

North UMC EVENTS

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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 the late Doris Douglas.

Note: Please use this booklet only as a guide, as some items may change. The church bulletin, newsletter, email alerts, 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. A time for contemplative and meditative prayer is held Tuesdays at 5:30 p.m.

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. 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

This is the year to renew our faith by re-engaging in the ministries of North. The Spirit is working through our church, and you can tap into the life-changing, grace-filled opportunities of worship, study, and service this spring.

Explore the many offerings in this booklet. Use it to invite others to experience North. Reach out to folks you have not seen at church recently, and invite folks for the first time.

Here are some ways to spread the word:

- Like and share a post — Share North Church Facebook and Twitter posts on your social media pages (Facebook: facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy or friend “Linda AtNorth;” Twitter: @NorthChurchIndy); and
- Forward an email announcement or newsletter — Share links to events happening at North on social media and in emails. You can receive email announcements and the newsletter each week by signing up at northchurchindy.com/communications/. Keep in mind that the most effective way to grow a church is through personal invitations.

I hope to see you this spring at North!

Pastor Darren

Worship and Arts

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, 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.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 22, 7:30 a.m., 1 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)

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.

Weekly Communion During Lent

Wednesdays, Feb. 22-April 5, 7:30 a.m. (Chapel)

Get your morning started right with the Lord's Supper. Throughout Lent receive communion as we focus on the Lenten theme of ritual. This

is a short service (approximately 15-20 minutes) and will not include a sermon.

Lenten Worship and Study Series:

“Renewing Rituals:

How Holy Habits Can Enrich Your Life”

Sundays, Feb. 26-March 26,
8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

This year’s Lenten focus is on the role of rituals in renewing our lives with the presence of God. Rituals form our personal and communal life. Each Sunday we will explore and experience a different ritual that speaks to the human condition, and each week small groups will discuss how these universal themes speak to our faith. For more information see “Renewing Rituals” on page 11.

Palm Sunday: From Parade to Passion

Sunday, April 2, 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 will 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. Through special music and readings, the service will recall the events of his last week before his death.

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 6, 7:30 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 that culminates in the courtyard as we remember his fateful night in the garden.

Good Friday Services

Friday, April 7, 12 p.m. (Chapel) and 7:30 p.m.

(Sanctuary)

North Church will host a noon Good Friday service that will feature intercessory prayers for our community. In the evening join the Cathedral Singers and organist Heather Hinton for Franz Liszt's "Via Crucis" (The Way of the Cross) — a musical setting of the 14 Stations of the Cross.





Easter

Sunday, April 9, 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 children's choir and the Cathedral Singers will share special music.

Earth Day Sunday Observance

Sunday, April 23, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

We will continue Earth Day (Saturday) with special prayers and readings as part of our Sunday services. Join us as we pray for the restoration of creation.

Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 7, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Please see description on page 32.

Children's Musical: "Dog Doof"

Sunday, May 14, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Please see description on page 23.

Songs for World Peace

Sunday, May 21, 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
With our continued prayers for God's intervention in Ukraine, the Cathedral Singers will lead worship accompanied by orchestra with selections from Haydn's "Mass in Time of War." Two other selections will be presented: Craig Courtney's "Ukrainian Alleluia," and John Rutter's "A Ukrainian Prayer."

For more info about worship and the arts please email Pastor Darren at dcushwood@northchurchindy.com or chairperson Heidi Horton at jamesandheidi@gmail.com.



All-Church Events

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. (Parking lot)
Please see description under Children and Families Ministries, page 28.

Indy Fuel Game and Skate

Sunday, April 2, 5 p.m.
(Indiana Farmers Coliseum)
See description under Children and Families Ministries, page 28.

Indy Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday, June 10, 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 begin in May.

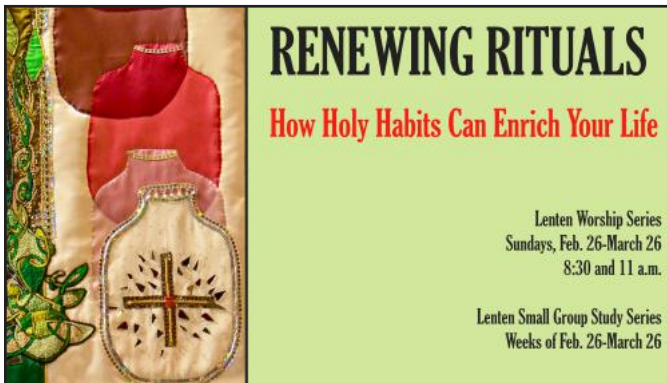


Discipleship And Formation

Lenten Study Series: “Renewing Rituals: How Holy Habits Can Enrich Your Life”

Weeks of Feb. 26-March 26

This year’s Lenten focus is on the role of rituals in renewing our lives with the presence of God. Using the companion study guide to the series, small groups will explore the meaning behind different rituals that can deepen our faith. Topics include rituals of repentance, rituals for gathering and sharing, rituals that celebrate events in our daily lives, rituals of mourning, and rituals for rededicating our lives to God. To sign up for a small group email asell@northchurchindy.com. You can sign up as an individual or as a group you form. Please specify a preferred day of the week and time to meet, and in person or Zoom.



Renewing Wednesdays

Wednesdays, March 1-29, 5:30 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

Every Wednesday evening in Lent we will gather for a light supper and share experiences designed to enrich our faith and deepen our fellowship. Each night will be a different theme sponsored by one of our ministry teams:

- March 1 — Hymn sing (Worship and Arts)
- March 8 — Letter writing to lawmakers (Justice and Advocacy)
- March 15 — Packing UMCOR kits for disaster relief (Mission and Outreach)
- March 22 — Meditation and prayer (Discipleship and Formation)
- March 29 — Spa night (Care and Nurture)

A Study of the Extra-Canonical Writings

Tuesdays, March 7-28, 6-7:30 p.m.

(Room 007 and Zoom)

Join Dr. Perry Kea for a study of the early Christian writings that did not make it into the Bible. This study will be both in person and on Zoom. To participate, please email Amy at asell@northchurchindy.com by Friday, March 3.

The Good News Community:

A Study of the Gospel of Matthew

Wednesdays, April 12-May 24, 6:30 p.m.

(Room TBA and Zoom)

In this seven-part study Pastor Darren will lead

you through an in-depth look at the first book of the New Testament. You will explore how it shaped the early church and discover its meaning for today. All sessions will be offered hybrid (in person and on Zoom).

Project Transformation

Mondays through Thursdays, May 31-June 22
(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 helps kids from low-income communities be successful students. PT runs from June through July. Each day during the morning North volunteers will spend about 2.5 hours helping children practice reading. PT's mission is to engage young adults in purposeful leadership and ministry, to support children in holistic development, and to connect churches with communities. North will also host eight interns who will run the program daily. Volunteers are needed to help provide dinner to these college students and also to "adopt" them and show them God's love through acts of kindness. Please look for sign-up opportunities during late April and May to participate in this amazing summer program! For more info contact Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com) or Sunil Kotian (skotian@northchurchindy.com).

North Declaration Reflections

Sundays, June 4-June 25, after the 11 a.m. service (Room TBA)

In January 2020 our church adopted “The North Declaration,” a concise statement that explains how our vision and practice of inclusion is rooted in our Wesleyan heritage. This June we will revisit the declaration and hear testimonies from our members. Each session will begin with a light lunch.

Theological Reflections with Queer Wesleyan Theologian Keegan Osinski

Sunday, June 25, after the 11 a.m. service (Room TBA)

Author of the ground-breaking book “Queering Wesley, Queering the Church,” Keegan Osinski will join us for our last session of reflection on the North Declaration to share her research and insights on Wesley’s sermons. Osinski is the theological librarian at Vanderbilt Divinity School and a member of the Church of the Nazarene.

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

Mission and Outreach

Bread and Bowl

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

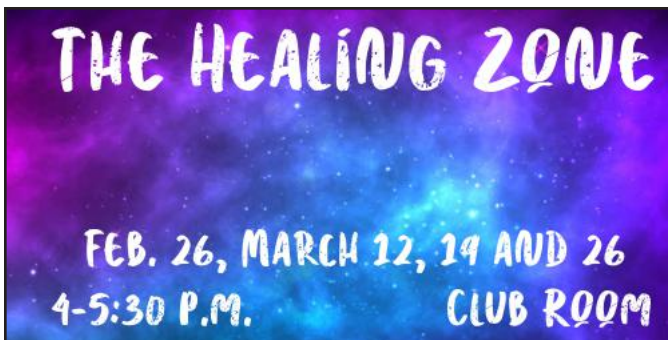
Bread and Bowl is a community meal that feeds 100-300 individuals weekly. Visitors receive a free hot meal. This ministry is supported through a partnership with Second Helpings, which provides hot meals for people living at or below the poverty line.

To volunteer please contact Lela Russell at lela_russell3@aol.com or Pastor Sunil at skotian@northchurchindy.com.

The Healing Zone

Sundays, Feb. 26, March 12, 19 and 26,
4-5:30 p.m. (Club Room)

Alan Archibald, LCSW, will lead us in healing ourselves and others. On the way we will learn the difference in our brains between fight-flight



versus faint-freeze – and why coping is good for stress, but calming is needed for distress. We will learn strategies to deal with trauma like addressing emotional hijacking of our brains and bodies; editing memories to stop nightmares, and anchoring past successes to lower our agitation and respond out of our innate wisdom. Participants will be able to share personal stories, but healing can happen even if one isn't ready to share. This experience is to help everyone overcome barriers and heal.

Book Study

Tuesdays, March 7, 14, 21 and 28, 6-7:30 p.m.
(Conference Room)

The Justice and Advocacy team recently hosted an eviction forum at North Church. Following that event we felt we needed to do more about the eviction crisis in Indiana. To bring further awareness to the issue we will host a book study at North and on Zoom to discuss Matthew Desmond's "Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City."

Green Team Book Exchange

Sunday, March 12, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. (Room TBA)
North's Green Team wants to encourage you to recycle your books! Tables will be set up with books arranged by categories. Bring your books to share and be ready to take some home, one for one. All books donated but not

chosen will go to assorted charities at the end of the event. Please bring more than one book so we have a great selection to share (no magazines, encyclopedias, or books you feel confident no one would want, please).

UMCOR Sunday

Sunday, March 19, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
In 2016 General Conference approved to change the name of One Great Hour of Sharing to the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) Sunday. On this fourth Sunday in Lent we are called to share the goodness of life with those who are hurting. We can share God's love with communities everywhere by underwriting UMCOR's "cost of doing business" with a special offering.

Easter Offering

Sunday, April 9, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
Our Easter offering will be donated to the Umoja Partnership's work to provide lunches and other assistance to orphans and other vulnerable children in Chulaimbo, Kenya, so they can stay in school and have promising futures.

Servant Day

Saturday, April 15, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.
(Gathering Center and other locations)
Servant Day is a time to connect to our immediate community and nonprofit organizations

throughout the city as a day of intentional and collective service. We'll begin with a brief meditation and breakfast in the Gathering Center 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 United Methodist Children and Youth Center.

The State of Gun Violence in Indiana

April 16 or April 23, 4-5:30 pm. (Room TBA)

Gun violence has become a divisive topic in our society. To discuss the issues surrounding it, the Justice and Advocacy team is organizing a forum at North Church. Join us as we explore the problems underlying the issue and seek solutions.

Native American Awareness Sunday

Sunday, April 23, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

This Sunday helps us remember the gifts and contributions made by the Native Americans to our church and society. It is a time for repentance and reconciliation between indigenous and immigrant people.

Plant Exchange

Sunday, May 21, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

(Courtyard; in case of rain, listen for announcements about alternate location)

Check your yard. If you have plants to divide or move, consider bringing your extras to the



North Church Green Team Plant Exchange.
Bring plants to share and take other plants home, one for one. Every plant needs to arrive in a container the giver does not want back (pot, Ziploc bag, etc.).

Peace With Justice Sunday

Sunday, June 4, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)
This day is observed on the first Sunday after Pentecost. It witnesses to God's demand for a faithful, just, disarmed, and secure world.

North Church Farmers Market

Information is pending.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in North's mission and outreach ministries please contact Pastor Sunil at skotian@northchurchindy.com or chairperson Lydia Shaw at enrshaw@gmail.com.

Care and Nurture

Mid-North Shepherd's Center

Wednesdays at 10 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 \$8. No membership fee is required. Email Charlie McDonald at charlie@mcldiii.com or call (317) 283-2730 for additional information.

Indiana's Substance Abuse Crisis

Sunday, April 30, 6 p.m. (Room TBA)

A representative from the Indiana State Department of Health will share updates on substance use disorder in our state. Training for naloxone (Narcan) use will be provided to all participants following the presentation.

For more info please contact Pastor Darren at dcushwood@northchurchindy.com or Kim Davis, chairperson of the care and nurture committee, at kbdavis710@gmail.com.



Music

Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays through June 1, 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).*

Voices in Accord

Rehearsals: First and last Sunday of each month through June 4, 9:45-10:15 a.m. (Chapel)

Voices in Accord (VIA) is an auditioned chamber choir consisting of 12-16 singers. VIA offers a musical selection on the second Sunday of the month at both morning services, and at special musical events and services throughout the year. VIA will sing a variety of choral literature spanning all musical styles, from the Renaissance to the 21st century. Due

it its limited rehearsal schedule and demanding repertoire, singers chosen will need strong musical skills and an ability to blend in a small ensemble. To schedule an audition for VIA, please contact Mark Gilgallon.
(mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com).

Summer Choir

Rehearsals: First Sunday of July through Labor Day Sunday, 10:15 a.m. (Chapel)

Summer Choir sings from the first Sunday in July through Labor Day weekend, and is open to all singers, young and old. Its members rehearse at 10:15 a.m. Sunday mornings in the chapel, and learn one anthem for the 11 a.m. worship service. Come dressed as you are. Folders, pencils, and music are provided.

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

Cathedral Ringers

Rehearsals: Sundays immediately following the 11 a.m. service through June 18 (Room 004).

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 Choir

Rehearsals: Sundays immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service through May 14 (Club Room)

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

Director: Denise Page Caraher (jcdpc88@aol.com).

Children's Musical: "Dog Doof"

Sunday, May 14, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Yes, that's the title of this year's musical extravaganza presented by the children's choir 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 (summers off), Wednesdays at 7 p.m. (Choir Room)

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.

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

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.



Children and Families

Child Care

Sundays, 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Infants through 5 year olds (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 your child is in child care he or she will be offered graham crackers, rice Mum-Mums, or Goldfish crackers.

Alternative Worship

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

Kindergarten through fifth grade

During the 11 a.m. worship service children in grades K through five are welcome to follow the banner out 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, 4-6 p.m.

(Room 203)

Third through fifth grade

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

Children's Lenten Day Retreat

Saturday, March 4, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

(Education Wing)

Our annual Children's Lenten Day Retreat will explore Holy Week. This is for children who are 3 years old to fifth graders. We will begin with the triumphant entry and go through many of Holy Week's events, such as Jesus cleansing the temple, Passover, Jesus washing the disciples' feet, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha, and the tomb. The day will be full of stations, crafts, games, activities, songs, lunch, and Jesus. Please RSVP to Amy by Sunday, Feb. 26.

Spring Break Fun Day

Friday, March 31, 10 a.m.-3 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. This is open to all children and families. Older siblings are also welcome. There is no cost. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 26.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 1, 10 a.m. (Parking lot)

Join the Children and Families and Mission 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 Thursday, March 30 at 10 a.m. until we are finished.

Indy Fuel Game and Skate

Sunday, April 2, 5 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 Kalamazoo Wings. The game starts at 5 p.m. An open-skate time with free skate rental follows the game. There will be free food for all kids under 14. Register and pay online by March 12. The cost is \$17, due when you register. This activity is open to all of North Church.

Family Earth Night

Friday, April 21, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

Join the Children and Families and Green Team ministries as we celebrate Earth Day early. We will have a fun night of activities, projects, and learning. Join us, and then take the ideas home and celebrate the next day too! Please RSVP to Amy by Sunday, April 16.

Summer Sunday School

Sundays, June 4-Aug. 27, 9:45 a.m. (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 talk about missions and serving others.

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, children’s council chairperson, at arkattmann@gmail.com.





Youth Ministry

Our Youth Ministry program is for students in grades six through 12. It helps students find their own understanding of faith through building relationships, serving others, studying our faith, and worshipping together. Adult volunteers are needed for all youth events. To get your student involved or to volunteer as an adult please contact Brandon Wallace, minister of youth and young adults, at bwallace@northchurchindy.com

Youth Group

Sixth- to 12th-Grade Students

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

Youth Group is a regular, weekly meeting to give students an opportunity to grow with their peers, serve the community, study ques-

tions of our faith, and worship together. Once a month we participate in a community service project as a way to serve together. Dinner is always provided during youth group meetings, and adult volunteers serve as mentors. If you are interested in being a volunteer or helping with the weekly meal, please contact Brandon Wallace.

Pre-Super Bowl Lunch Extravaganza

Sixth to 12th-Grade Students

Sunday, Feb. 12, 1:30-3:30 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

In place of our regular youth group time on Feb. 12 we will have a pre-Super Bowl party for all youth. Food will be provided, and we will have a wide array of games and mini-competitions for students to enjoy.

Youth Lenten Retreat

March 3-5 (Teter Retreat and Organic Farm, 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville, IN 46062)

Deadline to register: Feb. 25.

This all-weekend retreat is for sixth- through 12th-grade students. 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 and provide transportation.

Indy Fuel Game

Sunday, April 2

Please see the description on page 28 for this all-church event.

Youth Sunday

May 7, 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services
(Sanctuary)

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 during the Sunday school hour.

For more information about youth ministry at North Church please email Brandon Wallace, our minister of youth and young adults, at bwallace@northchurchindy.com, or Brooke Baker, youth council chairperson, at baker.brooke@gmail.com.



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 Brandon Wallace, our minister of youth and young adults, at bwallace@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/)

Tuesday Nights Together

Starting Tuesday, April 25, 6-8 p.m.
(Locations TBD)

After Easter we will meet monthly at various locations around Indianapolis for food, drinks, and great conversation! Each month we will discuss a different topic and seek to find answers together in an inclusive, safe environment. The location will change each month, and will be announced prior to the meetings. If you have any questions please email Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Adult Sunday School

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

Power and Light

(Room 202)

Power and Light is a welcoming, diverse group united in fellowship and personal support in the mutual study and pursuit of spiritual growth. The class meets weekly for Sunday school and once a month for a social gathering.

Contact: Barry and Jill Irons

(zvilleirons@protonmail.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, and books of the Bible.

During Lent they will study “Hard To Dance With the Devil On Your Back” written by Ray Buckley, director of the Center for Native American Spirituality and Christian Study.

In every culture and time, persons of faith of all ages have summoned the endurance and strength to “dance.” They have danced with the weight of the world upon their shoulders, sustained by God and others dancing

near them. This seven-session Lenten study looks at the transcendent struggle in the lives of believers while helping us to enter the continually crumbling world surrounding Jesus and the disciples in the days preceding Easter.

The class will also do its annual clean-up of the church grounds on Saturday, April 1, which is open to anyone willing to help.

Contact: Eric Galloway (ewgalloway@hotmail.com).

Women's Bible Study

(Room 205)

Beginning Feb. 26 a new study group will be offered during the Sunday school hour, 9:45-10:45 a.m., on Sunday mornings. It will be a women's Bible study group for women of all ages who would like to be a part of a group of sisters in Christ. The study will be organized by Beth Coffey, but the opportunity for selecting studies and leading the group will be shared. There will be an opportunity to sign up in the west entry through the middle of February.

Contact: Beth Coffey (bacoffey64@aol.com).

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. This semester we will continue our lessons in the study “The Creed,” followed by a deep dive into Jesus, our discipleship, and then the “tough questions” of our faith as we go into the summer.

Middle School Sunday School

(Room 207)

This spring students in grades six through eight will continue the second half of our Confirmation lessons. We will focus on the tenants of our faith as well as how we live them out in our everyday lives.

To learn more about youth Sunday school at North please contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Children's Sunday School

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

Pre-K Sunday School

(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

(Rooms 101 and 104)

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.

United Women in Faith

(formerly United Methodist Women)

Miriam Circle

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

The Miriam Circle is part of United Women in Faith at North Church. This circle gathers for project planning and programs focused on UWF'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 Tuesday, 7 p.m. (Library)

The Women of Lydia is a circle of United Women in Faith at North Church. It 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).

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

Green Team

The Green Team is part of the Mission and Outreach ministry at North UMC. It focuses on social responsibility pertaining to environmental conservation and sustainability. The various activities organized annually are a plant exchange, a book exchange, the blessing of the animals, the ministries fair, and sponsoring Earth hour activities. The Green Team meets on the fourth Sunday of the month at 5:30 p.m.

For more info about the Green Team please email Pastor Sunil at skotian@northchurchindy.com or chairperson Eric Galloway at ewgalloway@hotmail.com.

Justice and Advocacy Team

The Justice and Advocacy Team advocates for social change in the midst of systemic racism and poverty in our communities. It seeks to raise awareness to change these systems that alienate groups of people. The Justice and Advocacy Team meets every second Tuesday of the month at 6 p.m. on Zoom.

For more info about the Justice and Advocacy Team please email Pastor Sunil at skotian@northchurchindy.com or chairperson Alan Archibald at alanarchibindy@gmail.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's ministry newsletter:

<https://northchurchindy.com/communications/>

- Social media:

- Facebook:

facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy
and friend "Linda AtNorth;"

- Twitter and Instagram:

[@NorthChurchIndy](https://twitter.com/NorthChurchIndy)

- visit our website at

NorthChurchIndy.com.

The 11 a.m. worship service is streamed live on our YouTube channel. You can access it easily by clicking the green "Livestreaming" box on the home page of our website. Audio files of that service and the sermon only are also located on NorthChurchIndy.com.



Please share this booklet and invite your friends to North!

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...”

— Hebrews 10:24-25 (Joe Wood photo)

