**DECEMBER 2016**

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A Different Kind of Christmas

The stores have already been wooing us for weeks. They started right after Labor Day, or at least that is when I began to see displays of Christmas items, and special deals on Christmas gifts! Now that Halloween is over and Thanksgiving is near, they are in full force. Calling us to buy things of all kinds for Christmas. The goal of course is for us to purchase as much as we can, and build stacks of gifts that are not really needed and in some cases won't be used. But the stores convince us that we have to have this stuff in order for Christmas to happen.

If we stop and think about it for a moment, the real meaning of Christmas doesn't come for a store. The true gift of the season is Immanuel, "God with us." But in the chaos of Black Friday Deals, and all the shopping and spending, escalating debt, not to mention the exhausting preparations the real story of Christmas gets lost.

That is why this year, we at Nardin Park are focusing on a Different Kind of Christmas. Christmas is Jesus' birthday and we are called to celebrate in a way that honors the birth of the Messiah. We are called to celebrate the miracle of this moment by focusing our resources on the least and the lost.

To help us to do this, our Advent Theme will be on "A Different Kind of Christmas: Living and Giving like Jesus" and the sermons will be about how we can celebrate Jesus' birthday, and focus our resources on helping bring hope, love and Joy to others.

We will be using Rev. Mike Slaughter's book "A Different Kind of Christmas" to guide us and on November 20th, during our Gratitude Brunch, we will be handing out Advent devotionals for each of you to take home. We hope that you will use these devotionals to help focus your Advent and Christmas preparations and celebrations. For those of you with young children in your homes, we encourage you to involve your kids in the reading of the short devotionals and help them to understand that Christmas is Jesus' birthday and Jesus wants us to live and give like he does.

I hope you will join us for the Sundays in Advent, For Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service (This year Christmas Day is a Sunday!) And I especially hope you will be a part of "A Different Kind of Christmas" where our focus is on Jesus' birthday and on honoring His kind of giving and living.

Pastor Melanie



WORSHIP WITH US SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00

Church Season: Advent and Christmas

Advent Theme: *A Different Kind of Christmas*

Sunday Nov. 27th—First Sunday in Advent

"Expect a Miracle"

Rev. Karen Poole

Chancel Choir

Sunday December 4th—Second Sunday in Advent

"Giving up on Being Perfect"

Rev. Melanie Carey

Chancel Choir

Sunday December 11th—Third Sunday in Advent

"Scandalous Love"

Rev. Melanie Carey

Chancel Choir and Handbells

Sunday December 18th—Fourth Sunday in Advent

"Jesus's Wish List"

Rev. Melanie Carey

Chancel Choir and Liturgical Dancers

Sunday, December 25th—Christmas Morning

Come casual to share the Gift of Christmas!

Rev. Melanie Carey

Sunday, January 1st—New Year's Day, No Communion

"By Another Road"

Rev. Beth Titus

Christmas Eve Worship

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 pm Children's and Family Service

6:00 pm Carols & Candlelight

8:00 pm Carols & Candlelight

11:00 pm Carols & Candlelight; Holy Communion

Rev. Carey will be preaching at 6, 8, and 11:00

The building and office will be closed on December 26 and 31, 2016, and on January 2, 2017.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Wednesday, December 14, 2016

SPEAKER—Rev. Sarah Nadeau Alexander, Director of Motown Missions

6:00 to 6:30 pm - Arrival/Punch Bowl Fellowship in Mercer Hall

6:30 to 7:15 pm- Fantastic Cheesecake Buffet in Mercer Hall

7:15 to 7:30 pm - Break

7:30 pm to 8:30 pm- Program in Sanctuary; Free will offering



All are invited. Sign up on Sundays, November 20, November 27, December 4, and December 11.

DONATIONS of home-baked or purchased cheesecakes gladly accepted! Sign up for donations when you register.



Gratitude Brunch

Sunday, November 20th
Following morning worship

Come one, come all to a delicious gratitude brunch where we will give thanks for all that you do for our church.

The brunch will be held in Mercer Hall along with our **Advent Festival and Fair Trade Christmas Sale.**

Please RSVP to the brunch event on the Nardin Park Facebook page, contacting the church office at 248-476-8860 or email LMcDoniel@nardinpark.org

All Church Conference

Sunday, November 20 at 3:00pm

Everyone is welcome and invited to our Church Annual Meeting. Come help us celebrate our 2016 Ministries and hear about our plans for 2017. Our District Superintendent, Rev. Dr. Charles Boayue, Jr., will preside at this important meeting.

THE WORSHIP MINISTRY TEAM will decorate the Sanctuary with Poinsettias for Christmas Eve again this year. Orders will be taken on Sundays (December 4th and 11th) following worship in Mercer Hall for \$12 per plant. Donations for Food for the Hungry will also be taken at the same time. Poinsettias may be taken home following the worship service you attend on Christmas Eve. Thank you for your support.

FAIR TRADE DECEMBER 18th—Last chance to get your “stocking stuffers” and hostess gifts! Remember, when you share through Fair Trade, you give two gifts—one to your loved one and one to a third world community which desperately needs our help just to survive. How better to celebrate Christmas!

THANK YOU, NARDIN PARK CONGREGATION, for donating various hygiene items for NOAH over the past summer. United Methodist Women collected and sorted your donations, and then delivered them to NOAH at Central UMC in downtown Detroit on Wednesday, October 19. As we were carting the boxes into the church, several NOAH clients asked if they could have some deodorant, toothpaste, etc., so these items are always needed.

CHRISTMAS CARD BOXES will be sitting on the outside window ledge to the left of the main doors to the Sanctuary, beginning Sunday, November 27, 2016, through Sunday, January 8, 2017. Please use these boxes to send postage-free Christmas greetings to all your friends at Nardin Park.

Vital Church Initiative - Are we a welcoming church?

By Dorothy Moore

When I was asked to join VCI as a home team member, I had to stop and think....did I have enough time to attend another monthly meeting, to read 12 books, and potentially be involved for the next 3 years? As I reflected on what Nardin Park means to me, I had to say yes. I love Nardin Park, but also know we have great potential to grow to be even better than we are today.

When my mom and I first walked in the doors in 1997, we were warmly greeted by Dave and Judy Blaney. Their welcoming smiles made quite an impression on my mom. When they showed up later at her condo, with a welcome loaf of bread, she was very touched. For many months, Judy and Dave touched base with us to see if we had any questions or needed anything. When I asked my mom if she wanted to visit another church, she said “No” since we already had friends at the new church.

When Ann Shell and her sister Margaret were well enough to attend services, they spent every Sunday walking around and speaking to everyone, especially new members, to make sure they felt welcome. People still talk about the “Shell Sisters” and their awesome hospitality. While they can’t attend service right now, they left a legacy of a welcoming attitude. How do we carry it on?

Do the rest of us do as good of a job at welcoming? When people from local community residences arrive on the bus, do we make them feel welcome, let them know where the bathrooms and coffee are located and we are happy to have them here? I think sometimes we do, and sometimes not. On one of the Gratitude Sundays, we heard a letter from Dennis Bykowski, who came to NP on the bus. He was thankful for our welcome and that we gave him a walker when he needed it. Did you ever stop to speak to him on Sundays? I know I smiled and said “Hi,” but I never had a conversation with him. How many times do we miss opportunities to share God’s grace?

I think we can do better. I know we can do better. I believe in the Vital Church Initiative and our ability to make Nardin Park a better, more loving and welcoming church. I hope you do too!

STEPHEN MINISTRY



Are you experiencing the Christmas Blues?

Christmas can be a hard time. You may have suffered a loss this year, or are finding that many of your Christmas Traditions need to change as your family dynamics change.

Stephen Ministry provides a selection of Care Notes (available next to the kitchen by the drinking fountain) that help with changing Christmas traditions and dealing with a Christmas after a loss. Please stop by and pick up as many Care Notes as you and/or your family may need. Also consider putting a Care Note in the Christmas cards you send to friends who are hurting this Christmas.

We know the joy of Christmas can turn into a time of painful loneliness and emptiness for those who have suffered a loss or who are going through a difficult time. But help is available. Our Stephen Ministers are ready to provide confidential, one-to-one Christian care. They will listen, care, encourage, pray with and for you, and support you through the holidays and as long as your need persists. If you or someone you know is hurting, find out more about Stephen Ministry by talking with one of our Stephen Leaders: *[Doris Hildebrand, Dorothy Moore or Rev. Melanie Carey]*. Our Stephen Ministers are there to care!~

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Jesus Said "...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



Sunday Worship

10:00 a. m. Every Sunday

December 4

Holy Communion*



*On Communion Sundays, children 3 years and older, not already in worship, are guided to the sanctuary to receive Holy Communion. They then return to their respective areas.

Acolytes: 4th graders & older

Acolytes carry the processional cross, Bible, and light & extinguish the altar candles during the 10:00 a.m. worship experience.



A child's activity book
for Christmas
A Deep Blue Star



Children 3 years - 1st
Grade received this book
at the Advent Festival
November 20th .

If you are not here and would
like a book for your child/ren
please see Rev. Karen .
There are books for them!!

Begin adding stars Sunday, November 27th!

Set the book in a place where you can read
to your child/ren everyday,
and they can add a star one by one until
"The Mystery of Christmas" Day arrives!

10:00 a.m. Sunday

Children's - Spiritual Guidance

Nursery Care - First Floor

Toddler-Two Year Room - First Floor

December Theme - "Let's Get Ready"

"For unto us a child is born, a son is given" Isaiah 9:6

10 a.m. Spiritual Guidance *(continued)*



"Godly Play"

- (a) 3 - 5Year Olds - First Floor
- (b) K5/6 - 1st Grade
- (c) 2nd - 3rd Grades - Second Floor
- (d) 4th - 6th Grades - Second Floor

Advent/Christmas Lessons



1st Sunday of Advent / Nov. 27

The Prophets showed us the way.
Now we can go to Bethlehem, too.
Isaiah 40:9 -11; Isaiah 7:14; 9:2-7
Micah 5:2-5a; Isaiah 60: 1-3

2nd Sunday of Advent / Dec. 4

The Holy Family is on their way
to Bethlehem and
we are going with them.
(a), (b), (c); (d)
Luke 2: 1-5



3rd Sunday of Advent / Dec. 11

We remember the shepherds
who heard the angels say
"peace on earth and
good will to everyone."
(a), (b), (c); (d) Luke 2:8-20



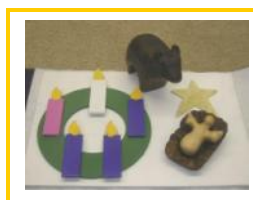
4th Sunday of Advent / Dec. 18

We remember the magi, although
they most likely didn't arrive in Beth-
lehem until near Jesus' first birthday.
(a), (b), (c), (d)
Matthew 2: 1-12; 16-18



Here is the Christ Child

the "Mystery of Christmas".
When you come to the mystery
of Christmas, everything changes.
A time of pure celebration.
Matthew 2:1; Luke 2:7;
John 1:1-5; 9-10



December 25

Merry Christmas Day!

"I wonder what you can tell me about this picture?"
"I wonder what this picture has to do with today's story?"

Times for Fun and Fellowship in December



Christmas Party

Saturday,
December 3rd
5:30 p.m.

*A Family Event
to Celebrate Christmas!*

Bring a dish to pass

Activities and Crafts for the children

Hosted by the Brennan's at Nardin



Saturday,
December 10th

**Parent's
Night Out
4 - 8 p.m.**

Enjoy a night out while the kids
enjoy food, fellowship, and fun.

Signing Up ahead of time
important!
"?"s

Contact Lauren at Lmsundqu@gmail.com

"Night @the Park"

Tuesday, December 6

*(last night in December, resuming in
the New Year on January 10th)*

Snack, Fun, and Study

4:30 - 5:35 p.m.

Kindergarten - 5th graders

Childcare 4:30 - 5:30 and
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Fusion for Youth

6th - 12th grades

Beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Dinner

5:30 - 6:45 p.m. Choose your time

Children's Choirs

6:05 - 6:40 p.m.

Adult Studies

6 - 6:40 p.m. or
7 - 8:30 p.m.



Christmas Eve. December 24th

Candlelight Services

The Message by - Rev. Melanie Lee Carey

4:00 p.m. Especially for children and their families

Children's Message; Children's Choirs

6:00, 8:00 and 11:00 p.m.

Special Music 6 and 11; Chancel Choir - 8 p.m.

(Holy Communion is served at 11 o'clock)

Pictures of children portraying "The Nativity" shared each hour

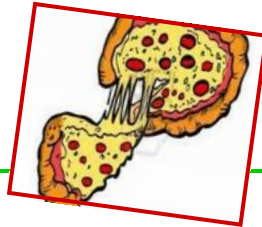
YOUTH NEWS



Common Ground

New Times and New Ages!
All Youth from 6th –12th grade
are invited to join us on
Sunday Nights, 6-7:30

*Join us for games,
fun, food, fellowship
and faith building.*



FUSION - Tuesdays 4:30 - 5:30

All youth are welcome !

And are also encouraged to be part of

Night @ The Park opportunities!

We will be having fun together and learning
through Bible study and learning activities.

****Tuesday, December 6th is the last

Night @ The Park until January 10th. ****



Dec. 4 - Common Ground

Dec. 6 - Night @ The Park

Dec. 11 -

NO Common Ground

Dec. 13 -

Special Dance Rehearsal

Dec. 18 - Common Ground

Christmas Party



Save the Date!

January 29, 2017

**We will be
serving at Crossroads.**



Spring Hill Winter Retreat

March 10-12, 2017

*All youth grades 6 - 12
are welcome to join us!*

*Cost: \$100 -Deposit due December 18- \$50
(Balance will be due January 22)*

This a weekend full of activity! Lots of free time to
take part in the activities that are provided -
some activities require an extra fee.

It is also a time when we are challenged to
grow in faith and commitment.

Questions? Contact Beth btitus@nardinpark.org

Rummage Update

Thanks to all the workers, donors, and shoppers who helped make the **Fall Rummage Sale** a success! As of this date, we have received over **\$ 9,700**. We have donated to many causes: **Gleaners food pantry** (chairs), **Costick Senior Center Gift Shop**, **Ft. Street Presbyterian Men's Homeless Center**, **Farmington Hills Police Department** (toy bears), **Mothers and Unborn Baby Care**, **Humboldt Design Center**, **Four Corners Methodist Mission New Mexico**, **Brightmoor Project** and **African Humanitarian Mission** and **The Salvation Army**.

Thanks to Tom Sayles who supplied the funds to pay for the worker's dinner. Mary Sue planned the dinner and recruited Dorcas Knox, Jan Leonardis, Karen Nicholson, Julie Brown, Liz Lindner, Bob Davis, Tammy, Abigail and Katherine Wayne to cook and serve the meal. Carolyn Bough and Mary Glenn fixed lunch on Wednesday. Those who worked prior to the sale to sort and price items included Sherry & Tim Wright, Judy Blaney, Sandy Davis, Marj Sayles, Reid Heitkamp, Pat Lange, Linda McCraith, Al Roberson, Jeannine Webber and Darcy. Dorothy Moore and Sandy Cole, worked hard before the sale to get a large amount of jewelry repaired, priced and cleaned. Kathy Sayles and Carolyn set up Jewelry. Tom Tobe was extra generous with his time and moving talents in picking up furniture. He was assisted by Jack Mumford, Scott Latham, Reid, Al, and Melvin Grant. Thanks to Jack Ward for counting and banking for us. Sue Ward led the Women's area with Marilyn Elliott, Cathy Raffle, Donna Doerr, Cindi Helisek, Darcy, Jeannine and Debbie Maxwell. Bob Elliott, Rich Lefstad, Alan Helisek, Rich Jensen and Dale Bjorklund did a good job on the stage. Reid checked all electric items before the sale. Saturday set-up people included Alan, Jay Jensen, Eddie, Tim, Jon Carey and Rich. Amy Langdon led the book crew with Joyce Green, John Morris, and Alice Avedisian. The Men's Department shared lots of work with Mark Cioccio, Bob Elliot, Tim, Reid, and Bob Docking. Marj, Pat Cassidy, Evelyn Cioccio, tackled Linens and Linda McCraith set up Crafts. Pat, Reid and Betsy Adams did Christmas and Holiday decorations. Barb Robertson set up Children's clothes. Gail Pawl and Tim, Barb Williams, Helena Walker, Elliston Pawl, Bill & Donna Hacker set up and chaired Previously Loved. Finance workers included Walter McCoskey, Judy, Al, Tim, and Bob Smith. Bill and Linda McCraith, Richard & Janet Lefstead and Bob Elliott. Karen Rowe did the signs. The following folks helped set-up, clean-up or other tasks during the sale: Barb & Dic Kahl, Tammy Latham, Diane Sherman, Myron Woelke, Ed & Jackie Spala, Clark Williams, Todd Webb, Ally Webb, Jim Cole, Spencer Lineberry, Mary Glenn, Susan Rose, Linda McDoniel, Laurie Berger, Eddie Sanders, Lovey Quesnel, Fay Hagar, Bev Trottier, Amanda Devine, Cindy Whiting, Larry & Carole Zien, Ina Wilcox, Reva Wujcik, Sue Genschoreck, Marza Mrozovich and Ada Martinez Escobar.

We plan to redo the Men's 50 year old bathroom. We have been saving money from previous sales. Keep Saving !

Thanks to all, Tina Jensen

Missions



A Different Kind of Christmas!

It's hard to believe we are already talking about Christmas, but it's upon us. The church has been participating in a study called "A Different Kind of Christmas" based on a book by Michael Slaughter called, "It's Not Your Birthday." The Mission Team would like to offer opportunities to celebrate giving that share God's love with others.

Watch for more details to come about Gifts of Love and supporting families through SOS.

Thank you!

As I get ready to leave for my trip to Haiti, I want to say thank you so much for your generous gifts that will enable me to do so much work. I've seen pictures of flooding this week in Jeremie, people are in need of food and medical treatment. It will be so amazing to be able to help! Thank you so much!

Rev. Beth



FINANCIAL NEWS

2016 Finance Committee Members

Class of 2016

Reid Heitkamp and Walt McCoskey

Class of 2017

Robbie Hayes, Dean Moening and Tom Tobe

Class of 2018

Wendy Foss, John Olson and Debbie Perry

Year to date through October, 2016

Operating Income	\$ 499,921.85
Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 543,596.20</u>
Net income (deficit)	(\$ 43,674.35)
Carryover from 2015	<u>\$ 5,000.00</u>
Balance	(\$ 38,674.35)

Ex – Officio John Gingrich (Church Council), Mike Marks (Stewardship and Lay Leader), Jerry Foss (Trustees), Ivar Anderson (Audit), Rev. Melanie Carey (Lead Pastor) and Susan Rose (Treasurer)

Current Financial Status

Year to date through October 2016

Chairperson—Tom Tobe

During my time as Finance Chairperson, I have witnessed the generosity of your contributions to Nardin Park. This year you have contributed to and supported:

- ◇ A Capital Campaign for our new boilers
- ◇ Helped support community and mission projects
- ◇ Contributed toward our Operational Budget

Giving has always been and should be a personal experience as we reflect on the many blessings we have as individuals and a family.

As of the October Statement of Income we have received approximately 91% of our **projected Operating Receipts (pledges and non pledged giving)**.

Is the glass half empty or half full? While it is good we have received 91% of our projected giving, our shortage of 9% of where we should be means we are short \$ 43,000 to date.

I am asking that each of us reflect on our many blessings and:

- ◇ If you have made a pledge— **please fulfill that pledge.**
- ◇ For those that generously give without a pledge— **Please meet or exceed what you gave to the Operational Budget last year.**
- ◇ And for those that are able—**Please consider giving a little extra to help continue the overall operation of our church.**



Please Consider myEoffering

Please consider myEoffering which is a service we've teamed up with to give you the ability to send your offerings online in the same way that many of you already pay bills and purchase products.

Online offering has many benefits for the church

- Easier access to giving
- More engagement with young stewards
- More easily track contributions for budgeting
- Saves us from manually tracking those contributions every week
- Saves us from large fees on check processing
- Allows us to more accurately forecast expenditures and needs

Signing up is simple

- Go to our church website nardinpark.org
- Look for the green computer mouse icon
- That will take you to the myEoffering page for our church
- Simply sign up and begin giving online today!

MY E-OFFERING NEW FEATURE SPECIAL OFFERING DESIGNATIONS

Visit www.nardinpark.org
and look for the **myEoffering** logo

**Capital Campaign Update
As of November 8, 2016
Capital Campaign Committee**



Chairpersons: Jerry Foss and Tom Tobe

Matt Kreager Pat Lange
Mike Marks Dr. Dale Miller
Rev. Jeff Regan

Finances

(Numbers Rounded off)

Funds pledged \$ 100,242.00 *

*\$ 23,176.00 Pledged funds that are
scheduled to be paid over one to two years.

**\$ 77,066.00 Pledged funds that have
been paid and are listed below.

Funds Received as of November 8, 2016

Funds pledged and rec'd	\$ 77,066.00 **
Overpaid pledge	\$ 625.00
Non pledged contributions	\$ 21,465.00
Memorial gifts and cash	<u>\$ 11,362.00</u>
Total	\$ 110,518.00

**Progress of our Project
Completed**

- ◆ Boilers delivered and installed
- ◆ Boilers operational
- ◆ Electrical wiring installed
- ◆ Electronic Control installation

Looking Ahead

- ◆ Synchronization of computers to boilers
- ◆ Final checks and inspections

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- Customers enjoy the same wide selection of products, low prices, and convenient shopping features as on Amazon.com
- Difference is that when customers shop on Amazon Smile (smile.amazon.com), the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organizations selected by customers. When first visiting Amazon Smile, select Nardin Park. In order to browse or shop at Amazon Smile, you must first select a charitable organization (Nardin Park).

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



Marcia Miller	12/1	Audrey Walker	12/10	Natalie Rookus	12/21	Beth Hubrecht	12/30
Kay Wilson	12/1	Harper Byerle	12/11	Keith Witmer	12/21	Jerry Miller	12/30
Diane Dailey	12/2	Margo Gerber	12/11	David Green	12/22	Christine Scobel	12/31
Hailey Kabara	12/2	Jenna Latimer	12/11	Cole Tritt	12/22		
Dean Moening	12/2	Frances Prior	12/11	Anthony McComb	12/23		
Kristina Polk	12/2	Jim Rhoad	12/11	Dawn Sherman-Hixson	12/23		
Jim Allbery	12/3	Derrick Teal	12/12	Carrol Belott	12/24		
Paul Merritt	12/3	Anna Cassar	12/13	Lindsey Boehms	12/24		
Sandy Sherman-Sarlund	12/4	Walter McCoskey	12/13	Al Brown	12/24		
Betsy Adams	12/5	Margaret Shell 1	2/13	Rachel Custer	12/24		
Jennifer Ellis	12/5	Liana Abela	12/15	Mark Fandale	12/24		
John Troost	12/5	Susan Albee	12/15	Riley Ingram	12/24		
Michael Yaroch	12/5	Jeff Davis	12/15	Dorothy McCoskey	12/24		
Betty Barclay	12/6	Christopher Smith	12/15	Carol Robb	12/24		
Karl Kirchner	12/6	Kimberly Gillman	12/16	Alan Helisek	12/25		
Christine LaBelle	12/6	Sue Henstock	12/17	Stephanie Popp	12/25		
Kathleen McFarland	12/7	Alice Burgess	12/18	Janet Smith	12/25		
Don Wilson	12/7	Irwin Knox	12/18	Eleanor Anderson	12/26		
Bev Brun	12/8	Penny Livingston	12/18	Ron French	12/26		
Tim Latimer	12/9	Kyle Loth	12/18	Bob Smith	12/26		
		Ann-Marie Sharpe	12/18	Mark Chrumka	12/27		
		Kari Shea	12/18	Gene Dawes	12/27		
		Sheila Gubachy	12/19	Dorothy Moore	12/27		
		Joseph Spala	12/19	John Opra	12/27		
		Paul Chastney	12/20	Luke Pohlman	12/27		
		Dortch McNally	12/20	Carl Meyer	12/28		
		Lou Ann Wold	12/20	Patrick Triscari	12/28		
		Nancy Berkesch	12/21	Kris Chernavage	12/29		
		Michael Butts	12/21	Dawn McAuliffe	12/29		
		Viola Gardner	12/21	Mary Behnan	12/30		



Walter & Dorothy McCoskey	12/1
Susanna & Chris Brennan	12/3
Dean & Ann Moening	12/4
Roger & Judy Avie	12/5
Donald & Shirley Wilson	12/12
John & Nancy Gingrich	12/18
Kathy & Mark Fandale	12/24



Remember the
HOMEBOUND

Betty Barclay
Carrol Belott
Ruth Heaslip
Lorene Juhnke

Doris McCubbin
Bev Mumbulo
Frances Prior
Mary Raymo

Jane Robling
Glen Schlott
Ann Shell
Margaret Shell

William Sheppard

Our **Sympathy** goes to:

- The family of Beverly Brun, who passed away on October 26th.
- Lynne Taylor and family on the death of her husband, Kenneth.
- The family of Don Rhoad, who passed away on November 8th.



Our **prayers** go to those who are sick or convalescing, including:

Peg Algie
Jerry Berkesch
Bob Bough
Carol Howell
Gerry Kaercher
Betty McLaughlin
Dennis Middleton

Beverly Notestine
Mary Raymo
Jane Robling
Tiara Jarvis
Jeannine Webber
Keith Witmer

Chancel Flowers are given on:

Dec 4—In memory of our parents, Hilda & Alexander Gibbs and Virginia & Robert Jack, with love from Marilyn & Al Gibbs

Dec 18—In memory of our son Craig, with love from Barbara & Dic Kahl

Dec 18 & 24—Usher carnations are given in memory of Wilber & Edith Walker and Ralph & Bonnie Chrysler, from Sherrie Chrysler and Ralph D. Chrysler

The **STEEPLE** was lit the week of:

Nov 6—Gary Latham, who would have been 50 on Nov 7, with love from Barbara & Dic Kahl and Tammy Latham and children

The **STEEPLE** will be lit the week of:

Dec. 11—In memory of Paul R. Phillips, with love from his parents, Keith & Tally Witmer.

Dec 18—In memory of Al Green, with love from his family.



For a complete list of meetings and activities, visit our website at www.nardinpark.org and click "CALENDAR" on the left side of the page.



December 5 at 7:30 pm—Concert: "Carols by Candlelight," featuring Melvin Rookus, Organist, and Amy Ridings, Flautist

December 6—Last Night @ the Park for 2016—see you on Jan. 10, 2017!

December 10 from 4-8pm—Parents' Night Out (see more information on Children's Ministry Page)

December 11 at 3:00 pm —"39th Annual Christmas Concert," Cherub Choir, Wesley Singers, Nardin Ringers, Chancel Choir and The Mainstreet Brass Quintet

December 14 at 6:00 pm—Advent by Candlelight (See Page 2)

December 24 Christmas Eve Worship:

4:00 pm Children's and Family Service

6:00 pm Carols & Candlelight

8:00 pm Carols & Candlelight

11:00 pm Carols & Candlelight; Holy Communion

Rev. Carey will be preaching at 6, 8 & 11:00

To our many friends who were so thoughtful in giving us a beautiful flower arrangement in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary, we sincerely thank you. ~Jim and Sandy Cole

Deepest appreciation to my dear friends for all the prayers for my return to health. Your cards and the beautiful quilt made for me mean so much. ~Betty McLaughlin



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Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. call the church office 248-476-8860.

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