

Connect Card

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in offering plate

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 Fall Book

- **October 8:**
 - **Pet Blessing & Ice Cream Social** - 4-6:30pm, Courtyard; enjoy ice cream & pet treats over music & special guests; bring cat or dog food to be donated
 - **Youth Group** – 6:30-7:30pm, Community Room (Meal only)
- **October 8, 15, & 22: Register For "Dinners for 8"** – Share a meal with a diverse group of church members on November 4, gather in each other's homes to get to know each other a little better; sign up to be a host or guest via the Connect Card or in the West Entry
- **October 10: "Nobody Needs to Know"** – 7pm, Fellowship Hall; a 40-minute, one-act play focusing on mental illness, stigma & recovery; register via the Connect Card
- **October 11: Mid-North Shepherd's Center** – 10am: Indiana Bicentennial (Perry Hammock); 11am: Tell Me, How Do I Tax Thee? (Morton Marcus)
- **October 13: Movie & Pizza Night** – 5-8pm, Fellowship Hall; A fun night of *Moana*, pizza, drinks & popcorn; dress comfortably (PJs are welcome) & feel free to bring something comfy to sit on; register via Connect Card
- **October 15:**
 - **Land Development Forum** – Following 2nd service; an all-church forum to answer questions regarding the land development proposal
 - **Deadline to Register for Youth Hayride** - 7-10pm, Eagle Creek Park; roast hot dogs, toast marshmallows for delicious s'mores, & take a hayride around the park on Oct. 22; permission form & \$8 fee to hospitality desk
- **October 18:**
 - **Land Development Charge Conference** – 6:30pm; An "all church" conference in which all members in attendance have a vote; register via the Connect Card for free childcare
 - **Credit Scores Seminar** – 6pm, Parlor; Dawn Hardwick, CUDE from Elements Financial, will present on the components of the credit score, how we can positively affect our score, cost of credit & more
- **October 21: United Methodist Women (UMW) Craft Fair & Bazaar**– 9am-3pm; crafts & baked goods created by congregation members & friends will be sold; contact Margaret Mayo (mayo5910@comcast.net) to be a vendor
- **October 22:**
 - **Deadline to Register for Women's Retreat** – November 10-12, Waycross Retreat Center (Brown County); retreat is open to all women; stay for the day, a night or the weekend; cost is \$50/\$90/\$175 depending on length of stay (partial scholarships are available); register at the Hospitality Desk
 - **Covenant Conversation on Church Finances** – 9:45am, Fellowship Hall; The Finance & Stewardship Committees will review projections & answer questions about proposals for the 2018 budget; all are welcome
 - **Taize Worship Service** – 5pm, Chapel
- **October 25:**
 - **United Methodist Women (UMW) - Women of Lydia** – 7pm, Club Room
 - **North Church Board Meeting** – 5:30pm, Parlor
- **October 26: United Methodist Women (UMW) – Miriam Circle** – 12pm, Parlor



October 8, 2017 Celebration of God's Creation

PRELUDE *God of Love and God of Power* arr. N. Harmon

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Darren Cushman Wood

UPDATE ON LAND DEVELOPMENT Ron Gifford

*PASSING THE PEACE

CAROLERS' INTROIT (11) *This Train*

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: New every morning is the delight of the Creator.

People: Praise for the singing, praise for the morning!

Leader: New every morning is the harmony of the Word.

People: Praise for the sweetness, praise for the morning!

Leader: New every morning is the life of the Spirit.

People: Praise for our Maker, praise for this new day!

*OPENING HYMN #145 *Morning Has Broken*

CAROLERS' ANTHEM (11) *To Be a Child of God* A. Pote

Elena Cuomo, soloist; Jim Caraher, piano; Denise Page-Caraher, director
What a wonder it is to be a child of God, who hears the prayers of his children, who is as far away as the universe, yet lives within my heart. What a wonder it is, what a wonderful thing to be a child of God.

When I think of the colors of creation, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea, the mountains, oceans, the moon and the stars, I marvel at this world. But the miracle that fascinates me most, a thought more precious than words, is the God who created and still is creating loves me for who I am.

And I'll sing, yes, I'll sing! I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free. His eye is on the sparrow, and I know he watches me. What a wonder it is, what a wonderful thing to be a child of God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Allison Galloway

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 35:1-4 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 623


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

People: Thanks be to God.

*Please stand as you are able.

ANTHEM *Christ hath a Garden* G. Near

*CANTICLE OF PRAISE #826 Psalm 104:1-13, 24-35 *w/ musical response*
Ronnie Bell

 11:00 a.m. As the Canticle of Praise begins, Kindergarten – 3rd grade are invited to Alternative Worship; please follow the banner leader.

INVITATION TO PRAYER

HYMN OF PRAYER #122 *God of the Sparrow* v. 1-3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: God, in your mercy . . .

People: Hear our prayer.

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal pg. 895

HYMN OF PRAYER #122 *God of the Sparrow* v. 6

MOMENT FOR GENEROSITY Dan Wegg

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *The Mighty Power of God* M. Hayes
Voices in Accord

I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise. That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God’s command and all the stars obey. Their luminous display reflects the power of God.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food. God formed the creatures with the Word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where’er I turn my eye; if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky. From seas to mountains high the earth cannot contain the goodness of God.

The heavens are telling the glory of God! The heavens are telling the story, the whole earth is filled with God’s glory, the heavens are telling the glory of God!

There’s not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known. And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne. While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care, and ev’rywhere that we can be, O God, You’re present there; we joyously declare the power of Your love!

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

SECOND LESSON Colossians 1:15-23 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 188

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Cosmic Christ, Earthly Hope* Rev. Dr. Timothy Eberhart

HYMN #2059 *I Am Your Mother*

*LITANY OF CREATION CARE Pope Francis

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us join with all creation in honoring our Maker:
Father, we praise you with all your creatures.
They came forth from your all-powerful hand;
they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

People: Praise be to you!

Leader: Son of God, Jesus, through you all things were made.
You were formed in the womb of Mary our Mother,
you became part of this earth,
and you gazed upon this world with human eyes.
Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory.

People: Praise be to you!

Leader: Holy Spirit, by your light
you guide this world towards the Father’s love
and accompany creation as it groans in travail.
You also dwell in our hearts
and you inspire us to do what is good.

People: Praise be to you!

Leader: Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love,
teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe,
for all things speak of you.

**People: Awaken our praise and thankfulness
for every being that you have made.**

**Give us the grace to feel profoundly joined
to everything that is.**

Leader: God of love, show us our place in this world
as channels of your love for all creatures of this earth,
for not one of them is forgotten in your sight.
Enlighten those who possess power and money
that they may avoid the sin of indifference,
that they may love the common good, advance the weak,
and care for this world in which we live.

People: The poor and the earth are crying out.

Leader: O Lord, seize us with your power and light,
help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future,
for the coming of your Kingdom
of justice, peace, love and beauty.

People: Praise be to you! Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #2238 *In the Midst of New Dimensions*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. M. Dickerson

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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.

Our guest preacher today is Timothy Eberhart, Ph.D., Assistant Professor of Theology and Ecology at Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary. A member of the Dakotas Annual Conference, Rev. Eberhart is a graduate of St. Olaf College (B.A.) and Vanderbilt University (M.Div., PhD.). He is the author of "Rooted and Grounded in Love: Holy Communion for the Whole Creation" (Wipf and Stock Publishers).

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Event Sign Ups

- October 10: “Nobody Needs to Know”
- October 13: Movie & Pizza Night
 - # of children: ____
 - # of adults ____
- October 18: Childcare for Charge Conference
 - # of children: _____
 - Ages of children: ____
- November 4: Dinners for 8
 - Host
 - Guest
- 11:00am Ushers

This week’s worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Allison Galloway

Liturgist

Ronnie Bell

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Mark Gilgallon

Director of Music

Heather Hinton

Organist