



North Events

Spring/Summer 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:

Our cover art is a portion of one of North's banners, many of which were made by the late Doris Douglas. This particular banner is hanging in the west entry at press time if you'd like to take a closer look.

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. Jill Moffett is our pastor of community formation, and Danita Hoskin is our community outreach liaison. Mark Gilgallon is our director of music and Nancy Ricketts is our business administrator. 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

“In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there’s a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.” (“Hymn of Promise” by Natalie Sleeth)

Join us this spring for God to reveal the hope, love, and joy in your life through one of our many events and programs. This year there will be some new surprises — including, we hope, some butterflies! Whether you are looking for inspiring music, edifying education, or uplifting service, God has something good in store for you. And don’t come alone; bring a friend. Share these events with others through your social media accounts.

Pastor Darren







Worship and the Arts

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 5, 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.

Lenten Worship and Study Series: "Peculiar People: What It Means to Be the Church"

Sundays, March 9-April 6, 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 images of the church in the New Testament. Each week will feature a dimension of the nature and mission of the church. A study guide will be available for individual use, and weekly small groups will be formed to discuss each session. For more information see “Peculiar People” in the discipleship and formation section on page 17.

Weekly Communion During Lent

Wednesdays, March 12-April 16, 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 Hymn Sing

Wednesday, March 12, 5:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a night of singing as we enter into the Lenten season. We will sing your favorite hymns by request and praise God around the piano.

Earth Hour Worship

Saturday, March 22, 8:30 p.m. (Chapel)

Earth Hour is an annual observance of 60 minutes of abstinence from the use of electricity to remind us of our stewardship of the earth and the impact of

light pollution. This year we will gather for a candle-light service of prayers and silence as we honor our creator as part of our Lenten practices. The service will be done in the style and tradition of Celtic spirituality as practiced in the Iona and Northumbria communities.

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 13, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

The 11 a.m. service will feature music by the Choristers children's choir 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 begin with a parade around the community (with a donkey!) before we enter the sanctuary for worship.



Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 17, 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. The liturgy for this service has been specially written for our congregation. The music is presented by Voices in Accord.

Good Friday Services

Friday, April 18, 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 an evening of scripture readings, hymns, and anthems commemorating the crucifixion and death of Jesus.

Easter

Sunday, April 20, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with a joyful and festive worship experience. 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 27, 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. For more information on other related events see the Green Team section on page 22.

Reading and Singing Between the Lines: Worship Design at North

Sunday, May 4, 5 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Ever wonder where the liturgy in the bulletin comes from, how hymns are selected, and why we do and say what we do in worship? In this forum Pastor Darren will explain the hows and whys of preparing the worship experiences that express North's identity and witness. This event will begin with a light supper.

A Sunday with Handel

Sunday, May 18, 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Accompanied by a chamber orchestra, the Cathedral Singers will present Handel's "Utrecht Jubilate." Composed in 1713 for the first international peace negotiations which settled the War of the Spanish Succession, the "Utrecht Jubilate" was a turning point in Handel's career, as it was for English church music. It was the first major piece of religious music Handel wrote to English words, and it is the earliest choral work by him that remained in the repertory.

Christ Church UM's Summer Tour

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

We welcome Christ Church United Methodist's (Louisville, Ky.) youth choir and bells and their director, UIndy grad Dr. Dan Blosser, as they stop in Indy on their summer tour. They will provide music at both worship services.

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

Mardi Gras Party and Pancake Dinner

Tuesday, March 4, 5:30-7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Enjoy a free pancake dinner and music by the North Winds as we feast before Lent begins.

Children’s Musical aka the Mother’s Day Musical”: “To the Trinity and Beyond — Holy Cow!”

Sunday, May 11, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Please see description on page 29.

Sanctuary Spruce-Up Day

Saturday, May 31 (Time TBD)

Join our trustees for a couple of hours as we clean pew woodwork, polish brass, make small pew repairs, vacuum cushions, remove wax from cushions, evaluate and repair hymnals and Bibles, restock pew card items, and sharpen pencils.

Indy Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday, June 14, 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. We’ll also have a booth inside the Indy Pride Festival grounds at Military Park.

Discipleship and Formation

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.

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

March 18, April 15, May 20 and June 17, 6 p.m.

(The Garage Food Hall at Bottleworks)

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.

We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at The Garage Food Hall in the Bottleworks District (906 Carrollton Ave, Indianapolis) for dinner and time together. Anyone who identifies on the LGBTQ+ spectrum is invited to attend! Please come through the main entrance and look for our table!

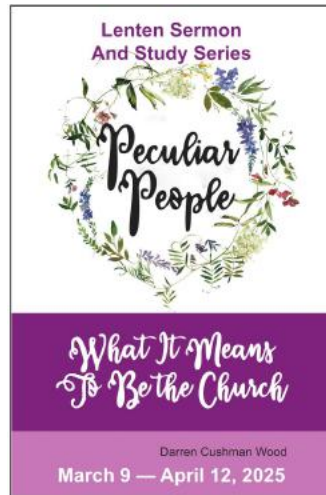
Please RSVP to Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Lenten Small Groups Study: “Peculiar People: What It Means to be the Church”

March 9-April 12 (various times and locations)

The New Testament contains numerous images and metaphors for the “assembly” of Jesus’s followers which we call the church. Throughout Lent we will explore five of those images: the People of God, the Boat of Jesus, the Body of Christ, the Light of the World, and the Table of the Lord. Each image reveals a nuance of our lives together and a different dimension of the church’s witness to the world. This

small-group experience will follow Pastor Darren’s ser-





mon series and will assist participants in discovering a deeper encounter with Christ through worship.

Prayer Workshop

Wednesday, April 9, 5:30 p.m. (Location TBA)

Back by popular demand, this one-session workshop will be led by Rev. Joel Everson of Gobin Memorial United Methodist Church. It will explore different ways to deepen and diversify your prayer practices and will examine the meaning and methods of meditation.

The Back Page: A Study of the General Epistles

Wednesdays, April 23-May 21, 6:30-8 p.m.

(Location TBA)

Did you know that there are other letters in the New Testament besides Paul's letters? They are known collectively as the "general epistles," but the name hides the special messages of these treasured letters from He-

brews to Jude. In fact, some are not even letters. Join Pastor Darren for a deep dive into the New Testament books in five sessions. (An online option is available.)

Discipleship and Formation Film Forum: "1946"

Tuesday, May 13, 5:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

"1946: The Mistranslation That Shifted Culture" is a feature documentary film that follows the story of tireless researchers who traced the origins of the anti-gay movement among Christians to a grave mistranslation of the Bible in 1946. It chronicles the discovery of never-before-seen archives at Yale University which unveil astonishing new revelations, and casts significant doubt on any biblical basis for LGBTQIA+ prejudice. Featuring commentary from prominent scholars as well as opposing pastors, including the personal stories of the film's creators, "1946" is at once challenging, enlightening, and inspiring.



For more information contact Pastor Darren (dcushwood@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 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.

Community Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m.-1 p.m., various locations

In conjunction with Keep Indianapolis Beautiful, the Crown Hill Neighborhood Association will hold its annual neighborhood clean-up on April 26 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. It will occur simultaneously with a home repair blitz led by Rebuilding Together Indianapolis and Near



North Development Corp. Volunteers of all skill levels are needed. Contact Danita Hoskin at DHoskin@north-churchindy.com to participate or for more information.

North Church Farmers Market

Thursdays, July 10, July 24, Aug. 7, Aug. 21 and Sept. 4, 4-6 p.m. (North's parking lot)

This is a great chance to stock up on fresh fruits, vegetables, meats, and other items for the season as our vendors provide farm-fresh items to our community, which is a food desert. For more information see the market's Facebook page or contact Danita Hoskin.

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

Green Team

Butterfly Garden Prep

Date and time TBA

In collaboration with a local Boy Scout troop, the Green Team will convert a portion of our north lawn (the former playground area) into a butterfly garden. Participants will help prepare the ground for planting native flower seeds later in the season. This is the Eagle Scout project of one of our youth. Come and help us serve God's good creation by turning a part of our property into a place for butterflies.

The State of the State's Environment

Sunday, April 27 (Time and location TBA)

Learn the latest information, issues, and movements affecting Hoosier land, sea, and skies. Get up to speed on how you can make a difference in our state.

Plant Exchange

Sunday, May 18, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. (Courtyard or Community Room in case of rain)

Bring a plant, take a plant (or two)! This annual event is for everyone to share their best plants and find new ones to experiment with in their pots and gardens.

For more info on North's Green Team please contact its chairperson, Eric Galloway, at ewgalloway@hotmail.com.

Justice and Advocacy

Second-Chance Workshop

Date, time and location TBA

This Marion County Prosecutor's Office Second Chance Workshop provides an opportunity to assist Marion County residents seeking restoration of suspended driver's licenses, expungement of criminal convictions, and information regarding child support services. Identification and proof of residency are required.

Eviction-Sealing Clinic

Date, time and location TBA

This clinic offers free consultations with local attorneys on eviction matters plus renters' rights info.

Estate Planning and Elder Law

Date, time and location TBA

This clinic offers free consultations with local attorneys to discuss estate planning, elder law, and the administration of trusts.

Through My Eyes

Date, time and location TBA

Through My Eyes is a Marion County Sheriff's project aimed at showing the human side of police work and the importance of community involvement.

One part of this interactive event has officers and citizens switching roles for a traffic stop exercise.

If you have any questions please contact Carol Tiller-Luchtman at csa5305@gmail.com or Danita Hoskin at dhoskin@northchurchindy.com or 317-924-5161, ext. 25.

To get involved in North's Justice and Advocacy team please contact chairperson Carol Tiller-Luchtman at csa5305@gmail.com.



Care and Nurture

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.

Mental Health First Aid

Saturday, March 1, 10 a.m.-noon (Fellowship Hall)

Mental illness impacts an estimated 59.3 million Americans, and the number is greater for our neighbors who are struggling with the challenges of mental health. In this workshop you will learn best practices for being a “first responder” to others who are wrestling with mental and emotional strife and how to help them find the help they need from professionals.

Presenter Darrell Daniel is an ordained minister and graduated from Christian Theological Seminary with a master of divinity. He has worked in the health-care industry for over 35 years. He was employed at IU Health as a paralegal and an employee relations con-

sultant. He has also served as an adjunct chaplain at IU Health Methodist and St. Francis Hospitals. He most recently retired from HealthNet, Inc., where he served as a social worker and social work manager for eight healthcare centers, managing 22 employees. He currently serves at Eastern Star Church as a grief facilitator and will complete a certificate in mental health counseling from the Christian Theological Seminary this May.

Intro to Trauma and Spirituality Workshop

Sunday, May 18, 5:30-8 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

According to Janyne McConnaughey, author of "Trauma in the Pews: The Impact of Faith and Spiritual Practices," 65 percent of people sitting in a church's pews have experienced various forms of trauma. Trauma impacts and impedes all aspects of life, including one's spirituality. This workshop will help you understand the dynamics of trauma, the ways it shapes our faith, and the spiritual practices that can help you heal and develop resilience for addressing trauma in your life. This workshop will begin with a light supper. (RSVP to events@northchurchindy.com)

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 May 22, 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. Its final service of the season will be on Sunday, May 25.

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

Voices in Accord

Rehearsals: First and last two Sundays of each month at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel through May 4

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 sings a variety of choral literature spanning all musical styles. Due to its demanding repertoire, its singers need strong musical skills and an ability to blend in a small ensemble. To schedule an audition contact Mark Gilgallon.

Summer Choir

Rehearsals begin on Sunday, June 15 at 10:15 a.m. in the chapel, and the group will sing at the 11 a.m. service

through Sunday, Aug. 31.

Summer Choir 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 May 4, with their final presentation of the season at both services on May 11. (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 11.

Music ministry is a central part of North Church's culture. Our children's choirs offer children from kindergarten through sixth grade an opportunity to experience the joy of choral singing to the glory of God.

- **Carolers** Age 5 through second grade, Club Room.

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

- **Choristers** Third grade and up, Choir Room.
Director: Rosie Jordan (rosiej@phoeniximages.com)

**Children’s Musical aka the Mother’s Day Musical”:
“To the Trinity and Beyond — Holy Cow!”**

Sunday, May 11, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

What is the Trinity? Join us as we explore our faith. Tunes from “My Fair Lady” to “The Messiah,” from the Four Tops to the Jackson 5, help us understand this humongous concept. The Big Three are here for you! You’d better believe it. (And, even if you don’t, they are willing to wait.)

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), except no meetings in June or July

Contact: Margaret Mayo (mayo5910@comcast.net)

The Miriam Circle is part of United Women in Faith (UWFaith), formerly known as United Methodist Women. This circle gathers for a sack lunch, project planning, and programs focused on assisting the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home as well as UWFaith's missions around the world and the United States. Gatherings are open to all interested in attending.

Women of Lydia

Fourth Tuesday, 7 p.m. (Club Room), except no meetings in June or July

Contact: Sue Childers (donsuechilders@yahoo.com) or Jeanie Sanders (djs7233@gmail.com)

The Women of Lydia is also a circle of United Women in Faith. It's open to women of all ages. The group's members support each other through discussions of current topics, studies, and mission work that includes supporting North's youth to attend UMC camps.

UWFaith Pie Sales

In-person orders: Sunday, March 9 and Sunday, March 16, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (West Entry)

Online orders: email northuwf@gmail.com.

Pie distribution: Sunday, April 13, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
(West Entry)

Help UWFaith support programs benefiting women, youth, and children at home and abroad by purchasing delicious Wick's pies! They'll be ready right before Easter for your family feasts. They can also be frozen for later holidays like the Fourth of July and Labor Day gatherings.

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.

By purchasing a Wick's pie from North's UWFaith circles you are supporting the Lucille Raines Residence, a safe and supportive program for men and women who are rebuilding their lives and committed to addiction recovery. This facility is owned and entirely operated by the Indiana Conference of the UWFaith.

*For more information please contact Brandon Wallace
(bwallace@northchurchindy.com) or co-presidents
Sue Childers (donsuechilders@yahoo.com) and
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.



Youth Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 —10:45 a.m.

Students in grades six through 12 (Youth Room)

Join us for an exciting and enriching youth Sunday school experience tailored for students in grades six 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. We focus on a different topic/theme each month. This spring we will cover topics such as godly friendships, spiritual formation, the Resurrection (during Easter), and righting our wrongs. 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-Fifth Grade (Room 101)

Join us each week this semester as the kids learn the stories from the Gospels about Jesus's life and ministry. Starting with his baptism, we will explore the major stories and teachings of Jesus throughout his ministry. Each lesson is engaging and offers a variety of activities and learning points to help students 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, or if you're interested in becoming a Sunday school teacher/volunteer, please contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@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-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 we will follow the Sunday lectionary readings, which will focus on the Gospels of Luke and John to teach the stories of Jesus.

CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Children's Lenten Day Retreat

Saturday, March 8, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. (Education Wing)

Our annual children's Lenten retreat will explore Lent using age-appropriate activities. This is for children who are kindergarten through fifth graders. The day will be full of stations, crafts, games, activities, songs, lunch, and Jesus. Please register by March 4. You can contact Brandon if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

Earth Day, Fun Day Mission Project

Sunday, April 6, 12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.

(North Church; rooms TBA)

Who says serving can't be fun? Spend the afternoon with the children's ministry as we serve our community and neighborhood while having a great time along the way! In preparation for Easter we will clean up the church grounds as well as Tarkington Park. We will also offer lunch, and have some other activities/games for students to participate in. Please RSVP by March 29. Contact Brandon for any questions or if you'd like to participate.

Pine Creek Elementary School Camp

Sunday, July 6-Friday, July 11 (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 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 Brandon. If you have a high school student who is interested in being a junior counselor, please let Brandon know.

Backpack Blessing

Sunday, July 27, 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.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in this ministry please contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@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 six 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 life-long friendships. We encourage students to participate in service projects that ignite their compassion and empower them to make a positive difference in the world.

We also extend a warm invitation to adults who are passionate about guiding and supporting our youth. If you have a desire to make a meaningful impact as a volunteer, we welcome you to join our dedicated team. For more information please reach out to Brandon Wallace, our minister of Christian education, 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.

Egg-Stravaganza! 2025

Sixth to 12th-grade students

April 13, 12:30 p.m.-3 p.m. (Room TBA)

This is the ultimate and quirky egg hunt challenge for all students in sixth to 12th grade! Join us for an afternoon of games, quirky activities, music, fun, food, and of course lots of eggs! This is an Easter egg challenge like you've never seen before. Please contact Brandon for more information.

Youth Sunday

May 4, 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services (Sanctuary)

Don't miss our talented students in grades six through 12 as they take the lead and guide us through memorable services at both 8:30 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.

Kings Island Trip

June 3 (Mason, Ohio)

Our annual Kings Island youth trip is always fun! All students who have completed sixth-12th grade in the previous school year are invited to join us as we spend a day at the theme park in Mason, Ohio. Transportation and scholarships are available upon request. If you are interested in being a volunteer or have any questions please contact Brandon.

Youth Summer Mission Trip

June 14-20 (Oklahoma City, Okla.)

The students are preparing to return to Oklahoma City, Okla. this year as part of our summer missions. Once again we will work with local organizations to focus on Native American missions and outreach. This is also an educational trip, with time spent exploring Native American culture, history, and spirituality. It is an engaging week to learn, serve, and grow as follower of Christ. All students who have completed sixth through 12th grade in the previous school year are invited. Scholarships and fundraisers are available upon request. Please contact Brandon if you have any questions or are interested in volunteering.



Pine Creek Middle School Camp

Sunday, July 6-Friday, July 11 (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 Brandon Wallace for a week of church camp at Pine Creek Church Camp, which is about an hour and a half from North Church. Participants stay in cabins with two adult counselors. Zorbing, swimming, climbing the tower, exploring a creek, horseback riding, hiking, and eating s'mores are some of the highlights. Each day there is worship, small group devotion time, and prayer. If you have a high school student who is interested in being a junior counselor, please let Brandon know.

For more information about youth ministry at North Church please email Brandon Wallace, our minister of Christian education, 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 and 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 fosters 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 Christian education, Brandon Wallace, at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Young Adult Dinners

Dates TBA; locations vary

Join us for a delightful evening with other young adults for dinner in Indianapolis. Meeting in various locations around town each month, this informal gathering allows young adults ages 18 to 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.



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
and friend "Linda AtNorth;"

Twitter: @NorthChurchIndy,

Instagram: NorthChurchIndy,

Bluesky: @northchurchindy.bsky.social, 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.

North United Methodist Church is an open, inclusive, and welcoming church. We affirm that through God's redeeming love, all are one in Christ. YOU are welcome at North Church!

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March 5: Ash Wednesday
March 8: Children's Lenten Day Retreat
March 9: Lenten Sermon Series Begins
March 9: Lenten Small Groups Study Begins
March 9: UWFaith Pie Sales
March 12: Weekly Communion During Lent Begins
March 12: Lenten Hymn Sing
March 16: UWFaith Pie Sales
March 18: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
March 22: Earth Hour Worship

APRIL

April 6: Earth Day, Fun Day
April 6: Lenten Sermon Series Ends
April 9: Prayer Workshop
April 12: Lenten Small Groups Study Ends
April 13: Palm Sunday

April 13: UWFaith Pie Distribution
April 13: Egg-Stravaganza! 2025
April 15: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
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tary and Middle School
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Market
Aug. 21: North Church
Farmers Market
Aug. 31: Last Day of Summer
Choir

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 4: North Church Farmers
Market





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