

North Events

Spring/Summer 2024





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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 is a portion of a banner made by the ladies of North Church from designs provided by Patty Hefner. It depicts symbols of Easter and spring.

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 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 Gilgallon is our director of music and John Drake is our finance director. Other staff members are listed on our website at northchurchindy.com.

Please stop at the hospitality desk at the west entry, see one of our greeters or ushers, or call our office at (317) 924-2612 if you have questions. You can also email us at info@northchurchindy.com.

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





A Word from Pastor Darren

How did you get in? It is a common question we ask at North because there are five exterior entrances to the church. Each is locked and unlocked on different days of the week and different times of the day.

Just as a church has physical entrances, every congregation has a “front door” and many “back doors” into the ministries of the church. The front door is our regular, Sunday worship services, and the back doors are the many different programs for fellowship, study, and service.

Think of this booklet as the building map that tells you how to get into North. There are a variety of entrances into the mission and ministry of the church, and however you come in, we’re glad you came.

But don’t come alone. Bring a guest. For many, the front door is the best entrance, and this spring we will offer a variety of special Sunday services you can invite your friends to experience.

But don’t forget about the back doors. For those who have reservations about being a part of a church, often the best way for them to come in is through a back door. Be sure to invite them to participate in a short-term study, a one-time service project, or an annual fellowship event.

Join us this spring. We will leave the front door unlocked and the back porch light on!

Pastor Darren



Worship and the Arts

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.

Contemplative and Meditative 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.



Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 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. This year we mark our observance with the imposition of ashes and communion.

Weekly Communion During Lent

Wednesdays, Feb. 21 — March 27, 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: "Who Do You Say That I Am: Discovering the Different Dimensions of Jesus"

Sundays, Feb. 18 — March 31, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

Throughout Lent we will prepare for the celebration of Easter by reflecting on the many different ways to understand and experience Jesus. Each week will feature a dimension of his identity and mission through worship, service, and study. A study guide will be available for individual use, and weekly small

groups will be formed to discuss each session. For more information see “Who Do *You* Say That I Am” in the discipleship and formation section on pages 18-19.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Worship will feature music by our children’s choirs and a processional with palm branches to commemorate the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem for the start of Holy Week. This year’s service will follow Jesus from his triumphal entry into Jerusalem to his crucifixion on Calvary.

Holy Thursday

Thursday, March 28, 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, March 29, 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 Dr. Heather Hinton for Théodore Dubois’ musical setting of the “Seven Last Words of Christ.”

Easter

Sunday, March 31, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with a joyful and festive worship experience. This Sunday will be the culmination of the Lenten series as we celebrate “Jesus the Victor.” At 8:30 a.m. we will have Holy Communion. At 11 a.m. the Carolers and the Cathedral Singers will share special music.

Earth Day Sunday Observance

Sunday, April 21, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

We will observe Earth Day with special prayers and readings as part of our Sunday services.

Special Music Sunday

Sunday, May 19, 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

The Cathedral Singers will be joined by a string ensemble consisting of violins and cellos to play Franz Haydn’s beautiful miniature mass, “Little Organ Mass” or “Short Mass of St. John of God,” with organist Dr. Heather Hinton. Written between 1777-1778, Haydn composed it for the Brothers of Mercy’s chapel organ and it was dedicated to their patron saint. The work is composed in the tradition of the missa brevis, in which some of the longer movements, particularly the Gloria and Credo, are condensed – i.e. the four voices of the chorus sing different words of the text simultaneously.

If you would like to get involved in worship and arts, please contact Pastor Darren at dcushwood@northchurchindy.com or Heidi Horton at jamesandheidi@gmail.com.

All-Church Events

Indy Fuel Game

Friday, March 15, 7 p.m. (Indiana Farmers Coliseum, 1202 E. 38th St. at the Indiana State Fairgrounds)

Please see description on pages 38-39.

Youth Sunday

Sunday, May 5, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Please see description on page 46.

Children's Musical: "Moonlight Sun"

Sunday, May 12, 9:45 a.m., (Fellowship Hall)

Please see description on page 29.

Indy Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday, June 8, all day

(Massachusetts Ave. and Military Park)

Walk 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

Northside Dinner Fellowship

Second Monday of each month from 5:30—7 p.m.
(McAllister's Deli, 2355 E. 116th St., Carmel, Ind.)

Do you live on the far northside of Indianapolis (roughly north of 75th St.) or in a northern suburb of Indianapolis (e.g., Zionsville, Westfield, Carmel, Fishers, or Noblesville)? Would you like to meet and spend time with other far northside members and friends of North Church? Join other far northsiders for dinner and conversation monthly at a local restaurant. The group currently meets in a private room at the McAlister's Deli on the southwest corner of Keystone and 116th Streets.



LGBTQ+ Fellowship

Acknowledging that LGBTQ+ people often need a space for themselves, some of our activities will be just for LGBTQ+ members and attendees, while allies (of which we know North has plenty) will be invited to others. All events will start at 6 p.m. Please RSVP for all events to Amy Sell at asell@northchurchindy.com.

Initial dates include:

- Feb. 29: Duckpin bowling (Atomic Bowl, Fountain Square); RSVPs needed by Feb. 15, and
- April 2: Fellowship/dinner (location TBD ; watch bulletin and newsletter).

A Close-Up Look at Corinthians by Dr. Perry Kea

Sundays, Feb. 18 — March 10, 9:45 — 10:45 a.m.
(Club Room)

Paul's letters to several early Christ communities are our earliest Christian documents, even older than the written Gospels. Of Paul's letters, his correspondence with the Corinthian community (1 and 2 Corin-



thians) is the most extensive. These two letters constitute about 8 percent of the New Testament. We're going to take a close-up view of these letters with the following questions in mind:

- When did Paul write these letters?
- Where do the letters fit within the larger scheme of Paul's mission?
- Why did Paul write these letters?
- What issues was he addressing?
- How should we characterize Paul's relationship with this community?
- What glimpses and insights about the life of this first-generation Christ community do these letters provide?

Please RSVP by Thursday, Feb. 15 to events@northchurchindy.com. If you have any questions contact Perry Kea (kea@uindy.edu).

We Are 70+; What Do We Do Next?

Sundays, Feb. 18 — March 17, 9:45 — 10:45 a.m.

(Game Room)

As we age our bodies change, and our faith may need to change as well to reflect what we are experiencing now. This five-week series focuses on our experiences and thoughts on what it's like to be 70+ years old, and how things are different now.

Types of questions we will look at may include:

- Where do you go from here spiritually?
- How is the God you know now different from the God you knew growing up (or even before you retired)?
- How do you see your life now?

- What is God calling you to do? To be?
- What is your relationship with the Church now — especially North Church?
- What do you need North to do for or alongside you?

If you have questions or want more information, please contact Joan Barclay (jrbruth@att.net).

Lenten Small Groups Study: “Who Do You Say That I Am: Discovering the Different Dimensions of Jesus”

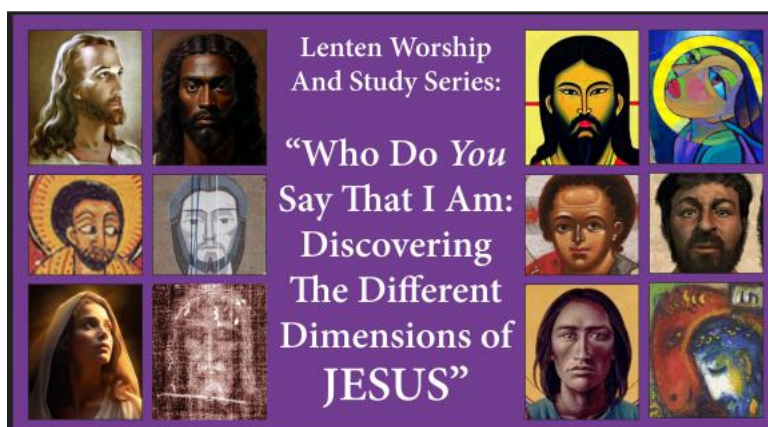
Weeks of Feb. 18 — March 31

(various times and locations)

On their way to Jerusalem, Jesus asked the disciples, “Who do you say that I am?”

This Lent, we will ask one another this question as we gather in small groups to study the Lenten series, “Who Do You Say That I Am: Discovering the Different Dimensions of Jesus.”

Each session will explore a different way of understanding his ministry and identity: Jesus the Friend, Jesus the Revolutionary, Jesus the Sage, Jesus the Sov-



ereign, Jesus the Representative, Jesus the Condemned, and Jesus the Victor.

This series goes through Lent and culminates on Easter. Each Sunday Pastor Darren will preach on the theme. Printed and electronic copies of the study guide will be available for personal and small-group use.

Renewing Wednesdays

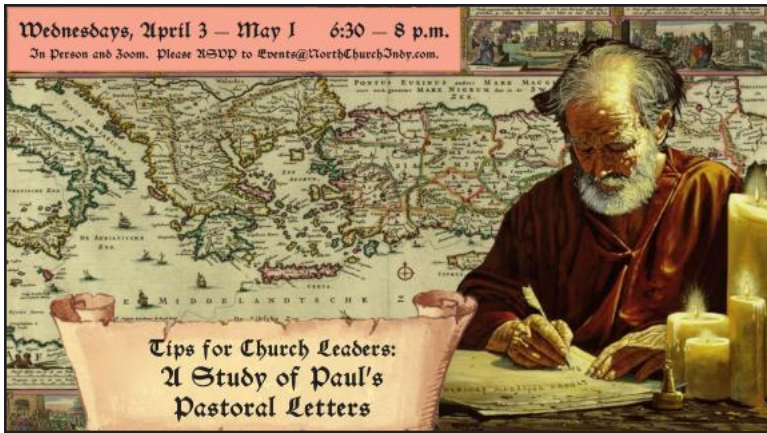
Wednesdays, Feb. 21 — March 20, 5:30 p.m.
(Fellowship Hall)

Every Wednesday evening in Lent we will gather for a light supper and to share experiences designed to enrich our faith and deepen our fellowship.

Each night will feature a different activity after supper:

- Feb. 21 — Hymn sing
- Feb. 28 — Short films
- March 6 — Games
- March 13 — Pack UMCOR kits
- March 20 — Service project.





Tips for Church Leaders: A Study of Paul's Pastoral Letters

Wednesdays, April 3 – May 1, 6:30–8 p.m.
(Room TBA and Zoom)

Pastor Darren will lead a small-group exploration of the “Pastoral Letters” that Paul wrote to his younger ministry partners: First and Second Timothy, Titus, and Philemon. Participants will be surprised and inspired by this ancient advice and how it remains relevant for us today. This group will be offered in person and on Zoom. Please RSVP by email to events@north-churchindy.com to receive the Zoom link.

For more information contact Amy Sell, our minister of discipleship and formation (asell@northchurchindy.com), or Ann Mackey (amackey37@gmail.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 (317) 313-7515 or Pastor Sunil at skotian@northchurchindy.com.

Social Justice Java

Third Sunday of the month, 9:45 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.
(Gathering Center)

Join us in the gathering center every third Sunday for coffee and a time of sharing and broadening our perspective on social justice issues.

If you have any questions contact Alan Archibald at alanarchibindy@gmail.com or Carol Tiller-Luchtman at csa5305@gmail.com.

UMCOR Sunday

Sunday, March 3, 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 of 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, March 31, 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.



Our Easter offering will go to the Umoja Partnership.

Family Promise

Thursdays, April 4, 11, 18, 25, and month of May

We need volunteers to take food to families that are supported by Family Promise. Every Thursdays in April North Church is signed up to take a meal to a family and spend some time with the family that we are serving.

In May we will collect houseware items for the Family Promise Apartment Project. We will be responsible for providing items off a list to equip an apartment that will be used as an emergency home for families until they can find permanent housing. Family Promise helps them with support services, to find a job, etc.

For more information contact Lydia Shaw at enrshaw@gmail.com.

Native American Awareness Sunday

Sunday, April 14, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

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

Peace With Justice Sunday

Sunday, May 26, 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.

Uniform Collection Drive – School 43

June (West Entry)

We will collect uniforms for School 43 in June.

Pants, shirts, belts, socks, and underwear are what the school needs. These items can be dropped off in the grey bin at the west entrance.

If you have any questions please contact Robin Reagan at robinreagan3@gmail.com.

North Church Farmers Market

July 11, July 18, Aug. 1, Aug. 15, Sept. 5, and Sept. 19,
4 — 6 p.m. (Parking Lot)

At last year's farmers market we provided fresh produce to young families and we were able to give out \$20 market vouchers to 30-40 seniors who reside at the Parkside at Tarkington apartments at all our markets. Many of the shoppers were very grateful for the proximity to the market and the quality of produce. This was only possible because of your generous and continued support.

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

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, 10 a.m.

(Lower Level, including Fellowship Hall)

Adults 55 and older attend "Adventures in Learning" each Wednesday starting at 10 a.m. It features varied programs including devotions, games, discussions of current events, lectures, memoir writing, tax prep help and choral rehearsals, all offered free of charge. Lunch is served each Wednesday for \$8. No membership fee is required. For more information contact Sara Case at sara@mnscenter.org.

For more info on care and nurture ministries, contact Pastor Darren (dcushwood@northchurchindy.com) or Allen McCormack (amccormack@mac.com).



Music

Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays through June 6, 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 2, 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 to its 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 April 28 (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 Choirs

Rehearsals: Sundays immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service through May 12.

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.

- **Carolers** Age 5 through second grade

Through May 12 (Club Room)

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

- **Choristers** Third grade and up

Through May 12 (Choir Room)

Director: Rosie Jordan (rosiej@phoeniximages.com)

Children's Musical: "Moonlight Sun" **aka "The 2024 Mother's Day Musical"**

Sunday, May 12, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Five, four, three, two, one, ignition, liftoff!

Join the children's choirs as they travel to the moon, which is actually just a huge, dark rock with no light of its own.

Who knew? (Well, OK, some of you knew.)

Meet astronauts and aliens! Listen to music made famous by Count Basie, The Four Seasons, Lin Manuel Miranda and Jiminy Cricket (and that Beethoven guy)! Come with us and discover the most important destination of all, the TRUE LIGHT.

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.



United Women in Faith

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.

Women of Lydia

Fourth Tuesday, 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.

For more information please contact Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com); Sue Childers (donsuechilders@yahoo.com), or Jeanie Sanders (djs7233@gmail.com).





Adult Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 — 10:45 a.m.

Power and Light (Room 202)

Contact: Jill and Barry Irons (zvilleirons@protonmail.com)

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

Sojourners (Room 005)

Contact: Eric Galloway (ewgalloway@hotmail.com)

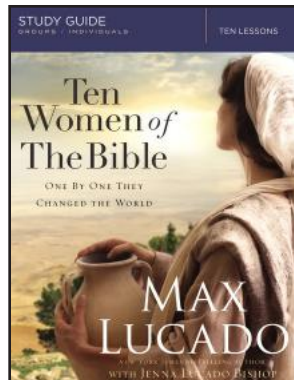
Sojourners is a year-round, intergenerational Sunday school class that works, plays, and studies together. Participants share lesson leadership on a volunteer basis, studying stand-alone topics, contemporary works, or books of the Bible.

Sophia's Class (Room 205)

Contact: Beth Coffey

(bacoffey64@gmail.com)

Sophia's Class is a study group for women of any age who would like to be part of a group of sisters in Christ. Sophia's Class members are currently studying Max Lucado's "Ten Women of the Bible," and they invite you to join them. Leadership is shared on a volunteer basis.



Youth Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 — 10:45 a.m.

Students in grades seven through 12 (Youth Room)

Join us for an exciting and enriching youth Sunday school experience tailored for students in grades seven through 12. Every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. we gather in the youth room (room 008 — downstairs) with dedicated adult volunteers for thought-provoking discussions on faith, spirituality, and life. Our inclusive environment encourages open dialogue and embraces diverse ideas.

This spring and summer our focus is on "Spiritual Growth," with each month exploring a different compelling topic. From identity and family to spiritual habits, the meaning of Easter, and managing anger, our topics this semester will delve into subjects that matter to young minds.

While we sometimes provide breakfast or snacks, the real nourishment comes from the engaging and meaningful conversations we share with one another. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to grow spiritually and connect with your peers. Join us each Sunday and embark on a journey of discovery and personal development!

Are you interested in helping to provide breakfast for our students one (or multiple) Sunday mornings? Would you like to be on the rotation as a Sunday school teacher? Please contact Brandon Wallace by emailing him at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Children's Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 — 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 — Second Grade (Room 101)

Third — Fifth Grades (Room 203)

Join us each week this semester as the kids 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.

Summer Sunday School

Sundays, June 2 to Aug. 25, 9:45-10:45 a.m. (Room 104)

All children in kindergarten to rising sixth graders are welcome to join us in room 104 as we use fruit to learn about God. God created a world full of yummy fruits that are sweet to eat and also give us the vitamins and minerals our bodies need to stay healthy.

These fruits will show us some of the other great lessons and blessings God has given us in this world, as well as ways to apply them to our lives in a practical way.

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



Children and Families Ministry

Child Care

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

Infants 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. 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 the 11 a.m. worship service during the school year (Room 104)

Kindergarten — sixth grades

During the 11 a.m. worship service children in grades K through six 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 serving others. Even during the Holy season, themes of service are woven through each lesson.



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Children's Lenten Day Retreat

Saturday, March 2, 10 a.m. — 2 p.m. (Education Wing)

Our annual Children's Lenten Day Retreat will explore Lent using everyday objects around the house. This is for children who are 5 years old through sixth graders. We will begin with eggs, rocks, salt, seeds, ribbon, and bread. The day will be full of stations, crafts, games, activities, songs, lunch, and Jesus. Please RSVP to Amy by Sunday, Feb. 18.

Indy Fuel Game

Friday, March 15, 7 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 Tulsa Oilers. The game starts at 7 p.m. This game in-

cludes all you can eat hot dogs, popcorn, and chips! Register and pay online (link will be in the newsletter and Facebook event) by Wednesday, March 6. The cost is \$20, due when you register. This activity is open to all North Church.

Spring Break Fun Day

Tuesday, March 26, 10 a.m. — 3 p.m.

(Room 104 and other areas of the church)

Come have a fun day during spring break with your friends from church. We will have a service project of helping to get the church ready for Easter Sunday, lunch, and movies or games. This is open to all children and families. Older siblings are also welcome. There is no cost. Please RSVP by Sunday, March 24 to Amy at asell@northchurchindy.com.

Cookies and Canvas

Sunday, April 14, 1 — 3 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Bring all your little Picassos to the church on Sunday afternoon for Cookies and Canvas. They will



create a unique mixed-media painting to take home while having a blast with an afternoon of color, textures, and cookies! All supplies included...cookies too! No experience is needed. Please RSVP by Sunday, April 7 to Amy at asell@northchurchindy.com. 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, June 2, after 11 a.m. service (Northeast Lawn)

We made it through another school year of great children and families ministry! Join us on the northeast lawn for a pitch-in picnic. Children and youth ministries will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings. We ask that you bring a side dish or dessert to share with others. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 29 to asell@northchurchindy.com. This event is open to the whole church, so come and celebrate with us!

Pine Creek Church Camp

Sunday, July 7 — Friday, July 12

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

All kids and youth who have completed kindergarten through eighth grade are encouraged to join Amy Sell and Brandon Wallace 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 participants 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 there is worship, small-group devotion time, and prayer. For additional questions about camp or scholarships please see Amy. If you have a high school student who is interested in being a junior counselor, please let Amy know.

Backpack Blessing

Sunday, July 28, 8:30 and 11 a.m. services (Sanctuary)

Bring your backpack, teacher bag, computer bag, or just yourself and your student at we pray a special blessing over all of the children, youth, young adults, and adults who are going back to school to learn, teach, cook, and lead.

Children's Ministry Day at Turkey Run

Saturday, Aug. 17, all day (Turkey Run State Park, 8121 Park Rd., Marshall, Ind.)

Children's ministry is leaving the building and heading to Turkey Run for some time in nature. Save this date and watch for more information to come as we get closer to August!

All 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.







Youth Ministry

Discover a youth ministry experience tailored for our diverse and amazing students in grades seven through 12!

We are an inclusive ministry that is “built and grows itself in love” (Ephesians 4:16). Our goal is to guide and empower teenagers as they navigate the intricate paths of faith and modern teenage life. Through a variety of engaging activities we provide a supportive environment where young minds can explore, question, and deepen their understanding of spirituality through meaningful relationships, impactful service, thought-provoking discussions, and uplifting worship. By fostering authentic connections among peers and dedicated mentors, we create a space for personal growth, self-discovery, and the formation of lifelong friendships.

We actively encourage students to participate in service projects that ignite their compassion and empower them to make a positive difference in the world around them.

We also extend a warm invitation to adults who are passionate about guiding and supporting our young individuals. If you have a desire to make a meaningful impact as a volunteer, we welcome you to join our dedicated team. For more information or to express your interest, please reach out to Brandon Wallace, our minister of youth and young adults, at bwallace@northchurchindy.com. Embrace the opportunity to embark on a remarkable journey of faith, personal growth, and community connection. Together, let us shape the future and empower the youth of today with love, compassion, and guidance.

Youth Group: Missions

Seventh to 12th-grade students

Feb. 18, March 17 and April 7, 1 p.m. — 3 p.m.

(Youth Room — 008)

A vital part of our ministry is to be of service to others, and we want to create space for our students to have those opportunities on Feb. 18, March 17, and April 7. After the 11 a.m. service we will gather in the youth room for lunch and to take part in a service or mission project. From creating care packages for those in need to participating in neighborhood park clean-ups, our young members will have the opportunity to make a positive impact in the community. Some projects may take place off site, with transportation being provided and details announced in advance. Students can be picked up by 3 p.m. If you're interested in lending a hand as an adult volunteer for these project please email Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Youth Group Lenten Retreat

Seventh to 12th-grade students

March 1, 6 p.m. to March 3, 1 p.m.

(Teter Retreat and Organic Farms, 10980 E. 221st St., Noblesville, Ind.)

Come join us for our annual Youth Group Lenten Retreat as we return for our second year to Teter Retreat and Organic Farms! Get ready for a weekend of fun and spiritual growth as we engage in games, activities, discussion, worship, and lots of laughter surrounded by the beauty of nature.

This event is open to all students and the cost is only \$35. Scholarships are also available upon request to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to attend.

Register by Feb. 25 to secure your spot for this enriching and unforgettable experience.

Adult volunteers are needed as chaperones and/or transportation. Please contact Brandon Wallace for any questions and to help.

Youth Group Celebrates Earth Day

Seventh to 12th-grade students

April 21, 1 — 3 p.m. (Youth Room — 008)

Join us for a special Earth Day afternoon of games to celebrate the planet and unplug from technology for a while! Bring your favorite board games or enjoy the ones we have available as we gather for two hours of good old-fashioned fun and delicious food and drinks. This free event will take place in the youth room. The doors will open after the 11 a.m. service, and the “unplugging” begins at 1 p.m. and ends at 3 p.m. No RSVP is required, so feel free to bring friends for an

afternoon of analog entertainment in honor of Earth Day!

Youth Sunday

May 5, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. worship services
(Sanctuary)

Don't miss our talented students in grades seven through 12 as they take the lead and guide us through a memorable service at both 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. They will read liturgy, perform uplifting music, lead prayers, usher, and share their inspiring testimonies. It's a morning you won't want to miss!

After the first service we invite all students to join us for a delicious and complimentary breakfast during the Sunday school hour.

Youth Group Summer Send-Off

May 5, following the 11a.m. service (Location TBA)

Join us for a fun-filled day of mini-golfing as we bid farewell to the semester and welcome summer! After the 11 a.m. service on Youth Sunday our youth group will gather together for an exciting afternoon of mini-golf. Lunch will be provided. This event is open to all students, so feel free to bring your friends along. Scholarships are available upon request.

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

Are you a young adult between the ages of 18-35 looking to connect with others in a diverse and inclusive community? Look no further than the young adults ministry at North Church!

Our ministry is all about fostering a sense of growth, learning, and service as we navigate the complexities of modern spiritual life. Whether it's gathering for a delicious dinner together or attending exciting events as a group, we aim to create meaningful experiences for our members as avenues to connect with others and foster relationships.

Stay updated on our upcoming activities by joining our Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/NorthChurchYoungAdults. To receive notifications and RSVP via SMS texting, reach out to our minister of youth and young adults, Brandon Wallace, at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Young Adult Dinners

March 14, Future Dates TBA — 6 p.m. (Locations Vary)

Join us for a delightful evening with other young adults for dinner in Indianapolis! Happening at 6 p.m. in various locations around town each month, this informal gathering allows young adults ages 18-35 to enjoy a delicious meal while catching up with old friends or making new ones. Everyone covers their own meals for these events, but don't let that discourage you from attending, as we have scholarships available!

Locations will be announced prior to each event via our Facebook group and our young adult ministry SMS/email notifications. If you would like to request a scholarship or if you would like to be added to the notification list please email Brandon.



Audio-Visual Team

The A-V Team livestreams the 11 a.m. service each week, along with other selected events. It welcome additional volunteers, and will gladly teach them how to run our equipment. To volunteer please contact John Hague at jshague@gmail.com or our building manager, Jeff Linnan, at jlinnan@northchurchindy.com.

Green Team

The Green Team is part of our mission and outreach ministry. 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, and sponsoring Earth Day activities. For more information 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 meets every second Tuesday at 6 p.m. on Zoom. For more info please email Pastor Sunil at skotian@northchurchindy.com or chairperson Carol Tiller-Luchtman at csa5305@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:

<https://bit.ly/2IwOHMX>



- social media:

Facebook: [Facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy](https://www.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.*

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