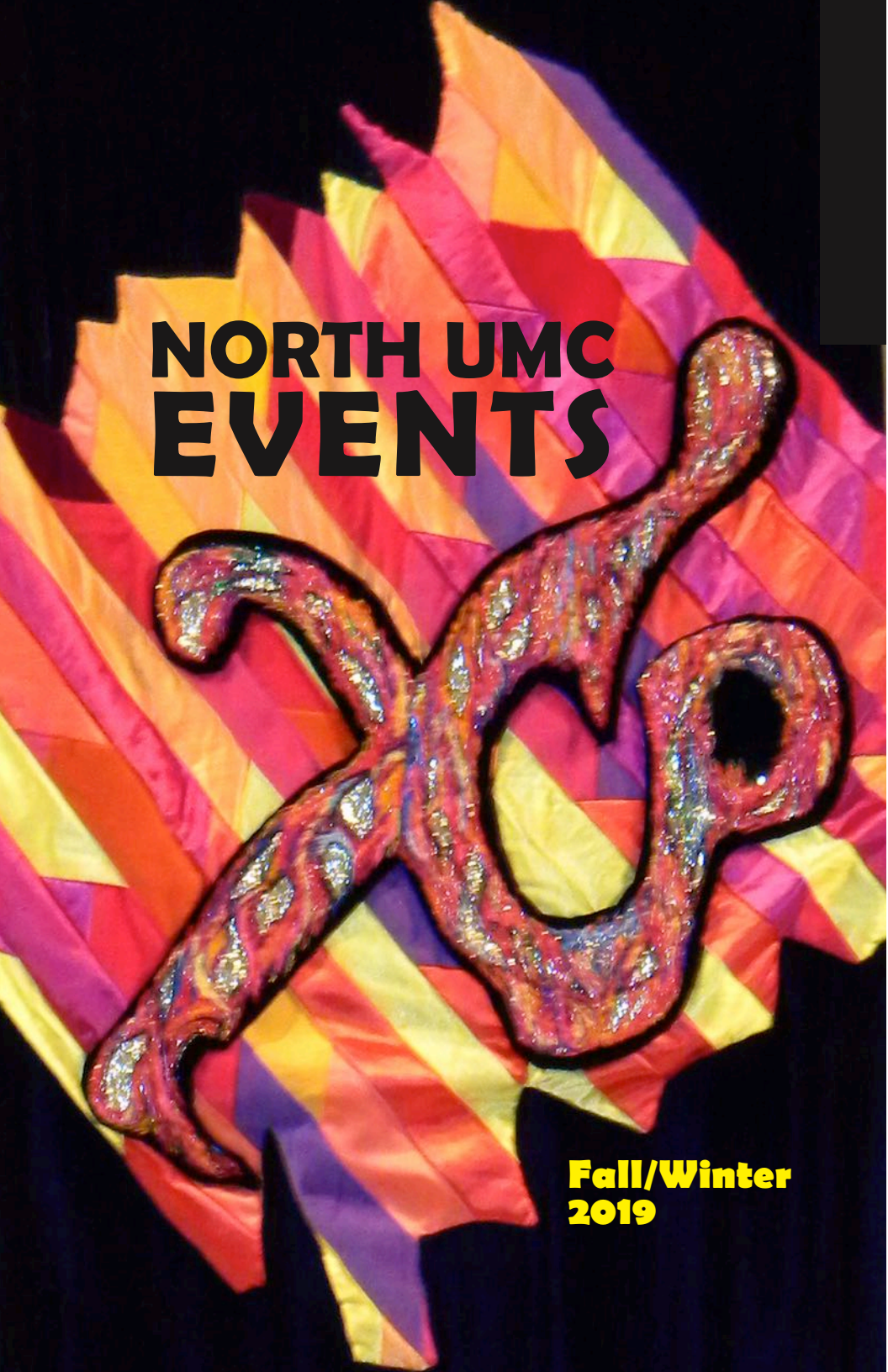
# NORTH UMC EVENTS



**Fall/Winter 2019**

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# Color Keys

All Ages: **Black**
Adults Only: **Orange**
Adults and Youth: **Blue**
Children: **Green**
Youth: **Brown**
Women: **Magenta**
Seniors: **Purple**

***Cover Art:***
Our cover art comes from a small portion of one of the many beautiful banners throughout North created by the late Doris Douglas, a long-time member. This Advent tapestry visualizes the light of Christ in the midst of darkness. Satin fabric was used in the colors of flames to create a sense of reflected light. Placed on top of the reflected light is a Christogram (XP). Inside the Christogram are small flames created with embroidery techniques and tapestry yarns. The background is black velvet to depict Christ's light touching the darkness to create newness of life.

**Note:** Please use this booklet only as a guide, as some items may change. The church bulletin, e-newsletter, NorthNet, social media and/or the TV slides in the west entry will convey any necessary updates.

# New to North?

Welcome! We're glad you're here!

We hold two worship services each Sunday — one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. Our Sunday school is from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. We celebrate holy communion on the first Sunday of each month. We also offer a Taizé service at 5 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Darren Cushman Wood is our senior pastor. Tiffany Williams is our associate pastor of missions and outreach. Diane Gattone is our pastor of care and nurture. Amy Sell is our minister of discipleship and formation and Cory Unthank is our minister of youth and young adults. Mark Gilgallon is our director of music and Marie Lang is our finance director. Other staff members are listed on our website at NorthChurchIndy.com.

Please stop at the hospitality desk at the west entry, see one of our greeters or ushers, or call our office at (317) 924-2612 if you have questions. Please supply your contact info on the red attendance pads in each pew so we can begin to get to know you.

We hope you'll find this booklet helpful as a guide to the many opportunities North offers.

# A Word from Pastor Darren

This year's stewardship theme is "True North," and it is a perfect description of what you will find in this booklet. At North Church you will find a wide array of ministries and events for you to connect with God and one another.

Try something new this year, and invite a friend to North!

Help us spread the word by:
• liking us on Facebook;
• retweeting us on Twitter;
• clicking "yes" on one of our events on Facebook;
• sharing our website in your email signature, and
• forwarding an edition of one of our e-newsletters to a friend.

I look forward to seeing you this fall.

Pastor Darren
Fall 2019

# Worship and Arts

**Radical Grace: Wesleyan Beliefs for Today Sermon Series**
Sundays, Sept. 8-29, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
As the United Methodist Church faces the crisis of potential schism, Pastor Darren will lead us in rediscovering the meaning of our core Methodist beliefs and how they are a foundation for North's practices of inclusion and outreach. This four-part sermon series will explain key Wesleyan themes such as prevenient grace, justification, and holiness, and their relevance for today. A personal journal will be available online and in the west entrance so you can record your reflections.

**Love Feast and Hymn Sing**
Sunday, Sept. 29, 5 p.m. (Chapel)
In conjunction with the fall sermon series, Pastor Darren will host a love feast. What is a love feast? It began with the first Methodists in the 1700s and includes singing, sharing stories, and a ritual affirming our mutual love for one another in Christ. Need more information? You will have to come and check it out. Let your imagination run wild and join us for this ancient/contemporary expression of our Methodist faith!

**Citywide and Monthly Taizé Worship**
Sunday, Sept. 8, 5 p.m. (Trinity Episcopal Church, 3243 N. Meridian St.) and the fourth Sunday of each month, 5 p.m. (North's Chapel).
Taizé is a service of song and silence that originated from the ecumenical community in Taizé, France after World War II. Four churches in Indianapolis (including North) host a Taizé service monthly. They come together for a combined, citywide service annually. For more information on the Taizé tradition of worship visit www.taize.fr.

**World Communion Sunday**
Sunday, Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
World Communion Sunday is an annual ecumenical observance that began in 1940. Celebrate the outreach ministries of North and our spiritual connection with churches around the world. This Sunday kicks off our stewardship season with a rededication of our missions and outreach ministries.

**Creation Care Sunday**
Sunday, Oct. 13, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Continuing the monthly stewardship theme, this Sunday culminates a week of activities celebrating God's goodness and our responsible stewardship of creation.

**Stewardship Sunday**
Sunday, Oct. 27, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
This year's stewardship campaign theme is "True North." It invites us to celebrate the distinctive passion and diversity of our congregation and calls us to renew our commitment to work together for God's missions. On this special day we will renew our membership vows to one another by dedicating our financial pledges for 2020. This Sunday's special music will feature the musicians of North's ensembles: North's Brass, Cathedral Ringers, Carolers, Choristers, and Cathedral Singers.

**All-Saints Sunday**
Sunday, Nov. 3, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Each year we remember our loved ones and all the faithful who have died in the faith. In remembrance of our members who died in the past 12 months, their names are read during the liturgy for communion. In addition you are invited to light a candle in remembrance of your loved ones during this special Sunday.

**Health and Healing Sunday**
Sunday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
We worship the Great Physician, and we invite you to join us for Health and Healing Sunday.

As a community, through worship and special events, we will remember 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 seek to learn how we can be good stewards of our bodies. You will have the opportunity for anointing and laying on of hands during the worship.

**Adoption Sunday and Continental Breakfast**
Sunday, Nov. 17, 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary and Parlor)
November is Adoption Awareness Month, and we will celebrate during both services. We give thanks for all the people in our congregation whose lives are affected each day by adoption. During the services we will give thanks to God for this gift. If your life has been impacted by adoption, please also join us for a continental breakfast and time of fellowship during the Sunday school hour in the parlor.

**Thanksgiving Service Featuring**
**The Indianapolis Children's Choir**
Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Celebrate the season and gift of Thanksgiving with a worship service framed around special music from the Indianapolis Children's Choir. In the spirit of the season a special offering contributes to the Mid-North Food Pantry.

**The Longest Night Service**
Sunday, Dec. 22, 5 p.m. (Chapel)
For many of us holidays are difficult, even painful, at 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, and 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.

**Christmas Eve Worship**
Tuesday, Dec. 24, 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m. (Sanctuary)
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 to anticipate the birth of Christ, our incarnate Savior. During this special evening we invite you to come and experience the drama, joy, and hope we claim in Jesus' birth. Join us for worship, singing, and prayer at any of our three services on this holy night:

• Children and Family Service, 5 p.m. —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 featuring the Rossi Clarinet Consort and Voices in Accord, 7:30 p.m.— Pastor Darren preaching, and

• Festival of Lessons and Carols, 11 p.m. — (Prelude music, which will include Vivaldi's "Gloria," begins at 10:30 p.m.) Pastor Darren preaching.

**Last Sunday of the Year**

Sunday, Dec. 29, 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

There will be one combined service at 11 a.m. In keeping with Methodist tradition, it will be a covenant service that renews our commitment to Christ for the New Year.

# All-Church Events

**Fall Festival**
Sunday, Sept. 15, 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
*Contacts: Galloways (ewgalloway@hotmail.com) and Warbintons (warbintons@comcast.net)*
We're rounding up the whole church for a fun night of fellowship! Bring a pot of chili or a pumpkin dish for the chili and pumpkin cook-off! Or bring a side dish or dessert to share with a large group for a pitch-in meal. There will be activities for all ages.

**Exploring North**
Sundays, Sept. 15-29, 9:45 a.m. (Location TBA)
Are you curious about North's history and beliefs? Join Pastor Darren for this three-session class that explains the missions and culture at North and offers important resources to help you take the next steps to connect.

**Coffee and Conversation About Stewardship**
Tuesday, Oct. 1, 6 p.m.-7 p.m., and Sunday, Oct. 6, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m. (Location TBA)
Join the stewardship team for an informal presentation about our finances, your opportunity to advance the work of our congregation through this year's stewardship campaign, "True North," and any other questions you have regarding North's missions and money.

**Blessing of the Animals**
Sunday, Oct. 6, 4 p.m. (Tarkington Park)
In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis (the patron saint of animals and ecology), North has an annual tradition of the "Blessing of the Animals," which takes place "next door" in Tarkington Park. Bring your pets and service animals large and small to Tarkington Park on Sunday afternoon for them to receive a blessing. Kids and adults are invited to share a special time of blessing and celebration of their animal companions. Donations of dog and cat food will be sent to a local shelter. Please bring pets on leashes or in carriers for the comfort of all attendees. Waste bags and water will be available.

**Celebration of Ministries**
Sunday, Oct. 20, 9:45 -10:45 a.m. and 12-1 p.m. (Throughout the church)
Every member is a minister at North Church, and God has a calling for every person. On this Sunday 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 hors d'oeuvres as you explore the ministry opportunities. During worship we will renew our commitment to God's calling.

**Trunk or Treat**
Sunday, Oct. 27, 4-6 p.m. (Parking lot)
Join us for a night of outreach to our neighbors as we provide a safe alternative to going door to door and a fun alternative for those who

don't get any trick-or-treaters. Bring your car full of decorations, wear a costume, and bring lots of candy as we hand it out to all the kids who come.

### Dinners for 8

Saturday, Nov. 2 (Various times and locations)
This is an evening of food and fellowship, as diverse groups gather in each other's homes to enjoy a simple meal and time to get to know each other a little better. You can sign up to be either a guest or a host. As a host, you will prepare a simple meal for a group of eight, including yourself, and welcome that group into your home to share it. This is not an elaborate dinner party; this is a simple supper among church friends. Once sign-ups are completed, dinner groups are assigned, hosts notify guests, and the table is set! You can sign up during Sundays in October in the west entry.

**Advent Festival**
Sunday, Dec. 1, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
*Contact: Eric Galloway (ewgalloway@hotmail.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. Please register by Nov. 28 at the hospitality desk.

# Missions and Outreach

**Bread and Bowl**
Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (Community Room)
*Contact: Lydia Shaw (enrshaw@gmail.com)*
Bread and Bowl is our community lunch that is offered free to the community surrounding the church. Visitors receive a hot meal and they're also warmly invited to share in conversation and fellowship. This ministry is supported in partnership with Second Helpings.

**East Tenth UMC's Sunday Dinners**
First Sunday of each month, 3:45 p.m.
(East Tenth UMC, 2327 E. 10th St.)
*Contact: Shorty Hatfield*
*sharonhatfield2@gmail.com)*
North serves dinner to approximately 70 people on the near-east side of town on the first Sunday of each month at East Tenth UMC. Volunteers are always needed. This is part of our partnership with East Tenth UMC.

**IPS School 43**
(150 W. 40th St.)
*Contact: Kathy Beck (beck305@hotmail.com)*
There are many opportunities to partner with IPS James Whitcomb Riley School 43, which is North Church's neighborhood elementary school. Tutors volunteer throughout the aca-

demic year to work with specific students and/or classrooms to help children achieve academic success. There is a uniform drive, a teachers' appreciation luncheon and other opportunities to serve throughout the year.

**North Church Farmers Market**
Thursdays Aug. 15, Aug. 29, Sept. 5, Sept. 19, 4-6:30 p.m. (39th Street)
*Contact: Megan Sullivan (market@northchurchindy.com)*
This is your last chance to stock up on fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and other items for the season. We'll expand to include an artisans market on Aug. 29. Find a list of all vendors scheduled to attend on the market's Facebook page at @NorthChurchFarmersMarket. Its website is at northchurchfarmersmarket.com.

**Servant Day**
Saturday, Oct. 5, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
(Various locations)
Servant Day is a time of connecting with our immediate community and nonprofit organizations throughout the city as a day of intentional and collective service. We'll begin the day with a brief meditation and breakfast in the parlor and then depart to our service sites. Sites to serve will include North's Bread and Bowl, the Mid-North Food Pantry and the East Tenth Street UMC Children and Youth Center.

**Jubilee Christmas**
Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14, times TBA. (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. Please sign up for volunteer opportunities closer to the event.

*If you have questions or would like to get more involved in missions and outreach ministries, contact Pastor Tiffany Williams (twilliams@northchurchindy.com), Lydia Shaw (enrshaw@gmail.com), or Carolyn Svirsky (carolyn.svirsky@gmail.com).*

# Care and Nurture

### Having the Talk

Sunday, Sept. 8 and Sunday, Sept. 15, 9:45-10:45 a.m. (Location TBA)
The Youth and Children's Ministries and the Care and Nurture Team are sponsoring this two-part event focusing on the topic of sexuality for children and youth. Parents are invited to learn about developmental changes to be expected, and discuss how to have conversations with youth and children about sexuality.

### Opioids and the Church

Saturday, Sept. 28, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
North and the IN Conference have joined together to host this event focusing on an important, timely topic. Dr. Joan Duwve from the Fairbanks School of Public Health at IUPUI will address opioid addiction and its impact on the health and well-being of Indiana residents. Rev. Randy Davis will share his work with Brianna's Hope, a faith-based support and recovery group for individuals and communities battling addiction. A panel of community leaders will assemble to discuss the effects of the opioid crisis in Indiana communities. The cost is $15 and lunch will be provided. Online registration is available at www.inumc.org.

**Your Health and the Environment**
Sunday, Oct. 13, 12:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall). The Care and Nurture Team and the Green Team invite you to enjoy a delicious lunch while learning how the environment affects your everyday life and health.

## Walk to Bethlehem

Dec. 1-24
During Advent we anticipate the birth of Jesus. This year you're invited to take a virtual journey toward Bethlehem that will enhance your physical, emotional, and spiritual health. Itineraries (available in mid-November) will help you trace your steps proportional to the distance in miles to Bethlehem, and daily readings will enhance your heart and spirit along the way.

## Mid-North Shepherd's Center

Wednesdays beginning at 9:30 a.m.
(Lower level)
*Contact: Jeff Linnan (info@mnscenter.org)*
Adults 55 and older attend "Adventures in Learning" each Wednesday starting at 10 a.m. featuring varied programs including choral rehearsals, Bible sharing, news talk, lectures, interactive programs, meditation, and book clubs, all offered free of charge. Day trips are also offered for a minimal charge. Lunch is served each Wednesday for $7. No membership fee is required.

*Be sure to check the "Happenings" section of weekly church bulletins, the e-newsletter, and social media for other events throughout the fall and winter that promote physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. If you would like to be part of the Care and Nurture Team contact Pastor Diane at dgattone@northchurchindy.com.*

# Music

## Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays, Sept. 5-May 28, 7 p.m. (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 a.m. worship service and on special liturgical holidays.

## Cathedral Ringers

Rehearsals: Sundays, Sept. 8-June 7, after the 11 a.m. service (Room 007)
*Directors and Contacts: Jeff and Kelley Warbinton (warbintons@comcast.net)*
The Cathedral Ringers is an adult and youth handbell ensemble using a beautiful five-octave set of Malmark handbells and handchimes. The Cathedral Ringers offer selections at both morning worship services approximately six weeks apart.

## Children's Choirs

Rehearsals: Sundays after 11 a.m. service
Pre-K through sixth 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**

Sept. 8-April 26 (Room 101)
*Ages 3-5 (Pre-K)*
*Director: Mark Gilgallon*
*(mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)*

- **Carolers**

Sept. 8-May 10 (Conference Room)
*Kindergarten through second grade*
*Director: Denise Page Caraher*
*(jcdpc88@aol.com)*

- **Choristers**

Sept. 8-May 10 (Room 004)
*Third through sixth grade*
*Director: Rosie Jordan*
*(rosiej@phoeniximages.com)*

## North's Horns

Rehearsals: Usually Wednesdays from 3-4:30 p.m. (Room 005)
*Contact: Lou Chenette (toccata3@gmail.com), (317) 253-7537.*
A French horn ensemble; if you are interested in playing please contact Lou.

## North's Winds Brass Ensemble

Rehearsals are from about Labor Day through Memorial Day, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (Room 005)
*Director and Contact: John Hague (jshague@gmail.com), (317) 340-0519.*
If you play the trumpet, trombone, French horn, euphonium, baritone or tuba, are in eighth grade or older, and have at least three years playing experience, consider getting involved. North's Winds provides music for the Advent Festival dinner. Contact John for more information.

*If you have questions or would like to get more involved in music ministries, please contact Mark Gilgallon (mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com).*

# United Methodist Women

### Miriam Circle*

Fourth Thursday, 12 p.m. (Parlor)
*Contact: Margaret Mayo (mayo5910@comcast.net)*
The Miriam Circle is part of United Methodist Women. This circle gathers for a sack lunch, project planning, and programs focused on the UMW's mission. Meetings are open to all interested in joining the group.

### The Women of Lydia*

Fourth Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Club Room)
*Contact: Sue Childers (donsuechilders@yahoo.com)*
The Women of Lydia is a circle of United Methodist Women. This circle is open to women of all ages. The group's members support each other through discussions of current topics, studies, and mission work.

### Central District United Methodist Women Annual Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 21, time TBA. (Franklin Grace UMC, 1300 E. Adams Dr., Franklin, Ind.)

### Conference United Methodist Women Annual Meeting

Friday and Saturday, Oct. 4-5, time TBA. (St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St., Indianapolis)

**United Methodist Women Sunday Supper And New Member Welcome**
Sunday, Nov. 3, following 11 a.m. service (Fellowship Hall)
Meet our newest church members over fellowship and a great lunch! This meal is sponsored by United Methodist Women to raise funds for their on-going mission to serve women and children locally and globally. Cost is $10/adult, $5/child under 10, and $30/household max.

**Soup Sales**
Sundays, Nov. 24, Dec. 8 and Dec. 15
North's United Methodist Women circles will once again sell soup mix this fall, which is their largest fundraiser. The money raised goes to help children, youth, and women all over the world through various missions. There are two types of soup available - friendship soup and black bean soup. You can stop by the table in

the west entry to sample or purchase the soup. Gluten-free, vegan, and vegetarian options are available through pre-order. To pre-order these options, please email 2020birthday@gmail.com.

*The issue priorities for 2016-2020 are: economic inequality, climate justice, criminalization of communities of color, and maternal and child health.

*For more information on United Methodist Women please contact Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com) or Carol Tiller (csa5305@gmail.com).*

# Adult Studies and Prayer

### Covenant Bible Study

Wednesdays, Sept. 11-Oct. 30, 5:30-8 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)
Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner, fellowship, Bible study, and growth. On Sept. 11 we will begin Covenant Bible Study, which is an eight-week, in-depth group study. We begin at 5:30 p.m. with a meal and then we will break out into small groups for the study. Each week there is a video segment as well as many teaching opportunities. Two different units of Covenant Bible Study will take place this semester. The first eight-week session,"Creating," is offered for those who have not taken it and the second eight-week session, "Living," is offered for those who completed the first unit. Watch the tables in the west entry, emails, newsletters, and social media for opportunities to sign up. Child care will be provided.

### Envisioning a New Methodism: A Workshop for Local Churches

Saturday, Nov. 9, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
(Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall, Education Wing)
As part of our witness for inclusion we will offer this one-day workshop to help other local churches explore ways to develop an effective witness of inclusion with the LGBTQ community. This will be an opportunity for the lay

leadership of North to tell their stories and for others to learn from our experiences. You can help by being a part of a panel discussion, assisting with hospitality, communications, and other tasks.

### North's Wesleyan Identity: A Congregational Table Conversation

Wednesday, Nov. 13, 5:30-8 p.m. (Fellowship Hall); Sunday, Nov. 17, 12 p.m. (Fellowship Hall); Tuesday, Nov. 19, 10 a.m. (Parlor)
The divisions in the denomination and the upcoming 2020 General Conference raise a question for our congregation: How is North's affirmation of inclusion an expression of our Wesleyan beliefs? Join us in November for conversations about what it means to be a member at North and a Methodist. The board of directors authorized a small team to draft a statement of belief that we want you to discuss and give your input. And being good Methodists, we will do it with food! There will be three opportunities using the same format for your convenience: Wednesday dinner, Sunday lunch and Tuesday coffee and dessert. If you cannot join us there will be additional ways for you to share your insights electronically. This series of conversations builds on Pastor Darren's September sermon series, "Radical Grace: Wesleyan Beliefs for Today."

## Morning Prayers

Mondays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. (Chapel)
Join us any weekday morning for this short (approximately 15-minute) service of intercessory prayer and praise, where we lift up the prayer requests of the congregation.

## Meditation and Contemplative Prayer

Tuesdays, 5:30-6 p.m. (Chapel)
Meditation and Contemplative Prayer is a method of prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of experiencing God's presence within us that is closer than breathing, thinking, or 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 and meditation.

# Adult Sunday School

**Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

**The Affirming Group** (Room 207)
*Contact: Don Childers (affirming-group@google-groups.com) and Troy Barker (troy@comcast.net)*
Each week we use a variety of resources that deal with faith, family, church, religion, and current social justice issues. This includes what it means to be an inclusive church for all persons regardless of race, religion, or sexual orientation. Straight allies and LGBTQ persons are all welcome.

**Power and Light** (Room 205)
*Contact: Kathy Beck (beck305@hotmail.com)*
This group is a welcoming, diverse group of in-

dividuals united in fellowship, social service, and personal support in the mutual pursuit of spiritual growth.

**Sojourners** (Room 005)
*Contacts: Eric Galloway (ewgalloway@hotmail.com) 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.

*If you would like to learn more about our different Sunday school offerings, contact Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com).*

# Young Adult Sunday School

**Young Adult Sunday School**
Sundays, 9:45-10-45 a.m. (Room 009)
This is a discussion-based class specifically for those age 18-35. The class will discuss topics and readings pertaining to faith. There is no registration required. If you'd like more info or to order any reading material for the class, please contact Cory Unthank at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com.

# Youth Sunday School

**Sundays, 9:45 a.m.-10:45 a.m.**

**High School Sunday School** (Room 008)
Students in grades nine-12 can join their peers in a discussion-based class focusing on the application of faith to real-world scenarios, events, and issues. Each month will have a theme for the discussions, which can range from the history of Christian viewpoints and response to a certain topic, to discussing actions we can take now to act upon our faith. This class serves as a safe place for students to discuss and discern their developing faith together as a group. There is no registration required, so students can join anytime.

**Middle School Sunday School (**Room 207)
Students in grades six through eight are invited to join their peers every Sunday morning in this activity and discussion-based class focused on faith development and Christian education. This fall the curriculum will be "Church History: How We Got From Jesus to Here," and will focus on the timeline of events from the time of Jesus' first apostles to our current worldwide religion. There is no registration required, so students can join anytime.

# Children Sunday School

**Sundays, 9:45-10:45 a.m.**

### Pre-School Sunday School

Toddlers (Room 103)
Pre-K (Room 102)
The toddlers and pre-K kids will engage with the Bible at their appropriate level. Using the Play-N-Worship curriculum, they will use everyday objects to help them learn basic Bible stories that will be the foundation upon which they will grow. Using songs, movement, and intentional play, they will learn that God loves them!

### Elementary Sunday School

Kindergarten-Fifth Grades
Kindergarten-First Grade (Room 101)
Second and Third Grades (Room 104)
Fourth and Fifth Grades (Room 203)
Join us each week this semester as the kids learn the stories of the Old Testament. Each lesson is engaging and offers a variety of activities and learning points to help the kids better understand God's love for them and their responsibility to love their neighbors.

# Children and Families Ministry

### Child Care

Sundays, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m.
Infants through 5-Year-Olds
Nursery (Room 103)
Pre-K (Room 102)
We love children and provide care you can trust on Sunday mornings during worship and Sunday school. All caregivers are CPR/first aid-certified, background checked, and experienced working with children.

### Acolytes and Acolyte Training

Sunday, Aug. 18 following the 11 a.m. service (Room 104 and Sanctuary)
All students in grades three through six are welcome to become acolytes for the 2019-2020 school year. On Sunday, Aug.18 following the 11 a.m. service, students and parents are encouraged to join us for lunch and acolyte training. We will have lunch in room 104 and we will be in the sanctuary for the official training. This is required training for students to serve as acolytes.

### Alternative Worship

Non-communion Sundays beginning Sept. 8 during the 11 a.m. worship service (Room 104)

Kindergarten-Second Grades
All children in grades K through second are welcome to join us during the 11 a.m. service for a time of worship that is just for them. Through age-appropriate worship that includes Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, skits, and more, we will learn to have faith in God. Kids can follow the banner out of the sanctuary to room 104 following the Lord's Prayer.

## ELEVATION

Third through Fifth Grades
Second and fourth Sundays beginning Sept. 8, 4-6 p.m. (Room 203)
The definition of the word "elevation" is the height to which something is elevated or to which it rises. Some others include the act of elevating or the state of being elevated. That is what this group is about. It is a place for your kid to continue climbing on his or her faith journey. As a mountain climber, it is always easier to tackle the elements with someone else. It is the same with our faith. We will climb together. We will experience the highs, lows, rain, wind, and sun on our journey together. We will have fun playing games and doing activities and service projects together, "climbing exercises," and dinner at 5:30 p.m. Pick up is at 6 p.m.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

### New Baby Luncheon

Sunday, Sept. 29, following the 11 a.m. service (Parlor)

Parents with children 2 and under are invited to join us for a luncheon following the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 29. Do you wonder about your child's faith journey and his or her integration into the church? Perhaps that question causes some anxiety, fear, and excitement. Come learn what we do at North to foster a loving, open, and safe environment for your little one. We will introduce you to the programming your child will experience over the next 18 or so years, as well as the parents who will be on this journey with you. Please RSVP by Sunday, Sept. 15 at the hospitality desk or directly to Amy at asell@northchurchindy.com.

### Movie and Pizza Night

Friday, Oct. 4, 5-8 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a fun night as we watch "Up." We will provide pizza, drinks, and popcorn. We encourage everyone to dress comfortably and bring a lawn chair, sleeping bag, blanket, etc. PJs are welcome. We will eat at 5 p.m. and have some activities. The movie will begin at 5:45 p.m. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 2 at the hospitality desk.

**Trunk or Treat**
(Please see the description on page 13).

**Game Night and Thanksgiving Feast**
Friday, Nov. 15, 5-8 p.m. (Club Room and Game Room)
Join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving this year with a feast. We will provide the turkey and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. After we partake in a great meal we will have board and card games the rest of the evening. Please RSVP by Sunday, Nov. 10 at the hospitality desk.

**Parents' Night Out**
Saturday, Dec. 7, 4-8 p.m. (Education Wing)
Before you enjoy Christmas shopping, wrapping, or a quiet evening at home, bring the kids to North for an evening filled with Christmas activities, games, and crafts. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by Sunday, Dec. 1 at the hospitality desk. The cost is $5 per child with a $15 cap per household. There are funds available to cover the cost of this event if you need it; just let Amy know.

*All of our events are open to the whole church family. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in ministry with children and families please contact Amy Sell at asell@northchurchindy.com.*

# Youth Ministry

North Church youth ministry is for students in grades six through 12 and has separate programming for middle-school and high-school students, as well as combined programming for both. Our program focuses on spiritual development, community service, and relationship-building between students and adult volunteers. Every event is open to any youth in middle or high school and any adult who would like to volunteer, and takes place at North Church unless otherwise specified. For anyone interested in involving their student or volunteering for any of the following events, please contact Cory Unthank, minister of youth and young adults, at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com.

### Fall Kick-Off Parent Meeting

Sunday, Aug. 4, 4-6 p.m.
At this meeting for parents and students we'll discuss youth ministry protocol, upcoming events, and changes made to youth group for the school year. From 4-5 p.m. parents and students will hear from Cory about the protocols and changes for the year, and ask any questions they have. From 5-6 p.m. we'll enjoy dinner together and have free-time activities to celebrate the start of the school year. If you can help provide food, please contact Cory.

## Youth Group

Sunday nights starting Aug. 18, 4-6 p.m. (Lower level).

Regular youth group will return on Aug. 18 at its new time! Most Sunday nights we'll gather together for a night of programming that can include fellowship, service projects, or religious discussions. Every youth group gathering includes dinner at the end. All youth are welcome to join us, with no need to sign up. If you would like to volunteer by providing dinner or being a chaperone for events, or would like to see a full calendar of youth group gatherings, please contact Cory.

## Hayride

Sunday, Sept. 29, time TBD (Eagle Creek Park, Shelter TBD)

Youth and adults can celebrate fall at Eagle Creek Park with a day filled with snacks, games, and a hay-filled wagon ride around the park! The cost is $5 per student.

https://northchurchindy.brushfire.com/events/455345

## Cookie Project (Appalachia Service Project Fundraiser)

Sunday, Nov. 3-Sunday, Dec. 8

Each summer North takes a mission trip to the Appalachia region to partner with Appalachia Service Project (ASP), a home-repair ministry.

For one week adults and students work with ASP to help make homes warmer, safer, and drier. Throughout the fall we have sign-ups for anyone interested in going on the trip the following summer. ASP is open to any students currently in sixth grade and older, plus adults.

To help raise funds for our summer 2020 ASP trip we sell boxes of chocolate-chip cookies in the west entry every Sunday in November. Then, on Saturday, Dec. 7, we will bake the cookies to fill the orders. Cookies will be available to pick up on Sunday, Dec. 8 at North. To volunteer to work the sales table, help on baking day, help pass out cookies or to receive more info on the ASP trip, contact Cory.

### 30-Hour Fast

Friday and Saturday, Nov. 15-16, 6 p.m.- 6 p.m. For 30 hours North students and adult volunteers can join together to fast while learning about poverty and hunger around the world and serving our community. (The actual fast begins after lunch on Friday.) The event is free and is an overnight event held at North. Students who sign up can come for the whole event or leave when they need to. Adult volunteers will help with activities, discussions, chaperone sleeping quarters, and drive to service projects if necessary. Sign up by Nov. 1.

**November Service Project: Umoja Dinner**
Sunday, Nov. 24, time TBD (Fellowship Hall)
The Umoja Project fall fund-raising dinner will take place at North Church this year, and its organizers have invited students to help make it happen. As part of our dedication to service, we encourage all students to take part in this opportunity as much as possible. Students will be able to help with set up and clean up, help sell items in the marketplace, greet guests, sell tickets, and serve dinner. Any students able to serve can contact Cory to sign up.

**Progressive Dinner**
Sunday, Dec. 15, time TBD (Locations vary)
Youth can join us for a festive holiday meal in three parts at three homes! We will gather at North and caravan to our first house for appetizers, then on to our second house for entrées, and our final house for desserts. This event is free. Students can sign up at the front desk from Nov. 3 through Dec. 8. If you'd like to drive in the caravan or host one of the meal parts in your home, contact Cory.

# Young Adults

North Church young adult ministries is for those ages 18-35 who are not in high school. Our programming focuses on community and relationship building through fellowship and spiritual development through small-group opportunities. Every event is open to anyone in the aforementioned age range. To keep up with events and happenings specifically for young adults at North, join the Facebook page at facebook.com/groups/NorthChurchYoungAdults/. Young adults are also encouraged to read this booklet for more opportunities to participate in events for all adults. For anyone interested in attending, hosting, or helping make these events possible, please contact Cory Unthank at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com.

### Young Adult Fall Kick-Off Game Night

Friday, Aug. 30, 5:30-8:30 p.m. (Books & Brews South Indy, 3808 Shelby St., Indianapolis)
Bring a friend and come hang out at Books & Brews and bring your favorite game to play with the group! Stop by for a short time or come and stay for the whole event. No registration is required. Food and drink will be available to purchase via the restaurant/brewery.

### Young Adult Sunday School

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### Young Adult Bowling Night

Thursday, Sept. 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m. (Royal Pin Woodland, 3421 E. 96th St., Indianapolis)
Join us for a night at the lanes at the Royal Pin Woodland! Cost is $5 per person and covers shoes and two games of bowling. Sign up (to ensure enough lanes are rented) by Sept. 18 at the front desk, via the facebook group event, or by contacting Cory.

### Young Adult Pumpkin Decorating Night

Friday, Oct. 25, 6-9 p.m. (Community Room)
Celebrate the fall season by carving or painting your own pumpkin just in time for Halloween! The cost is $5, which will provide pumpkins, carving utensils, stencils, and paint for everyone. We will have fall drinks and snacks available too. Sign up by Oct. 20 at the front desk, via the Facebook group event, or by contacting Cory.

### Young Adult Friendsgiving

Friday, Nov. 15, time TBA (St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 100 W. 86th St.)
Thanksgiving is often reserved as a time for family, but it's also a wonderful time to gather with friends! Friendsgiving started in the 2000s among city-living individuals with no way to

travel long distances to visit family. They gathered with their local friends instead. Today it's a practice of fellowship over a shared meal among young adults. Join us as we celebrate friendship and community by bringing a side dish or dessert to share (store bought is fine).

### Young Adult Winter Game Night

Friday, Jan. 3, 2020 (time and location TBD)
Kick off the first weekend of the new year with us as we enjoy another fun-filled game night! Bring your favorite game or come ready to learn a new one, and invite a friend too! It's open to any and all young adults. Snacks and drinks will be provided, but feel free to bring a snack or two-liter to share. RSVP to Cory via email or the Facebook event by Jan. 1.

# Stay Connected

There are many ways to stay up to date on what is happening at North Church. Be sure to connect with us in the following ways:

- sign up for our weekly general e-newsletter, youth ministry e-newsletter and/or children and families ministry e-newsletter: https://visitor.r20.constantcontact.com/manage/optin?v=001bXStR8v3TyIcvUH5jf-N208doXwpej87&id=preview
- social media:

Facebook: Facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy and friend "Linda AtNorth;"
Twitter: @NorthChurchIndy, and

- visit our website at NorthChurchIndy.com.

The 11 a.m. service is streamed live, and audio and video are available afterwards.

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*We affirm that through God's redeeming love, all are one in Christ.*
*YOU are welcome at North Church!*

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