

**Historically significant urban church, with a thriving, involved congregation**

- ❖ Located at 38<sup>th</sup> & Meridian St., the intersection of three unique Indianapolis neighborhoods
- ❖ Committed to inclusion, social justice & sustainability
- ❖ Impactful community outreach & local missions
- ❖ Forum for nationally renowned thought leaders & artists

# Community Impact

Faith in Action, By the Numbers (2024)



## Vibrant music, worship, Christian education

**45,000 attendance in 2024**  
38,000 in person | 7,800 broadcast views | 14,000 in-person worship

**Weekday ministries & partner events**

**30 North Church worship classes, study circles, groups**



## Nationally renowned scholars & artists

**Hosts the Richard E. and Anna Lee Hamilton Series on Theology & Contemporary Issues**

**Guest scholars, composers & musicians > commissioned sacred music**



## Healthy seniors

**Hosts Mid North Shepherd's Center > fosters social, mental & physical well-being of people age 55+**

**Enrichment activities, music, and weekly lunch programs**

**Transportation services  
2,800 annual attendance**



## Diverse people of faith

**Groups for youth, young adults, LBGTQIA+ fellowship**

**35,000 reached at Pride Festival**

**Inclusive & diverse clergy and staff**

**50% of current staff are women |  
24% are senior citizens |  
18% identify as LBGTQIA+ |  
12% are racially / ethnically diverse**



## Social justice & civic engagement

**4 action teams**

**Advocacy workshops and expert guests**

**14 free legal aid & health fairs**



## Food security outreach & partnerships

**16,000 Bread & Bowl meals**

**1,200 Farmers Market visitors**

**360 dozen free eggs**

**4,000 volunteer hours**

**\$310,000 value (meals, collections & in-kind service)**

**Hosts MLK Center Food Rescue**



## Housing, health & school missions

**Emergency assistance**

**Disaster relief**

**HIV/AIDS resource fairs, CPR training & more**

**UMOJA schools (Kenya) & local kids & school missions**

**\$33,000 donations & in-kind**

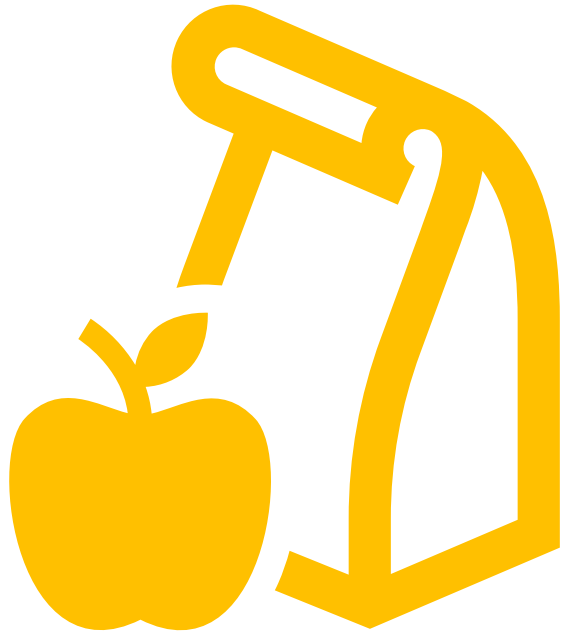


## Youth opportunity

**Hosts 40 West Digital (MLK Center) video & film production, drone certification**

**> In a typical year, 100 young people gain commercially viable skills, \$235,000 in benefits**

**Hosts IPS special needs kids' sheltered work experience**



# Spotlight on Food Security Programs

North UMC is situated in a food desert – and we have responded to the needs of our community. We have multiple food collections for the Mid North Food Pantry, and we provide two on-site meal ministries:

**Bread & Bowl (serves hot meals on-site and offers each visitor a take-away meal; year-round operation, 3 days / week)**

- Significant increase in demand in 2024
- Average weekly visitors +130% since 2022, +30% since January
- 16,000 meals served
- 7,400 visitors served
- North UMC and community volunteers donate 3,750 hours annually

**North Church Farmers Market (provides access to fresh, high-quality produce, meat, eggs, and prepared foods; six 'rain or shine' market days, July-September 2024)**

- 1,200 visitors
- 24 farmers and community organizations participated
- 4,300 free eggs distributed
- North UMC volunteers donate 300 hours each summer

Watch “[Harvesting Hope: A Day in the Life of North Church](#)” to learn more about our outreach and impact





# Spotlight on 40 West Digital

North UMC hosts 40 West Digital, a tech initiative of the MLK Center

- 100 youth and young adults are in the program, annually
- Provides \$235,000 in pay, equipment, and other benefits

Learn more about our collaboration, from [40 West Digital Director Douglas Morris](#)



## Video & Film Production

- Offers two paid-apprenticeship sessions, a 10-week program teaching 17-24-year-olds the fundamentals of storytelling, video and film production, and editing
- 60% of apprentices go on to take paid roles in the 19-week residency program, supporting client work
- 50% of residency graduates join the staff

## Drone Certification

- Offers two rigorous 19-week sessions, paid-training for young adults preparing for a drone pilot license
- Once certified, each participants receives a commercial-level drone valued at \$2,500, opening doors for business opportunities and employment



# Spotlight on Healthy Seniors

North UMC hosts programs and enrichment to foster the social, mental, and physical well-being of senior citizens

We also benefit from the important aspects of diversity that seniors add to our staff

- In 2024, 24% of our church staff were seniors
- Annually, Mid-North Shepherd Center and community programs bring 2,800 seniors to North Church

Learn more at Mid-North Shepherd's Center



## Hosts the Mid-North Shepherd's Center

- Non-profit that offers seniors meaningful opportunities to serve, embrace lifelong learning, and promote individual well-being and independent living
- Weekly News Talk and lunch, newsletters
- Advocacy, volunteer opportunities, and social events
- Shepherd Singers music program
- Dedicated bus and van provides transportation to community events and enrichment opportunities
- 160 active members