sunday School 10 Nursery & PreSchool Sunday School 10 Worship 11 New Hope Bible Study 11:15 Children's Council 11:15 Welcoming Gathering 11:15 Route 56 11:15 New Generation Youth Choir 5p Filmgoers 6p HS Youth Fellowship (last with Pastor Susan) 6p 1st Sunday Gathering 6:30p 1st Sunday Worship 7:30p The Rackham Symphony Choir	7	8 9:30 Women's Book Study 5:15p Cherub & Wesley Choirs 7p Joint Mtg Finance, Trustees, Endowment	9 7 Energizers 10 UMW Board Meeting 6:30p Stephen Ministry Leaders 7:30p Stephen Ministry Team	10 10:30 Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30p Chancel Choir	11	12 House Work Day 8:30 Men's Book Study 9:15 Soul Stretch Yoga 6p Parenting in the Pews Class
13 MOTHER'S DAY 9 CHF Adult Class 10 K-6th Grade Sunday School 10 Nursery & PreSchool Sunday School 10 Youth Sunday School 10 Worship 11:15 New Generation Youth Choir	14 Newsletter Deadline 6:30p Youth Ministry 7p Worship Ministry	15 9:30 Women's Book Study 7p IT Ministry Team 7p Soul Stretch Yoga 7p Staff Parish Relations Ministry Team	16 7 Energizers 9 Support Staff 1p Chronic Pain Support Group 6:30p Loving Hands Needlework Ministry	17 Annual Conference - Adrian Youth Choir Trip 10:30 Soul Stretch Yoga	18 6:30p WyldLife	19 8:30 Men's Book Study 9:15 Soul Stretch Yoga
20 Youth Choir Trip Annual Conference - Adrian 9 CHF Adult Class 9:30 SS Bake Bread 10 K-6th Grade Sunday School 10 Nursery & PreSchool Sunday School 10 Worship 11 Double Ring Sandwich Making 11 Fair Trade Coffee 11 New Hope Bible Study 11:15 New Generation Youth Choir 2:30p Lay Care Givers 6p MS / HS Youth Fellowship	21 7p Evening Star Circle 7p Finance Ministry Team 7p Board of Trustees 7:30p Missions Ministry Team	22 9 At the Park mailing 9:30 Women's Book Study 11 Anchor-Torch Circle 7p VBS Worker's Meeting 7p Soul Stretch Yoga	23 7 Energizers 7:30p Stephen Ministry	24 10:30 Soul Stretch Yoga 7:30p Chancel Choir	25	26 8:30 Men's Book Study 9:15 Soul Stretch Yoga 1p Aldersgate/MPR
27 10 K-6th Grade Sunday School 10 Nursery & PreSchool Sunday School 10 Worship 7p Filmgoers/MPR	28 BUILDING CLOSED MEMORIAL DAY	29 9:30 Women's Book Study	30 7 Energizers	31 7:30p Chancel Choir	1-Jun	2 8:30 Men's Book Study 10 Setup for Pentecost Party

Please check with your committee chair, the office or the door signs for locations of meetings and classes.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

CHANCEL FLOWERS ARE GIVEN ON

- May 6** ~ in memory of George Thomas on the 100th anniversary of his birth, and in memory of Bill's sisters Dorothy Wilbur and Mildred McCormick with love from Bill and Anne Hollingsworth
- May 6** ~ in memory of Grace Whitston's May 10 birthday with love from Karl and Sue
- May 13** ~ in memory of our son Roger with love from Mom and Dad Jones
~ in memory of Margaret Phillips with love from the Phillips family
- May 27** ~ in memory of my parents, Alma and George Higgins with love from their daughter Margaret Totton

OUR SYMPATHIES GO OUT TO

- ~ Bruce and Joan Carroll on the death of Bruce's brother, James Carroll Jr., on March 20.
- ~ Susan Gasparian and Stephen Bolerjack on the death of Susan's father, Armen Gasparian, on April 11.

CELEBRATIONS



~ Ava Grace DesNoyer, born March 21.
Congratulations to parents Andrea and David DesNoyer and big sister Gabby, grandmother Jan Leonardis and great-grandmother Lorene Juhnke

~ Helena Lee Walker, born March 30
Congratulations to parents Audrey and Mike Walker, grandparents Gail and Tim Pawl, and great-grandparents Bob and Mary Brosch

THE STEEPLE IS LIT THE WEEK OF

- April 29** ~ in memory of Bob with love from his wife Lorene and family
- May 13** ~ in memory of Barbara Lutz McConnell with love from Sue
- May 27** ~ in memory of Muriel D. Lewis, sister with love from Bev and Al Fletcher

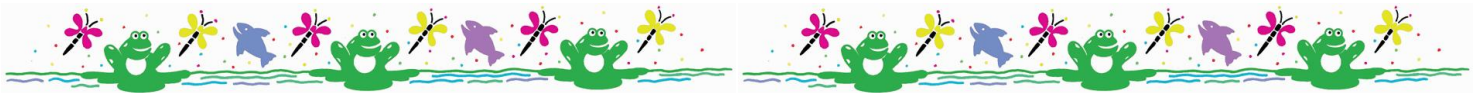


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Doris McCubbin

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Mary Raymo
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Peg Algie 5/2
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Cameron Jones 5/2
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Sara Romano 5/2
Elizabeth Bartram 5/3
Mary Raymo 5/3
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Mark Tingle 5/3
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Shawn Sturgis 5/19
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Gail Pawl 5/20
Karen Roth 5/20
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Katie Foss 5/21
Aaron Work 5/21
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Mark Hankins 5/26
Andrew Holmes 5/26
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Tyler Pokryfky 5/26
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Heather Christensen 5/27
Rebecca Darnbrook 5/27
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Diane Riley 5/27
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Jim & Evelyn Bertram 5/21
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Lois & Gerry Kaercher 5/28
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