

## Holy Habits for 2018

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

- 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – 104
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade – 204
- 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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*

- **January 3:** Mid-North Shepherd's Center – 10am: African-American Cultural Institute (Michelle Hayes); 11am: City/County Council (Maggie Lewis)
- **Throughout January:** Mid-North Food Pantry Food Drive – Help re-stock the shelves at Mid-North Food Pantry. Items can be placed in the gray bin in the West Entry or dropped off at the Hospitality Desk.
- **January 5:** Young Adult Game Night – 5pm-12am, Meredith Weir's home; Anyone age 18-30 (and out of high school) can come and enjoy food, games, and fellowship as they get to know other young adults in the congregation & reconnect with old friends. Come and go, or stay however long you like. Register at the Hospitality Desk.
- **January 7:**
  - Youth Group Resumes – 5:30-7:30pm, Club Room
  - Three Kings Party – 5-7pm; Celebrate the Kings coming to see baby Jesus with songs, games, crafts, a Kings Cake, & a crown for everyone. Register to the Hospitality Desk by January 3.
- **January 14:** ELEVATION – 4-6pm, Room 203
- **January 15:** MLK Day Worship Service – 11am, Chapel; In honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with coffee & refreshments served afterwards.
- **January 21:**
  - United Methodist Women (UMW) Sunday - Learn about the reach of United Methodist Women 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 - 7pm; February 23. Tickets are \$18 & include a food voucher (hot dog, chips, drink), a Pacers hat, and to shoot a free throw after the game. Purchase tickets at the Hospitality Desk no later than 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 which is open to all Sunday School classes and any adult not currently in a Sunday School class.*
- **January 24:**
  - North Church Board Meeting – 5:30pm, Parlor
  - UMW Women of Lydia – 7pm, Club Room
- **January 25:** UMW Miriam Circle – 12pm, Parlor
- **January 28:**
  - Youth Ministry's Ice Skating Outing – 1-3pm, Indiana Farmer's Coliseum; Tickets are \$10 & include entrance fee, skates & lunch. Purchase tickets 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 20<sup>th</sup> 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, since it is a school night). Bring a side dish/dessert to share. Register at the Hospitality Desk.



## December 31, 2017 Wesleyan Covenant Service

### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

PRELUDE Rev. Robert A. Schilling, organ; Thomas Schilling, trombone

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

\*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Glory to the God of Love who created us, who constantly sustains us, who reveals truth and beauty to all.

**People: Blessed be God forever.**

Leader: Glory to Jesus Christ, the Savior of the World, who became human so that we can be in God, who was wounded so that we can be healed, who died and was raised so that we can be raised to new life.

**People: Blessed be God forever.**

Leader: Glory to the Holy Spirit, the Giver of Life, whose witness confirms us, whose power enables us, whose bond unites us to do all things for the glory of God.

**People: Blessed be God forever.**

Leader: To the One, Holy Triune God be praise and glory forever.

**People: Amen.**

\*HYMN #220 *Angels from the Realms of Glory*

COLLECT

### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 29:10-15

Leader: For the wisdom that guides us

**People: we praise you, O God.**

HYMN #224 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

v.2-3

SECOND LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

Leader: For the word that inspires us

**People: we praise you, O God.**

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

SOLO *What Songs Were Sung* J. J. Niles  
Ron Berry, soloist

THIRD LESSON Romans 12:1-2  
Leader: For the truth that enlightens us  
**People: we praise you, O God.**

HYMN #399 *Take My Life, and Let It Be* v.1

\*GOSPEL LESSON  
Leader: A reading from the Gospel according to John.  
Hear the Gospel of Christ.  
**People: Glory to Christ our Savior.**  
John 15:1-10  
Leader: This is the Gospel of Christ.  
**People: Praise to Christ our Lord.**

SERMON  
\*HYMN #422 *Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love*

### THE COVENANT

INTRODUCTION  
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sins.  
For the sin that has made us slow to learn from Christ,  
reluctant to follow him, and afraid to bear the cross:  
Lord, have mercy,  
**People: Lord, forgive.**  
Leader: For the sin that has caused the poverty of our worship,  
the formality and selfishness of our prayers,  
our neglect of fellowship and the means of grace,  
and our hesitating witness for Christ: Lord, have mercy,

**People: Lord, forgive.**  
Leader: For the sin that has led us to misuse your gifts,  
evade our responsibilities,  
and fail to be good stewards of your creation:  
Lord, have mercy,

**People: Lord, forgive.**  
Leader: For the sin that has made us unwilling  
to overcome evil with good, tolerant of injustice,  
quick to condemn, and selfish in sharing your love with  
others: Lord, have mercy,

**People: Lord, forgive.**  
**Have mercy on me, O God, in your constant love;  
in the fullness of your mercy blot out my offences.  
Wash away all my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,**

**and renew a right spirit within me.  
Give me the joy of your help again  
and strengthen me with a willing spirit.**

Leader: If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,  
and will forgive our sins,  
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.  
Therefore to all who truly repent this is God's gracious word:  
"Your sins are forgiven."

**People: Amen. Thanks be to God.**

\*HYMN #606 *Come, Let Us Use the Grace Divine*

\*THE INVITATION

\*COVENANT PRAYER IN THE WESLEYAN TRADITION #607

RITUAL OF DEDICATION  
*At this time, you are invited to renew your commitment to Christ through singing  
and prayer at the altar or in your seat. As an expression of faith, please bring your  
offerings to the front and place them in the basket.*

#382 *Have Thine Own Way, Lord* v.1 & 4  
#354 *I Surrender All* v.1-3  
#393 *Spirit of the Living God*  
#394 *Something Beautiful*  
#369 *Blessed Assurance*

PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD  
Leader: As we have entered this covenant not for ourselves alone,  
but as God's servants and witnesses, let us pray for the  
Church and for the world. Loving God, hear us as we pray  
for your holy catholic Church:

**People: make us all one, that the world may believe.**  
Leader: Inspire and lead all who govern and hold authority in the  
nations of the world:

**People: establish justice and peace among all people.**  
Leader: Have compassion on all who suffer from any sickness,  
grief or trouble:

**People: deliver them from their distress.**  
Leader: We praise you for all your saints who have entered your  
eternal glory:

**People: bring us all to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*CLOSING HYMN #251 *Go, Tell It on the Mountain*

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE *O Morning Star How Fair and Bright* J.S. Bach

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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:

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Robert A. Schilling

*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: \_\_\_\_\_