

Connect Card

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Welcome! Whether you are a visitor or a member, you can always learn more at North Church. Let us know how we can help you.

- I need to update my contact information.
- I'd like to receive North Church's e-newsletter.
- I'm interested in speaking with someone about North.
- I'd like to speak to a Pastor about a personal concern.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- Children's Ministries
- Youth Ministries
- Young Adult Ministries
- Small Groups
- Music Ministries
- Outreach and Missions
- Care and Nurture Ministries
- Hospitality Ministries
- Green Team
- Reconciling Ministries
- United Methodist Women
- Justice & Advocacy

Other/Comments

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

- On Being: Club Room
- Affirming Group: Room 202
- Sojourners: Room 005
- Usual Suspects: Room 004
- Amazing Grace: Conference Room
- Power & Light: Room 205

Children Sunday School

- Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102
- Kindergarten – 101
- 1st & 2nd Grade – 104
- 3rd Grade – 204
- 4th & 5th Grade – 203

Youth Sunday School

- Middle School: Room 207
- High School: Room 008

Music

(Following 11:00am service)

- Joyful Noise: Room 101
- Carolers: Conference Room
- Choristers: Room 004
- Cathedral Ringers: Room 007

The Happenings

Details can be found in the weekly eNews, social media, bulletin boards or the Epiphany Card

- **January 7:** Three Kings Party – 5-7pm; Celebrate the Kings coming to see baby Jesus with songs, games, crafts, a Kings Cake, & a crown for everyone.
- **Throughout January:** Mid-North Food Pantry Food Drive – Re-stock the shelves at Mid-North Food Pantry. Place items in gray bin in the West Entry or drop off at the Hospitality Desk.
- **January 10:** Mid-North Shepherd's Center – 10am: Let's Play Some Games! (Debbie Hinderliter); 11am: Hobbies After Retirement (David Owen)
- **January 14:**
 - ELEVATION – 4-6pm, Room 203
 - Youth Group – 5:30pm
- **January 15:** MLK Day Worship Service – 11am, Chapel; This service is in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with coffee & refreshments after the service. The special offering supports the Martin Luther King Center.
- **January 21:**
 - United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday - Learn about the reach of UMW with voices from around the world as we celebrate a legacy of 149 years of mission for women, children & youth.
 - Deadline to Register for North's Night with the Pacers vs. Atlanta Hawks on February 23 - 7pm; Tickets are \$18 & includes a food voucher (hot dog, chips, drink), Pacers hat, and a free throw on the main floor after the game. Purchase tickets at the Hospitality Desk by January 21.
- **January 21-February 11 (Sundays):** Making Sense of Paul's Egalitarianism: A Study with Perry Kea – 9:45am; Paul's famous words (Galatians 3:28) give expression to an early Christian ideal of equality. Perry Kea leads this study, open to all Sunday School classes & any adult not in a Sunday School class.
- **January 24:**
 - North Church Board Meeting – 5:30pm, Parlor
 - United Methodist Women (UMW) Women of Lydia – 7pm, Club Room
- **January 25:** United Methodist Women (UMW) Miriam Circle – 12pm, Parlor
- **January 28:**
 - Youth Ice Skating - 1-3pm, Farmer's Coliseum. Cost is \$10 per person which covers entrance, skates, and lunch. Lunch will be in the Parlor immediately following 2nd service, and the group will leave from the church at 12:50 to skate from 1-3pm. Pickup is at 3:15pm at North. Register at the Hospitality Desk.
 - Taize Worship Service – 5pm, Chapel
- **January 31 & February 7:** An American Conscience: The Reinhold Niebuhr Story – 6:30pm; Niebuhr was the most influential theologian in 20th century America. This 2-part series led by Pastor Darren features a new documentary on the first Wednesday and a discussion of his selected writing on the second Wednesday.
- **February 4:** Youth Ministry's Super Bowl Viewing Party – Location/time TBA; Middle & high schoolers will gather to watch the first half of the game together (watch the remainder of the game at home). Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Register at the Hospitality Desk. Contact Cory at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com to be the host home.
- **February 13:** Mardi Gras – 5:30-7pm; Celebrate "Fat Tuesday" with a pancake dinner prepared & served by church staff, with festive music by the North Brass.



January 7, 2018 Baptism of the Lord

PRELUDE *Sicilienne* G. Fauré
Kurt Fowler, cello

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Amy Sell

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the glorious God thunders over the mighty waters.

**People: The voice of God is strong;
the voice of God is majestic.**

Leader: Let the Lord give strength to the people!

People: Let God bless us with peace!

*OPENING HYMN #252 *When Jesus Came to Jordan*

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES (11AM)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Lincoln Fields (11am)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1-5 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 1

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

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The Work of Christmas* D. Forrest

When the song of the angels is stilled, when the star in the sky is gone, when the kings and princes are home, when the shepherds are back with their flock, the work of Christmas begins: to find the lost, to heal the broken, to feed the hungry, to release the prisoner, to rebuild the nations; to bring peace to all people, to make music from the heart.

*GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:4-11 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 32

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Stir with Water* Darren Cushman Wood

*Please stand as you are able.

*HYMN #2248 *Baptized in Water*

PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD Amy Sell

THE INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: Christ invites to his table all who love him and who sincerely repent of their sins. Let us prepare for the feast of grace by confessing our sins before God and one another:

People: Compassionate God, whose love never fails us, we confess the harm we have done and the good we have left undone; our passion for pleasing ourselves and our apathy for loving others; our stupid chatter and our silent refusal to share your Good News. Forgive our sins, remove our guilt, and fill us with holy joy so that the world will see only Jesus in us. Amen.

[Silence]

Leader: Hear the Good News: at the river, Christ shared our struggles; at the cross, Christ destroyed death; at the grave, Christ was raised to new life. In Christ we have a new, abundant and eternal life.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Ronnie Bell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Born to be the Bread* R. E. Schram

Thinking back upon Your humble birth; such an unpretentious entrance, as Your life began on earth. Growing in wisdom as You grew to be a man; knowing Calvary loomed ahead; this was God's plan. You were born to be the Bread of Life to my soul. As we're partaking once again, of the blessed Bread from Heaven, giving life that never ends, we thank You Jesus, that you came to earth for us, and that in this bread, this cup, we know the depth of Your love. You were born to be the Bread of Life. Jesus, You were born to be the Bread of Life to my soul.

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

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Our communion musical responses are found on the inside back cover of The Faith We Sing.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... and with all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever ...

Amen.

*THE LORD'S PRAYER #2278

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

As you take communion, you are invited to dip your hand in the water in remembrance of your baptism.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#723 *Shall We Gather at the River*

#347 *Spirit Song*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*CLOSING HYMN #2050 *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* arr. R. Hobby

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The flowers on the altar today are given for the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Benedict.

The red carnation on the altar today is in celebration of the birth of Archie Day Balko born to Grafton and Stephen Balko on December 24, 2017.

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

Ronnie Bell

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Mark Gilgallon

Director of Music

Heather Hinton

Organist

Spiritual Practices in 2018

(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
- ___ Read a psalm each morning
- ___ 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
- ___ Take a familiar tune and write a hymn for it
- ___ Read a sermon by MLK or John Wesley
- ___ 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 with the poor
- ___ Help my neighbors ___ times a year
- ___ Greet strangers with a smile
- ___ Recycle
- ___ Care for sheltered & abandoned animals
- ___ Plant a garden
- ___ Write a 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: _____