

## Holy Habits for 2017

Baptism represents God's affirmation of us as beloved children and God's commitment to help us grow in our faith and life. This is grace. We continue to receive God's grace through spiritual practices such as the ones listed on the other side of this card.

Select one or more of these practices and do them throughout this year. Keep this card as a reminder.

If you need help exploring one of these spiritual practices contact any one of our pastoral staff:

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## Sundays at North

### Sunday Morning Hospitality

All are welcome

- 8:30-10:15: Community Room
- Following 11:00 service: Community Room

### Childcare During Worship

Provided for infants-4 year olds during both worship services & Sunday School

- Infant/Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102

### Sunday School (9:45-10:45):

#### Adult Sunday School

- The Affirming Group: Room 207
- Amazing Grace: Room 106
- Contemporary Biblical Forum: 009
- On Being: Library
- Power and Light: Room 205
- Sojourners: Room 005
- Usual Suspects: 006

#### Children Sunday School

- Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102
- K-4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Chapel
  - Kindergarten—101
  - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade—104
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Grade—204
  - 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade—203

#### Youth Sunday School

- Confirmation: Room 202  
*7<sup>th</sup> Graders Not In Confirmation: Room 203*  
*8<sup>th</sup> Graders Not In Confirmation: Room 008*
- High School: Room 008

### Music (Following 11:00am service)

- Choristers: Room 004
- Carolers: Conference Room
- Joyful Noise: Room 101

## The Happenings

Details can be found in the weekly eNews, Facebook/Twitter, bulletin boards or info card

- **January 8: North Church Cancer Support Group** – 12:00pm, Parlor; talk, share, laugh, cry, & eat a light lunch; patients, family members, caregivers, or friends are welcome
- **January 11: Mid-North Shepherd's Center** – 10:00am: Habitat for Humanity (Ted Mosey); 11:00am: Internet: Dark & Dangerous (Steve Shaefer)
- **January 14: Youth Ice Skating** – 1:30-3:30pm, State Fair Youth Pavilion; \$10/person; fee & permission form due to the Hospitality Desk by January 11
- **January 15, 22 & 29: Redneck Liberation Theology** – 9:45am, Room 207; led by Pastor Darren, this 3-part study explores the history, beliefs & practices of white working class Americans & their relationship with the church; sign up at the Hospitality Desk
- **January 15:**
  - **United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday** – The UMW National President, Shannon Priddy, is preaching
  - **ELEVATION** – 4:00-6:00pm, Room 203; all 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> graders welcome
- **January 22: Taize Worship Service** – 5:00pm, Chapel
- **January 25:**
  - **Women of Lydia (UMW)** – 7:00pm, Club Room – Amy Sell will present
  - **13<sup>th</sup> Film & Discussion** – 7:00pm; hosted by North's Justice & Advocacy team; view the movie *13th* followed by a discussion of faith & social justice; the documentary analyzes the depth of the injustices of the United States' criminal justice system; register at the Hospitality Desk
  - **North Church Board Meeting** – 5:30pm, Parlor
- **January 26: Miriam Circle (UMW)** – 12:00pm, Parlor – Amy Sell will present
- **Throughout January** – Food drive for Mid-North Food Pantry; drop off donated canned goods to the Hospitality Desk
- **February 7: Crystal Tones Alchemy Bowl Sound Circle** - 6:30-8:00pm; presented by the Care & Nurture ministry, join Terri Coddington for meditation, relaxation & stress relief, through vibrational healing; register at the Hospitality Desk by February 2
- **February 28: Mardi Gras** – 5:30-7:00pm, Fellowship Hall; Celebrate "Fat Tuesday" with a pancake dinner prepared & served by church staff, complete with festive music; all are welcome



January 8, 2017

PRELUDE Variations on *As with Gladness Men of Old* D. Janzer

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Amy Sell

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT Shannon Priddy, Board Chair

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Darren Cushman Wood

Leader: Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,

**People: ascribe to God glory and strength.**

Leader: The voice of God is upon the water.

**People: The God of glory thunders upon many waters.**

Leader: The voice of God is full of power and majesty.

Let us praise the name of the Lord.

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #158 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing*

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM (11am) *Jesus Loves Me* Joyful Noise  
Joli Heavin, director

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Amy Sell

**Living God,**

**when the Spirit descended on Jesus at his baptism in Jordan's water you revealed him as your own beloved Child.**

**Reveal Christ Jesus to us in the reading of the scriptures**

**that we who have been baptized into his name**

**may keep the covenant we have made**

**and boldly confess Jesus Christ as Sovereign and Savior,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*


FIRST LESSON Isaiah 42:1-9 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 630

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *All Praise to Thee* E. Hallenberg  
Voices in Accord

All praise to Thee, eternal God, who, clothed in garb of flesh and blood, dost take a  
wager for Thy throne, while worlds on worlds are Thine alone. Alleluia.  
Thou comest in the darksome night to make us children of the light, to make us in  
the realms divine, like Thine own angels, round Thee shine. Alleluia.  
A little Child, Thou art our Guest that weary ones in Thee may rest;  
Forlorn and lowly is Thy birth that we may rise to heaven from earth. Alleluia.  
Amen.

\*ALLELUIA #2043  
 11:00 a.m. As the Canticle of Praise begins, Kindergarten – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade are invited to  
Alternative Worship; please follow the banner leader.

\*GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 3:13-17 Pew Bible, NT, pg.3  
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Without Breaking a Bruised Reed* Darren Cushman Wood

\*HYMN #2247 *Wonder of Wonders*

OFFERTORY PRAYER Amy Sell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Song of Bethlehem* M. Ijames  
O hear the song of Bethlehem, of shepherds watching there, and hear the news that  
came to them from angels in the air. The angels sang of Bethlehem, of Jesus and his  
birth, a song of joy and praise to God, of peace upon the earth. Alleluia, the angels  
sang. Alleluia, of peace upon the earth.  
O hear the song of Galilee where Jesus lived and grew, then healed the sick and  
raised the dead to give them life anew; where at his word the wind and seas obeyed  
the Master's will, when Jesus calmed the angry waves, and whispered "Peace, be  
still."  
O sing the song of Calvary, the Lamb, the cross, the grave, and sing of how the risen  
Lamb is mighty now to save. Alleluia, the angels sang. Alleluia, he is mighty now  
to save! This babe was born to save.

\*DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH #50  
Darren Cushman Wood

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER #51

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH  
(You are invited to come forward and receive a sign of your baptism. If you have not  
been baptized, you are invited to come forward and to receive a blessing.)

#347 *Spirit Song*  
#500 *Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*  
#420 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

THANKSGIVING #52

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal pg. 895

\*CLOSING HYMN #2248 *Baptized in Water*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

CHORAL BENEDICTION (11am) *Benediction* P. Anglea  
God be with you til we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you, God be with you til we meet again.

POSTLUDE *Rise, Shine, You People!* arr. D. Cherwien

*The flowers on the altar today are given for the glory of God  
by the Benedict, Eades and Sottong families.*  
*The white carnations on the altar are in memory of Annabel Hartman  
and Ron Ireland. Annabel passed away on December 30, 2016  
and Ron passed away on January 3, 2017.*

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**Accessibility**

- Wheelchair(s) located in west entry
- Wheelchair and elevator access in the west and southwest entries
- Pew cutouts in Sanctuary for wheelchairs
- Hearing enhancement devices available at welcome desk in west entry and tables in east entry of Sanctuary
- Large print hymnals and bulletins available from ushers

**Children**  
We love children to join us in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available for infants-4 year olds in rooms on the main floor. Worship bags are available for all kids in the east entry.

**This week's worship leaders:**  
Darren Cushman Wood  
*Senior Pastor*  
Amy Sell  
*Minister of Discipleship & Formation*  
Mark Gilgallon  
*Director of Music*  
Heather Hinton  
*Organist*

**Spiritual Practices in 2017**  
*(check the ones you will try this year & keep this with you as a reminder)*  
\_\_\_ Read the Bible \_\_\_ times a week  
\_\_\_ Read a book for spiritual growth  
\_\_\_ Join a Sunday School class or a short-term study/small group  
\_\_\_ Pray for others each week  
\_\_\_ Walk & meditate each week  
\_\_\_ Attend worship regularly  
\_\_\_ Fast or abstain from \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_ Look & listen for God in music and the arts  
\_\_\_ Have family devotions  
\_\_\_ Pray for and with my spouse  
\_\_\_ Pray for my children and their teachers  
\_\_\_ Pray for the needs in our nation and the world  
\_\_\_ Say grace at meals  
\_\_\_ Make a financial pledge to the church  
\_\_\_ Donate to a special cause  
\_\_\_ Volunteer in a ministry to the poor  
\_\_\_ Help my neighbors \_\_\_ times a year  
\_\_\_ Greet strangers with a smile  
\_\_\_ Recycle  
\_\_\_ Clean up trash in my community  
\_\_\_ Care for sheltered & abandoned animals  
\_\_\_ Plant a garden  
\_\_\_ Write letter for social justice  
\_\_\_ Sing hymns  
\_\_\_ express gratitude to people who have blessed me  
\_\_\_ Show hospitality to a person of a different religion or ethnicity  
\_\_\_ Become a prayer partner with a friend  
\_\_\_ Invite someone to church  
\_\_\_ Keep a journal  
\_\_\_ Attend a spiritual retreat  
\_\_\_ Learn an older person's faith story  
\_\_\_ Others:  
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