

# North Events



Fall/Winter  
2022/2023



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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, and other artists. This “Tree of Life” banner was created by Susanne Dice. At the bottom of the banner (not shown) are roots of the tree extending downward to find their foundation around the Chi Rho, the monogram of Christ. Branches bearing fruit and reaching toward heaven extend upward. This reminds us of our anchor in Christ, allowing us continuous regeneration, symbolizing immortality.

**Note:** Please use this booklet only as a guide, as some items may change. The church bulletin, newsletters, emails, 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 have a contemporary service called Tuesday Nights Together, and we also offer contemplative and meditative prayer on Tuesday evenings.

Darren Cushman Wood is our senior pastor. Sunil Kotian is our pastor of mission and outreach. Amy Sell is our minister of discipleship and formation and Brandon Wallace is our minister of youth and young adults. Mark Gillgallon is our director of music and John Drake is our finance director. Other staff members are listed on our website at [NorthChurchIndy.com](http://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 the pews 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

The past two years have altered many things. New patterns of church participation are still forming. As we settle into a new norm, let us remember the words of Hebrews 10:23-25:

*“Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.”*

At North Church you will find a wide array of ministries and events for you to connect with God and one another. Many of these opportunities will be a hybrid of in-person and online events and groups.

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

Help us spread the word by:

- subscribing to our YouTube channel;
- liking us on Facebook;
- clicking “interested” or even better, “going” on one of our events on Facebook;
- retweeting us on Twitter;
- sharing our website in your email signature, and
- forwarding one of our newsletters to a friend.

I look forward to seeing you this fall.

Pastor Darren

# Worship and Arts

## **Tuesday Nights Together**

Every Tuesday, 6-7:30 p.m. (Gathering Center)

Tuesday Nights Together is a contemporary worship service. The doors open at 6 p.m. for snacks and fellowship, and then worship begins at 6:30 p.m. It often features live, contemporary Christian music. Even though it's a hubspot for young adults to meet, this service is open to all age groups. If you are interested in helping provide snacks or drinks for our TNT service or if you have any questions please contact Brandon Wallace at [bwallace@northchurchindy.com](mailto:bwallace@northchurchindy.com).

## **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.

### **“We Are Called” Worship Series**

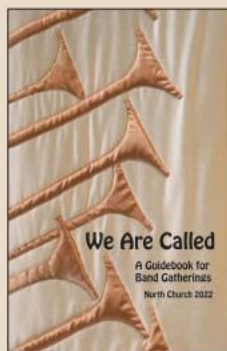
Sundays, Sept. 11-Oct. 23, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
(Sanctuary and North’s YouTube channel)

God calls us to participate in the work of sharing God’s love to the world. Each Sunday we will explore the different roles we play in God’s life-giving project. You will hear from Pastor Darren and Pastor Sunil as well as environmental theologian Dr. Timothy Eberhart, and be inspired by special music from our choir. (Special Sundays that are part of the series are described later.) Special events and ministry projects as well as small groups (“We Are Called” band gatherings) will accompany the series. (See page 17 for more information).

### **Join a Band This Fall!**

**Six Sessions During the Weeks  
Of Sept. 11 Through Oct. 23**

Sign up at the table in the west entry on Sundays,  
fill out the connect card in the bulletin,  
or email Amy at [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com).





### **Worship Without Walls**

Sunday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m. (North parking lot)  
We kick off the “We Are Called” worship series with Worship Without Walls. Our second service will be held under a tent in the parking lot with special music and refreshments. Folding chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs and sit under the shade. (The 8:30 a.m. service will be held in the sanctuary as usual.) After the 11 a.m. service we will hold a cookout. Food and drinks will be provided; just bring your appetite! We’ll hold a cornhole competition on the lawn, and Pastor Sunil will lead a cricket exhibition match. All are invited to play.

### **World Communion Sunday**

Sunday, Oct. 2, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
(Sanctuary and North’s YouTube channel)  
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.

### **Creation Care Sunday/Hamilton Series**

Sunday, Oct. 9, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.  
(Sanctuary and North’s YouTube channel)  
Our guest preacher will be Dr. Timothy Eberhart from Garrett Evangelical Theological Seminary. Dr. Eberhart is the Robert and



Marilyn Degler McClean associate professor of ecological theology and practice and director of the Center for Ecological Regeneration. Our Cathedral Singers choir will debut two commissioned anthems by Mark Hayes and Justine Koontz. Sunday's service is part of a weekend of creation care activities that begin with a creation care conference and keynote address by Dr. Eberhart on Saturday, Oct. 8. This is part of the Hamilton Series on Theology and Contemporary Issues.

### **Love Feast and Hymn Sing**

Sunday, Oct. 16, 5 p.m. (Chapel)

In conjunction with the "We Are Called" worship 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.

### **Stewardship Sunday**

Sunday, Oct. 30, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

Join us this Sunday as we celebrate the distinctive passion and diversity of our congregation and 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 2023. This Sunday's special music will feature the Cathedral Singers.

### **All-Saints Sunday**

Sunday, Nov. 6, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

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. 13, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

We worship the Great Physician, and we invite you to join us for Health and Healing Sunday. Through worship and special events we'll 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 to be good stewards of our bodies. You will have the opportunity for anointing and laying on of hands during the worship. For those who are unable to attend, this ritual can be brought to your home upon request.

### **Thanksgiving Eve Service**

#### **Featuring the Indianapolis Children's Choir**

Wednesday, Nov. 23, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Come and give thanks in worship with special music by the Indianapolis Children's Choir. All proceeds from the offering will go to support the Mid-North Food Pantry.

### **The Longest Night Service**

Sunday, Dec. 18, 5 p.m. (Chapel and North's YouTube channel)

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**

Saturday, Dec. 24, 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.  
(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

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.



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 our children's choir 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., and
- Festival of Lessons and Carols, 11 p.m. — (Prelude music begins at 10:30 p.m.)

### **Christmas Day and New Year's Day**

Sunday, Dec. 25 and Sunday, Jan. 1, 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

There will be one combined service at 11 a.m. on each of these Sundays. We will bring in the new year with the celebration of the Lord's Supper.



# All-Church Events

## Exploring North

Sundays, Oct. 9-23, 9:45 a.m.

(Conference Room and Zoom)

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.

## Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 9, 5 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.

### **Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, Oct. 30, 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.

### **Advent Festival**

Sunday, Dec. 4, 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. We will have fried chicken and all the fixings, desserts, and drinks. Please sign up by Nov. 30 by filling out the bulletin's connect card or emailing [events@northchurchindy.com](mailto:events@northchurchindy.com). Come enjoy a wonderful evening with your church family!

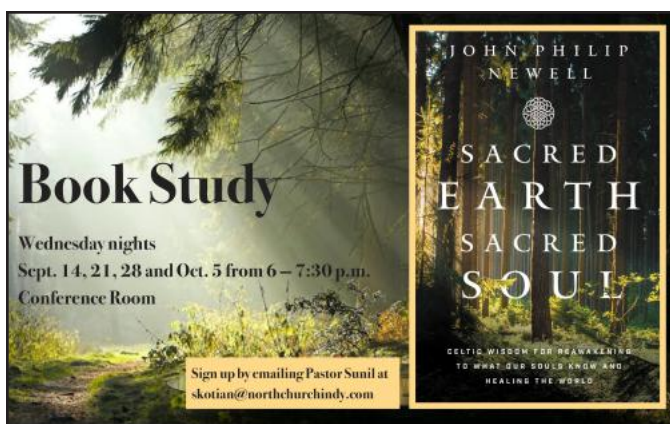
# Discipleship And Formation

## **"We Are Called" Band Gatherings**

Sept. 11-Oct. 23 (various times and locations)  
This small group process is a companion to the "We Are Called" worship series. Each week bands will pray, share, and discuss how they are experiencing God in their lives and how the Spirit is leading them to play their part in God's work in the world.

What is a "band?" A band is a group of three to five people who are deepening their faith in Christ by sharing and praying with one another each week. Inspired by the ancient Methodist practice of mutual spiritual support, a band meeting offers encouragement and exploration through conversation and reflection as we reconnect with one another.

Meetings can be held in person or virtually, and are arranged by the groups themselves. You can form your own band or sign up to be part of a band by contacting Amy Sell, minister of discipleship and formation, at [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com).



## **Book Study: “Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul” By John Philip Newell**

Sept. 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5, 6-7:30 p.m.  
(Conference Room)

The hidden tradition of Celtic spirituality can help us find creative ways to connect to God, heal the world, and rejuvenate our souls. Join Pastor Sunil as we explore John Philip Newell’s book, “Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul: Celtic Wisdom for Reawakening to What Our Souls Know and Healing the World.” This is a four-week book study on Wednesday nights. To sign up please email Pastor Sunil at [skotian@northchurchindy.com](mailto:skotian@northchurchindy.com).

## **Bible Study: The Strangely Relevant Message Of Jeremiah and Lamentations**

Wednesdays, Oct. 26-Dec. 7 with the exception  
of no session on Nov. 23, 6:30-8 p.m.  
(Room to be announced, and Zoom)



This six-session, in-depth Bible study will examine the historical context and literary motifs of Jeremiah and Lamentations. Pastor Darren will lead participants in exploring its meaning for our faith and lives in today's challenging world.

### **SUNDAY EVENING OFFERINGS**

*The following is a series of fun, one-off educational events. Each session will take place in the lower level and will run from 4-6 p.m., with dinner at 5:30 p.m.*

#### **North's LGBTQ+ History**

Sunday, Sept. 25, 4-6 p.m. (Lower level)

Have you ever wondered how North became so inclusive? What was the process? How did it start? Come and explore North's history of LGBTQ+ inclusion.

#### **Dessert and Discussion: The After-Life**

Sunday, Oct. 23, 4-6 p.m. (Lower level)

Join Pastor Darren for a lively conversation about what happens to us after we die. He will provide an autopsy of biblical concepts such as immortality, eternity, heaven, and hell. Let's dig into this topic!

#### **Trans Awareness Week**

Sunday, Nov. 13, 4-6 p.m. (Lower level)

Nov. 13 marks the beginning of Trans Aware-

ness Week, so join us for a movie as we use this opportunity to grow, learn, and become better advocates for the transgender community.

### **Advent Traditions**

Sunday, Nov. 27, 4-6 p.m. (Lower level)

What are your favorite Advent and Christmas traditions? Did you have a family tradition of caroling or cookie baking? Did you read Christmas poetry and hymns? Do you celebrate “couch potato day?” Bring your traditions, poetry and talents to share with everyone as we kick off the Advent season. There may even be some of Gramma Elba’s cookies!

*If you have any questions or would like to get involved in discipleship and formation activities please contact Amy Sell at [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com).*



# Mission 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.

## **MLK Center and IPS School 43**

(The MLK Center is located at 40 W. 40th St. IPS School 43 is located at 150 W. 40th St.)

*Contact: Robin Reagan (robinreagan3@gmail.com)*

There are many opportunities to partner with the Martin Luther King Jr. Center and IPS James Whitcomb Riley School 43, which is North Church's neighborhood elementary school. Tutors volunteer 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 throughout the year.

### **North Church Farmers Market**

Thursdays, Sept. 15 and Sept. 29, 4-6:30 p.m.

(North's parking lot)

*Contact: Danita Hoskin*

*([market@northchurchindy.com](mailto:market@northchurchindy.com))*

This is your last chance to stock up on fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and other items for the season. Find a list of all vendors scheduled to attend on the market's Facebook page at @NorthChurchFarmersMarket. Its website is at [northchurchfarmersmarket.com](http://northchurchfarmersmarket.com).

### **Ending Hunger 101: Changing the Systems**

Saturday, Sept. 17, 1:30-4:30 p.m.

(Club Room)

Spend a Saturday afternoon with Dr. Dave Miner learning what it takes to end malnutrition and hunger in this course entitled "Ending Hunger 101: Changing the Systems." See the newsletter for the link to sign up.

### **Community Connection Day**

Saturday, Sept. 24, 8:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

(Various locations)

Community Connection Day is a time of connecting with our immediate community and nonprofit organizations as a day of intentional and collective service. We'll begin the day with a brief meditation and breakfast in the Gathering Center and then depart to our service sites. They will include North's Bread and

Bowl, the Mid-North Food Pantry, and the East Tenth Street UMC Children and Youth Center.

### **Trunk or Treat**

(Please see description on page 16.)

### **Umoja Partnership's Seventh Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner**

Sunday, Nov. 13, 5 p.m.

(Al Huda Foundation, 12201 Lantern Rd., Fishers, Ind.)

This event is the Umoja Partnership's primary fundraiser for its food security and education access program for Kenyan students. Come celebrate the ways our diverse faith traditions are working together for good. Our own Mark Gilgallon will be the MC.

### **Jubilee Christmas**

Saturday, Dec. 10, 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.

*To learn more contact Pastor Sunil Kotian (skotian@northchurchindy.com); Lydia Shaw (enrshaw@gmail.com), or Alan Archibald (alanarchibindy@gmail.com).*



# Care and Nurture

The Care and Nurture Team provides care and resources that promote better health and well-being for our congregation and the greater community. Pastoral care is provided during the times of life that bring great joy and also times of challenge and sorrow. Lay visitation is provided by church members for those who may be homebound, or living in retirement communities or nursing care facilities. Bereavement care is provided for families at the time of death and during funeral services held at North. Resources are provided that shed light on particular health issues, or address particular needs and interests within the church and community.

## Mid-North Shepherd's Center

Wednesdays beginning at 10 a.m.

(Lower level, including Fellowship Hall)

*Contact: Charlie McDonald (charlie@mciii.com)*

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.

# Music

## Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays, Sept. 8-June 1, 7 p.m.  
(Choir Room)

*Director and Contact: Mark Gilgallon*  
([mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com](mailto:mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com))

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. 18-June 4, after the 11 a.m. service (Room 007)

*Directors and Contacts: Jeff and Kelley Warbinton*  
([warbintons@comcast.net](mailto:warbintons@comcast.net))

The Cathedral Ringers is a multi-generational handbell ensemble using a beautiful five-octave set of Malmark handbells and hand-chimes. 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. 18-April 30 (Room 101)

*Ages 3-5 (Pre-K)*

*Director: Mark Gilgallon*

*(mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)*

● **Caristers**

Sept. 18-May 10 (Room 004)

*Kindergarten through sixth grade*

*Director: Denise Page Caraher*

*(jcdpc88@aol.com)*

Due to the rebuilding of the children's choirs we are combining the Carolers and Choristers into one children's choir called the Caristers.

**North's Winds Brass Ensemble**

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

(Room 005)

*Director: John Hague (jshague@gmail.com)*

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 and other events. Contact John for more information.

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

# United Women in Faith

(Formerly United Methodist Women)

## Miriam Circle

Fourth Thursday, 12:30 p.m. (Library)

*Contact: Margaret Mayo (mayo5910@comcast.net)*

The Miriam Circle is part of United Women in Faith (UWF), formerly known as United Methodist Women. This circle gathers for a sack lunch, project planning, and programs focused on the UWF'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 also a circle of United Women in Faith. 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 Women in Faith Annual Meeting

Saturday, Sept. 17, 8:45 a.m.-noon.

(Various locations at North)

## Soup Mix and Pie Sales

Oct. 9-Oct. 26

North's United Women in Faith circles will once again sell soup mix and Wick's pies 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 will be a table in the west entry to place orders on the following Sunday mornings: Oct. 9, Oct. 16 and Oct. 23. The last day to order pies is Wednesday, Oct. 26. Pies will be available to pick up at church on Sunday, Nov. 20. To place orders online please email Carol Tiller-Luchtman at [2020birthday@gmail.com](mailto:2020birthday@gmail.com).

*For more information please contact Amy Sell ([asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com)) or Carol Tiller-Luchtman ([2020birthday@gmail.com](mailto:2020birthday@gmail.com)).*

# Adult Sunday School

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

## **Power and Light** (Room 205)

*Contact: Kathy Beck (beck305@hotmail.com)*

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

## **Sojourners** (Room 005)

*Contact: Eric Galloway (ewgalloway@hotmail.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.







## Youth Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45-10:45 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 live out 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 a discussion-based class focused on faith development, confirmation, and Christian education. This fall, as part of confirmation, we will discuss topics around the foundational points of our faith. There is no registration required, so students can join anytime.

## **Children's Sunday School**

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

### **Pre-School Sunday School**

(Room 103)

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-Second Grade (Room 104)

Third-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.

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



# Children and Families Ministry

## Child Care

Sundays, 8:15 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (Room 102)

Six weeks through 5-year-olds not yet in kindergarten.

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. 28, 9:45 a.m.

(Room 104 and Sanctuary)

All students in grades four through eight are welcome to become acolytes for the 2022-2023 school year. On Sunday, Aug. 28 at 9:45 a.m., students and parents are encouraged to join us for acolyte training in the sanctuary. Training is required for students to serve as acolytes, and if you are unable to attend this meeting a make-up date will be offered.

## Alternative Worship

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

Kindergarten Through fifth grades.

All children in grades K through five are wel-

come 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

Second and fourth Sundays beginning Sept. 25, 4-6 p.m. (Room 203)

Third through fifth grades.

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 child 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 Parents' Breakfast**

Sunday, Sept. 25, 9:45-10:45 a.m. (Game Room)  
Parents with children 2 and under (or who have had a child since March 2020) are invited to join us for a breakfast during the Sunday school hour on Sunday, Sept. 25. 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. 18 to Amy at [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com).



### **Drive-In Movie Night**

Friday, Oct. 21, 7 p.m. (North's parking lot)  
We will have a drive-in on the North Church parking lot. Bring your family, friends, neighbors, grandkids, nieces, nephews, or whoever you would like to spend the evening with. Feel free to bring your lawn chairs, blankets, pillows, or whatever you need to be comfortable. We will have popcorn, drinks, and popsicles. We look forward to seeing you! There is no need to RSVP, just show up in the church's northwest parking lot by 7 p.m. so we can get everyone in before we start the show!

### **Trunk or Treat**

(Please see description on page 16).





### **Game Night and Thanksgiving Feast**

Friday, Nov. 11, 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 play board and card games the rest of the evening. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 2 to [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com).

### **Parents' Night Out**

Saturday, Dec. 10, 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. 4 to



Amy Sell at [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com). 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](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com).*

## Youth Ministry

North Church youth ministry is for students in grades six through 12, with combined programming for community building and oppor-

tunities to connect with peers for faith development. We seek to grow in our faith with God, deepen our connection with one another, and share the love of Christ with everyone we meet. All programming is open to any student in grades six through 12, and we welcome adult volunteers to walk alongside us. All programs take place at North Church unless otherwise specified. Anyone wishing to get involved, either as a student, parent, or adult volunteer, is asked to contact Brandon Wallace, minister of youth and young adults, at [bwal-lace@northchurchindy.com](mailto:bwal-lace@northchurchindy.com).

### **Fall Kick-Off**

Sunday, Sept. 11, after Worship Without Walls  
Following the Labor Day weekend we're kicking off fall with the return of youth group! After the 11 a.m. Worship Without Walls service, join us in the parking lot for games, food and fun. All youth and families are invited. If you'd like to help with food/snacks, please contact Brandon.

### **Youth Group**

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

Regular youth group will return on Sept. 18 for the new semester! Most Sunday nights we'll gather together for a night of programming that can include fellowship, service projects, or



spiritual/faith-based discussions. Every youth group gathering includes time for a meal. All youth are invited, 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 Brandon.

### **Parents' Meeting**

Sunday, Sept. 18, 4-6 p.m. (Room 008)

Our parents' meeting for the new semester will take place during our first youth group gathering on Sept. 18. At this meeting for parents and students we'll discuss youth ministry protocol, upcoming events, and look ahead to the future.

### **Junior High Fall Retreat**

Date, time and location TBA.

The middle-school students (grades six through nine) will have a weekend retreat in

October. We'll focus on the foundations of our faith and building community with one another through team-building games and activities.

### **Senior High Fall Retreat**

Date, time and location TBA.

The high-school students (grades 10-12) will have a fall retreat weekend in November. We'll focus on deepening our faith, developing spiritual practices, and navigating the journey to adulthood, all while having a whole lot of fun!

### **Trunk or Treat**

Sunday, Oct. 30.

During the annual Trunk or Treat festivities at North Church the youth group will meet for games, treats, and activities. This will be a free event for any youth to attend. If you can help provide treats/snacks for the students, please contact Brandon.

### **Progressive Dinner**

Sunday, Dec. 11, (time TBA; 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. Sign-ups will start in November. If you'd

like to drive in the caravan, be one of the hosts, or help provide food/drinks, please contact Brandon.

*If you'd like to become involved in North's youth program, please contact Brandon Wallace, our minister of youth and young adults, at [bwallace@northchurchindy.com](mailto:bwallace@northchurchindy.com).*



# Young Adults

North Church young adult ministries are for anyone who has graduated high school up to the age of 35. Our programming focuses on community and relationship building through fellowship and spiritual development. Our goal is to build each other up, and to help one another navigate life as a young adult. To keep up with events and happenings specifically for young adults at North, join the Facebook page at [facebook.com/groups/NorthChurchYoungAdults/](https://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 Brandon Wallace at [bwallace@northchurchindy.com](mailto:bwallace@northchurchindy.com).

## Young Adult Game Nights

Sept. 16, Oct. 20, Nov. 18, 6:30-8 p.m.  
(Youth Room)

Throughout the fall the young adult ministry will meet for games, food, and fellowship! We meet in the youth room (lower level) from 6:30-8 p.m. during the third week of the month (the day varies each month). Anyone who has graduated high school through the age of 35 is invited, and these are free events. There will be plenty of games provided, but feel free to bring along your favorite game for us to try out too!





### **Young Adults' Christmas Party**

Wednesday, Dec. 14, 6:30-8 p.m. (Youth Room)

We will host a Christmas party for the young adults on Dec. 14. This will be our wrap-up for the fall semester, and we will continue in January. If you are interested in helping with food/snacks, please contact Brandon.

### **Tuesday Nights Together**

(Please see description on page 7.)

*To become involved in our ministry for young adults, please contact Brandon Wallace, our minister of youth and young adults, at [bwallace@northchurchindy.com](mailto:bwallace@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 newsletter, youth ministry newsletter and/or children and families ministry newsletter:

<https://tinyurl.com/64syv4mk>



- social media:

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

Twitter: @NorthChurchIndy,

Instagram: NorthChurchIndy and

- visit our website at NorthChurchIndy.com.

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

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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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Aug. 28: Acolyte Training

## SEPTEMBER

Sept. 8: Cathedral Singers' rehearsals begin.

Sept. 11: Worship Without Walls

Sept. 11: Fall Kick-Off

Sept. 11-Oct. 23: "We Are Called" Worship Series

Sept. 11-Oct. 23: "We Are Called" Band Gatherings

Sept. 14, Sept. 21, Sept. 28 and Oct. 5: Book Study: "Sacred Earth, Sacred Soul"

Sept. 15 and Sept. 29: North Church Farmers Market

Sept. 16, Oct. 20, Nov. 18: Young Adult Game Nights

Sept. 17: Central District United Women in Faith Annual Meeting

Sept. 17: Ending Hunger 101

Sept. 18: Caristers' rehearsals begin.

Sept. 18: Cathedral Ringers' rehearsals begin.

Sept. 18: Joyful Noise rehearsals begin.

Sept. 18: Youth Group begins.

Sept. 18: Youth Group Parents' Meeting

Sept. 24: Community Connection Day

Sept. 25: New Parents' Breakfast

Sept. 25: North's LGBTQ+ History

Sept. 25: ELEVATION begins.

## OCTOBER

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Oct. 26-Dec. 7 (Weds.): Bible Study: Jeremiah and Lamentations  
Oct. 30: Stewardship Sunday  
Oct. 30: Trunk or Treat

### NOVEMBER

Nov. 6: All-Saints Sunday  
Nov. 11: Game Night and Thanksgiving Feast  
Nov. 13: Health and Healing Sunday  
Nov. 13: Trans Awareness Week  
Nov. 13: Umoja Partnership Interfaith Thanks-

giving Dinner  
Nov. 23: Thanksgiving Eve Service Featuring the Indianapolis Children's Choir  
Nov. 27: Advent Traditions

### DECEMBER

Dec. 4: Advent Festival  
Dec. 10: Jubilee Christmas  
Dec. 10: Parents' Night Out  
Dec. 11: Progressive Dinner  
Dec. 14: Young Adults' Christmas Party  
Dec. 18: The Longest Night Service  
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve Worship  
Dec. 25: Christmas Day

### JANUARY

Jan. 1: New Year's Day







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