



North Events

Fall/Winter
2026/2027



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Cover Art:

Many of North's banners were created by the late Doris Douglas. Our covers show portions of her "River of Life" tapestry. The scriptural inspiration was Matthew 3:16, which describes Jesus's baptism.

This work is laden with symbolism from the dove descending, the use of shells (historically associated with baptism), the cross hidden in the waves, the Alpha and the Omega, and the eddies and pools of swirling water. Sometimes they are calm and other times they are a torrent out of control — like our lives.

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.



Welcome

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. Our 11 a.m. service is livestreamed on the North Church Indy YouTube channel.

Darren Cushman Wood is our senior pastor. Jill Moffett is our pastor of community formation. Brandon Wallace is our minister of Christian education, overseeing our children and youth ministries. Danita Hoskin is our community outreach liaison. Theo Hicks is our director of music. Other staff members are listed on our website at northchurchindy.com.

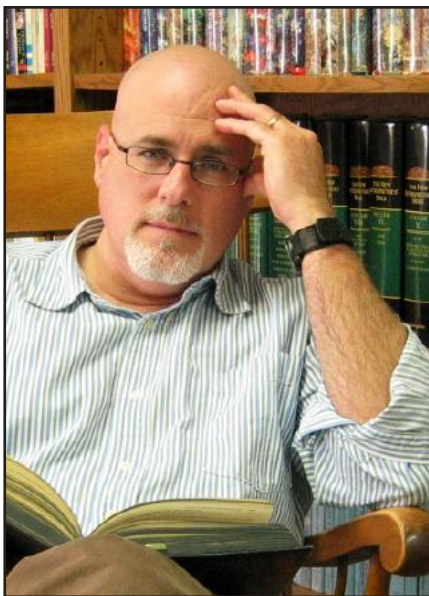
Please stop at the hospitality desk at the west entry, see one of our greeters or ushers, or call our office at (317) 924-2612 if you have questions. You can also email us at info@northchurchindy.com.

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

A Word from Pastor Darren

The Holy Spirit works like the title of a recent movie, “Everything, Everywhere, All at Once.” The Spirit uses any means necessary to give us the grace of God. The Spirit can touch us through worship, a service project, a fellowship dinner, a small group study, and more.

In this booklet you will find many different ways to experience the life-affirming, love-working activity of the Spirit of God. Try something new or plug into something we have been doing for many years. It is my prayer that you experience the grace of God through the many different ministries of North.



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. 13, 11 a.m. (one service only on Sept. 13)
(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 The West Winds Big Band. Folding chairs will be provided, but feel free to bring your own lawn chairs. After the service we will hold a cookout. Food and drinks will be provided; just bring your appetite!





Relentless Grace Worship and Sermon Series

Sundays, Sept. 20-Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

The problems in our world and our lives are overwhelming, but God's grace is relentless in giving us peace, renewal, and strength to face them.

This four-week worship and sermon series will help you recenter your life in God's relentless grace — relentless because the Spirit of God is constantly at work surrounding us and filling us with the gift of love from Jesus Christ.

Each Sunday we will highlight a different aspect of grace by singing Charles Wesley hymns describing our rich Methodist theology of grace. A study guide will be available to assist your reflections and meditations each week.

This series culminates with our "Renew and Rejoice Weekend" on Oct. 10-11 (see All-Church Events for details).

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 4, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

As part of the "Relentless Grace" series, the first Sunday of October will be observed as World Communion Sunday. This ecumenical observance highlights our unity with Christians around the world. The Worship and Arts Team, working in collaboration with the Justice and Advocacy Team, will highlight North's immigrant heritage and we will celebrate our multicultural diversity in this worship service.

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 25, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

Join us on Oct. 25 as we celebrate the distinctive passion and diversity of our congregation and renew our commitment to serve Christ. This year's theme, "Freely Given. Faithfully Shared," reminds us to give God thanks for all the blessings we have received by God's grace, and how our generosity is an expression of grateful dedication to serve God.

All-Saints Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 1, 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. 8, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

The preacher for both services will be the keynote speaker, Pastor David Finnegan-Hosey. For more information see page 16.

Health and Healing Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 15, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

Through worship and special events we will remember that God comforts all who are suffering. You will have the opportunity for anointing and laying on of hands during the worship services. This ritual can be brought to shut-ins' homes upon request.

Thanksgiving Eve Service Featuring the Indianapolis Children's Choir

Wednesday, Nov. 25, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)

Give thanks in worship with special music by the Indianapolis Children's Choir. All proceeds from the offering will go to support the Mid-North Food Pantry.



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Advent Series: “What Child Is This? Advent Titles for Jesus”

Sundays, Nov. 29-Dec. 20, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North’s YouTube channel)

Advent is the season of spiritual preparation for Christmas, during which we refocus our lives on Jesus Christ. Each Sunday in Advent Pastors Darren and Jill will highlight a unique title for Jesus in this tandem sermon series. As we learn about Jesus we renew our identity as the followers of Christ throughout the season.

Longest Night Service

Sunday, Dec. 20, 5 p.m. (Chapel)

For many of us holidays are difficult and even painful. This simple service of silence and song, scripture and prayer will acknowledge the gift of letting go and celebrate the gift of holding fast to hope.

Christmas Eve Worship

Thursday, Dec. 24, 5, 7:30 and 9:30 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 choir and the meaning of Christmas re-imagined through a North Church original drama production performed by children and youth.



- Celebration of Holy Communion, 7:30 p.m. — Featuring the Rossi Clarinet Consort and Voices in Accord.
- Festival of Lessons and Carols, 9:30 p.m. — This service begins with a 30-minute prelude of anthems performed by North's choirs.

Last Sunday of the Year Service

Sunday, Dec. 27, 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary and North's YouTube channel)

There will be one service on the last Sunday in December. Pastor Jill will preach.

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, Sept. 27, 4:30-6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a celebration of fall! There will be a hymn sing, and dinner will be served at 5 p.m. Bring a pot of chili or a pumpkin dish for the cook-off event! Or bring a dessert or side dish to share with a large group for our pitch-in meal. There will be fun and activities for all ages!

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 4, 5 p.m. (Courtyard)

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis, North has an annual tradition of the "Blessing of the Animals," which will take place in our courtyard. Bring your pets and service animals large and small to the courtyard on Sunday, Oct. 4 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 collected and 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.

Renew and Rejoice Weekend

Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 10-11

(Various locations in and around the church)

Do you need to recharge your spiritual batteries? Do you feel a desire to connect with your fellow church members for reflection and prayer? Do you seek to be a witness for God's vision of justice in the world? If so, join us for two days of praise, prayer, fellowship and witness at our "Renew and Rejoice Weekend." You can come and stay for both days, or you can come for a single event. RSVPs are needed for the meals only.

The weekend will feature key worship events. In between the worship events will be time for fellowship and reflection. Throughout the church will be stations for you to explore your spirituality, or you can choose to just hang out with others and have a good time.

Schedule:

Saturday, Oct. 10

9:30 a.m.: Hymns and donuts, Chapel and East Hallway.

10:30 a.m.: Informal time and spirituality stations.

11a.m.: Service of Encouragement and lunch with Bread and Bowl, Fellowship Hall.

12 p.m.: Group Reflection I: "Worship and Social Wit-



ness at North," Club Room.

1 p.m.: Informal time, spirituality stations, and discussion groups

3 p.m.: Intercessory Land-Prayer Ritual, church grounds.

4 p.m.: Informal time, spirituality stations and discussion groups.

5 p.m.: Supper (location TBA).

6:15 p.m.: Sound Bath, Chapel.

7 p.m.: Taizé service, Chapel.

Sunday, Oct. 11

8:30 and 11 a.m.: Rededicating Grace Service (final Sunday of the "Relentless Grace" series), Sanctuary.

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Bread for the World (BFW) Offering of Letters, West Entrance.

12 p.m.: United Women in Faith (UWFaith) Dinner, Fellowship Hall.

1:30 p.m.: Informal time and spirituality stations.

2 p.m.: Prayer Vigil for Immigrant Rights with music

by Indy Singing Resistance, front lawn.

2:30 p.m.: Group Reflection II: "Methodist Heritage of Worship and Social Witness", Club Room; Informal time, spirituality stations, and discussion groups.

4:30 p.m.: Love Feast, Chapel. (A love feast is an old Methodist tradition of singing, sharing stories and testimonies, and prayers of rededication. In the quarterly meetings of early American Methodists the love feast prepared the worshipper to receive communion.)

5 p.m., Communion, Sanctuary.

Trunk or Treat (Oct. 25; see page 25)

Hamilton Series

Keep the Light On: Faith and Mental Health

Sunday, Nov. 8, 8:30 and 11 a.m. worship services (Sanctuary) and a free lunch followed by a keynote address (Fellowship Hall).

The Richard E. and Anna Lee Hamilton Series on Theological and Contemporary Issues brings speakers, seminars, and special musical events to North UMC on various issues. On Nov. 8 the topic will be faith and mental health.

The preacher for both services and the keynote speaker will be Pastor David Finnegan-Hosey (photo at right).

David is the author of "Christ on the Psych Ward" and "Grace Is a Pre-Existing Condition: Faith, Systems, and Mental Healthcare."



THE RICHARD E. AND ANNA LEE HAMILTON SERIES
ON THEOLOGY AND CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

He is the minister of Bon Air Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), having previously worked in a variety of campus ministry, non-profit, and congregational settings. He holds a M.Div. from Wesley Theological Seminary and a unit of clinical pastoral education from the National Institutes of Health Clinical Center. He is certified by Mental Health First Aid USA to provide help to people experiencing depression, anxiety, psychosis, and substance use disorders.

In 2011 David was diagnosed with bipolar disorder after a series of psychiatric hospitalizations. He now speaks and writes about the intersections of mental illness, mental health, and faith. He lives in Richmond, Va. with his wife Leigh, their daughter Laila, son Jude, and four chickens.

The Hamilton Series has commissioned a special music piece by composer Dr. Matthew Kennedy, a prominent figure in contemporary music (photo at right). He holds degrees from The Hartt School (DMA), Butler University (MM), and Anderson University (BA).

Matthew's music is characterized by its disarming simplicity and a spirit of exploration, often delving into darker themes. His compositions have received critical ac-



claim and have been performed on five continents, showcasing his international reach and influence in the music community. He has received honors and commissions from organizations such as ASCAP, BMI, and Opera on Tap, among others.

He is the director of music and assistant professor of composition and theory at Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio. He previously taught at the University of South Florida and The Hartt School. He has participated at various prestigious music festivals and conferences.

Advent Festival

Sunday, Nov. 29, 4:30-6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a beautiful all-church celebration of tradition and music, complete with a pitch-in dinner. Please bring a dessert or side dish to share. There will be special music, carol singing, mission activities, and Christmas tree lighting. For more info contact Eric Galloway at ewgalloway@hotmail.com.

Open Houses to View Nativities

Thursdays, Dec. 3, 10, and 17, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.
(Sanctuary, Chapel, West Entry, East Lobby)

North's worship and arts team offers three free open houses for individuals and groups to view our collection of over 150 nativity sets from around the world. This new Christmas tradition is also ideal for members of other churches who can't see them on Sunday mornings. For more info contact Heidi Horton at jamesandheidi@gmail.com. Schedule your visit by emailing events@northchurchindy.com.

Discipleship and Formation

LGBTQ+ Fellowship

Third Tuesday of each month, 6 p.m.

(The AMP at 16 Tech, 1220 Waterway Blvd.)

All LGBTQ+ individuals are invited to join us for our monthly dinner gatherings at the AMP at 16 Tech. We meet at 6 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month for an evening of delicious food and fellowship. With a wide variety of dining options, everyone is sure to find something they'll love! Double check the newsletter and bulletin for up-to-date location information, and reach out to T.A. Inskeep at thomas.inskeep@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Northside Dinner Fellowship

Second Monday of each month, 5:30-7 p.m.

(McAlister's Deli, 2355 E. 116 St., Carmel)

Contact Ann Mackey (amackey37@gmail.com) for more information and to be added to the email list.

New Members Class

Sept. 13, 10 a.m. (West Entry); Sept. 20 and Sept. 27, 9:45-10:45 a.m. (Conference Room), and Oct. 18, 8:30 or 11 a.m. services (Sanctuary)

Have you been attending North and are interested in learning more about the congregation, the United Methodist denomination, and ways to get involved? Join Pastor Jill for a time of fellowship and learning and about how to become a professing member of North Church. Please plan to attend any or



all of the sessions below. Can't make any of these times? Have questions? Contact Pastor Jill at jmoффett@northchurchindy.com for more information on membership and getting connected! Please use the same email address to RSVP your attendance.

Sunday, Sept. 13, 10 a.m., West Entry: We will gather in the west entry before Worship Without Walls to tour the church building and have informal conversation.

Sunday, Sept. 20, 9:45-10:45 a.m., Conference Room: A time of learning about North Church and United Methodism, asking questions, and getting to know about the many ministries of North.

Sunday, Sept. 27, 9:45 a.m., Conference Room: Q&A with current North members and leaders, fellowship, and conversation.

Sunday, Oct. 18, New Member Sunday, 8:30 or 11:00 a.m. services, Sanctuary: This will be your chance to officially join North Church!

TBD: New Member Dinner and Celebration.

Behind the Music: The Story of Charles Wesley

Wednesday, Sept. 16, 6:30 p.m. (Chapel)

Often overshadowed by his older brother John, Charles Wesley played a formative role in the founding of our Methodist traditions through his hymns. Having penned over 6,000 hymns, Charles's songs are the primary source of our theology. Behind the lyrics is a fascinating story about his ministry and his family. Join Pastor Darren for this biographical presentation that will include singing some of Charles Wesley's hymns.

"Bad Faith" Film and Conversation about Christian Nationalism with Dr. Matthias Beier

Sunday, Sept. 20, 4:30-7:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

(A light meal will be provided.)

"Bad Faith" (2024) is a documentary examining the rise of Christian nationalism in the United States and its long-term campaign to erode democratic institutions. Mixing historical context with investigative reporting, it traces the movement's political strategies



Free Screening

Of the documentary 'BAD FAITH'

Film will be followed by a conversation about Christian nationalism led by Dr. Matthias Beier of Christian Theological Seminary

A light meal will also be provided

Sunday, Sept. 20 4:30-7:30 p.m.

**Fellowship Hall
North United Methodist Church
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Dr. Beier

from the late 20th century to events like Jan. 6. Critics praise it as timely, insightful, and chilling — a must-watch for those interested in politics, history, or threats to democracy.

Dr. Matthias Beier is an internationally renowned expert, speaker, and author on assessing harmful religion and cultivating a healthy spirituality of love. He is an associate professor in clinical mental health counseling and pastoral theology at Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis; holds a PhD in psychology and religion and a master of divinity degree, and is a nationally certified psychoanalyst. He has previously taught at Fordham University and Drew University.

Dr. Beier has served as a United Methodist minister and is the author of three books, including “A Violent God-Image,” and numerous peer-reviewed articles on spirituality, culture, and mental health.

He debated Indiana Lieutenant Governor Micah Beckwith in an award-winning 2025 “IndyStar” series on Christian nationalism to critically explore and counter the government’s misuse of religion.

Relentless Grace Study Guide

Sept. 20-Oct. 11

This companion guide to the “Relentless Grace” worship and sermon series will lead you through the four key aspects of grace that correspond to each Sunday’s focus. These four aspects cover grace that surrounds us before we are aware of it (“receiving grace”); grace that reconciles us with God and one another (“reconciling grace”); grace that restores our lives (“renewing grace”), and grace that gives us purpose and

strength for serving Christ (“rededicating grace”).

The study guide is based on selected quotes from Charles Wesley’s hymns that describe these experiences of grace. Each week includes selected scripture readings, reflection questions, and meditation exercises. The study guide is suitable for personal use, small-group discussions, and prayer-partner conversations. It will be available in print and as a pdf on the church’s website under “Publications.”

**Revelation Uncovered:
A Bible Study of the Book of Revelation**

Wednesdays, Oct. 7-Oct. 28, 6:30-8 p.m.
(Conference Room)

The Book of Revelation is perhaps the strangest book in the Bible, and it has been subject to even stranger interpretations. Join Pastor Darren for this four-week exploration of its original meaning and how it has been understood over the centuries. A study guide will be provided to participants. RSVPs are required. Zoom option will be available upon request by a minimum of three participants.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved in discipleship and formation activities, please contact Pastor Darren at dcushwood@northchurchindy.com or T.A. Inskeep at thomas.inskeep@gmail.com.

Mission and Outreach

Bread and Bowl

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

Bread and Bowl is the community lunch we offer free to our neighbors. Guests receive a hot meal, carry outs, and a chance to engage in conversation and fellowship with others. This ministry is in partnership with Second Helpings. Volunteers are always welcome to come and serve our neighbors.

If you are interested in learning more about this vital ministry of North, reach out to Danita Hoskin (dhoskin@northchurchindy.com) or Pastor Jill (jmoffett@northchurchindy.com).

Shower Ministry

Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-10:45 a.m.
(Lower Level)

A unique ministry to support those in need of a safe and warm shower. Email Danita Hoskin or Pastor Jill Moffett for more information. To make an appointment please contact the church office: 317-924-2612.

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@northchurchindy.com or Frank Carrio at cstmwk@gmail.com.

English as a Second Language Classes

Mondays and Wednesdays, Sept. 9-Dec. 21, 10 a.m.-12 p.m. (Lower Level)

Through a partnership with the Immigration Welcome Center, North is proud to offer hospitality to our neighbors who are learning English. If you or someone you know is in need of this service please contact Cindy Reinhard (cindyreinhard4@gmail.com) to get more information and to register for classes.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, Oct. 25, 4-6 p.m. (Church parking lot)

Join us for safe and festive Halloween fun with decorated trunks, candy, costumes, music, and fun for



all ages. Sign up to decorate the trunk of your car, pass out candy, and engage with our neighbors! Contact Lydia Shaw at enrshaw@gmail.com or Pastor Jill at jmoffett@northchurchindy.com for more information.

Umoja Partnership Annual Thanksgiving Dinner

Sunday, Nov. 15, 5 p.m. (The Northside Events and Social Club, 2100 E. 71st St., Indianapolis)

Join the Umoja Partnership for an evening of gratitude, fellowship, and impact as it celebrates 19 years of transforming lives through partnerships in Kenya. We'll enjoy a delicious meal, hear inspiring stories of hope and change, and participate in a silent auction featuring exciting trips, unique experiences, and other items. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$500 for a table of eight. For more information contact Denise Soltis (denise.soltis@umojapartnership.org).

Narcan Training with Bread and Bowl Teams and Guests

Fall date and location TBA

Narcan is a widely used life-saving medication in nasal spray form used to rapidly reverse opioid overdoses. The Marion County Health Department will offer this simple training to anyone who is interested. The date is TBD, but stay tuned for more information when it's available from Danita Hoskin (dhoskin@northchurchindy.com).

Jubilee Christmas

Friday, Dec. 11, 8:30-10:30 a.m. (sort and organize at North) and Saturday, Dec. 12, 8:30-11 a.m. (delivery to

Coburn Place,
604 E. 38th St.,
Indianapolis)

An honored North Church tradition is to provide Christmas gifts to children and their families



at Coburn Place — a place for families to recover from domestic violence situations. There will be wish lists provided for people to purchase gifts through Amazon. A team will gather on Friday, Dec. 11 to sort and wrap the gifts, and then a team will deliver the gifts to Coburn Place the following day. Watch the newsletter and communications for more details. Questions? Contact Pastor Jill at jmoffett@northchurchindy.com.

MLK Center Holiday Party

Dec. TBD (MLK Center, 40 W. 40th St., Indianapolis)

Join a team from North Church to celebrate the holidays with the children at the MLK Center's after-school program. There will be games, cookie making, crafts, music, and lots of laughter! Look for more information from the Mission and Outreach Team via the church newsletter.

To get involved in North's mission and outreach ministries please contact Pastor Jill Moffett at jmoffett@northchurchindy.com or chairperson Lydia Shaw at enrshaw@gmail.com.

Justice and Advocacy

Bread for the World Offering of Letters

Sunday, Oct. 11, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (West Entry)

Bread for the World (BFW) is a Christian ecumenical organization which has been advocating for hunger-related legislation for 50 years. Each year it sponsors an “Offering of Letters” in which congregations are encouraged to write letters to their federal legislators to support specific bills that will reduce hunger in the United States and around the world.

This year North’s offering of letters will be held between the services and after the second service in the west entrance. You can pen a short note while at church or take home the information to write it at home. This event is part of the Renew and Rejoice Weekend activities.

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



Green Team

Book Exchange

Sunday, Sept. 20, 9:15 a.m.-12:45 p.m.
(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!

Creation Care Sunday School Speaker

Sunday, Oct. 4, 9:45-10:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

There will be a Creation Care speaker during the Sunday school hour at 9:45 a.m. Oct. 4 in Fellowship Hall. (Name and topic TBA.)

Blessing of the Animals (Oct. 4; see page 13).

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in the Green Team, contact Pastor Jill Moffett at jmoffett@northchurchindy.com or Eric Galloway at ewgalloway@hotmail.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, liturgists/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@northchurchindy.com or Eric Galloway at ewgalloway@hotmail.com.

Audiovisual Team

The audiovisual 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 operate our equipment. To volunteer please contact John Hague at jshague@gmail.com or our building manager, Kevin Williams, at kwilliams@northchurchindy.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 \$10. 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.

Connections of Hope: Sharing Our Stories

During the Renew and Rejoice Weekend, Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 10-11

Seasons of hardship and brokenness may be alienating. God will weave threads of grace into a tapestry of healing through community.

We may think we're alone in a struggle when someone in our very sanctuary has faced a similar trial.

By sharing our stories of God's faithfulness, bonds of fellowship deepen, and healing happens. Learning one another's stories strengthens our resolve to persevere in faith, trusting that the God who carried others carries us too.

Consider sharing a poem, short story, prayer, photo, work of art, or other creative outlet demonstrating God's faithfulness through challenges. You may

choose to be specific about the seasons of suffering when you saw God at work, or your reflection may leave out the details but nonetheless be an encouraging reminder of the Lord's provision.

The Care and Nurture Team will have a station to collect stories at the Renew and Rejoice Weekend.

Stop the Bleed Training

Date, time, and location to be announced.

Did you know that a person can bleed to death in 3 to 5 minutes, but the average response time for EMTs is 7 minutes? Uncontrolled bleeding is the most common cause of preventable death after trauma, accounting for roughly 40 percent of trauma-related deaths worldwide.

Participants in this workshop will be trained to identify life-threatening bleeding and to act effectively to control it with techniques taught in the class. This two-hour training will be open to the public, with a limit of 10 participants. Participants must RSVP to events@northchurchindy.com.

For more information on the Care and Nurture ministries of North Church please contact Pastor Darren at dcushwood@northchurchindy.com or Allen McCormack at amccormack@mac.com.

Music

Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays, Sept. 10 through the month of May, 7 p.m. (Choir Room)

Director and contact: Theo Hicks
(thicks@northchurchindy.com)

The Cathedral Singers is the largest choral ensemble at North Church and sings weekly at our 11 a.m. worship services 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 contact Theo Hicks (thicks@northchurchindy.com).

Choristers Children's Choir

Rehearsals: Sundays, Sept. 13-Dec. 24, after the 11 a.m. service (Choir Room)

Director: Rosie Jordan (rosiej@phoeniximages.com)

Joyful Noise (ages 3-5) and Carolers (kindergarten

through second grade) will not meet separately this fall and winter. Instead, kids from age 3 through sixth grade are invited to sing with the Choristers this season.

If you are interested in helping with our children's music ministry please contact our director of music, Theo Hicks (thicks@northchurchindy.com).

Cathedral Ringers

Rehearsals: Sundays, Aug. 30-May 9, 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 hand chimes. The Cathedral Ringers offer selections at both morning worship services approximately six weeks apart.

North's Winds Brass Ensemble

Rehearsals: Selected Wednesdays from Oct. 21 through Memorial Day, 7 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 Theo Hicks, our director of music, at thicks@northchurchindy.com.

United Women in Faith

Miriam Circle

Fourth Thursdays, 12:30 p.m. (Library), except Nov. 19 and a yet-to-be-determined date in December when the circle will visit the United Methodist Children's Home.

This circle gathers for a sack lunch, project planning, and programs focused on assisting the Indiana United Methodist Children's Home as well as UW-Faith's missions around the world and the United States. Gatherings are open to all interested.

Contact: Margaret Mayo (mayo5910@comcast.net)

Women of Lydia Circle

Fourth Tuesday (Sept.-Oct., Jan.-May) and third Tuesday (Nov.-Dec.), 7 p.m. (Club Room)

This group is 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 Sunday Supper

Sunday, Oct. 11, 12:15 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Enjoy a delicious dinner and support our United Women in Faith circles' fundraising efforts. Watch the church newsletter for the menu and pricing. The supper will benefit UWFaith mission projects.



UWFaith Pie Sales

In-person orders: Sundays, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25, 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (West Entry)

Online orders: email northuwf@gmail.com.

Pie distribution: Sunday, Nov. 22, 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 Thanksgiving for your family feasts. They can also be frozen for later.

Pies cost \$11 each. Flavors include sugar cream, pecan, peanut butter, German chocolate, pumpkin, pumpkin spice, and coconut cream.

By purchasing a Wick's pie from North's UW-Faith 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

operated by the Indiana Conference of the UWFaith.

The circles expect this to be their last time to offer Wick's pies, so be sure to place an order!

UWFaith Soup Mix Sales

Place orders on Sundays, Oct. 18 and Oct. 25, 9 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (West Entry)

Friendship soup mix makes an excellent gift, and it's also great to have on your shelf for an easy dinner. It's a steal at only \$10 for a jar or a bag, and it's nutritious too! Be sure to place an order in October!

For more information on UWFaith at North Church please contact Pastor Jill at jmoffett@northchurchindy.com or Sue Childers at donsuechilders@yahoo.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.

The Sophia Class (Room 205)

Contact: Beth Coffey (bacoffey64@aol.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. The group is organized by Beth Coffey, but the opportunity for selecting studies and leading the group are shared. The Sophia class loves to help and serve in any way it can.

*For more info contact Pastor Jill Moffett at
jmoffett@northchurchindy.com.*

Youth Sunday School

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

Students in grades six through 12 (Youth Room)

Get ready for an exciting semester of youth Sunday school at North Church Indy! Starting with our "Back to Sunday School" kickoff breakfast on Sept. 20, we'll meet every Sunday morning from 9:45–10:45 a.m. in the Youth Room downstairs (Room 008) through Christmas.

Our team of adult volunteer leaders guides insightful discussions on faith and spirituality in modern teenage life.

We love to offer breakfast and donuts when we can, but we need your help to make it happen! If you're interested in volunteering as a teacher or assisting with breakfast on a Sunday morning, please contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

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-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 (Grades K–5, Room 104)

Join us each week this semester as kids explore the major characters of the Old Testament — such as Sarah, King David, and the prophets. This semester our kindergarten through fifth-grade students are meeting together in Room 104 as a combined class using the engaging “Godly Play” curriculum. While we gather as one large group for storytelling, we also feature differentiated instruction time split into two grade-level groups (grades K–2 and grades 3–5) to help kids better understand God's love for them and their responsibility to love their neighbors. We have a wonderful team of teachers who are excited for a new year of Sunday school!

If you would like to learn more about our different Sunday school offerings, contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Children and Families Ministry

Tailored for little ones and students from pre-K through fifth grade, our ministry is all about helping children experience God's love in fun, engaging, and meaningful ways. From interactive Sunday lessons and hands-on activities to special family events throughout the year, we partner with parents to help kids build a strong foundation of faith, make wonderful friends, and discover how to share God's kindness in their everyday lives.

We love partnering with families, and there are plenty of ways to jump in — whether as a participant, a parent, or an adult volunteer! To get connected, learn more, or sign up for our email and text notifications so you never miss a family event, please contact Brandon Wallace, minister of Christian education, at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Childcare

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

For ages six weeks through 5-year-olds who are not yet in kindergarten

North Church Indy is dedicated to providing safe and nurturing childcare during Sunday worship and Sunday school. All of our caregivers are CPR/first aid-certified, thoroughly background-checked, and experienced in working with children, ensuring your little ones receive the highest quality of care.

This semester we are thrilled to welcome some wonderful new childcare assistants to our team, along with recent updates to Room 102 to better serve our little ones! We are also working to open a brand-new parent lounge across the hall from childcare. This space will feature a livestream of the service for caregivers, an area for toddlers to play, and a private breastfeeding station. Stay tuned for more details when the parent lounge opens this semester.

Children's Worship

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

Kindergarten through fifth graders

During the 11 a.m. service children in grades K through five are invited to join us for a special worship experience designed just for them. Kids will follow the banner out of the sanctuary to Room 203 upstairs after the *d o x o l o g y* . Through age-appropriate Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, skits, and more, we'll explore and grow in our faith together.



CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

"Back to Sunday School" Kickoff Breakfast and Parent/Guardian Meeting

Sunday, Sept. 20, 9:45 – 10:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Get ready to kick off a new year of Sunday school with our annual "Back to Sunday School" kickoff breakfast and parent/guardian meeting! All children, youth, parents, guardians, and volunteers are invited to join us in Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. This free event is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy a delicious breakfast together, connect with other families, and hear about the upcoming year across our education ministry — including children's musicals, family events, and our kids and youth programs.

Family Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, Oct. 4, 12:30-2 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a fun-filled family scavenger hunt following the 11 a.m. worship service! We will kick things off with lunch together in Fellowship Hall at 12:30 p.m. After lunch students will split into groups led by youth and adult volunteers to race through a scavenger hunt around the church. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet new friends, learn your way around the church, and have a lot of fun along the way! Please RSVP to Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com by Sept. 27 so we can make sure to have enough food and supplies for everyone.



Trunk or Treat (Oct. 25; see page 25)

Family Bonfire Night

Friday, Nov. 14 (time and location TBD)

Join us for a cozy family bonfire night as we celebrate autumn with s'mores, games, and a hot dog roast! Further details regarding the time and location will be announced prior to the event, and sign-ups will begin in October.

Family Lunch and Movie

Sunday, Jan. 10, 12:30 p.m. (Youth Room)

Join us downstairs in the Youth Room (Room 008) at 12:30 p.m. following the morning services for a fun afternoon featuring pizza and a family-friendly movie. It's a wonderful way to relax, warm up, and spend time together during the chilly winter season. Sign-ups will begin in December.

All of our events are open to the whole 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.

Youth Ministry

North Church youth ministry is designed for students in grades six through 12, creating a vibrant space where young people can build community and grow in their faith. We strive to provide an inclusive, welcoming environment where students can explore how spirituality connects to modern teenage life, deepen friendships with peers, and share the love of Christ with everyone they meet.

All programs are held at North Church unless otherwise noted, and we are always looking for passionate adult volunteers to join us on this journey! Whether you are a student, parent, or prospective volunteer looking to get involved, please contact Brandon Wallace, minister of Christian education, at bwallace@northchurchindy.com. You can also reach out to Brandon to sign up for our SMS and email notifications so you never miss an update on upcoming events and programs.

"Back to Sunday School" Kickoff Breakfast and Parent/Guardian Meeting

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about the upcoming year across our education ministry—including children's musicals, family events, and our kids and youth programs.

Synago

Dates TBA, 4:30-6 p.m. (Youth Room)

The word "synago" means "to gather together" in Greek, and that is the main goal of these single-lesson gatherings. Since we have a full fall calendar we are transitioning synago into stand-alone sessions rather than an ongoing multi-week series, making it easy for students to drop in whenever they are able. Sessions will be announced as they become available.

If you are interested in joining us or if you'd like to help facilitate a session as an adult volunteer, please contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Fifth Annual Youth Fall Retreat

Oct. 23-25 (Locations vary)

Get ready for our fifth annual youth fall retreat, taking place right here in Indy! Join us for a weekend packed with fun autumn-related activities around the city — including a bonfire and s'mores — along with enriching discussions designed to foster community and nurture spiritual growth.

This exciting event does not include overnight stays, so students will return home each evening.

Sign-ups begin on Sept. 20 at the kickoff breakfast.



Progressive Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 13, 4:30-8:30 p.m. (Locations vary)

Get ready for a festive holiday evening at our annual youth progressive dinner! All youth are invited to join us on Sunday, Dec. 13 starting at 4:30 p.m. We'll kick off at North Church and then embark on a delicious three-part culinary journey to different homes: appetizers at our first stop, the main course at the second, and desserts at our last house. This always fun and exciting event is free of charge! Sign-ups begin in November. If you're an adult interested in driving in the caravan, hosting a course, or helping to provide food and drinks, please contact Brandon Wallace 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

Designed for everyone from high school graduates through age 35, our young adult ministry is a welcoming space to build meaningful relationships, grow in your faith, and navigate the unique adventures of young adulthood together. From engaging fellowship events to spiritual development, we are here to support and empower one another every step of the way.

Stay connected by joining our community on Facebook at facebook.com/groups/NorthChurchYoung-Adults/ or reach out to Brandon Wallace to sign up for text and email notifications. We also encourage you to explore the rest of this booklet for additional ways to connect with the broader church community. If you are interested in attending events, hosting a gathering, or helping make these experiences possible, please contact Brandon Wallace at bwallace@northchurchindy.com.

Young Adults' Dinner Nights

North young adults meet monthly for delicious food and fellowship at various locations around Indianapolis. It's the perfect chance to connect with other young adults, discover new spots in the city, and enjoy great company.

The planned meetings for this semester are still to be announced.

If you have any questions please reach out to Brandon Wallace 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:



- social media:

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

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

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

YouTube: [@northchurchindy3337](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCnorthchurchindy3337), and

Bluesky: [@northchurchindy.bsky.social](https://bsky.app/profile/northchurchindy.bsky.social).

- visit our website at NorthChurchIndy.com. The 11 a.m. service is streamed live on our YouTube channel, and audio and video files are available afterwards on our website. The sermons are also on 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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Nov. 9: Northside Dinner Fellowship
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Nov. 29: Advent Festival

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ities

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March 23: Women of
Lydia Circle
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