



North United Methodist Church
Fall 2013 Offerings

A Word from Darren

A healthy diet consists of a wide variety from the different food groups. This fall we are serving up a diverse selection to feed your soul. If you want to form new friendships, take an in-depth look at scripture, indulge in joyful praise, or just have a good time you will find what you are looking for in one of our many educational offerings, worship celebrations, all church events, age-level programs, and mission opportunities. We hope that our ministries will help you become more connected with God and one another.

- Pastor Darren Cushman Wood
Fall 2013

Worship

Fall Worship & Study Series: "The Tie That Binds"

September 8 - October 20

Covenant relationships is a major theme in scripture and this fall we will explore how God's covenant with us supports and guides our relationships with one another and the world around us. This is both a worship and study series. Everyone is encouraged to journey with others to explore these themes by joining a small group.

Contemplative Prayer

Tuesdays, 5:30 – 6:00 pm (Chapel)

Contemplative Prayer is a method of silent prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of experiencing God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. All are welcome to join this group and experience the voice of God in the power of silence.

Taize

4th Sunday of the Month, 5:00 pm (Chapel)

Prayer and silence are at the heart of the Taize experience; there is no sermon. Taize music highlights simple phrases, usually from the Psalms or other pieces of scripture, which are repeated or sung in

canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer during candlelit services.

Hymn Sing

Sunday, September 15, 6:00-7:00 pm (Chapel)

Gather around the piano and organ to sing and praise our God together through the great hymns of our faith. At the hymn sing, participants is invited to call out the number of a favorite hymn for everyone to sing; we welcome you to join us in what will be a fun and blessed time together!

Celebration of Ministries Sunday

Sunday, September 22

Every member is a minister at North Church and God has a calling for every person. On Sunday, September 22, we will celebrate and renew our commitment to ministry. You will have an opportunity to sign up for a wide variety of ministry and volunteer experiences. Ministry teams and volunteer committees will have informational tables throughout the church for you to ask questions and get more information on what they do. Enjoy appetizers as you explore the ministry opportunities. During worship we will renew our commitment to God's calling.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 5 (Courtyard)

Join us to celebrate God's redemption and blessing of the entirety of creation. We invite you to bring you beloved animal friends to receive a blessing here at church during a special celebration of God's love for and promise to bless all of creation! This promise of

blessing includes your furry, scaly, and crawling friends at home, so come to North Church and let all of creation be blessed!

Care of Creation Sunday

Sunday, October 6

God calls us to care for creation and as good stewards of the many gifts that God gives us, we seek to act with love, respect, and compassion for all of God's incredible creation. To conclude the fall sermon series "The Tie that Binds," this Sunday we will celebrate creation and the many ways that we can connect with the world that surrounds us! We hope you will join us as we learn how as Christians we can seek to faithfully and sustainably embrace our world.

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, October 27

We worship God with gladness and joy! Come and celebrate the abundant gifts that God provides for us at North Church. This Sunday we will feature a full choir and orchestra in a celebration of hymns. During this service we will rejoice over God's gifts throughout our previous year in ministry and collect our annual pledge cards as we anticipate the ways that God will be working through the members of North Church in the coming year.

Health & Healing Sunday

Sunday, November 17

We worship the Great Physician, and we invite you to join us for Health and Healing Sunday, as a community we will remember through worship and special events that God is close to those who are sick and those who care for the sick and calls us to self care.

Through this celebration, we will seek to learn how we can be good stewards of our bodies.

Indianapolis Children's Choir Thanksgiving Service

Wednesday, November 27, 7:00 pm

Celebrate the season and gift of Thanksgiving with worship framed around special music from the Indianapolis Children's Choir. In the spirit of the season, a special offering is taken up to support the Mid-North Food Pantry. Pastor Danyelle will preach.

Snapshots of Shalom: Advent Worship Series

December 1-22

Some of the most beautiful and inspiring readings of the season come from the prophet Isaiah. Peace is the common thread that weaves together. Join me this Advent as we reflect on and pray for God's peace in our lives and around the world.

Sounds of the Season

Sunday, December 15, 9:45 am (Fellowship Hall)

Music is a rich part of North Church's tradition and culture. Each year we celebrate the musical gifts of our children and youth at *Sounds of the Season*, a recital featuring a variety of instruments, musical styles, and beautiful music. All are invited!

Songs in the Night: A Service for the Longest Night

Sunday, December 15, 5:00 pm (Chapel)

For many of us holidays are difficult, even painful, times. There are many personal reasons why we may have a lonely carol to sing before the holy places: grief for those whom we have loved and lost, sadness for broken relationships, failing health, financial

turmoil to name a few. This simple service of silence and song, scripture and prayer will acknowledge the gift of letting go and celebrate the gift of holding fast to hope. A light meal is served following the service. Please RSVP to the church office by December 11.

Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, December 24

Throughout Advent we look forward to God's breaking into the world in the birth of Jesus Christ, and together as the people of God we gather on the night before Christmas day to anticipate the birth of Christ, our incarnate Savior. During this special evening at North Church, we invite you to come and experience the drama, joy, and hope we claim in the birth of the incarnate Jesus. Join us for worship, singing, and prayer at one of any of our three services on this holy night.

- Children and Family Service, 5:00 pm
Special music by children's choirs and the meaning of Christmas re-imagined through a North Church original drama production performed by children and youth
- Celebration of Holy Communion, 7:30 pm
Pastor Darren preaching
Childcare is provided for infants - 4 years old (Room102)
- Festival of Lessons and Carols, 11:00 pm
Prelude music begins at 10:30 pm
Pastor Darren preaching

Music

Cathedral Ringers

Rehearsal Wednesdays, 7:00 pm (Room 007)

Director and Contact: Martin Ellis (mellis@northchurchindy.com)

The Cathedral Ringers is our adult handbell ensemble using a beautiful five-octave set of Malmark handbells. The Cathedral Ringers offer selections at both morning worship services approximately five weeks apart.

Cathedral Singers

Rehearsal Thursdays, 7:00 pm (Choir Room)

Director and Contact: Mark Gilgallon

(mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)

With over 50 members, the Cathedral Singers is the largest choral ensemble at North Church and sings weekly at our 11:00 a.m. worship service and on special liturgical holidays.

Youth Ringers

Rehearsal after 11:00 am worship service (Room 007)

Directors and Contacts: Jeff and Kelley

Warbinton(warbintons@comcast.net)

September 15 - May 4

7th grade - Senior High

Youth Ringers is a handbell and handchime ensemble open to youth in 7th -12th grades. The group rehearses immediately following the 11:00 AM service until 1:15 PM in Room 007. The first rehearsal is the Sunday after Labor Day. A complete calendar of rehearsals and performances will be distributed at the first rehearsal. We are planning five performances, including Christmas Eve. We accept all dedicated musicians! If you can read music, we'll work with you to find a part you are comfortable reading. If you don't read music, we will be glad to help you learn.

Children's Choirs

Rehearsal after 11:00 am worship service, September 15 - May 4
3 year olds - 6th grade

Music ministry is a central part of North Church's culture. Our children's choirs offer kids an opportunity to experience the joy of choral singing to the Glory of God.

- Joyful Noise (Room 104)
3-5 year olds
Director: Mark Gilgallon (mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)
- Carolers (Room 106 / Conference Room)
5 years old - 2nd grade
Director: Denise Page Caraher (jcdpc88@aol.com)
- Choristers (Room 004)
3rd - 6th grader
Director: Rosie Jordan (rosiej@phoeniximages.com)

Children & Families

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in ministry with Children and Families, please contact Danyelle Ditmer (dditmer@northchurchindy.com).

Sunday School

Sundays 9:45-10:45 am, August 25 - May 4

toddlers - 5th grade

During Sunday school, kids use Hands-On Bible curriculum. With this exciting and engaging curriculum, each week children use everyday items - gizmos – to help learn the Bible. Since children experience what they're learning, it sticks with them for a lifetime.

Alternative Worship

Non-Communion Sundays, during 11:00 am worship service, September 15 - May 18 (Room 104)

5 year olds - 3rd grade

The foundation of Alternative Worship is Godly Play. Godly Play is a way of worship with children. While full of interactive learning, it is first and foremost a way for children to grow in love for God, worship, and liturgy. During Godly Play, children will follow a familiar pattern of call to worship, hearing and responding to God's Word, and going forth.

Parents' Night Out

Saturday, September 14, 4:00-8:30 pm (Childcare Wing)

Kids love this special evening planned just for them. We call it Parents Night Out but really it's Kids Night Out. Your children will enjoy a unique, themed program with dependable, qualified and caring staff in age-appropriate groups. They will experience a night filled with activities, group games, crafts and pizza! Preregistration to the church office is required by Wednesday, September 11. The cost is \$10 per child with a \$30 cap for families.

Movie & Pizza Night

Friday, November 1, 6:00 - 8:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a fun family friendly night of pizza and a movie in Fellowship Hall. There will be pizza and drinks available for a suggested donation of \$10 per family. We encourage everyone to dress comfortably and bring along lawn chairs, blankets, sleeping bags, bean bag chairs or whatever makes you comfortable to watch *Rise of the Guardians*. Please RSVP by October 30 to Rob and Suzanne Aaron (suzanneaaron@yahoo.com).

Parents' Afternoon Away

Saturday, December 14, 1:00-5:00 (Childcare Wing)

We know that lives are hectic and time is incredibly precious during the holiday season. Sometimes just a few hours can make all the difference between being ready for Christmas and falling incredibly behind.

"Parents' Afternoon Away" is here to help! Drop your children off for a fun afternoon while you prepare for the season. Along with other activities, children will make gifts to give to loved ones. Preregistration to the church office is required by Wednesday, December 11. The cost is \$10 per child with a \$30 cap for families.

Youth

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in youth ministries, please contact Anne Moman (amoman@northchurchindy.com). All forms and calendars are available on the church website.

Youth Ministry Fall Kickoff

Sunday, August 25, 5:30-8:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Comedian Kevin Wanzer and singer/songwriter Marc Imboden.

All youth invited!

Middle & High School Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am, September - May

Students use FaithWeaver to engage and experience the Bible in fresh, fun and meaningful ways. Each lesson focuses on growing a relationship with Jesus through Bible study and life application.

UMYF

Sundays, 5:30-8:00 pm, September - May (Youth Room)

United Methodist Youth Fellowship meets most Sunday evenings and includes dinner. Each week, UMYF switches focus from Building Up, discussion on Teen Life, opportunities for Fellowship, and an experience with Mission.

Mother Daughter Group

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm (Anne's Home, 1509 Broad Ripple Ave)

September 11 – October 16

Open to 6th-12th grade girls and their mothers. Join us for conversation, activities, food and fun!

Fall High School Retreat

September 6-8 (Happy Hollow Camp)

The theme this year is "What's Love Got to Do with It?" We'll use ideas from the book *The 5 Love Languages of Teenagers*. Form and payment are due by August 25. Price goes up after this date. All high school youth are encouraged to attend.

Created by God

September 26-28 (Game Room)

This fall we have an opportunity for middle school youth and their parents to talk about Faith and Human Sexuality - September 26-28. \$40 and form are due to the front desk by September 8. This is for rising 5th-8th grade students.

Middle School Overnight

Friday, October 4 (Youth Room)

Join us for pizza, climbing at Hoosier Heights, and an overnight at North! All middle school youth are invited!

Dressing Girls Around the World

October 19, 10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Sponsored by the 2013 Middle School Girls Trip, this service project is for everyone and all skill levels. There is cutting, ironing, and sewing needed to make simple pillow case dresses for girls in the

Congo. Needed supplies are pillowcases in all sizes, patterns and colors, 1/2" elastic, 1 1/2" ribbon, and white thread.

All Youth Hayride

Sunday, October 27, 6:00-9:15 pm

Join us for a fall hayride! The cost is \$10. Please return your form and fee by October 20.

Bishop's Student Leadership Academy

November 1-3 (Univ. of Indianapolis)

The Bishop's Student Leadership Academy is a weekend retreat for high school youth (grades 9-12) to explore what they are passionate about, what problems and challenges in the world get them fired up, what gifts and tools God has given them, and what amazing ideas they have for sharing Christ's love.

Youth Progressive Dinner

Sunday, December 15, TBA

Youth Christmas Party

Sunday, December 22, TBA

Adult Sunday School

Adult Sunday school classes meet weekly, 9:45-10:45 am.

Affirming Group

Room 203

Contacts: Don Childers (donsuechilders@yahoo.com) and Troy Barker (troy@comcast.net)

The Affirming Group is a place where all are welcome regardless of sexual orientation (LGBTQ/Straight); we claim the promise that nothing can separate any of us from God's love. This group exists as an open and supportive exchange of life and church experiences with a variety of studies on social and Biblical topics.

Amazing Grace

Room 106 (Conference Room)

Contacts: Beth Porter-Glass (porterglasscompany@sbcglobal.net) and Donna Archibald (darchibald@sbcglobal.net)

The focus of this class is to stand in solidarity with the disenfranchised of society. The goal of this class is to follow the servanthood example of Jesus through study, prayer and service. For the past three years, Amazing Grace has supported the girls in the state detention facility in Madison through a variety of projects. Other ongoing class commitments are the homeless street paper "Homeward Bound" and the Prison Re-entry ministry.

Amazing Grace is diverse and inclusive. Everyone is welcome! This class will follow the Fall Worship & Study series “The Tie that Binds” on September 8.

Building Foundations

Room 004

Contact: Cheryl Guieb (cmguieb@comcast.net)

Looking for a place to connect and discuss issues impacting your kids and your family? This group addresses topics as diverse as today’s families in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

Contemporary Biblical Forum

Room 009

Contact: Austin Ritterspach (aritterspach@aol.com)

This group’s explorations into the Bible and theology cover a variety of subjects. Scholars, archaeologists, and other specialists in biblical studies are frequent presenters. This class begins September 9 with a series on Aging with Rev. Ed Alley. November 24-December 15, Pastor Darren will lead a discussion of the prophet Isaiah based on Daniel Berrigan’s book, ‘Isaiah: Spirit of Courage, Gift of Tears,’ which corresponds to the feature reading for Advent this year.

New Corinthians

Room: Parlor

Contacts: Suzette Mathis (suzette.mathis@att.net); Kevin (kipbernson@aol.com) and Natalie (natdempsey@aol.com)

Dempsey; or Marie and Toby Powell (tobmarpowell@yahoo.com)

This group devotes itself to understanding the intersection of faith and culture. Topics vary weekly and cover subjects from popular

culture in literature (books, magazines, news stories), media (radio, movies, television, online content), and music. This class will resume meeting September 8 and follow the Fall Worship & Study series "The Tie that Binds."

Power and Light

Room 205

Contact: Kathy Beck (beck305@hotmail.com)

This group is a welcoming, diverse group of individuals united in fellowship, social service, and personal support in the mutual pursuit of spiritual growth. This class will resume meeting on September 8.

Sojourners

Room 005

Contacts: Karen Kay (kkbleonard@sbcglobal.net) and Jack Leonard (indyjel@gmail.com)

Sojourners is a year-round, intergenerational Sunday School class that works, plays, and studies together. Participants share lesson leadership on a volunteer basis, studying stand-alone topics, contemporary works, or books of the Bible. Beginning August 25, Sojourners will study *The Secret Message of Jesus* by Brian McLaren.

Young Families

Room 101

Contacts: James and Miki Hamstra (jhamstra@me.com)

Families with small children may all look different but they often share similar joys and triumphs as well as challenges and stress. This class is new in 2013. It's goal is to bring young families together in fellowship and study. It will begin with a study and

discussion led by Pastor Danyelle and James and Miki Hamstra on Bruce Feiler's *The Secrets of Happy Families*. This funny and thought-provoking playbook for contemporary families has more than 200 useful strategies inspired by cutting-edge techniques gathered from experts in the disciplines of science, business, sports, and the military. It's a great book but knowing young families are often busy and unpredictable, joining the discussion isn't dependent on finishing the reading.

Adult Small Groups

Please purchase books or ebooks through your favorite bookstore. The Church Library will have limited copies available.

Fall Worship & Study Series: "The Tie That Binds"

A variety of adult small groups will form to follow the fall worship and study series "The Tie That Binds." If you would like to study with others, then please join a small group. Please contact the leader for details. Anyone is welcome to join a small group. To sign up, please contact the leader or use the Connect Card on Sunday mornings.

- Sundays, September 8-October 20, 5:30 pm
Leaders & Contact: Ed and Susan Alley
Location: Alley home, 4337 Kessler Bl., N. Dr.
- Sundays, September 8-October 20, 5:30 pm
Leaders & Contact: Merle Miller and Becky Richardson
(merlebecky@att.com)
Location: 2888 W. 44th Street
- Mondays, September 9-October 21, 6:00 pm
Leader & Contact: Jodie Baker (jodiebbaker@yahoo.com)
Location: Baker home, 1424 Murphy's Landing Rd., #104

- Tuesdays, September 10-October 22, 6:00 pm
Leaders: Beth Porter-Glass, Bob Cole & Orson Mason
Contact: Beth Porter-Glass
(porterglasscompany@sbcglobal.net)
Location: North Church Library
- Wednesdays, September 11-October 23, 7:00 pm
Men only please
Leader & Contact: Perry Kea, (kea@uindy.edu)
Location: TBD by group
- Wednesdays, bi-weekly starting September 18, 6:00 pm
Leaders & Contact: Phil Cleveland and Ray Mills
(pmcleveland@gmail.com)
Location: Aaron family home, 7350 Steinmeier Drive
Notes: This is an ongoing small group that would love to welcome some new members.
- Thursdays, September 12-October 24, 1:00 pm
Leader & Contact: Louie Cain (ibcwv@uno.com)
Location: Robin Run, 5354 W 62nd St

Food for Thought

Sundays, 9:45-10:45, continuing after 11:00 service (Club Room)

Contact: Alan Archibald (a.archibald@sbcglobal.net)

Bringing together food, playful poems, and discussion, this group is a gathering of college age adults with special needs and friends. During Sunday school, this group meets to cook together. Then, following the 11:00 worship service, the group gathers again to

connect and share. Anyone is welcome to join and can attend one or both Sunday sessions.

Gen XY

2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month, 6:00-8:00 pm (location varies)

Contact: Eric Applegate (e_applegate@hotmail.com) or Anne Moman (amoman@northchurchindy.com)

Gen XY is the young adult ministry of North Church for men and women, couples and singles, parents and non-parents, LGBTQ and straight persons who want to connect with God and each other. On the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month, Gen XY meet for pitch-in dinners and discussion. Wherever you are in your journey as a young adult, you are invited to join this group and find others to walk with in life and discipleship. Childcare provided as needed.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00 am (Community Room)

Contact: Mary Jo Stinnette (smjstinnette@sbcglobal.net)

This is an ongoing group who welcomes new members to join their exploration of the Bible and what it means for today. Working chapter by chapter through a book of the Bible, this group takes its time for lively (and fun!) discussion led by experienced teachers.

Mid-North Shepherd's Center

Wednesdays, 9:00 am (Lower Level)

Contacts: Cheryl Fesmire or Debbie Hinderliter
(mnscenter@aol.com)

Adults 55 years of age and older attend Adventures in Learning held each Wednesday with varied programs starting at 10:00 a.m. including choral rehearsals, Bible Sharing, Newstalk, Yoga as

well as lectures and interactive programs, meditation, book club all offered free of charge. Day trips are also offered for a minimal charge. Lunch is served each Wednesday for \$6.00. No signup or membership fee is required.

Wednesday Evening Study

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30 pm, September 11 - November 13 (Library)

Contact: Dale Benson (dalebenson@sbcglobal.net)

Facilitators: Dan Pritchard, Dale Benson, Darren Cushman Wood

Join others in an exploration of the Great Figures of Genesis - warts and all - through a DVD series commentary and class discussion.

New Members Class

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 am, September 8-October 6 (Library)

Contact: Darren Cushman Wood

(dcushwood@northchurchindy.com)

This class is designed for regular attendees who are interested in exploring membership in the United Methodist Church and for persons wishing to transfer their membership from another United Methodist Church. Pastor Darren will cover the basics of United Methodist history, beliefs and practices and help participants become actively involved in the ministries of North Church.

Stitches

Sundays, 10:00-10:45 am, November 10-24 (Library)

Contact: Danyelle Ditmer (dditmer@northchurchindy.com)

What do we do when life lurches out of balance? How can we reconnect to one other and to what's sustaining, when evil and catastrophe seem inescapable? Join this three week study to explore these questions with Anne Lamott's newest book *Stitches*. In this

book Lamott explores how we find meaning and peace in these loud and frantic times; where we start again after personal and public devastation; how we recapture wholeness after loss; and how we locate our true identities in this frazzled age. Pastor Danyelle will lead the discussion.

Spanish Conversation

TBD by the group

Contact: Jan and Carl Wheeler-Cowen (wheaterjan@alumni.iu.edu)

Interested in chatting in Spanish and hearing the latest from Spain?

Jan and Carl Wheeler-Cowen are returning from a one year sabbatical in Madrid and would love to chat with those who like to practice their Spanish. Topics can be as varied as you wish from fútbol to the economic crisis to the best foods to Christmas and Holy Week.

United Methodist Women

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in United Methodist Women, please contact Shannon Priddy (priddysh@gmail.com).

Miriam Circle

Fourth Tuesday, 12:00 pm (Parlor)

The Miriam Circle is part of United Methodist Women. This circle gathers for lunch, project planning, and programs focused on the UMW's mission. Meetings are open to all interested in joining the group.

Sunday Supper at Noon

TBA, following 11:00 am worship service (Fellowship Hall)

This meal is sponsored by United Methodist Women to raise funds for their ongoing mission to serve women and children locally and globally.

The Women of Lydia

Fourth Wednesday, 7:00 pm (Club Room)

The Women of Lydia is a circle of United Methodist Women. This circle is open to women of all ages, the group supports each other through discussions of current topics, studies, and mission work.

Occasional Gatherings

Green Team

Third Sunday, 5:30 pm (Club Room)

Contact: Eric Galloway (ewgalloway@hotmail.com)

The North Church Green Team is a concerned, energized group of North Church attendees interested in Caring for God's Creation. They tackle this challenge with 3-fold action: Working to Change the Church, Working to Change the Congregation, and Working to Change the World. Already the group has organized an All-church Plant Exchange, planned mission and service projects, arranged for free energy assessments for the homes of the people of the church, worked to improve the internal recycling practices of the church, and advocated with groups whose concerns overlap their own. Everyone is invited to join. Childcare available as needed.

Pastor's Book Review

Sunday, October 27, 9:45-10:45 am, other sessions TBA (Library)

Contact: Katy Meredith (lesmer96@gmail.com)

Join North Church pastors, past and present, for a review and discussion on a recently published book that addresses topics relevant to faith and the church. There is no need to read the book ahead of time. On October 27, Pastor Danyelle will present a review of *The Sparrow* by Mary Doria Russell.

Second Sunday Socials

Second Sunday, times vary (locations vary)

Contacts: Eric Applegate (e_applegate@hotmail.com) or Anne Moman (amoman@northchurchindy.com)

Each month Gen XY hosts an all church fellowship event to bring together multiple generations with family friendly fun.

- Sunday, September 8, Picnic in the Park
- Sunday, October 13, Food Truck Fun-day
- Sunday, November 10, Canal Walk

Wesley Fellowship

Second Sunday, 5:30 pm (Parlor)

Contact: Jodie Baker (jodiebbaker@yahoo.com)

The Wesley Fellowship gathers for a pitch-in meal and a variety of programs. A \$2 donation is accepted toward the cost of entrées.

Most participants are older adults, but all are welcome.

All Church Events

Umoja Movie Night

Sunday, September 29, 5:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Contact: Ellen Daniels-Howell (ellenrdh@sbcglobal.net)

The film *A Small Act* is a compelling documentary to the powerful, rippling effects that one single action can generate. A young Kenyan's life changes drastically when his education is sponsored by a Swedish stranger. Years later, he founds his own scholarship program to replicate the kindness he once received. This film will educate you about the obstacles faced by the students North Church supports through the Umoja Project, and it will inspire you to continue doing small acts! 90 minutes long. Appropriate for children 4th grade and up. Childcare provided for younger children.

Service Saturday

Saturday, October 5, 9:00 am – 12:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Contacts: Eric Galloway (ewgalloway@hotmail.com) and Danyelle Ditmer (dditmer@northchurchindy.com)

With family friendly projects, Service Saturday is an opportunity to engage the whole church in a day of service. The first Service Saturday is sponsored by the Green Team. We will gather to make all natural cleaners to sell the following morning to raise money for Heifer Project, which works to end poverty and hunger in a sustainable fashion.

National Coming Out Day

Saturday, October 12, 6:00-9:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Contacts: Stephanie Binney (stephaniebinney@hotmail.com) and Troy Barker (troy@comcast.net)

National Coming Out Day is a celebration of coming out as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender or as an ally. In support, RMN-North will host a movie and popcorn with a brief panel discussion. All are welcome to attend. Childcare is provided for young children but youth are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be sold to raise funds for Reconciling Ministries Network.

Fall Roundup

Sunday, October 20, 5:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Contact: Danyelle Ditmer (dditmer@northchurchindy.com)

We're rounding up the whole church for a fun night of fellowship. There will be carnival games and prizes for children. And a church wide chili cook off for all to enjoy!

Photography Contest

Sunday, November 3

Contact: Peter Howe (peterh108@yahoo.com)

"Peace" is the theme for this year's photography contest. Wherever you find it, however you find, have fun capturing images of peace in the ordinary and extraordinary moments of life. The deadline for submissions is Sunday, November 3.

Annual Women's Retreat

November 8-9 (Waycross Conference Center)

Contact: Sue Childers (donsuechilders@yahoo.com)

Join other women for a weekend away from the hustle and bustle of daily life. Share joys, sorrows, laughter, and wisdom.

Special Friends Christmas Party

Saturday, December 7, 6:30-9:00 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Contact: Alan Archibald (a.archibald@sbcglobal.net)

Ring in the holiday season in a very special way by helping with North Church's annual Christmas party for cognitively challenged adults from the Indianapolis area. Each year about 150 cognitively challenged friends join us in Fellowship Hall for a live band, lots of dancing, Christmas carols, and even a visit from Santa. We need volunteers to bake cookies, and to attend the party to dance, talk, and generally make sure our guests have fun. To volunteer, please contact Alan.

Advent Festival

Sunday, December 8, 5:30-7:30 pm (Fellowship Hall)

Contact: Danyelle Ditmer (dditmer@northchurchindy.com)

Join us for a beautiful all church celebration of tradition and music complete with a pitch-in dinner. Meat and drinks are provided by the church and we ask that all guests bring a dessert or side dish to share.

Christmas Tea

Saturday, December 14 (Parlor)

Contact: Frances Cain (lbcwv@juno.com)

Hosted by Miriam Circle, United Methodist Women, this annual Christmas Tea is open to all women of North Church. In addition to the tea, the women assemble boxes for the The Methodist Children's home at Lebanon, IN.

Health Ministries

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in ministry with Health Ministries, please contact Carolyn Cunningham (carolynacu@aol.com).

Living Fully, Dying Well

Event Series, September 21-October 16

Most people have definite ideas about how they want to spend their lives and, for that matter, how they want to spend their last days. Throughout this series, we will engage participants in reflecting on their lives, planning end-of-life care and end-of-life documents; practicing for caring conversations with loved ones to express one's love, forgiveness, gratitude and good-byes. People of all ages are encouraged to attend. All sessions are held at North United Methodist Church and hosted by the Health Ministries Team, part of our Care & Nurture Ministries.

- Saturday, September 21
10:00-11:30 am
Speaker: Cheryl Kingsbury, BS
- Wednesday, September 25, 7:00-8:30 pm
Speaker: TBA

- Wednesday, October 2, 7:00-8:30 pm
Speaker: Larry Cripe, MD
- Wednesday, October 16, 7:00-8:30 pm
Speaker: Sherri Elder, J.D., M.S.W.

MOTHER 4 5 and 7even: A Song of Mother

Wednesday, October 9, 7:00 pm

Mother 4 5 and 7even is a live performance of a one-act vignette, imaging the life of a African American mother and her three children who live in the Ghetto of Chicago. Mother suffers with drug addiction, paranoia and schizophrenia. The show poetically voices the need for understanding mental illness issues from an ethnic and multicultural perspective. It powerfully depicts a family dealing with a mentally ill mother and the effects on the lives of everyone – even the young children. The questions are: how do you survive; where do you find help; how do you avoid the stigma of mental illness when the family hides its reality under ignorance and denial? Mothers' first child 7even survived the ghetto, the dysfunctional family, the stigma of mental illness and lived to share the story. Come and see how the talented James Williams explores the plight of people of color who are often marginalized living on the outer periphery of our society – in America the Beautiful!

Walking Through the Medicare Maze

TBA

Medicare A, Medicare B, Medicare D, Medicare Advantage, Medicare Supplement. What are they and how are they different from one another? How do I choose? When do I choose? If you've ever asked yourself any of these questions, you aren't alone. It's

complicated! If you'd like to learn more about these plans and feel a little more comfortable as you try to decide what to do, join us for informational gathering lead by Jim Chesterfield, who became an employee benefits professional after 25 years of buying, implementing and managing benefit programs for companies in Central Indiana.

Mission & Outreach

IPS School #43

There are many opportunities this fall to partner with IPS School #43, North Church's neighborhood elementary and middle school.

- Tutors

Ongoing throughout academic year

Volunteers work with specific students and/or classrooms to help children with academic success; requires fingerprint background check at the Indianapolis Metro Police station

Contact: Kathy Beck (beck305@hotmail.com)

- Field Trip Chaperones

TBA

As available, this list of volunteers will be called on to assist teachers and school officials as chaperones on planned school field trips; requires fingerprint background check at the Indianapolis Metro Police station

Contact: Kathy Beck (beck305@hotmail.com)

- AYS Support

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At Your School Services partners will local schools to provide before and after school care; volunteers are needed to help plan

two family friendly events for School #43 families

Contact: Maureen Gray (mgrey@ayskids.org)

- **Mid-Year Care Packages**

Sunday, December 8, TBA and Monday, December 9, TBA

On Sunday, volunteers are needed to assemble small packages of homemade cookies, tissues, and wet wipes for teachers and staff; on Monday, volunteers are needed to help deliver to school #43

Contact: Patty Hefner (pmhefner@sbcglobal.net) and Kathy Beck (beck305@hotmail.com)

Interfaith Hospitality Network

October 20 - November 3

Contact: Lydia Shaw (enrshaw@gmail.com)

North houses and supports homeless families in the IHN program by providing shelter, meals, activities and tutoring for the children, transportation to and from the IHN Day Center and overnight church hosts. Volunteers are needed with all these support areas.

Jubilee Christmas

Friday, December 13 and Saturday, December 14 (Fellowship Hall)

Contact: Daphne Chen (hsiaohan@yahoo.com)

Once again we will open a special "Christmas Store" in Fellowship Hall for our neighbors at Coburn Place. Coburn Place is a safe haven for women and their children affected by domestic violence. The ingathering for store items begins in late November. You may pick up a gift tag on the bulletin board outside the Parlor. These tags are for a variety of items and at all budgets. Each child receives one small gift, one large gift, books, a hat, and mittens. Please

remove all price tags from the gifts and attach the tag to the unwrapped gift before dropping off at the church office. Each mother will wrap gifts. Additionally, each family will receive a food basket. A complete shopping list is available on the bulletin board. Volunteers are needed Friday, December 13 to sort gifts for the store and Saturday, December 14 to help transport families between Coburn Place and North Church and to care for children while their mothers are wrapping gifts. Please contact to help.