Meijer Botanical Gardens
Holiday Lights
Sabbath, December 6

Holiday Trees, Indoor Garden, Sculptures, Train and Trolley, Fall/Winter Art Gallery, Rooftop Reindeer

Leaving Niles Westside Church at 11 a.m. (after first service and SS)
Leaving the Gardens at 5:15 p.m.

Bus trip to the Gardens in Grand Rapids (or you can drive yourself). Bring a sack lunch.
Cost: $8 adults, $3.50 ages 3-18, and under 2 free.

Fernwood Members listed on Membership Card get in free (bring card and ID). Must prepay by December 1.

Contact Dave or Denise Scroggs (517-315-0539)
or Barb Harris (517-474-2434)
for more information and to RSVP.
You Are Not Your Own

True freedom is the realization that you are not your own!

This may appear very confusing as belonging to someone else is considered slavery. How then can you be truly free if you are not truly your own? Well, consider the fact that you and I were bought with a price, as 1 Corinthians 6:20 indicates. To be bought implies we were slaves. We were buy-able or trade-able as we are not our own. This is our condition when we sin. Through sin, the Prince of this world claims us as his, and we claim Satan as ours by obedience to him through sin. Therefore, we are never our own as we are either Satan’s through sin, or bought back with a price and God’s. We may not like this, or may try to be our own, but the fact is that we can only serve one master, and two are vying for mastery over us. In 1 Corinthians 6, Paul invites us to totally surrender to God. A God-controlled drive, rather than passion-driven immorality. Though owned, we have a choice. We can choose our allegiance, our owner. Do we accept the price God paid or do we believe we are free and “not choose,” thus accepting the power of Satan over us?

Because we were bought with a price, we ought to be filled with the Holy Spirit! This price is totally unaffordable and yet freely available. It’s humanly impossible to understand the price of risking all of heaven in such a way that God Himself becomes weak enough (human) to be tempted. We are worth so much that heaven set the price as high as death to redeem us. It is no wonder, with such a high price, that we are not our own! In fact, who wants to be their own when God could own them? (Just in case we forgot, we were originally owned by Him anyway!)

Yes, we are not our own. We are Christ’s.

Be joyfully blessed,

Pastor Darrel le Roux

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by Phyllis Shupp, Church Librarian

We are having so much fun at Book Club! Our last meeting in September was full of laughter and praises to God for how good He is to us. We kept busy making and decorating little books to take home. Some made their books to be journals, address books, recipe books, or to make a list of their favorite collection of cars, etc. Alma Carlser made grape caterpillars with chocolate chip eyes for our snack - they looked so squiggly cute!

We will have a large booth at the NAS Fall Fest, so we would like those of you who are 8-14 to come and visit and see some of the things that we have made. You can also sign up there if you want to join. But you don’t have to wait until then - you can sign up now! Some of the things we are looking forward to include getting shirts with our club name on them and earning enough money to go horseback riding in the Spring. Come and see what we are all about!

In October, we will meet on the 2nd and 16th, from 3-4:30 p.m. at the church.

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October 2014
Niles Westside News
Meet Our New Member

Jamie Zindo & Family
by Jamie Zindoga with Gina Meekma

Jamie, Victor, Mason (5 - Kindergarten at NAS) and Gavin (1 1/2) Zindo live in South Bend, Indiana. Victor, who is a nurse, is originally from Zimbabwe, and Jamie, a stay-at-home mom, is from St. Joseph, Michigan.

The Zindogas met in 2008 at work in St. Joseph. They have been married for 3 1/2 years. They enjoy bike riding, taking walks, and cooking as a family.

Jamie, who transferred from the Village Adventist Church in Berrien Springs in June 2014, and her family came to Niles Westside because of the friendly family atmosphere and because they wanted to send Mason to Niles Adventist School. They really love coming to Niles Westside and appreciate the warm welcome!

“We’re glad that you’re part of the Niles Westside Church family, Jamie, Victor, Mason and Gavin!”

The Lord’s Library

by Phyllis Shupp, Church Librarian

Here are a few of the interesting books in our library:

> Primary/Juniors: I know that there are a lot of youth that love horses. This book by author Dandi Daley, Do You Love Horses?, is full of tips, ideas and tricks for really getting to know and love your horse.

> A Fun Book! The Meanest Man in the Army, written by Stuart Tyner, includes stories that Jesus heard as a child. Primary age children would enjoy this book.

> The Artist’s Daughter, by Alexandra Kuykendak, is the personal story of an only daughter born to a single, world-traveling mother. She knew that she had to go back to the beginning of her life to discover the many unanswered questions in her mind. She takes you on a journey through the layers of her life to make sense of it, a soul-searching endeavor that helps find answers that changed her heart.

How Can You Participate with Adventurers?
by Tami le Roux, Director

As this is the month of our Ministry Fair where we all ask how we can be more involved in the ministries in our church, I thought it would be a good idea to ask how you can be involved in Adventurers.

Excuses sound like a good way to make sure you won’t be involved with Adventurers, right? Well, my friend, we have more options than you thought!

Here are the excuses generally given to me as to why you cannot help or join, and the reasons why your excuse is not going to hold you back this time:

1) I am not married or I don’t have kids.
   a. We would be SO happy for you to help us earn an award! Just tell me something that you are interested in, and we will find an award in that line that you can teach to us.

   b. We would love for you to be our photographer for a night or two. We love having a memory of all that we
do during the year.

c. If you are of the age of grandparents, we would love for you to come and assist families with more than one child per parent. Be a stand-in grandparent! Build a memory with a family.

d. You can make a donation to our club. We are happy to accept monetary donations as well as items our club can use. We have a list – just ask!

e. Pray for our families. Satan is attacking families, and we all need prayer to strengthen this bond and this time to build a memory.

2) I can't dedicate to being there every Monday.

a. Well, how about once a month? Or twice a month for our curriculum nights? We have our award nights once a month where we all (as a group) earn one award and could use help! Or you and your family can attend and earn the award – join us once a month, usually the last Monday of the month, for our award nights.

b. How about just for our special nights, like our Christmas Party or our end of the year party? We would love to have you there to add to the games and fun memories! Also, there is our Investiture date, where you can witness and congratulate our families on earning all the awards they are working on this year. It's not to be missed!

c. You can make a donation to our club.

d. Pray for our families.

3) It goes past the kid’s bedtime (from 6 – 7:30 p.m.)

a. We do have the option of doing the curriculum at home and only join us for award nights which is only once a month.

b. We play games near 7:15 each night. If needed, this is a good ‘early exit’ time, though not encouraged as our Circle Time is an important time for kids to share their prayer requests.

c. You can make a donation to our club.

d. Pray for our families.

4) I’m not very good with kids.

a. We have those two party dates we mentioned earlier – our Christmas party and our end of year party. We would love it if you would make us something, food, craft or other. Just tell the Director, and I’m sure we would enjoy your involvement this way.

b. You can make a donation to our club.

c. Pray for our families.

5) I can’t because ____________ (insert your excuse here).

Well, the Lord may be calling you to help somewhere else, and we do understand. Yet even in this we ask you to please consider the following ways you CAN help.

a. You can make a donation to our club.

b. Pray for our families.

We are so happy that you are willing and able to assist with Adventurers. Being part of our church family makes you a special part of the Adventurer family. We look forward to seeing you participate soon! Thank you for being our blessing.

List of things needed for Adventurers:

> Money – We do sponsor some families to attend, and there are crafts, uniforms and curriculum costs as well.
> Paper – We go through paper! Regular office paper, construction paper, cardstock, and more!
> Glue and tape – Elmer’s is our friend, as are glue sticks. Tape – I think we may have a roll, yes only one.
> Pencils – Colored and regular.
> Markers – We buy these pretty much every year.
> Electric pencil sharpener – We don’t have one at all! (But we do need only one.)
> Plastic table cloths – We use light blue, green, yellow, orange, dark blue, and burgundy.
> Play dough – Eager Beavers use this.
> A stuffed beaver or little lamb – For those classes.
> Prayer – Because we all need that.
> Snacks – For those special dates.

Fundraiser:

We are having a Fundraiser. We have twenty copies of the audio book, A Thousand Shall Fall, on CD for a $30 donation, first-come, first-served.

To contact the Adventurer staff, please email nwcaterpillars@gmail.com, go to our Niles Caterpillar Adventurer Facebook page, or call me at 269-425-2161.

Ice Cream Social - September 27

Photo by Chip Meekma
The Pathfinders have started their annual Fun Pasta Fundraiser. Fun Pasta is shaped like the holidays, sports, collegiate team logos, and more. Gluten free options, cookies, soups, chili and more are also available. The products are healthy, fun, and affordable – and make great gifts! We are raising money for new tents. There are a variety of ways to place orders which include the following: with individual Pathfinders, stopping by the Pathfinder booth at the Fall Festival, or purchasing online at www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/niles-four-flags-pathfinder-club.

In October, we will also be working on our Annual Can Food Drive. The club will be collecting nonperishable food items for local area families in need of our support and love. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, bags will be available at church on Sabbath, October 11. Please return donated food items to the church by Sabbath, October 18. The club will be collecting donations throughout our local community too. Please keep this annual project in your prayers. It is our hope that families will be blessed and will see God’s love in action.

We are currently looking for adult volunteers that would be interested in helping us at Wednesday night meetings. If you are interested in helping or have questions, please contact Director Janessa Howell at 269-240-7112 or via email at niles4flagspathfinderclub@gmail.com.

Pathfinder Induction - September 19

Photos by Chip Meekma
Welcome New Members!

- **Alison Duis** was accepted on Profession of Faith on September 20, 2014.

- **Jody Krol** from South Bend First Adventist Church, South Bend, IN

Our Sympathy to the family of **Helen Kline** (Bud Robbins’ sister). She passed away on September 9. Also, **Stephen Cooper** (Elinor Peshka’s son/Phyllis Shupp’s brother) passed away on the 9th. Please keep these families in your prayers.

Food Pantry: The CareNet Ministry of our church would appreciate gift cards or money placed in a tithe envelope marked “CareNet” instead of receiving food for now. The pantry needs are currently met. Thanks to the Niles Church Family for your generosity in meeting the pantry needs of our community and church.

Lunch & Ministry Fair: Sabbath, October 11. Our church family is totally blessed by the amazing support of all the ministries that are currently running. From the kids’ Sabbath Schools to Women’s Ministry to Pathfinders and our school, each ministry has a special place. We are inviting you to a Ministry Fair to find out about all the ministries that keep the church running and how you can be a part of them. Join us for a fun lunch while we explore the different ministries.

Women’s Ministries: On Thursday, October 16, at 7 p.m., we will meet at Barb Harris’ house for our Secret Sis reveal, and start a new year of Getting Acquainted LadieS (GALS) – a spin on Secret Sis, where the person you draw knows who you are so that you can get to know each other better during the year by communicating with them, praying for specific needs they may have, and even getting together with them sometimes. All ladies are invited to join us! - Jenn Cook

Bonfire & Vespers Social:
Saturday, October 18, at 5:30 p.m. at the Chapel in the Woods. Bring hot dogs, etc. to cook over the fire, and whatever other food you want to eat. Bring roasting sticks also. S’mores and hot chocolate will be provided.

Men’s Ministries - Basketball: Starting Sunday, October 19, at 8 a.m. in the gym. For more information and for reminders or updates on cancellations, contact Gregory Barney (269-591-9067 or gab@highland-counseling.com).

Women’s Night Out: Thursday, October 23, at 6 p.m. at Hacienda, Portage Rd., South Bend. Please RSVP to Kathy Dockerty (269-782-8567 or kaddockerty@yahoo.com).

A BIG THANK YOU to all our CROP Walkers and their sponsors! Our church’s CROP Walk total this year is $1,858 so far (up $150 compared to last year). These funds will impact the lives of our neighbors in need as well as assisting hungry people around the world, finding sources of safe water and teaching them successful gardening techniques. Thank you again for caring enough to share of your time and resources. (Matthew 25:35) - Esther Jones

Operation Christmas Child:
Shoe box collection week is November 17-24. Watch for more information at church or go to www.samaritanspurse.org for shoe box packing tips. - Esther Jones
NAS Calendar

**October 5-8** - LIFT at Camp Au Sable (7th & 8th Graders)

**Tuesday, October 7 & 21** - Shopping Card Orders Due

**October 13-17** - Achievement Testing (3rd-8th Graders)

**Monday, October 20** - Fall Break - No School at NAS

**Tuesday, October 21** - Picture Day

**Tuesday, October 21** - School Board, 7 p.m.

**Thursday, October 23** - Visit from Niles Fire Department

**Saturday, October 25** - 8th Grade Music at Westside

**Sunday, October 26** - Fall Fest, 4-7 p.m.

**Monday, October 27** - Parent/Teacher Conferences, 12:15-6 p.m.

**October 28-30** - Outdoor Education at Camp Au Sable (5th Graders)

Volunteers are needed. Please contact Cathy Leonor (cathyleonor@yahoo.com or 269-357-3132) or Jacquelyn Barney (jsb@highland-counseling.com or 269-357-6978) if you can help. Thank you!

This year’s is theme is *NAS Corral*. There will be hayrides, horse rides, the obstacle course and a bounce house, as well as other booths and games. Prizes can be redeemed at our general store. Food will be for sale. There will also be a Book Fair.
Serve Fresh Citrus Fruit for Thanksgiving!

Donations & Proceeds will help the Niles Adventist School.

Ruby Red Grapefruit $32 p/case $16 half
Florida Navels $35 p/case $17.50 half
Tangerines $25 half case only
Variety Pack $28 half case only

Variety pack contains 32-34 pieces: Bottom layer 16-20 navels; Top layer 6 grapefruit and 10 tangerines.

ORDER DUE DATES

Nov 3 Ruby Red Grapefruit, Florida Navels, Tangerines, Variety

Dec 1 Ruby Red Grapefruit, Florida Navels, Mandarins, Tangerines, Variety, Minneola “Honeybells” (pre-order for January delivery)

Jan 5 Ruby Red Grapefruit, Florida Navels, Minneola “Honeybells,” Mandarins, Variety (includes 8 Honeybells instead of Tangerines)

Feb 9 Ruby Red Grapefruit, California Navels, Tangerines, Temple Oranges, Mandarins

Mar 16 If enough orders: Ruby Red Grapefruit, California Navels, Tangerines, Florida Spring Orange, Mandarins

*** Pick up dates are usually 10-14 days after order due date, at NAS. ***

To place your order, please contact Gina Meekma (secretary@nilesadventistschool.org, 269-683-5444 or 269-845-8870). Or order online at www.goldenharvestsales.com, Account #7018.

Prayer is the place where burdens change shoulders.