



North Events

Spring/Summer 2026



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Cover Art:

Our cover art is a portion of one of North's banners, many of which were made by the late Doris Douglas.

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!

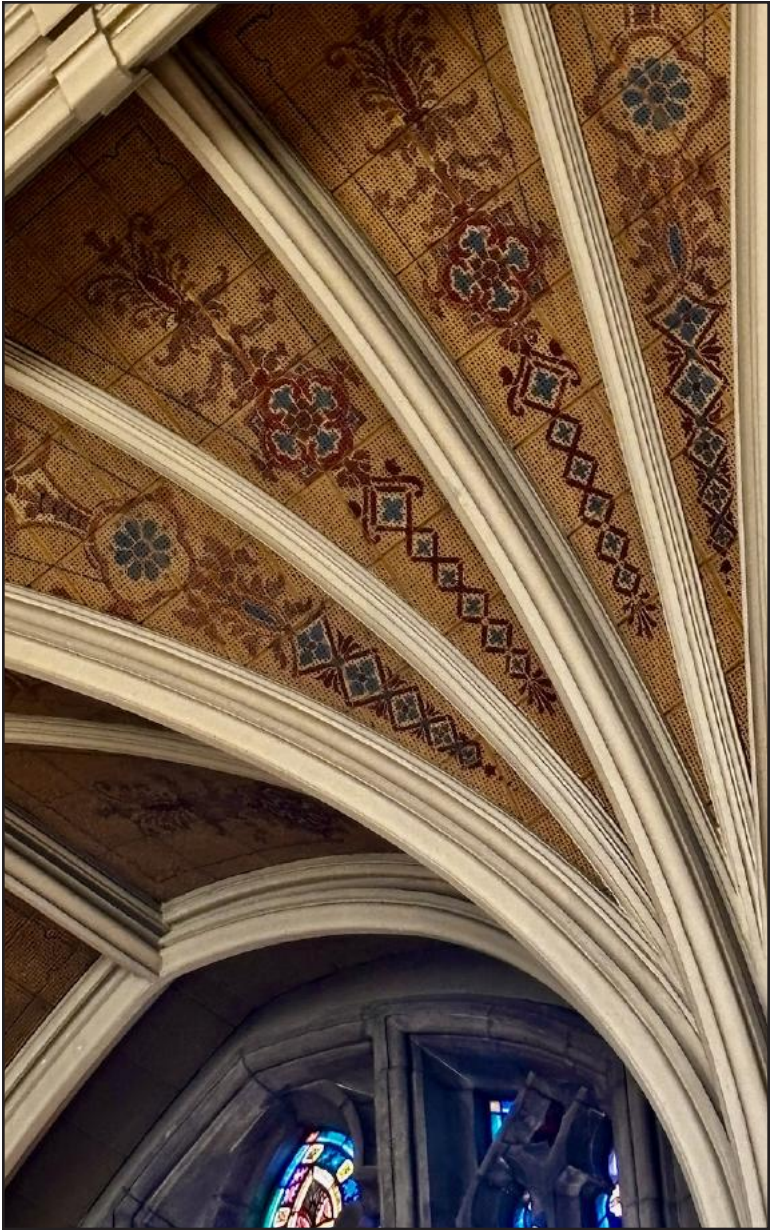
We hold two worship services each Sunday — one at 8:30 a.m. and one at 11 a.m. Our Sunday school is from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. We celebrate holy communion on the first Sunday of each month.

Darren Cushman Wood is our senior pastor. Jill Moffett is our pastor of community formation, and Danita Hoskin is our community outreach liaison. Brandon Wallace is our minister of Christian education. Nancy Ricketts is our business administrator. Other staff members are listed on our website, located 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.



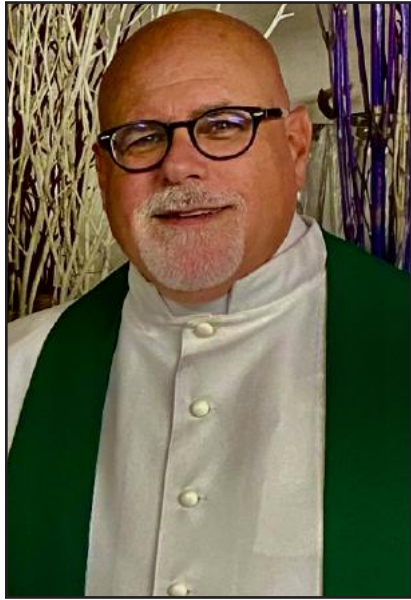


A Word from Pastor Darren

Our welcome statement reads in part: “North 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.”

Whether it is through an inspiring worship service, a challenging service project, or an enlightening small group, I hope you will discover God’s redeeming love here at North.

Check our website at NorthChurchIndy.com for the latest updates on our programs and ministries. You can also sign up to receive our newsletter, emails, and prayer requests. You will also find us on all major social media platforms.



Pastor Darren





Worship and the Arts

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, Feb. 18, 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: “Turn to Hope”

Sundays, Feb. 22-March 22, 8:30 and 11 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

Lent is the season to reorient us toward God’s

hope in the risen Christ, so our Lenten study is called “Turn to Hope.” Every Sunday through the liturgy, music, and message we will experience the dimensions of God’s hope for our lives and the world.

A study guide will be available for individual use, and weekly small groups will form to discuss each session.

For more information see “Turn to Hope” in the discipleship and formation section on page 20.

Weekly Communion During Lent

Wednesdays, Feb. 25-April 1, 7:30 a.m. (Chapel)

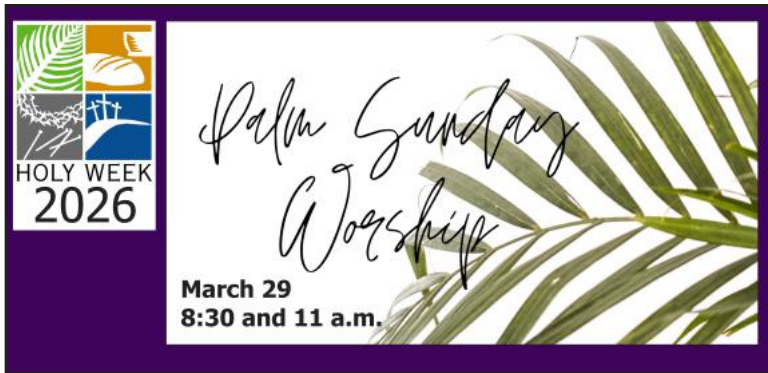
Get your morning started right with the Lord’s Supper. Throughout Lent receive communion as we focus on the Lenten theme of ritual. This is a short service (approximately 15-20 minutes) and will not include a sermon.

Earth Hour Worship

Saturday, March 28, 8:30 p.m. (Chapel and Courtyard)

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 candlelight 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: Palm to Passion Lessons and Songs

Sunday, March 29, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Our 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, April 2, 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. It will be presented by Voices in Accord.

Good Friday Prayer Service

Friday, April 3, 12 p.m. (Chapel)

North will host a noon Good Friday service that will feature intercessory prayers for our community.

Good Friday Evening Service: Rutter's Requiem

Friday, April 3, 7:30 p.m.
(Sanctuary)

This requiem was first performed at Lover's Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas in October 1985. This deeply moving piece combines traditional elements of a mass with biblical sources that will edify your faith in this Good Friday observance.



Sir John Rutter is a contemporary English composer and conductor who founded the Cambridge Singers. His melodic style has made him one of the most popular composers for the church today.

Easter Celebration

Sunday, April 5, 8:30 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 26, 8:30 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 29.

Celebration of Music

Sunday, May 17, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Join us for this special Sunday that will showcase special anthems and music by our music program.

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, Feb. 17, 5:30-7 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

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

Spring Hamilton Series Event: Neurodiversity in the Church

Sunday, April 19, 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services (Sanctuary) and a free lunch at noon followed by a keynote speaker address (Fellowship Hall)

The Richard E. and Anna Lee Hamilton Series

on Theology and Contemporary Issues brings speakers, seminars, and special musical events to North UMC on various issues. The spring event, “Neurodiversity in the Church,” will invite us to consider the ways that we as a congregation can be more understanding and welcoming of persons who identify as “neurodiverse.”

This event is brought to you by the Hamilton Series Team and North’s Hospitality Committee.

Rev. Dr. Sarah Lund will be the preacher for both worship services, and will have a question and answer session at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Rev. Lund is an author, pastor, and advocate for mental health, social justice, and equality.

Since 2003 Rev. Lund has served large and small congregations in Brooklyn; Minneapolis, and New Smyrna Beach, Fla., and currently pastors at First Congregational Church in Indianapolis.

Her latest book, “Blessed Minds: Breaking the Silence About Neurodiversity,” has received consistent praise from churches looking to expand their ministries and hospitality.

David Bowman Jr. will be the keynote speaker following the luncheon at noon.

Mr. Bowman is the author of “On the Spectrum: Autism, Faith, and the Gifts of Neurodiversity.” He holds degrees from Roberts Wesleyan College, the University of Cincinnati, and Seattle Pacific University. He lives in central Indiana with his wife Beth and their two children, and teaches at Taylor University.



Children's Musical

Sunday, May 10, 9:45 a.m., Fellowship Hall

Join in celebrating with North's children's choirs as they present their annual musical on Mothers Day. Family fun will be had by all! For more info please see page 34.

Indy Pride Parade and Festival

Saturday, June 13 (downtown Indianapolis)

Please plan to join North in its support of the LGBTQ+ community for Indy Pride! We will march in the parade – all are welcome and encouraged to join in – and we'll have a booth at the festival to share the love of God with all. Please watch the newsletter for more details as they are announced.



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.

Contact: Ann Mackey, amackey37@gmail.com

LGBTQ+ Fellowship

The third Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m. (Locations vary)

(Meeting the fourth Tuesday of the month in February and March due to schedule conflicts. Upcoming dates

include Feb. 24, March 24, April 21, and May 19)
(Locations vary but often meets at the Garage Food Hall at Bottleworks; watch the newsletter, Sunday's bulletins, and SMS/email).

Acknowledging that LGBTQ+ individuals often benefit from dedicated spaces, our monthly dinner gatherings are designed specifically for LGBTQ+ members and attendees. Each month we meet for dinner and fellowship at various locations around Indianapolis. Anyone who identifies on the LGBTQ+ spectrum is invited to attend!

Contact: Brandon Wallace, bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Lenten Small Groups: "Turn to Hope"

Feb. 19-April 4 (various times and locations)

Lent is the season to reorient us toward God's hope in the risen Christ, so our Lenten study is called "Turn to Hope." This year we desperately need to reorient ourselves toward hope. Whether it is a personal challenge or a social crisis, we need hope — not just the idea of hope, but to experience hope with all our senses. Each week in Lent we will ponder and practice God's hope with the stories of people in the Gospel who were searching for hope.

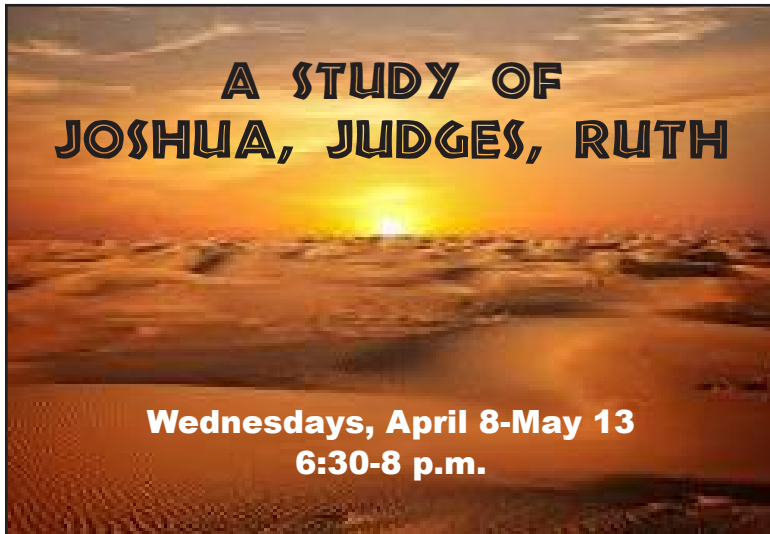


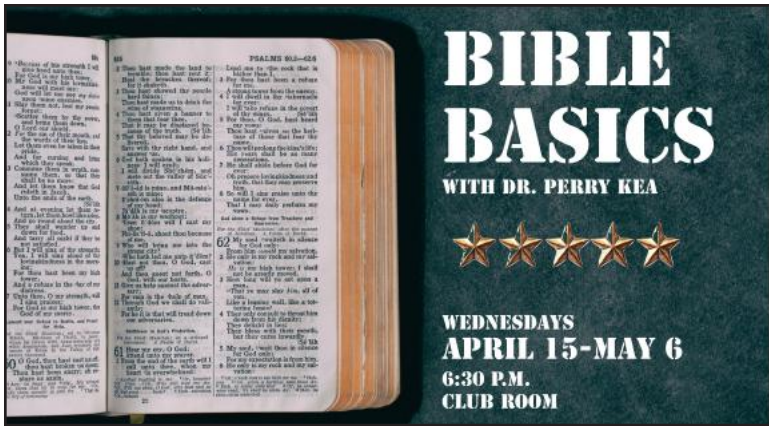
To guide our search we will also be examining the Hebrew prophets' visions of hope.

**Confederacy of the Covenant:
A Study of Joshua, Judges, and Ruth**

Wednesdays, April 8-May 13, 6:30-8 p.m.
(Conference Room)

Join Pastor Darren for an in-depth exploration of some of the most interesting — and challenging — books in the Old Testament. Joshua, Judges, and Ruth tell the story of the new nation of Israelites after their founder Moses is gone. Learn about their struggles to maintain their faith and fidelity to God, who had liberated them from Egypt to become a new and different kind of people. A Zoom option will be available when you RSVP to events@northchurchindy.com.





Spring Bible Study with Dr. Perry Kea: “Bible Basics”
 Wednesday nights (April 15, 22, 29, and May 6), 6:30 p.m. (Club Room)

The Bible is the holy scripture of the church, but many Christians are unfamiliar with it; some find it too complicated or confusing. In this four-week course led by biblical scholar Perry Kea we will explore what the Bible is and what it contains; the original languages and modern translations of the Bible; the “big picture” of biblical history and the world in biblical times; and ways that the Bible has been read and interpreted over time.

Contact Dr. Kea at kea@uindy.edu for more information.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in discipleship and formation activities, please contact Pastor Jill Moffett (jmoffett@northchurchindy.com) or T.A. Inskeep (thomas.inskeep@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. Volunteers are always needed to prepare and serve food, set up/clean up, and be in conversation with our guests. Please reach out to Pastor Jill or Danita Hoskin for more information on how to get involved.

Shower Ministry

A unique ministry we offer by appointment only to our neighbors in need of a safe place for cleansing and renewal. Email Danita Hoskin at dhoskin@north-churchindy.com for appointments and other info.

North Church Farmers Market

Thursdays, July 9, July 23, Aug. 6, Aug. 20, and Sept. 3,
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.

Craig's Haven Clubhouse Meetings

Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

(Club Room)

There aren't enough resources today for everyone with a mental illness who needs help. Clubhouses are a powerful demonstration that people with mental health struggles can and do lead normal, productive lives. North Church is proud to serve as a partner to Craig's Haven Clubhouse, a community of people struggling with a variety of mental health challenges. If you or someone you know is seeking safe community, recovery, or a place for support, please share this opportunity with them.

Contact: Pastor Jill Moffett at jmoffett@northchurch-indy.com or Frank Carrio at cstmwk@gmail.com.

MLK Center Block Party

May 16 (Tentative date, afternoon)

Join friends and neighbors at the annual MLK Center block party! We will need a team of people from North to volunteer their time at this fun event. Mark your calendars to be a part of this neighborhood celebration of connection and fellowship.

For more info about North's mission and outreach ministries please contact Rev. Jill Moffett at jmoffett@northchurch-indy.com or chairperson Lydia Shaw at enrshaw@gmail.com.

Justice and Advocacy

Immigration and the Legal System in 2026

Sunday, March 8, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

One of the most pressing and complex issues facing America today is the state of immigrant and refugee rights. Join North member and immigration attorney Peter Robbins as he gives an overview of our current legal system and what he sees in his practice.

Eviction Clinic

Saturday, March 21, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

In collaboration with the Indiana Justice Project, this event will provide free legal support to families facing eviction and will provide guidance on a variety of housing issues in order to prevent evictions.

For more information and/or to get involved with North's Justice and Advocacy program, please contact 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 meet at 10 a.m. every Wednesday morning for a variety of programs including devotions, games, crafts, discussions of current events, lectures by special guests, 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 and also see the Mid-North Shepherd's Center's Facebook page.

Sound Bath Meditation

Sunday, April 26, 6 p.m. (Chapel)

Back by popular demand! Come for an evening of healing and relaxation through calming sounds and spiritual renewal using crystal and metal bowls, gentle tones, and candles. The session will be led once again by Irena Warriner. All are welcome.

For more information on North's Care and Nurture program contact Pastor Jill Moffett at jmoffett@northchurchindy.com or Allen McCormack at amccormack@mac.com.



Green Team

Book Exchange

Sunday, March 8, between services and after the 11 a.m. service (Community Room)

Bring your unwanted books and exchange them for something new, one on one! It's a good way to keep books out of landfills, and you can find an interesting read!

Earth Hour Worship

Saturday, March 28, 8:30 p..m. (Chapel)

Please see page 10.

Earth Day (Creation Care) Sunday Observance

Sunday, April 26, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Please see page 13. There will also be a special environmental speaker during the Sunday school hour.

Plant Exchange

Sunday, May 17, 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.

For more information on the Green Team please contact Pastor Jill Moffett at jmoffett@northchurchindy.com or Eric Galloway at ewgalloway@hotmail.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.

Please contact John Hague at jshague@gmail.com.

Hospitality

There are many opportunities to extend a warm welcome to fellow worshipers at North Church: coffee crew, communion stewards and servers, greeters and ushers, liturgist/ readers, words of welcome at services, funeral greeters, church decor / altar guild / flowers, and front-office greeters are just a few.

If you're interested in any of these opportunities to serve please contact Pastor Jill Moffett at jmoffett@northchurch-indy.com or Eric Galloway at ewgalloway@hotmail.com.





Music

Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays through May 14, 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 17.

*Interim Director: Kathleen Hacker
(khacker@northchurchindy.com).*

Voices in Accord

Rehearsals: First and last two Sundays of each month at 9:45 a.m. in the chapel through April 26

Voices in Accord (VIA) is an auditioned chamber choir consisting of 16 singers. VIA offers a musical selection on the first Sunday of the month at both morn-

ing 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, it singers need strong musical skills and an ability to blend in a small ensemble.

To schedule an audition contact Kathleen Hacker (khacker@northchurchindy.com).

Summer Choir

Rehearsals begin on Sunday, June 7 at 10:15 a.m. in the chapel, and the group will sing at the 11 a.m. service through Sunday, Aug. 30.

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: Kathleen Hacker (khacker@northchurchindy.com).

Cathedral Ringers

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

The Cathedral Ringers is a handbell ensemble using a beautiful five-octave set of Malmark handbells. Participants do not have to know how to read music; we will teach you. We accept all from seventh grade through 100 years of age. The Cathedral Ringers offers selections at both morning worship services approx-

imately four 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 until the musical on May 10.

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, "Open Up!"

Sunday, May 10, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Join us in celebrating with North's children's choirs as they present their annual musical on Mothers Day!

The person with all of the keys is Alicia Keys, the building manager, but those keys don't work on everything. Each of us needs to open up our hands and our hearts, to give and to love. Hear music from Broadway, Motown, and even the hymnal! Meet Sesame, Loner, and Dr. Drill as they discover the importance of being open and kind to EVERYONE.

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 Mardi Gras, Palm Sunday, the Advent Festival dinner, 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 Kathleen Hacker, our interim director of music, at khacker@northchurchindy.com.

United Women in Faith

Miriam Circle

Fourth Thursday, 12:30 p.m. (Library), except no meetings in June or July

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.

Contact: Margaret Mayo (mayo5910@comcast.net)

Women of Lydia

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

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's attendance at UMC camps.

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

UWFaith Pie Sales

In-person orders: Sunday, Feb. 22 and Sunday, March 1, 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (West Entry)

Online orders: email northuwf@gmail.com.

Pie distribution: Sunday, March 29, 9 a.m.-12:45 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.

Pies cost \$11 each. 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.

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 are committed to addiction recovery. This facility is owned and entirely operated by the Indiana Conference of the UWFaith.

Sunday Supper

Sunday, April 12, noon, Fellowship Hall

Enjoy a delicious meal immediately after the 11 a.m. service in Fellowship Hall while supporting our circles' mission projects. Examples of the latter include the



Lucille Raines Residence and scholarships to help North's children and youth attend Methodist summer camps.

The menu is Italian shells, garlic bread, Caesar salad, desserts, and ice tea, lemonade, and coffee. Admission is \$12 per person and \$8 per child under 10, with a \$40 cap per household. No reservations are required.

Crew Car Wash Sale

May 1-31, online.

Help support the missions of the United Women in Faith and get a clean car to boot! Our circles will sell Crew car wash vouchers online in May. The prices for the washes will be exactly what you'd pay in person, but a portion will go to our circles' mission projects. It's a win-win for everyone!

For more information on UWFaith please contact 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 Class (Room 205)

Contact: Beth Coffey (bacoffey64@gmail.com or 317-946-6531)

The Sophia Sunday school class is a women's study group for any age woman who would like to be a part of a group of sisters in Christ. It is organized by Beth Coffey, but the opportunity to select studies and lead the group are shared. The Sophia Class loves to help and serve in any way it can.

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 Sunday school experience tailored for middle school and high school students. Our inclusive environment encourages open dialogue and embraces diverse ideas, providing a safe space for students to explore their faith.

Each month we explore a different theme through thought-provoking discussions on faith, spirituality, and life. Guided by dedicated adult volunteers, students have the opportunity to grow spiritually and connect with their peers. While we often provide breakfast or snacks, the true nourishment comes from the engaging and meaningful conversations we share.

We are always looking for community members to support our youth in their journey of discovery. Would you like to help?

- Provide breakfast: Sign up to bring snacks or breakfast for our students on one or more Sunday mornings.
- Teach: Join our rotation of dedicated Sunday school teachers.

To volunteer or receive more information please contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Children's Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45 — 10:45 a.m.

Pre-K and Toddlers Sunday School (Room 102)

Using the “PlayNWorship” curriculum, our youngest members engage with the Bible through movement, song, and intentional play. They use everyday objects to learn foundational stories that show them just how much God loves them.

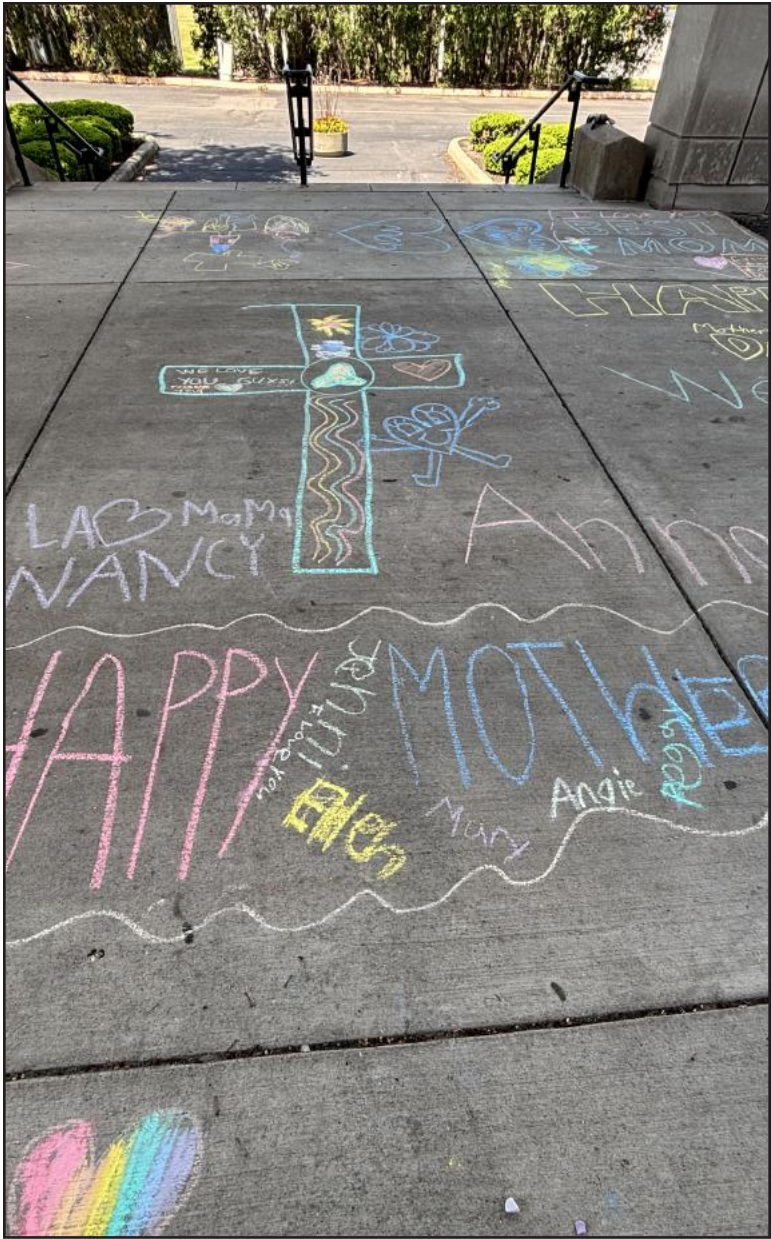
Kindergarten-Second Grade (Room 101)

This class uses the “Spark: Activate Faith” curriculum. Lessons are highly engaging and age-appropriate, helping students understand God’s love and their responsibility to love their neighbors.

Third-Fifth Grade (Room 104)

This group uses the “Godly Play” curriculum — a Montessori-inspired approach. Through storytelling, hands-on materials, and “wondering” questions, children explore their faith and experience God’s presence. Over a three-year cycle students will cover the entire Bible!

To learn more about our different Sunday school offerings or to become a Sunday school teacher/volunteer, please contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.



Children and Families Ministry

Sunday Morning Child Care

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

Infants through 5-year-olds not yet in kindergarten

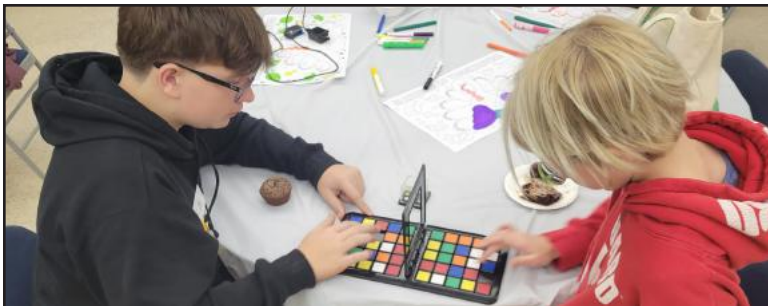
We provide trusted care with experienced, background-checked, and CPR/first aid-certified caregivers. Light snacks (Goldfish, graham crackers, or rice Mum-Mums) are provided.

Children's Worship

Non-communion Sundays during the 11 a.m. worship service during the school year (Room 203)

Kindergarten-fifth grade

During the 11 a.m. service children are invited to follow the banner out of the sanctuary to room 203. They will experience age-appropriate worship featuring Bible stories, crafts, games, and skits following the weekly lectionary themes.



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Family Movie Night

TBD February (North Church)

Students in grades K–five and their families are invited to gather for a screening of a popular family movie, complete with all the essential theater snacks including drinks, popcorn, and sweets. This fun and free evening is a wonderful way for the whole family to connect and enjoy a night out together at the church. Sign-ups for the event will begin in early February. If you have any questions or are interested in helping as a volunteer for the evening, please contact Brandon Wallace.

Cookies and Canvas

TBD March (North Church)

Designed for students in grades K–five, "Cookies and Canvas" is a fun, instructor-led painting session where children can express their creativity on a canvas while enjoying delicious cookies and drinks. This event perfectly blends artistic exploration with a sweet treat, offering a joyful space for kids to create their own masterpieces. Sign-ups for this event will begin in February, so be sure to watch the weekly bulletins for the official date and registration link. For more information or if you'd like to volunteer for this event, please reach out to Brandon Wallace.

Family End-of-the-Year Picnic

Sunday, May 17, 12:30-3 p.m.

(Holliday Park, 6363 Spring Mill Rd., Indianapolis)

Celebrate the conclusion of another school year and the arrival of summer with our family end-of-the-year picnic on Sunday, May 17 immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service. We will gather at Holliday Park for an afternoon of fellowship. This event will feature freshly grilled food, refreshing drinks, and a variety of yard games, providing a wonderful opportunity for the whole family to share laughs and enjoy the sunshine together. This is a free event for all families, and sign-ups will be available starting in April. Bring the entire family and help us kick off summer in style!

Pine Creek Elementary School Camp

June 28-July 3 (Pine Creek Church Camp, 2218 E. 700 N., Pine Village, Ind.)

Students who have completed kindergarten through fifth grade

Join others from North Church Indy and from all over the Indiana Conference for a week of adventure! Activities include zorbing, swimming, climbing the tower, horseback riding, and s'mores, alongside daily worship and small-group devotionals.

- High schoolers: If you're interested in being a junior counselor, please let Brandon know!
- Scholarships: Financial assistance is available; please contact Brandon for details.

Backpack Blessings

Date TBD, 8:30 and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Students and educators are invited to bring their backpacks, teacher bags, or computer bags for a special blessing as we pray for the upcoming school year.

Whether you have questions about our curriculum or would like to join our team as a Sunday school teacher or volunteer, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.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.

Synago Small Groups

Every second Sunday until May, 4:30-6 p.m.
(Youth Room)

Our Synago small groups offer a wonderful opportunity for our youth to deepen their community and their faith. Derived from the Greek word meaning “gather together,” Synago represents the very heart of our youth ministry. On the second Sunday of every



month through the school year students in grades six through 12 are invited to gather in the Youth Room from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for an evening of pizza, games, and meaningful discussions. Throughout this semester we are engaging in an enlightening series entitled “Get to Know Jesus,” where we look closely at the life of Christ from his birth through his ascension. No RSVP is necessary to participate, but if you have any questions or would like more information on how to join, please contact Brandon Wallace.

Youth Group Lenten Retreat

March 13-15 (Teter Organic Farm and Retreat Center)
Students in grades six-12

Come join us for our annual youth group Lenten retreat from March 13 at 6 p.m. to March 15 at 1 p.m. This is a non-overnight retreat, and we will visit various locations around Indianapolis throughout the weekend for games, activities, discussion, worship, and lots of

laughter. The cost is \$45/student, and scholarships are available upon request to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to attend. Sign-ups begin in early February, and we ask that you register by March 8 to secure your spot. Adult volunteers are needed as chaperones and for transportation; please contact Brandon Wallace to help.

The Egg-stra Late Egg-stravaganza!

Sixth to 12th-grade students

Sunday, April 12, 12:30-3 p.m. (Gathering Center, Courtyard, Parking Lot, Youth Room)

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 Wallace for more information.

Youth Sunday

May 3, 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services (Sanctuary)

On May 3 our talented students in grades six through 12 will take the lead and guide us through both the 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services in the sanctuary. They will read liturgy, perform uplifting music, lead prayers, usher, and share their inspiring testimonies. Following the first service all students are invited to join us for a delicious and complimentary breakfast in the youth room during the Sunday school hour.

Kings Island Trip

Tuesday, June 2 (Mason, Ohio)

Our annual Kings Island youth trip is always fun! All students who have completed sixth-12th grade in the 2025-2026 school year are invited to join us for a full day of fun at the theme park. Transportation and scholarships are available upon request. If you are interested in being a volunteer or have any questions please contact Brandon Wallace.

Youth Summer Mission Mania

June 15-19 (various locations around Indiana)

Students in grades six through 12 are invited to join us from June 15–19 for Mission Mania — a unique "sampler platter" of mission opportunities. Throughout the week we will explore and serve at various United Methodist missions across Indiana, allowing students to experience a wide range of service styles and community needs. In addition to our daily service projects, the week includes a dedicated day of education and a day of fun-filled recreation. Each morning students will gather at North Church before departing for the day's mission site and will return home each evening. This week is a wonderful way to discover different ways to serve, bond with friends new and old, and enjoy a meaningful summer experience. Sign-ups for Mission Mania will begin in March.



Pine Creek Middle School Camp

June 28-July 3 (Pine Creek Church Camp, 2218 E. 700 N., Pine Village, Ind.)

Students who have completed grades six through eight are encouraged to join Brandon Wallace for a week of church camp at Pine Creek Church Camp in Pine Village, Ind. Participants will stay in cabins with adult counselors and enjoy activities such as zorbing, swimming, climbing the tower, horseback riding, and hiking. Each day includes worship, small-group devotion time, and prayer. For questions about camp or scholarships, please see Brandon Wallace. We also have opportunities for high school students who are interested in serving as junior counselors.

For more information about youth ministry at North Church or to volunteer, please email Brandon Wallace, our minister of Christian education, at bwallace@northchurchindy.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 Gatherings

Various dates and locations

Join us for delightful evenings with other young adults for dinner at various locations around Indianapolis. These informal gatherings occur monthly in the evenings and allow young adults to enjoy a delicious meal while catching up with old friends or making new ones. While everyone covers their own meal for these events, please do not let that discourage you from attending, as we have scholarships available to ensure everyone can participate. Specific dates and locations will be announced prior to each event via our Facebook group and our young adult ministry SMS and 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 Wallace.

Young Adult Small Groups

Various dates and locations

Throughout the semester we offer ongoing, discussion-based small groups for young adults. They provide an opportunity to come together to study scripture, engage in theology with peers, and work through individual faith journeys in a supportive environment. If you're interested in joining a small group to deepen your spiritual connections and explore your faith more deeply, please contact Brandon Wallace, minister of Christian Education, at bwallace@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](https://www.facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy)
and friend “Linda AtNorth;”

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

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

Bluesky: [@northchurchindy.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/northchurchindy.bsky.social), 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 on our website, YouTube channel, and Spotify.

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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- 22: UWFaith Pie Sales
- 24: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
- 25-April 1: Weekly Communion During Lent

MARCH

- 1: UWFaith Pie Sales
- 8: Immigration and the Legal System
- 8: Synago

- 8: Book Exchange
- 9: Northside Dinner Fellowship
- 13-15: Youth Lenten Retreat
- 21: Eviction Clinic
- 24: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
- 28: Earth Hour Worship
- 29: Palm Sunday
- 29: UWFaith Pie Pick-up

APRIL

- 2: Holy Thursday
- 3: Good Friday
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- 1-31: UW Faith Car Wash Sale
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- 6: Bible Basics
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- 11: Northside Dinner Fellowship
- 13: Confederacy of the Covenant
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- 17: Celebration of Music
- 17: Plant Exchange
- 17: Family End-of-Year Picnic
- 19: LGBTQ+ Fellowship

JUNE

- 2: Kings Island Trip
- 7: Summer Choir Begins

- 8: Northside Dinner Fellowship
- 13: Indy Pride Parade and Festival
- 15-19: Youth Summer Mission Mania
- 16: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
- 28-July 3: Pine Creek Elementary School Camp
- 28-July 3: Pine Creek Middle School Camp

JULY

- 9: North Church Farmers Market
- 13: Northside Dinner Fellowship
- 21: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
- 23: North Church Farmers Market

AUGUST

- 6: North Church Farmers Market
- 10: Northside Dinner Fellowship
- 18: LGBTQ+ Fellowship
- 20: North Church Farmers Market
- 30: Summer Choir Ends

SEPTEMBER

- 3: North Church Farmers Market
- 14: Northside Dinner Fellowship
- 15: LGBTQ+ Fellowship



