

Connect Card

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in offering plate*

Welcome! Whether you are a visitor or a member, you can always learn more at North Church. Let us know how we can help you.

- I need to update my contact information.
- I'd like to receive North Church's e-newsletter.
- I'm interested in speaking with someone about North.
- I'd like to speak to a Pastor about a personal concern.

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

I am interested in learning more about:

- Children's Ministries
- Youth Ministries
- Young Adult Ministries
- Music Ministries
- Outreach and Missions
- Care and Nurture Ministries
- Hospitality Ministries
- Green Team
- Reconciling Ministries
- United Methodist Women
- Justice & Advocacy

Other/Comments

Sundays at North

Sunday Morning Hospitality

All are welcome

- 8:30-10:15: Community Room
- Following 11 a.m. service: Community Room

Child Care During Worship

Provided for infants-4 year olds during both worship services & Sunday School

- Infant/Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102

Sunday School (9:45-10:45):

Adult Sunday School

- Affirming Group: Room 202
- Sojourners: Room 005
- Usual Suspects: Room 004
- Power & Light: Room 205

Children Sunday School

- Toddlers: Room 103
- Preschool: Room 102
- K & 1st Grade—101
- 2nd & 3rd Grade—104
- 4th & 5th Grade—203

Youth Sunday School

- Middle School: Room 207
- High School: Room 008

Music

(Following 11 a.m. service)

- Joyful Noise: Room 101
- Carolers: Conference Room
- Choristers: Room 004
- Cathedral Ringers: Room 007

The Happenings

Details can be found in the weekly eNews, Facebook/Twitter, on posters and on North's website.

Today:

- East Tenth UMC Community Dinner starting at 5 p.m. Volunteers needed starting at 3:45 p.m.
- Last day to purchase tickets for the Indy Fuel hockey game and free skate on Sunday, March 24. Tickets are \$13 and you can register and pay at the Hospitality Desk.
- Youth Group (sixth - 12th grade), 5 - 7:30 p.m., lower level.

March 5:

- Grief Group, 8:30 a.m., Conference Room (and each Tuesday at that time).
- Mardi Gras, 5:30-7 p.m., Celebrate "Fat Tuesday" with a pancake dinner prepared and served by church staff, and enjoy festive music by the North's Winds Brass Ensemble. Please register at the Hospitality Desk.

March 6: Ash Wednesday. North will hold its services at 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in the Chapel. At 6:30 p.m. both North and East Tenth UMC congregations will come together for a worship service at East Tenth, 2327 E. 10th St.

March 9 and each Saturday through the end of May: Gentle yoga class for all ages and abilities, 9 a.m., \$5/class.

March 10:

- Care and Nurture Team and Green Team's meatless lunch and movie, noon.
- ELEVATION (third through fifth grade), 4-6 p.m., Fellowship Hall.
- Youth Group (sixth - 12th grade), 5 - 7:30 p.m., lower level.

March 12: Forum on the General Conference, 10:30 a.m. (Parlor) and 6:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall). The same information will be shared at both meetings.

March 13 and each Wednesday through May 1: Covenant Bible Study, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

March 16:

- Children and Families Ministry Lenten Day Retreat, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Sign up at the hospitality desk.
- Mixed-level yoga class begins, 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m., \$5/class. Please register by e-mailing Pastor Diane at dgattone@northchurchindy.com.

March 17:

- Green Team book exchange, 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m., Parlor.
- Hymn Sing, 5:00 p.m., Chapel.

March 24:

- Indy Fuel hockey game and free skate, 3:05 p.m., Indiana State Fairgrounds.
- Taizé service, 5 p.m., Chapel.

March 26: Children's Ministry Spring Break Fun and Service Day, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Sign up at the Hospitality Desk.

March 27: Women of Lydia Circle meeting, 7 p.m., Club Room.

March 28: Miriam Circle meeting, noon, Parlor.

March 29-31: Youth Lenten Retreat at Camp Allendale in Trafalgar for students in grades 6-12. For more information please e-mail Cory Unthank at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com. Sign up by March 10 online or at the hospitality desk.



March 3, 2019

Celebration of Holy Communion

PRELUDE *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty* arr. N. Harmon

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Ronnie Bell

SPOTLIGHT ON MINISTRY Mardi Gras

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, Trinity of Love, open our eyes

People: to see your beauty in one another.

Leader: Open our ears

People: to hear your truth in one another.

Leader: Open our hearts

People: to receive your love from one another.

Leader: Open our lips

People: to sing your praises with one another.

*OPENING HYMN #2221 *In Unity We Lift Our Song*

CHILDREN'S ANTHEM (11:00) *God's Unconditional Love* P. Choplin
Jim Caraher, piano; Denise Caraher, director

Every child will learn that everything is earned, so we spend our lives to win the love we need. When love is earned this way, it comes and goes away, but there's a love that's offered full and free.

God's unconditional love, there is unconditional love. It will overflow from heaven; there will always be enough. Come believe it, come receive this blessing from above — God's holy infinite, so unlimited love, unconditional love.

God created us so it will be enough to be who God intended us to be. Through all our trials and pains, God's holy love remains, and we can never leave the Lord's embrace. No, we can never leave the Lord's embrace. *Refrain*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Elena Cuomo

FIRST LESSON Ezekiel 37:1-14 Pew Bible, OT, pg. 759

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

**Please stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM *A Child of God* M. Miller
No matter what people say, say, or think about me, I am a child of God.
No matter what people say, say, or think about you, you are a child of God.
No matter what the world says or thinks about me, I am a child of God. No matter what the church says, decision, pronouncements on you, you are a child of God.
And there is no thing, or no one who can separate, they can't separate you from the truth that you're someone, you are family, you are meant to be, a child of God.

UPDATE ON GENERAL CONFERENCE Darren Cushman Wood

SECOND LESSON Acts 10:34-38 Pew Bible, NT, pg. 121
Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Church of the Big Table* Darren Cushman Wood

*HYMN #617 *I Come with Joy* v.1-4

PRAYER FOR THE WORLD Ronnie Bell

THE INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

Leader: The God who shows no partiality invites all who trust in Christ to the feast of grace.

Let us be emptied of sin so the Spirit can fill us with love:

**People: Merciful God, we have failed to live in your love.
You call us to speak truth, but we have remained silent.
You call us to do justice, but we have done nothing.
You call us to heal, but we have hurt one another.
You call us to embrace, but we have judged one another.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us to be your people,
united by your Spirit
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Leader: Hear the Good News:
Everyone who believes in Christ Jesus receives forgiveness of sin through his name.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Amen.

*PASSING THE PEACE

OFFERTORY PRAYER Amy Sell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Many Colors Paint the Rainbow* R. Hopp
Many colors paint the rainbow arching over land and sea. Many colors form the fabric of our human tapestry. God, with joy and hope you made us by a pattern you had planned, weaving varied threads together with a skilled and loving hand.

Many peoples bring their treasures, as those kings who traveled far, drawn from all earth's scattered places back to Christ, the Morning Star. All may offer gifts to others and from them receive in turn. In the gathering of nations, help us, God, to teach and learn.

Many faces round the table wait for Christ, the Risen Lord, for he comes with love to meet us in the loaf, the cup, the Word. All are welcomed, none rejected, bound by Christ in unity, naming others sisters, brothers, in a world-wide family.

Many voices sing God's praises in a language all their own. Tongues confused at Babel's tower now are joined around God's throne. Free our hearts of hate and discord till our lives in concert blend. "Alleluia" be our anthem without end. Alleluia! Alleluia!

*DOXOLOGY #94 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Musical Setting B, Hymnal pg. 18
Darren Cushman Wood and Amy Sell

*THE LORD'S PRAYER #2278

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

The offering collected in the baskets beside the communion table aids in providing emergency financial assistance to our members who are in need.

COMMUNION HYMNS

#616 *Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast*
#553 *And Are We Yet Alive* v. 1-4

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION #553 *And Are We Yet Alive* v. 5-6

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

POSTLUDE *Toccata on A Mighty Fortress* A. Lovelace

The flowers on the altar are given for the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the presence of Harold and Hazel Sanner in my life by Larry Sanner.

Wednesday Night Covenant Bible Study

- **Wednesdays, beginning in Lent**
 - **March 13-May 1, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Dinner at 5:30**
- **Small break-out study groups**
- **Child care provided**
- **Sign-up opportunities in west entry or via the connect card**

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Accessibility

- Wheelchair(s) located in west entry
- Wheelchair and elevator access in the west and southwest entries
- Pew cutouts in Sanctuary for wheelchairs
- Hearing enhancement devices available at welcome desk in west entry and tables in east entry of Sanctuary
- Large print hymnals and bulletins available from ushers

Children

We love children to join us in worship. If you prefer, childcare is available for infants-4 year olds in rooms on the main floor. Worship bags are available for all kids in the east entry.

This week's worship leaders:

Darren Cushman Wood

Senior Pastor

Elena Cuomo

Liturgist

Amy Sell

Minister of Discipleship &

Formation

Ronnie Bell

Pastor of Mission & Outreach

Mark Gilgallon

Director of Music

Heather Hinton

Organist

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Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Event Sign Ups

- Covenant Bible Study (Wednesdays in Lent)
_____ Small group study participant
_____ Meals: prep, cook, serve
_____ Clean up
- Children and Families Ministry Lenten Day Retreat
_____ # of children
_____ # of adults
- Youth Lenten Retreat
_____ # of youth
_____ # of adult (volunteers)