



North Events

Fall/Winter

2024/2025



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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:

Many of North's banners were created by the late Doris Douglas. Our cover shows a portion of a three-banner set currently on display in our east sitting room. The peacock is a symbol of renewal and the church. As feathers are released from the bird's body, new ones will take their place. Sometime the peacock's feathers may be thought of as the eye of God. Accompanying panels (shown on the back cover) features pomegranates. They represent the church being a fruit with many seeds. The fruit is filled with seeds that represent growth.

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.

Darren Cushman Wood is our senior pastor. Brandon Wallace is our minister of Christian education, overseeing our children and youth ministries. Joan Barclay is our pastor of visitation, and Danita Hoskin is our community outreach liaison. Mark Gilgallon is our director of music. 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

Each Sunday we begin worship with this greeting: “The Lord be with you. And also with you!” But it is more than a greeting. It is a promise and a hope. God promises to meet us in our fellowship, worship, and the work we do together as a congregation.

This fall and winter North Church is offering a variety of ministry experiences that we hope will put you in touch with the presence of God. Whether it is singing a song together, sharing a discussion with one another, or working side by side, God uses all the facets of our congregation as channels of grace to each of us. From the warmth of worship to the joy of service, your faith will deepen at North, where everyone is welcome in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

Worship Without Walls

Sunday, Sept. 8, 11 a.m. (one service only on Sept. 8)
(North's parking lot)

Bring a friend to our annual Worship Without Walls. This special service will be held under a tent in the parking lot with special music by Pavel and Direct Contact, a Latin jazz ensemble. The offering will be used to support educational opportunities for children and youth in the neighborhood. Folding chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. After

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LATIN JAZZ ENSEMBLE

SEPT. 8, 11 a.m.
NORTH UMC, 3808 N. MERIDIAN

The graphic also features a circular photograph of a man and a woman walking together. The man is wearing a dark suit and sunglasses, and the woman is wearing a black outfit and sunglasses. They are walking on a path that appears to be made of large, colorful stones or tiles in shades of orange, red, and yellow.

the service we will hold a cookout. Food and drinks will be provided; just bring your appetite!

“St. Paul’s Greatest Hits” Worship Series

Sundays, Sept. 15-Oct. 27, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North’s YouTube channel)

You’ve heard them and seen them over and over again: “Faith, hope, and love abide, and the greatest of these is love,” “my grace is sufficient for you,” and “I can do all things through Him who strengthens me.” We will explore these best-loved quotes from Paul. Each Sunday will feature a selection from one of his “authentic” letters: Romans, 1 and 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Philipians, 1 Thessalonians, and Philemon. You will discover their meaning and how to apply them to your life. A small-group series with a companion study guide will be offered to help you learn with others seeking a deeper vision of God.

Health and Healing Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 29, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North’s YouTube channel)

Come and bring a friend to our annual Health and Healing Sunday. Through worship and special events we’ll remember that God comforts all who are suffering. 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. This year’s observance is part of the worship series on “St. Paul’s Greatest Hits” and his words of encouragement about affliction in 2 Corinthians 12:1-10.

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 6, 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. As part of our "St. Paul's Greatest Hits" series we will focus on the challenge to serve in Galatians 6 with other believers around the world. Because service includes caring for creation, we will reaffirm our commitment to environmental justice.

All-Saints Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 3, 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.

Hamilton Series Guest Preacher

Sunday, Nov. 10, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

This year's Hamilton Series will feature Rev. John Edgar as the guest preacher. He will share his stories and vision of urban ministry that he has written about in his book, "A Front Porch for All People." He will be available during the Sunday school hour to discuss the book. Our worship will be the first part of the series, which will continue with a luncheon, keynote speaker, and panel discussion following the 11 a.m. service.

Stewardship Sunday, “Harvesting Hope”

Sunday, Nov. 24, 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. This year’s theme is “Harvesting Hope,” which emphasizes the dedication of our gifts to God as an expression of our gratitude for how God works through our congregation and in our lives. Special music will be “Singing Down the Spirit,” a celebration of spiritual and gospel music. Accompanied by a soulful rhythm section, the combined choirs of the First Baptist Church and North’s Cathedral Singers will present a collection of some of their gospel favorites.

Thanksgiving Eve Service

Featuring the Indianapolis Children’s Choir

Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

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

Longest Night Service

Sunday, Dec. 22, 5 p.m. (Chapel)

For many of us holidays are difficult. There are many 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 hope.

Christmas Eve Worship

Tuesday, 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 choirs and the meaning of Christmas re-imagined through a North Church original drama production performed by children and youth;
- Celebration of Holy Communion featuring the Rossi Clarinet Consort and Voices in Accord, 7:30 p.m., and
- Festival of Lessons and Carols, 11 p.m. — (Prelude music begins at 10:30 p.m.)

Last Sunday of the Year Service

Sunday, Dec. 29, 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

There will be one service at 11 a.m. on the last Sunday of 2024.

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

All-Church Events

Fall Festival

Sunday, Oct. 6, 5:30-7:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a celebration of fall! We will gather in Fellowship Hall at 5:30 p.m. for a hymn sing, and eat at 6 p.m. Bring a pot of chili or a pumpkin dish for the chili cook-off! Or bring a side dish or dessert to share with a large group for a pitch-in meal. There will be activities for all ages.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 13, 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. 27, 4-6 p.m. (Parking lot/inside if raining)

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 cos-

tume, and bring lots of candy as we hand it out to all the kids who come.

Hamilton Series:

“The Front Porch Factor: Let’s Talk Housing”

Sunday, Nov. 10 (Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)

This year’s Hamilton Series takes up the urgent topic of affordable housing. Rev. John Edgar, author of “A Front Porch for All People,” will be the guest preacher at both services. After the 11 a.m. service there will be a luncheon in Fellowship Hall. This will be followed by a keynote address by IU McKinney School of Law professor Fran Quigley and a panel discussion of experts and service providers. A RSVP to events@northchurch-indy.com is required for the luncheon.

The program is presented by the Richard E. and Anna Lee Hamilton Series on Theology and Contemporary Issues, which is funded by the William E. Schmidt Foundation with additional support from the Blankenbaker-Noyes family.

Advent Festival

Sunday, Dec. 8, 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 Dec. 1 by filling out the bulletin’s connect card or emailing events@northchurchindy.com.

Discipleship and Formation

LGBTQ+ Fellowship

Third Tuesdays, 6 p.m. (Bottleworks, 850 Mass. Ave.)
All LGBTQ+ folx are invited to join us for a monthly gathering at The Garage Food Hall at the Bottleworks. We gather at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesdays for dinner. Everyone is sure to find something great to eat, and the fellowship is wonderful! Please join us on: Sept. 17, Oct. 15, Nov. 19, Jan. 21, and Feb. 18.

Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy: Ancient Ways and Modern Questions

Wednesdays, Sept. 25-Nov. 13 (except no session on Oct. 23), 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m. (Club Room)

This seven-session Wednesday-night Bible study will make these often-difficult books accessible and relevant for our faith perspective today. Pastor Darren will draw from feminist and non-Western perspectives to unlock the liberating message of the Torah in this study. No RSVP is required. If you would like to participate via Zoom please contact the church office.

Translation and Interpretation: How Did We Get the Bible?

Wednesday, Oct. 23, 5:30 p.m. (Club Room)

Join Dr. Marti Steussy, retired biblical scholar, for a study on how interpretation and translation have shaped the biblical canon that we have today. There will be a light meal from 5:30-6 p.m. followed by Dr. Steussy's lecture and a Q&A. Please RSVP to events@northchurchindy.com by Sunday, Oct. 20.

A Short-term Study For those Retired Or Considering Retirement

Sundays from Jan. 19-Feb. 23, 9:45 a.m. (Location TBA)
Beginning Jan. 19 and continuing through Feb. 23 there will be a Sunday school class looking at retirement as “a spiritual passage.” We will use the book “I Never Found That Rocking Chair” by Richard L. Morgan. Copies of the book can be found at Amazon, eBay, Thriftbooks, or other websites. The chapters are very short (two pages), so we will combine several chapters in each class. Please read the preface through chapter eight in preparation for the first class. For more info please contact Joan Barclay at jbarclay@northchurchindy.com.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in worship and arts activities, please contact Pastor Darren at dcushwood@northchurchindy.com or Ann Mackey at amackey37@gmail.com.



Mission and Outreach

Bread and Bowl

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

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.

North Church Farmers Market

Thursdays, Sept. 5 and Sept. 19, 4-6 p.m.
(North's parking lot)

This is your last chance to stock up on fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and other items for the season. For more information see the market's Facebook page or its website at NorthChurchFarmersMarket.com.

Home Repairs for Good Work Team

Saturday, Sept. 28, 9 a.m.-12 p.m.

You don't need to be a skilled artisan to help on this one-day project. We will work with Neighbor Link to help a low-income senior resident with a needed home repair. This is part of their community-wide initiative entitled "Home Repairs for Good." Please RSVP to Lydia Shaw at enrshaw@gmail.com.

Blessing of the Animals (see page 12)

Trunk or Treat (see page 12)

Umoja Partnership's Ninth Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 17, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.

(Northside Events and Social Club, 2100 E. 71st St.)

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. Tickets may be purchased at umojapartnership.org.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in mission and outreach activities, please contact Pastor Darren at dcushwood@northchurchindy.com or Lydia Shaw at enrshaw@gmail.com.

Justice and Advocacy

Presentation on "Christian Nationalism: The Threat to Democracy and Christianity"

Sunday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Join Dr. Andrew Whitehead, author of "American Idolatry: How Christian Nationalism Betrays the Gospel and Threatens the Church," for an overview and discussion of the phenomenon of Christian nationalism that has been expanding in our nation. Dr. Whitehead is a professor of sociology at Indiana University Indianapolis and is a project director at the Center for the Study of Religion and American Culture at IUPUI. He is also a co-director of the Association of Religion Data Archives. This event is hosted by the Sojourners Sunday school class and is open to all.

Accessible DEI and Belonging: Vital Aspects of Congregation and Community

Sunday, Sept. 29, 4-5:30 p.m. (Club Room)

Drawing on lived experience and the ADA National Network's curriculum, this two-hour interactive workshop facilitated by Jeremy Warriner from Walking Spirit will explore why inclusion of people with disabilities is vital to the growth of our congregation, and how practical application of the ADA creates a welcoming environment for all. We'll learn to look for and remove physical and programmatic barriers to access throughout our community and develop a deeper understanding of how to include this culture in our congregation through intention, which sparks innovation and growth.

Legal Aid Clinic

Saturday, Oct. 5, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

The Justice and Advocacy Team periodically sponsors clinics to provide legal assistance to neighbors and members facing issues related to poverty. One such clinic is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 5 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. when the Christian Neighborhood Legal Clinic will be available to address a wide variety of legal services. If you are an attorney or paralegal and would like to assist, please contact Danita Hoskin at dhoskin@northchurchindy.com. To volunteer to be a host or a greeter please contact Carol Tiller-Luchtman at csa5305@gmail.com.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in justice and advocacy issues, contact Pastor Darren (dcushwood@northchurchindy.com) or Carol Tiller-Luchtman at csa5305@gmail.com.



Care and Nurture

Mid-North Shepherd's Center

Wednesdays beginning at 10 a.m.

(Lower level, including Fellowship Hall)

Contact: Sara Case (sara@mnscenter.org)

Adults 55 and older attend "Adventures in Learning" each Wednesday starting at 10 a.m. featuring varied programs including choral rehearsals, Bible sharing, news talk, lectures, interactive programs, meditation, and book clubs, all offered free of charge. Day trips are also offered for a minimal charge. Lunch is served each Wednesday for a minimal charge. No membership fee is required.

CPR and Narcan Training

Sept. TBD

Whether you are a first-time learner or need a refresher, join us for this training. We will get you equipped to perform CPR and provide Narcan in emergency situations.

Pain Management and Movement Workshop

Saturday, Oct. 26, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (Location TBA)

Living with chronic pain? Having problems moving? Join us for this informative and beneficial workshop where we will learn best practices for managing pain and maximizing your mobility. Workshop leaders: Gina Pipkin, North member and physical therapist at Hancock Regional Hospital, and Jeremy Warriner, North member and ceo of Walking Spirit and Spirit Therapies.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in care and nurture ministries, contact Pastor Darren (dcushwood@northchurchindy.com) or Allen McCormack (amccormack@mac.com).



Music

Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays, Sept. 5-May 29, 7 p.m.

(Choir Room)

Director and Contact: Mark Gilgallon

(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.

Voices in Accord

Rehearsals: Final two Sundays of each month, 9:45-10:15 a.m. (Chapel)

Voices in Accord (VIA) sings on the first Sunday of each month at both services, at the 7:30 p.m. Christmas Eve service, and at other special musical events and services throughout the year. It is an auditioned chamber choir consisting of 12-16 singers. VIA sings a variety of choral literature spanning all musical styles, from the Renaissance to the 21st century. Due to its limited rehearsal schedule and demanding repertoire, singers chosen 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)

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. 15-April 27 (Room 101)

Ages 3-5 (Pre-K)

Director: Mark Gilgallon

(mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)

● **Carolers**

Sept. 15-May 4 (Club Room)

Kindergarten through second grade

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

● **Choristers**

Sept. 15-May 11 (Choir Room)

Third through sixth grade

Director: Rosie Jordan (rosiej@phoeniximages.com)

Cathedral Ringers

Rehearsals: Sundays, Aug. 4-June 1, after the 11 a.m. service (Room 004)

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

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

North's Winds Brass Ensemble

Rehearsals are from about Labor Day through Memorial Day, Wednesdays at 6 p.m. (Choir Room)

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 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

Miriam Circle

Fourth Thursdays, 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 Wednesdays, 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.

UWF Pie Sales

In-person orders: Sunday, Oct. 20 and Sunday, Oct. 27, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (West Entry).

Online orders: Oct. 20-Oct. 30 via northuwf@gmail.com.

Pie distribution: Sunday, Nov. 24, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (West Entry)

Help UWF support programs benefiting women, youth, and children at home and abroad by purchasing delicious Wick's pies! They'll be ready right before Thanksgiving for your family feasts. They can also be frozen for later holiday entertaining. Flavors include sugar cream, pecan, peanut butter, German chocolate, pumpkin, pumpkin

spice, and coconut cream. Wick's is an Indiana-based company that remains loyal to a slower, more traditional pie baking method involving small-batch mixers and a dough-rolling process that takes the time necessary to achieve a genuine flaky crust. Try one!

Sunday Supper

Sunday, Nov. 3, 12:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Enjoy a delicious Italian dinner and support our UWF circle's fundraising efforts at our Sunday supper on Nov. 3 right after the late service! The menu will include Italian shells with marinara sauce, garlic bread, green salad with dressing, various desserts, iced tea, coffee, and lemonade. Admission is \$12 per person and \$8 per child under 10, with a \$40 cap per household. No reservations are required. The supper will benefit UWF mission projects such as the Lucille Raines Residence and scholarships to help North's children and youth attend Methodist summer camps.

For more information please contact Carol Tiller-Luchtman (csa5305@gmail.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@aol.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 invites you to join them. As they prepare for studies, the class's leadership is shared on a volunteer basis and is not required to attend.

Youth Sunday School

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

Middle School and High School Sunday School

(Sixth through 12th Grade, Room 008)

Sunday school takes place every week at 9:45 a.m. in the youth room (008).

Please also sign up for one of our synago groups!
See page 32 for more information.

For more information about youth Sunday school please email Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.



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 Brandon Wallace at bwallace@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.

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 welcome to join us during the 11 a.m. service for a time of worship that is just for them. We will learn to have faith in God through age-appropriate worship that includes Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, skits, and more. Kids can follow the banner out of the sanctuary to room 104 following the doxology.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Movie Night

Friday, Oct. 4, 5:30-8 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Join us on Friday, Oct. 4 at 5:30 p.m. for "Elemental"



movie night. We will eat pizza at 5:30 p.m. and the movie will begin at 6 p.m. 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, PJs, stuffed animals, or whatever you need to be comfortable. Please RSVP to events@northchurchindy.com.

Trunk or Treat (See description on page 12).

Game Night and Thanksgiving Feast

Friday, Nov. 15, 5-8 p.m.

(Club Room and Game Room)

Join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving this year with a feast. We will provide the turkey and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. After a great meal we will play board and card games the rest of the evening. Please RSVP by Wednesday, Oct. 30 to events@northchurchindy.com.

Winter Family Game Night

Friday, Jan. 24, 5-8 p.m. (Club Room and Game Room)

Join us for a cozy night of games and fun. Bring your favorite board or card game to play with your friends. On this winter night we will have chili and cornbread for dinner. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors for a night of fun! Please RSVP to events@northchurchindy.com.

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 Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com or Angie Kattmann at arkattmann@gmail.com.



Youth Ministry

North Church youth ministry is geared for students in grades six through 12, with a focus on fostering community and spiritual growth. We aim to create an inclusive and diverse environment to help students explore their faith and its relevance to modern teenage life, strengthen connections among peers, and spread the love of Christ to everyone we encounter.

We need adult volunteers to join us on this journey. All programs are held at North Church unless stated otherwise. If you're interested in getting involved as a student, parent, or adult volunteer, please reach out to Brandon Wallace, minister of Christian education, at bwallace@northchurchindy.com. You can also contact Brandon to receive our SMS and email notifications and stay updated on all events and programs.

Synago Groups/Youth Group

Regular youth group Sunday night meetings are being replaced with our synago small groups this semester. Special youth group events will still occur once a month.

The word "synago" means "to gather together" in Greek, and that is the main goal of our small groups. Today's students have very busy schedules and we want to provide as many opportunities as possible for them to gather with one another, especially in these ongoing small groups. Each small group will only require a commitment of four to six weeks, and the meeting times and locations will vary depending on the group

and each member's availability. The groups will start Sept. 15. If you are interested in joining a synago group or if you are interested in leading/facilitating one as an adult volunteer, please contact Brandon Wallace.

Parents/Guardians Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 15, 12 p.m. (Youth Room, 008)

Our parent meeting for the new year will take place after the 11 a.m. service on Sunday, Sept. 15 in the youth room. We'll discuss our youth ministry format, go over upcoming events for the semester, and look ahead to what's coming down the road for our youth group.

Fall Retreat

Oct. 18-20 (Locations vary)

Get ready for our exciting, third annual fall retreat, which will once again take place locally this year! Join us for a weekend filled with fun activities in and around Indy, along with enriching discussions focused



on fostering community and nurturing our spiritual growth. Please note that this weekend event does not include overnight stays, so students will return home each evening. Sign-ups begin on Sept. 15!

Progressive Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 15, time TBD (locations vary)

Youth are welcome to join us for a festive holiday meal in three parts at three different homes. We will meet at North and then travel to our first house for appetizers, followed by our second house for the main course, and finally our last house for desserts. This event is free of charge. Sign-ups will begin in November. If you are interested in driving in the caravan, being one of the hosts, or helping to provide food and drinks, please contact Brandon at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

If you'd like to become involved in North's youth program, please contact Brandon Wallace, our minister of Christian education, at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.



Young Adults Ministry

North Church young adult ministries welcome 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 support and empower one another as we navigate life as young adults.

To stay updated on events and activities specifically for young adults at North Church, join the Facebook group at facebook.com/groups/NorthChurchYoungAdults/. You may also join the SMS and email notifications list by contacting Brandon to be added. We also encourage young adults to refer to this booklet for more opportunities to engage in events for all adults. If you are interested in attending, hosting, or helping to make these events possible, please contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Young Adult Dinner Nights

Join us for our young adult ministry gatherings this fall! We'll meet monthly for games, food, and fellowship at different locations around the city. If you've graduated high school through the age of 35, you're invited. It's a great opportunity to connect with other young adults, discover more of the city, and enjoy delicious food. The locations and dates for each month will be announced on the Facebook group and the newsletter prior to the meeting. If you have any questions please contact Brandon at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.



Audio-Visual Team

The A-V Team livestreams the 11 a.m. service each week, along with other selected events. It welcomes 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 chairperson Eric Galloway at ewgalloway@hotmail.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:



- social media:

Facebook: [Facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy](https://www.facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy)
and friend “Linda AtNorth;”

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

Instagram: [NorthChurchIndy](https://www.instagram.com/NorthChurchIndy) and

- visit our website at [NorthChurchIndy.com](https://www.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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SEPTEMBER

- Sept. 5: North Church Farmers Market
- Sept. 8: Worship Without Walls
- Sept. 15: "St. Paul's Greatest Hits" Worship Series Starts
- Sept. 15: Parents/Guardians Meeting for Youth Group
- Sept. 15: Christian Nationalism Talk
- Sept. 17: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
- Sept. 19: North Church Farmers Market
- Sept. 25: Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy Bible Study Starts
- Sept. 28: Home Repairs for Good Work Team
- Sept. 29: Health and Healing Sunday
- Sept. 29: Accessible DEI and Belonging
- TBA: CPR and Narcan Training

OCTOBER

- Oct. 4: Movie Night
- Oct. 5: Legal Aid Clinic

- Oct. 6: World Communion Sunday
- Oct. 6: Fall Festival
- Oct. 13: Blessing of the Animals
- Oct. 15: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
- Oct. 18-20: Youth Fall Retreat
- Oct. 20: UWF Pie Sales
- Oct. 23: How Did We Get the Bible?
- Oct. 26: Pain Management and Movement Workshop
- Oct. 27: "St. Paul's Greatest Hits" Worship Series Ends
- Oct. 27: UWF Pie Sales
- Oct. 27: Trunk or Treat

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 3: All-Saints Sunday
- Nov. 3: UWF Sunday Supper
- Nov. 10: Hamilton Series
- Nov. 13: Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy Bible Study Ends
- Nov. 15: Game Night and Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 17: Umoja Partnership Thanksgiving Dinner
- Nov. 19: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
- Nov. 24: Stewardship Sunday

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Nov. 24: UWF Pie Pick-Up
Nov. 27: Thanksgiving Eve Service

DECEMBER

Dec. 8: Advent Festival
Dec. 15: Youth Progressive Dinner
Dec. 22: Longest Night Service
Dec. 24: Christmas Eve
Dec. 29: Last Sunday of the Year

JANUARY

Jan. 19: Retirement Study Begins
Jan. 21: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
Jan. 24: Winter Family Game Night

FEBRUARY

Feb. 18: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
Feb. 23: Retirement Study Ends







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