

North UMC Events

Spring/Summer 2020





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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 a banner made by ladies of North Church from a design provided by the late Doris Douglas. It depicts symbols of Easter and spring, although it can be used into the months of summer. The background fabric is linen.

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-Fashimpaur is our associate pastor of missions and outreach, and 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. More info is 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

Whether this is your first time at North or your first time in a long time, I am glad you are reading this booklet! There are a variety of opportunities for you to sample our life together at North this spring and summer. I hope you will join us.

If you are a long-time, regular attender, I am glad you are reading this booklet too! Take a look for an event that interests you and sign up. This is a great way for you to meet newcomers and to invite your friends. Help us share the blessings of North by bringing a friend to a study, fellowship event, or mission outreach.

Pastor Darren
Spring 2020

Worship and Arts

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (North's Chapel) and 6 p.m. (East Tenth UMC, 2327 E. 10th St.; corner of East 10th and Keystone)

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, simplicity and spiritual discipline. Through the imposition of ashes, Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality. This year we mark our observance with our partner church, East Tenth United Methodist. We will join that congregation for worship in the evening followed by a tour of their Children and Youth Center.

Lenten Sermon Series: "Five Essential Questions"

Sundays, March 1-March 29, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

This year's Lenten focus is on crucial questions everyone faces at different points throughout their lives. Pastor Darren will deliver a five-part sermon series exploring these questions through the stories told in the Gospel of John. Every Wednesday evening he will lead a Bible

study on the Gospel of John to go deeper into the scriptures and our exploration of these questions. The study is in conjunction with Covenant Bible Study and both studies begin each Wednesday with a fellowship dinner (kids are welcome to eat with us too). Child care will be provided. For more information see “Covenant Bible Study” in the “Discipleship and Formation” section on page 21 and “Gospel of John Bible Study” in the same section on page 22.

Weekly Communion During Lent

Wednesdays, March 4-April 8, 7:30 a.m.
(Chapel)

Get your morning started right with the Lord’s Supper. Throughout Lent receive Communion as we focus on a time of prayer. This is a short service (approximately 15-20 minutes) and will not include a sermon. (Pastor Darren says that it is too early to preach!)

Sunday Evening Worship During Lent

Sundays, March 1, 15 and 22, 5 p.m. (Chapel; child care will be provided)

Lent is a season of spiritual preparation for Easter, and one way we prepare is through worship. Join us for one of these special services that highlight the practices of Lent:

Praise: Lenten Hymn Sing - March 1

Start Lent by singing your favorite hymns. Join

us for a good time and wonderful music led by Pastor Darren.

Power: Healing Service—March 15

Pastors Diane and Tiffany will offer the gift of laying on of hands and anointing with oil for those who are suffering and those who are praying for their loved ones.

Peace: Taizé Service—March 22

For a description see page 11.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 5, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (parking lot and Sanctuary)

This year's celebration includes a neighborhood parade with a donkey and our band. We gather at the Peace Pole near the west entry at 10:25 a.m. and begin the parade at 10:30 a.m. Afterwards, the 11 a.m. worship service will feature a processional with palm branches to commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem for the start of Holy Week, and music by the Carolers children's choir.

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 9, 7 p.m. (Chapel and Courtyard)

Commemorate the day Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples. Later that night he went with them to the Garden of Gethsemane to pray. Join us for an intimate experience of the Last Supper with special liturgy,

readings, and music by the Chancel Quartet, culminating in a reading in the courtyard as we remember his fateful night in the garden. The Cathedral Ringers will play our postlude.

Community Good Friday Service

Friday, April 10, 12 p.m. (Chapel)

North Church will host this annual Community Good Friday service of intercessory prayers for our community, nation and the world.

Good Friday Special Service: "Were You There?" Christ's Passion in Scripture and Song

Friday, April 10, 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Join the Cathedral Singers for an evening of moving readings and music telling the story of Christ's passion.

Easter

Sunday, April 12, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with a joyful and festive worship experience. This year we will highlight the significance of the resurrection for the hope of creation. At 8:30 a.m. we will have Holy Communion. At 11 a.m. the Carolers and the Cathedral Singers will share special music.

North Church Series on Theology and Contemporary Issues

Sunday, April 26, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon
(Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)

Through a generous grant from the William E. Schmidt Foundation we will continue this series in honor of Rev. Richard and Anna Lee Hamilton. It will explore the intersection between theology and major issues facing our world today. This year's lecture will be delivered by Dr. Tex Sample, the Robert B. and Kathleen Rogers professor emeritus of church and society at the St. Paul School of Theology, a United Methodist seminary in Kansas City, Mo., where he taught from 1967–1999. He is the author of over a dozen books on the intersection of faith, culture, and the church. Dr. Sample will be our guest preacher in the morning and will deliver his presentation in the afternoon following an all-church luncheon after the 11 a.m. service.

Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 3, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Please see description on page 40.

Children's Musical: "Dog Doof"

Sunday, May 10, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Please see description on page 29.

Special Music Sunday:
“Singing Down the Spirit,” a Celebration of
Spiritual and Gospel Music

Sunday, May 17, 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

The combined choirs of First Baptist Church and North’s Cathedral Singers will present selections from Carol Cymbala’s “Songs from the Altar,” along with other gospel classics, at our 11 a.m. service. A rhythm section will accompany the choirs.

Worship Without Walls

Sunday, Aug. 9, 11 a.m. (parking lot; we will have only one service this day)

Back by popular demand, we will gather under a big tent in our parking lot for one service of celebration and music. Stay tuned for an announcement about the special music, and bring your friends and welcome our neighbors in the community for this special service.

Meditation and Contemplative Prayer

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 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, closer than thinking, and closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. All are welcome.

Taizé

Fourth Sunday of each month, 5 p.m. (Chapel)
Prayer and silence are at the heart of the Taizé experience; there is no sermon. Taizé 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. For more information on the Taizé tradition of worship visit www.taize.fr.



All-Church Events

Forum on Land Development

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 10 a.m. (Parlor) and 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Over the past two years North has been working with developers Flaherty and Collins on a vision for redevelopment along Illinois Street to create affordable housing and commercial property. In 2020 the board of directors will re-examine the proposal. Come hear the latest information and share your opinion at this all-church forum.

Mardi Gras

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

“Mardi Gras” literally means “Fat Tuesday,” so named because it’s considered a last feast before the 40-day Lenten season of fasting and prayer. At North we celebrate Mardi Gras with a pancake dinner prepared and served by our church staff, complete with festive music by the North’s Winds Brass Ensemble.

Indy Fuel Game and Skate

Sunday, March 1, 3:05 p.m. (Indiana Farmers Coliseum)

See description under Children and Families Ministries, page 17.

Covenant Conversation on Church Finances

Sunday, March 8, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

The finance and stewardship committees invite you to hear this important update on North Church finances for 2020. We will review the results for 2019 and discuss the budget for 2020. We will share the results of our latest stewardship campaign. You do not want to miss this important update on the finances of North Church.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. (parking lot)

Please see description under Children and Families Ministries, page 18.

Neighborhood Night at North

Sunday, Aug. 9 (parking lot)

Held in the late afternoon/early evening after Worship Without Walls (see page 10), this neighborhood-wide event features a cookout, games, and plenty of fellowship! Check the bulletin, our general church newsletter and our social media channels for more information closer to the date.

Care and Nurture

Yoga

Mondays, 9:30-10:45 a.m. (lower level)

Instructor Motoko Nakamura welcomes beginners and advanced practitioners. Mats and blocks are available on site. \$10 fee per class.

Mid-North Shepherd's Center

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. (lower level)

Adults 55 and older attend "Adventures in Learning" each Wednesday starting at 10 a.m. that features choral rehearsals; Bible sharing; talks about current events; lectures; interactive programs; meditation; memoir writing, and investment and book clubs, all offered free of charge. Day trips are also offered for minimal fees. Lunch is served each Wednesday for \$7. No membership fee is required. Email info@mnscenter.org or call (317) 924-0959 for additional information.

Chronic Pain Support Group

Meeting biweekly on Thursdays, 5:45-7 p.m.
(Conference Room)

This support group provides opportunities for those living with chronic pain to share their everyday life and experiences with one another. Its members also learn about new and ongoing therapies and practices that might be beneficial.

Dementia Support Group

This support group provides a time and space for the family and friends of persons living with dementia to share their everyday life and experiences with one another. For more information please contact Pastor Diane at dgattone@northchurchindy.com.

Postpartum Support Group

Second and fourth Wednesdays of each month, 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (Parlor and Conference Room) North has partnered with IU Health and Goodwill's Nurse-Family Partnership to offer this group, which provides a time for mothers to learn about topics related to their personal health and the development and health of their infants. We provide child care on site and a nutritious lunch. We'll also convey ways North can offer support for this group through social media and other North communications. Membership in this group is by invitation only.

During 2020 the Care and Nurture team plans to offer additional events and other resources to support overall wellness for the North community. Be sure to follow the weekly newsletter, NorthNet and our social media for these opportunities. For more info on the groups above or to suggest health-related topics you're interested in learning about, please contact Pastor Diane at dgattone@northchurchindy.com.

Children and Families

Child Care

Sundays, 8:15 a.m. to 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. During the time that your child is in child care they will be offered graham crackers, rice Mum-Mums, or Goldfish crackers.

Alternative Worship

Non-Communion Sundays during 11 a.m. worship service during the school year (Room 104)

Kindergarten through second grades

During the 11 a.m. service children in grades K-2 are welcome to follow the banner out of the back of the sanctuary to Room 104. Here they will experience age-appropriate worship that includes Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, skits and more to learn to have faith in God. During Alternative Worship this semester the children will learn lessons about creation care. Even during the Holy season, themes of caring for our environment are woven through each lesson.

ELEVATION

Second and fourth Sundays through March 22 as well as April 5 and 19, 4-6 p.m. (Room 203)

Third through fifth grades

During this semester the third- through fifth-grade students will look at the “Real Life of Jesus” as they explore Jesus as both God and human, Jesus as a child, Jesus as a teacher, Jesus as a healer, and Jesus as Savior. Each time we gather we will do so in Room 203 for games, lessons, and activities. At 5:30 p.m. we will head to Fellowship Hall for dinner, which is where parents can pick up their children.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Indy Fuel Game and Skate

Sunday, March 1, 3:05 p.m.

(Indiana Farmers Coliseum, 1202 E. 38th St. at the Indiana State Fairgrounds)

Come cheer on the Indy Fuel as they take on the Cincinnati Cyclones. The game starts at 3:05 p.m. and following the game is an open-skate time with free skate rental. Register and pay at the hospitality desk or online by Feb. 23. The cost is \$13, due when you register. This activity is open to all of North Church.

Spring Break Fun Day

Tuesday, March 31, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Education Wing)

Come have a fun day during spring break with your friends from church. We will have a service project, lunch, and some fun afternoon activities (movie, games, and crafts). This is open to all children in fifth grade and younger.

Older siblings are also welcome. There is no cost. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 29.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m. (parking lot)

Join the Children and Families and Missions and Outreach Ministries as we have an Easter egg hunt that is open to everyone. This is a great opportunity for us to welcome children and families from the neighborhood. We will stuff eggs on Friday, April 3 at 10 a.m. until we are finished.

Cookies and Canvas

Saturday, April 25, 1-4 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Bring all your little Picassos to the church on Saturday, April 25 for Canvas and Cookies.

They will create a unique mixed-media painting to take home while having a blast with an afternoon of colors, textures, and cookies! All supplies are included...cookies too! No experience is needed. Please RSVP by April 19. The cost is \$5 per child or \$15 per family. Parents

are welcome to attend and paint as well. This is a family event!

End-of-the-Year Picnic

Sunday, May 31 following the 11 a.m. service (Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Rd.)

Join us as we celebrate another great year of Children and Families Ministry here at North Church. The Children's Council will provide the meat, condiments, drinks and tableware and asks that you please bring a dessert or side dish to share with everyone. Lawn chairs, yard games, hiking shoes, and bug spray are all encouraged.

Summer Sunday School

Sundays June 7- Aug. 30 (Room 104)

All children in grades K-4 are welcome to join us in Room 104 for a "one-room" summer Sunday school experience. This year we will use board games to help us learn life lessons.

Elementary Church Camp

Sunday, July 5-Friday, July 10

(Pine Creek Church Camp, 2218 E. 700 N., Pine Village, IN 47975)

Children who have completed second through fifth grade are encouraged to join Miss Amy for a week of church camp at Pine Creek Church Camp, which is located about an hour and a half from North Church. During the

week the children will stay in cabins with two adult counselors and will do most of their daily activities in their cabin groups. Zorbing, swimming, climbing the tower, exploring a muddy creek, horseback riding, hiking, and eating s'mores are some of the highlights. Each day the kids will have worship, small-group devotion time, and prayer. Amy is the spiritual director for this week of camp. North offers camp scholarships, as does the conference office. Early bird registration ends on April 20 and the price will go up after that. For additional questions about camp or scholarships please see Amy.

All of the Children and Families Ministry events are open to the entire church. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in this ministry please contact Amy Sell at asell@northchurchindy.com or Angie Kattmann at arkattmann@gmail.com.



Discipleship And Formation

Forum on General Conference 2020

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
(Parlor in morning, Fellowship Hall at night)
Pastor Darren will give a presentation on the UMC's upcoming General Conference. He will review major legislative initiatives, including plans for separation, and the potential impact it might have on North. The same information will be provided at both forums. General Conference will be held May 5-15 in Minneapolis.

Covenant Bible Study

Wednesdays, March 4 through April 22, 5:30-8 p.m. (Fellowship Hall and Education Wing)
Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner, fellowship, study and growth. Beginning March 4 we will offer Covenant Bible Study, an eight-week, in-depth group study. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a freewill donation meal and then break out into small groups for the study at 6:15 pm. Each week there is a daily reading from the particular book of the Bible that is being studied. In small groups we'll watch a video and have many different learning opportunities. This study is a wonderful time to get to know new members or people you don't know yet, or reconnect with old friends! This

semester we will offer Unit 1 - Creating, Unit 2 - Living, and Unit 3 - Trusting. Sign-ups will run through February, and when you sign up you can purchase your study book for \$15.

Gospel of John Bible Study

Wednesdays, March 4-April 15, 5:30-8 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall and Education Wing)

In conjunction with his “Five Essential Questions” sermon series, Pastor Darren will lead an in-depth exploration of John. Participants will begin with dinner with Covenant Bible Study participants and then will examine the original context of John for inspiration for today.

Indy Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday, June 13, all day (Massachusetts Ave. and Military Park)

Walk with North in the Indy Pride Parade to proclaim our identity as a welcoming and affirming congregation in support of all people, including the LGBTQ community. All ages are welcome; wagons for kids are encouraged. We'll also have a booth inside the Indy Pride Festival grounds at Military Park. Sign-ups will be in May.

*For more information contact Amy Sell, our minister of discipleship and formation
(asell@northchurchindy.com), or Eric Galloway
(ewgalloway@hotmail.com).*

Missions and Outreach

Green Team Book Exchange

Feb. 2, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Parlor)

In honor of longtime North Church Library volunteer Katy Meredith, the Green Team will host a book exchange in the parlor. Tables will be set up with books arranged by categories; bring your books to share and be ready to take some home! All books donated but not chosen will go to assorted charities at the end of the event. Please bring more than one so we have a great selection to share! (Please no magazines, encyclopedias, or books you feel confident no one would want.)

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

March 15 –March 22 (lower level)

Join us for our spring installment of the Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN). Through IHN, North hosts local families facing homelessness through the organization Family Promise, which aims to end homelessness and lift people out of poverty. Volunteers during IHN week are needed to provide meals, games, help with homework and to supervise the overnight stays.

*Contact: Lydia Shaw (enrshaw@gmail.com)
to volunteer or to learn more.*

Green Team Plant Exchange

Sunday, May 17, during, in between and after both services (Courtyard)

Make your spring more satisfying by participating in an abundance of food and beauty through gardening. Bring plants to share and take other plants home, one for one. Every item needs to arrive in a container the giver does not want back (pot, Ziplock bag, etc.)

Bread and Bowl

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (Community Room)

Bread and Bowl is a community meal that feeds 100-300 individuals weekly. Visitors receive a free hot meal. This ministry is supported through a partnership with Second Helpings, which provides hot meals and a culinary school for people living at or below the poverty line.

To volunteer please contact Lela Russell at lela_russell3@aol.com or Pastor Tiffany at twilliams-fashimpaur@northchurchindy.com.

East Tenth UMC Community Dinners

First Sunday of each month, 5 p.m. (East Tenth UMC, 2327 E. 10th St.)

As part of North's partnership with East Tenth UMC a volunteer team from North serves a community meal there at 5 p.m. on the first Sunday of each month. (We're also responsible for the third Sunday in February and March.)

We begin with prep work at 3:45 p.m. From now through the summer we will need volunteers on Feb. 16, March 1, March 15, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5 and Aug. 2.

Contact: *Shorty Hatfield*
(*sharonhatfield2@gmail.com*)

Project Transformation

Mondays through Thursdays, June 8-July 23
(throughout North)

Project Transformation (PT) is an opportunity to engage children (rising first through sixth



graders) from the neighborhood to help them overcome the summer reading slump. It was designed to help kids from low-income communities be successful students. PT runs from June through July. Each day during the morning hours volunteers from North Church will spend about 2.5 hours with different young children who practice their reading. The mission of PT is to engage young adults in purposeful leadership and ministry, to support children in holistic development, and to connect churches with communities. Our church will also host eight summer interns who will run the program daily. Groups of volunteers are needed to help provide dinner to these college students, but also to adopt them and show them God's love and care through acts of kindness. Please look for sign-up opportunities during late April and May to participate in this amazing summer program!

*Contact: Carolyn Svirsky
(carolyn.svirsky@gmail.com); Jill Lyday
(jalyday@att.net), or Amy Sell
(asell@northchurchindy.com).*

Farmers Market

Community outreach program is to be determined.

IPS School 43

(150 W. 40th St., Indianapolis)

There are many opportunities to partner with IPS School 43, North Church's neighborhood elementary and middle school. Throughout the academic year volunteer tutors work with specific students and/or classrooms. Volunteers are also needed to chaperone school field trips.
Contact: Patty Hefner (pattyhefner1@gmail.com)

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in North's missions and outreach ministries please contact Pastor Tiffany at twilliams-fashimpaur@northchurchindy.com or chairwoman Carolyn Svirsky at carolyn.svirksy@gmail.com.



Music

Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays through June 4, 7 p.m.
(Choir Room)

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

Director and contact: Mark Gilgallon
(mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)

Cathedral Ringers

Rehearsals: Sundays immediately following the 11 a.m. service through June 14 (Room 007)

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

Directors and contacts: Jeff and Kelley Warbinton
(warbintons@comcast.net)

Children's Choirs

Rehearsals: Sundays immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service.

Pre-kindergarten through sixth grade Music ministry is a central part of North Church's culture. Our children's choirs offer children an opportunity to experience the joy of choral singing to the glory of God.

- **Joyful Noise**

Through April 26 (Room 101)

Ages 3-5 (pre-kindergarten)

Director: Mark Gilgallon

(mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)

- **Carolers**

Through May 10 (Conference Room)

Kindergarten through second grade

Director: Denise Page Caraher

(jcdpc88@aol.com)

- **Choristers**

Through May 10 (Room 004)

Third through sixth grade

Director: Rosie Jordan

(rosiej@phoeniximages.com)

Children's Musical: "Dog Doof"

Sunday, May 10, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Yes, that's the title of this year's musical extravaganza presented by the Choristers and Carolers children's choirs of North Church. We wish we could tell you about it, but that would spoil the surprise. There will be all kinds of characters and all kinds of songs...by Gershwin, Lin-Manuel Miranda, Rodgers and Hammerstein, Justin Timberlake, "Weird Al" Yankovic and from places like Appalachia and Liberia. You will love the music. You will love the message. Don't miss this Mothers Day tradition!

Contact: Denise Caraher (317) 213-7490 and

Rosie Jordan (317) 291-9824

North's Winds Brass Ensemble

Rehearsals are from about Labor Day through Memorial Day, Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

(Room 005)

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 Palm Sunday, the Advent Festival dinner and Mardi Gras as well as several services throughout the year. Contact John for more information.

*Director and contact: John Hague
(jshague@gmail.com) or (317) 340-0519*

North's Horns

Rehearsals: Usually Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Room 005)

North's Horns is a French horn-only ensemble. If you are interested in playing please contact Lou.

*Contact: Lou Chenette (toccata3@gmail.com)
or (317) 253-7537*

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)

The Miriam Circle is part of the United Methodist Women at North Church. This circle gathers for a sack lunch, project planning and programs focused on the United Methodist Women's mission. Meetings are open to all interested in joining the group. The Lebanon Children's Home and the Lucille Raines Residence are the main focus of this group's missions locally.

Contact: Margaret Mayo (mayo5910@comcast.net)

Women of Lydia Circle

Fourth Wednesday*, 7 p.m. (Club Room)

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

Contact: Sue Childers (donsuechilders@yahoo.com)

* - Switching to Tuesday nights for February, March and April due to Wednesday book and Bible studies.

Sunday Supper at Noon

Sunday, March 1, following the 11 a.m. service.
(Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a wonderful meal in Fellowship

Hall following the 11 a.m. service March 1. This meal is prepared and served by both of North Church's United Methodist Women circles to help raise funds for their ongoing mission to serve women and children locally and globally. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child under 10, and \$30/household max.

Legislative and Advocacy Day

Thursday, March 5, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

All (men and women) are welcome to this UMW Indiana Conference legislative and advocacy event, which will focus on maternal and child health. The event is free and flexible for those who need to come late or leave early. Attendees can bring their own bagged lunch or make a reservation for a \$12 lunch by contacting Carol Tiller before Feb. 28 at csa5303@gmail.com or (317) 313-9376.

The United Methodist Women's issue priorities for 2016-2020 are: the school-to-prison pipeline; climate justice; a living wage for all, and maternal and infant mortality.

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



Adult Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

The Affirming Group

(Room 207)

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.

Contact: Don Childers

(affirming-group@googlegroups.com)

and Troy Barker (troy@comcast.net)

Power and Light

(Room 205)

This group is a welcoming, diverse group of individuals united in fellowship, social service and personal support in the mutual pursuit of spiritual growth.

Contact: Kathy Beck (beck305@hotmail.com)

Sojourners

(Room 005)

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.

During Lent we will study “Jesus Sees Women” written by educators and ministers Cynthia Holder Rich and Mark Rich. Jesus was revolutionarily different than others in his society in the way he saw women. These connections he made, as told through Gospel stories of unnamed women, are not only still relevant to our current climate but they are essential to understanding the good news. In this six-session study we will examine the Gospel stories about Jesus’ interactions with women in order to shed light on how we are called to be disciples of Jesus in our own time.

The class will also do its annual clean-up of the church grounds on Saturday, April 4, which is open to anyone willing to help.

Contacts: Eric Galloway

(ewgalloway@hotmail.com) and Jack Leonard

(indyjel@gmail.com)

Pre-K Parents' Class

(Club Room)

Do you have an infant, toddler, or pre-K child? If so, this group is for you. Whether it is talk of potty training or breast feeding, loneliness or sleepless nights, this group is a place to share, learn, and grow with each other as parents, peers, and in faith together.

Young Adults (18-35)

(Room 009)

Join us and discuss how your faith can be a stronghold for you as you navigate the responsibilities, opportunities, and difficulties of early adulthood, including living on your own; college and grad school; job hunting and career preparation; sustaining relationships with friends, family, and significant others, and more. The class includes book studies, video lessons, and open discussions. Join us anytime! *For more information contact Cory Unthank (staff) at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com or volunteers Allison (acgallow@aol.com) and Sarah (sdgallow@aol.com) Galloway.*

Youth Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

High School Sunday School

(Room 008)

Students in grades nine through 12 gather with adult volunteers to discuss the application of our faith in our real-life relationships, roles and responsibilities. Lessons include reviews of the foundations of the Christian faith and applications to real-life situations to help students develop critical-thinking techniques.

Middle School Sunday School

(Room 207)

This spring students in grades six through eight will learn about the history of Christianity and the growth of the church worldwide. We'll glean wisdom from the church's successes and learn from its mistakes in order to become responsible church members.

To learn more about youth Sunday school at North please contact Cory Unthank at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com.

Children Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.

Pre-School Sunday School

Toddlers: Room 103

Pre-kindergarten: Room 102

The toddlers and pre-K children will engage with the Bible at their appropriate levels. Following the Play-N-Worship curriculum they will use everyday objects to learn basic Bible stories that will be the foundation upon which they will grow their faith. Using songs, movement and intentional play, they will learn that God loves them!

Elementary Sunday School

Kindergarten-Fifth grades

K — First Grade: Room 101

Second – Third Grades: Room 104

Fourth — Fifth Grades: Room 203

Join us each week this semester as the children learn the stories of the New Testament. Beginning with the baptism of Jesus through his death and resurrection, and from Pentecost to Paul, each lesson is engaging and offers a variety of activities and learning points to help them better understand God's love for them and their responsibility to love their neighbors.

Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry program is for students in grades six through 12. It helps students explore their faith through building relationships, serving their community, studying their faith, and worshipping God. Adult volunteers are needed for all youth events. To get your student involved or to volunteer as an adult please contact Cory Unthank, minister of youth and young adults, at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com

Youth Group

Sixth to 12th-Grade Students

Sunday evenings, 4-6 p.m. (Room 008)

Youth Group gives students the opportunity to make friends, serve the community, study the Christian faith, and worship God. Adult volunteers serve as mentors.

High School Leadership Day Retreat

Ninth to 12th-Grade Students

Sunday, Feb. 16, 12-6 p.m. (Room 008)

Deadline to Register: Sunday, Feb. 9

Ninth to 12th graders are invited to a free day of training about leadership. It will include skills, techniques and behaviors to help them prepare to be leaders in their schools, teams, workplaces, communities, and churches.

Lunch and dinner are included. Adult volunteers are needed to serve as meal providers and discussion assistants. You can sign up online through the church's website or at the hospital-ity desk.

Indy Fuel Game and Skate

Sunday, March 1, 3:05 p.m. (Indiana Farmers Coliseum)

Please see the description for this all-church event on page 17.



Youth Lenten Retreat

March 13-14, 6 p.m. Friday to 6 p.m Saturday.
(North Church)

Deadline to register: Sunday, March 8 online through the church's website or at the hospitality desk.

We'll stay overnight at North Church during this free retreat for sixth through 12th graders. The time will be spent with games, activities, discussions, and worship opportunities for middle- and high-school students and adult volunteers. Adult volunteers are needed to serve as chaperones.

Youth Sunday

May 3, 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services (Sanctuary); breakfast at 9:45 a.m. (Parlor)
Students in middle and high school lead worship at both Sunday morning services, including reading liturgy, performing music, leading prayers, ushering, and sharing testimonies. Between services students are invited to a free breakfast courtesy of the United Methodist Women.



Young Adults Ministry

North Church's young adults ministry is for adults between ages 18-35. It focuses on developing friendships and exploring how our faith can help sustain us. We are always looking for new ideas, opportunities and volunteers to help make these events happen. For more info or to volunteer please contact Cory Unthank at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com.

Join our Young Adult Facebook group to see more events and updates:

[www.facebook.com/groups/
NorthChurchYoungAdults/](http://www.facebook.com/groups/NorthChurchYoungAdults/)

Young Adults Swing Dancing

Friday, Feb. 28, 7:30 p.m.

(Fountain Square Theater, 1105 Prospect St.)

Learn how to swing dance and spend the rest of the night dancing at Fountain Square Theater. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. and the lesson is 7:30-8:30. After the lesson there is open dancing and entertainment from 8:30-11:30. This is open to all skill/experience levels. The cost is \$14 for both the lesson (7:30-8:30) and open dancing (8:30-11:30) or \$12 for only the open dancing. You can come whenever you like and leave when you feel you can't dance anymore! Visit the link below for more info:

www.facebook.com/events/566927280522887/

Appalachia Service Project (ASP)

Deadline to register: March 1.

Van packing day: June 27

Depart June 28; return July 4.

For nearly 30 years North Church has partnered with ASP to help our neighbors in Appalachia. This summer we will spend the week building relationships and rebuilding homes to help the homeowners feel “warmer, safer, and drier.”

Last year we took 22 students and adults, including our very first crew of middle-school students in conjunction with ASP’s new junior-high program.

Attendees are not required to have extensive skills or experience with tools, home renovation or construction. They will be given training on safety and basic techniques prior to the trip, and will be able to learn at the worksites.

Requirements for participants are as follows:

- Students - Must currently be in grade six or higher to attend.
- Adults - Must be 18 and out of high school. (High-school seniors are regarded as students.)

- Two adults per crew must serve as leaders for the youth, ensuring their safety, education, and inclusion in the construction project and relationship building with homeowners and other volunteers.

Adults who do not want to lead students can attend as:

- Floaters/supply runners or
- form an all-adult crew.

Background checks will be run on every adult prior to the trip, regardless of role.

The cost of the trip is \$350 per person, and partial or full scholarships are available by contacting Cory Unthank at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com.



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's ministry e-newsletter:
<https://northchurchindy.com/communications/>
- Social media:
 - Facebook:
facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy
and friend "Linda AtNorth;"
 - Twitter: @NorthChurchIndy
 - visit our website at
NorthChurchIndy.com. The 11 a.m. worship service is streamed live. Audio files of that service or the sermon only are also located there.

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Feb. 16: Alternative Worship
Feb. 16: High School Leadership Day Retreat
Feb. 16: East Tenth UMC Community Dinner
Feb. 17: Yoga
Feb. 18: Forum on General Conference 2020
Feb. 18: Bread and Bowl
Feb. 18: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
Feb. 19: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
Feb. 19: "Inspired" Book Study
Feb. 20: Bread and Bowl
Feb. 20: Chronic Pain Support Group
Feb. 21: Children and Families Game Night
Feb. 22: Bread and Bowl
Feb. 23: Alternative Worship
Feb. 23: ELEVATION
Feb. 23: Youth Group
Feb. 23: Taizé
Feb. 24: Yoga
Feb. 25: Bread and Bowl
Feb. 25: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
Feb. 25: Mardi Gras
Feb. 25: Women of Lydia Circle
Feb. 26: Mid-North Shepherd's

Center

Feb. 26: Postpartum Support Group
Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday
Feb. 27: Bread and Bowl
Feb. 27: Miriam Circle
Feb. 28: Young Adult Swing Dancing
Feb. 29: Bread and Bowl

MARCH

March 1: Lenten Sermon Series: "Five Essential Questions"
March 1: North UMW Sunday Supper at Noon
March 1: Deadline to Register for ASP
March 1: Indy Fuel Game and Skate
March 1: East Tenth UMC Community Dinner
March 1: Lenten Hymn Sing
March 2: Yoga
March 3: Bread and Bowl
March 3: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
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March 4: Covenant Bible Study
March 4: Gospel of John Bible Study
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March 8: Covenant Conversation on Church Finances
March 8: Alternative Worship
March 8: ELEVATION
March 8: Youth Group
March 9: Yoga
March 10: Bread and Bowl
March 10: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
March 11: Weekly Communion During Lent
March 11: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
March 11: Postpartum Support Group
March 11: Covenant Bible Study
March 11: Gospel of John Bible Study
March 12: Bread and Bowl
March 13-14: Youth Group Lenten Retreat
March 14: Bread and Bowl
March 15: Lenten Sermon Series: "Five Essential Questions"
March 15: Alternative Worship
March 15: Healing Service
March 15: East Tenth UMC Community Dinner
March 15-March 22: Interfaith Hospitality Network
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March 19: Bread and Bowl
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March 22: Lenten Sermon Series: "Five Essential Questions"
March 22: Alternative Worship
March 22: ELEVATION
March 22: Youth Group
March 22: Taizé
March 23: Yoga
March 24: Bread and Bowl
March 24: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
March 24: Women of Lydia Circle
March 25: Weekly Communion During Lent
March 25: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
March 25: Postpartum Support Group
March 25: Covenant Bible Study
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March 26: Miriam Circle
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March 29: Alternative Worship
March 29: Youth Group
March 30: Yoga
March 31: Spring Break Fun Day
March 31: Bread and Bowl
March 31: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer

APRIL

April 1: Weekly Communion During Lent
April 1: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
April 1: Covenant Bible Study
April 1: Gospel of John Bible Study
April 2: Chronic Pain Support Group
April 2: Bread and Bowl
April 4: Bread and Bowl
April 4: Easter Egg Hunt
April 5: Palm Sunday
April 5: ELEVATION
April 5: Youth Group
April 5: East Tenth UMC Community Dinner
April 6: Yoga
April 7: Bread and Bowl
April 7: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
April 8: Weekly Communion During Lent
April 8: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
April 8: Postpartum Support Group
April 8: Covenant Bible Study
April 8: Gospel of John Bible

Study
April 9: Bread and Bowl
April 9: Holy Thursday
April 10: Community Good Friday Service
April 10: Good Friday Special Service: "Were You There?"
April 11: Bread and Bowl
April 12: Easter
April 13: Yoga
April 14: Bread and Bowl
April 14: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
April 15: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
April 15: Covenant Bible Study
April 15: Gospel of John Bible Study
April 16: Bread and Bowl
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April 18: Bread and Bowl
April 19: Alternative Worship
April 19: ELEVATION
April 19: Youth Group
April 20: Yoga
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April 21: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
April 21: Women of Lydia Circle
April 22: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
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April 23: Bread and Bowl
April 23: Miriam Circle
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Theology and Contemporary Issues
April 26: Alternative Worship
April 26: Youth Group
April 26: Taizé
April 27: Yoga
April 28: Bread and Bowl
April 28: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
April 29: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
April 30: Bread and Bowl
April 30: Chronic Pain Support Group

MAY

May 2: Bread and Bowl
May 3: Youth Sunday
May 3: East Tenth UMC Community Dinner
May 4: Yoga
May 5: Bread and Bowl
May 5: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
May 6: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
May 7: Bread and Bowl
May 9: Bread and Bowl
May 10: Children's Musical: "Dog Doof"
May 10: Alternative Worship
May 11: Yoga
May 12: Bread and Bowl
May 12: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
May 13: Mid-North Shepherd's Center

May 13: Postpartum Support Group
May 14: Chronic Pain Support Group
May 14: Bread and Bowl
May 16: Bread and Bowl
May 17: Special Music Sunday: "Singing Down the Spirit"
May 17: Green Team Plant Exchange
May 17: Alternative Worship
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May 26: Bread and Bowl
May 26: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
May 27: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
May 27: Postpartum Support Group
May 27: Women of Lydia Circle
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May 28: Chronic Pain Support Group
May 28: Miriam Circle
May 30: Bread and Bowl
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June 2: Meditation and Contem-
plative Prayer
June 3: Mid-North Shepherd's
Center
June 4: Bread and Bowl
June 6: Bread and Bowl
June 7: Summer Sunday School
June 7: East Tenth UMC Com-
munity Dinner
June 8: Yoga
June 8: Project Transformation
June 9: Project Transformation
June 9: Bread and Bowl
June 9: Meditation and Contem-
plative Prayer
June 10: Mid-North Shepherd's
Center
June 10: Project Transformation
June 10: Postpartum Support
Group
June 11: Chronic Pain Support
Group
June 11: Project Transformation
June 11: Bread and Bowl
June 13: Indy Pride Parade and
Festival
June 13: Bread and Bowl
June 14: Summer Sunday School
June 15: Project Transformation
June 15: Yoga
June 16: Project Transformation
June 16: Bread and Bowl
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templative Prayer
June 17: Mid-North Shepherd's
Center

June 17: Project Transformation
June 18: Project Transformation
June 18: Bread and Bowl
June 20: Bread and Bowl
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June 22: Project Transformation
June 22: Yoga
June 23: Project Transformation
June 23: Bread and Bowl
June 23: Meditation and Con-
templative Prayer
June 24: Mid-North Shepherd's
Center
June 24: Project Transformation
June 24: Postpartum Support
Group
June 24: Women of Lydia Circle
June 25: Project Transformation
June 25: Bread and Bowl
June 25: Miriam Circle
June 25: Chronic Pain Support
Group
June 27: Bread and Bowl
June 27: Van Packing Day for
ASP
June 28: Taizé
June 28: Summer Sunday School
June 28-July 4: ASP Mission Trip
June 29: Yoga
June 29: Project Transformation
June 30: Project Transformation
June 30: Bread and Bowl
June 30: Meditation and Con-
templative Prayer

JULY

July 1: Mid-North Shepherd's
Center
July 1: Project Transformation

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July 6: Yoga	July 22: Women of Lydia Circle
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July 9: Chronic Pain Support Group	July 28: Meditation and Contem- plative Prayer
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July 16: Bread and Bowl	
July 18: Bread and Bowl	
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July 20: Project Transformation	
July 20: Yoga	
July 21: Project Transformation	

AUGUST

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Aug. 2: Summer Sunday School
Aug. 2: East Tenth UMC Com- munity Dinner
Aug. 3: Yoga
Aug. 4: Bread and Bowl
Aug. 4: Meditation and Contem- plative Prayer
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Aug. 11: Bread and Bowl	Aug. 23: Taizé
Aug. 11: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer	Aug. 24: Yoga
Aug. 12: Mid-North Shepherd's Center	Aug. 25: Bread and Bowl
Aug. 12: Postpartum Support Group	Aug. 25: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
Aug. 13: Bread and Bowl	Aug. 26: Mid-North Shepherd's Center
Aug. 15: Bread and Bowl	Aug. 26: Postpartum Support Group
Aug. 16: Summer Sunday School	Aug. 26: Women of Lydia Circle
Aug. 17: Yoga	Aug. 27: Bread and Bowl
Aug. 18: Bread and Bowl	Aug. 27: Miriam Circle
Aug. 18: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer	Aug. 29: Bread and Bowl
Aug. 19: Mid-North Shepherd's Center	Aug. 30: Summer Sunday School
	Aug. 31: Yoga



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