



# **NORTH UMC EVENTS**

**SPRING  
2019**



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North United Methodist Church  
3808 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, IN 46208

# Color Keys

All Ages: **Black**

Adults Only: **Orange**

Adults and Youth: **Blue**

Children: **Green**

Youth: **Brown**

Women: **Magenta**

Seniors: **Purple**

## *Cover art:*

Our cover art comes from a small portion of one of the many beautiful banners throughout our church created by the late Doris Douglas, who was a long-time member of North.

**Note:** Please use this booklet only as a guide, as some items may change. The church bulletin, e-newsletter, NorthNet, 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. We also offer a Taizé service at 5 p.m. on the fourth Sunday of each month.

Darren Cushman Wood is our senior pastor. Ronnie Bell is our associate pastor, and Diane Gattone is our pastor of care and nurture. Amy Sell is our minister of discipleship and formation and Cory Unthank is our minister of youth and young adults. Mark Gilgallon is our director of music. More info is on our website at [NorthChurchIndy.com](http://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. Please supply your contact info on the red attendance pads in each pew so we can begin to get to know you.

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

# A Word from Pastor Darren

If you are as excited about the many wonderful ministries and events at North as I am, then help us spread the word. Here are five ways you can let everyone know what is going on so they too can have “the North experience:”

1. Share a post—Share North Church Facebook and Twitter posts on your social media pages (Facebook: [facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy](https://www.facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy) or friend “Linda AtNorth;” Twitter: @NorthChurchIndy);

2. Forward the news—Share links to news reports about events related to and happening at North Church on social media and in e-mails;

3. Wear it—Wear your North Church T-shirt in public and at all church-related outings (we have them for sale at the church);

4. E-vites—Send a social media invitation to friends for church events, and

5. Special signatures—Add signature graphics and information about the next special worship service to your e-mails.

Pastor Darren  
Spring 2019

# Worship and Arts

## **Ash Wednesday**

Wednesday, March 6, 7:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. (North's Chapel) and noon and 6:30 p.m. (East Tenth UMC)

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 our partner church, East Tenth United Methodist. We will join that congregation for worship in the evening followed by a tour of their Children and Youth Center. East Tenth is located at 2327 E. 10th Street, at the corner of 10th and Keystone.

## **Lenten Sermon Series: "Covenant: A How-To Guide to the Bible"**

Sundays, March 10-April 7, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

This year's Lenten focus is on the spiritual practice of reading the scriptures. Pastor Darren will deliver a five-part sermon series entitled "Covenant: A How-To Guide to the Bible" which will explore different ways of under-

standing the scriptures. Every Wednesday evening there will also be a fellowship dinner (kids are welcome to eat with us too) and all-adult Bible study break-out groups. We will use the Covenant Bible Study, an eight-week series covering major themes in both the Old and New Testaments that is geared for conversation and meditation. Child care will be provided. For more information see “Covenant Bible Study” in the Discipleship and Formation section on page 13.

### **Weekly Communion During Lent**

Wednesdays, March 13-April 17, 7:30 a.m.  
(Chapel)

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

### **Lenten Hymn Sing**

Sunday, March 17, 5 p.m. (Chapel)

Experience Lent through music by singing your favorite hymns. Join us for a good time and wonderful music.

### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 14, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Parking lot and Sanctuary)

This year’s celebration includes a neighbor-



hood parade with a donkey and our band. The 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.

### **Holy Thursday**

Thursday, April 18, 7 p.m.

(Chapel and Courtyard)

Commemorate the day Jesus celebrated the Last Supper with his disciples and washed their feet. 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.

### **Community Good Friday Service**

Friday, April 19, 12 p.m. (Chapel)

North Church will host this annual Community Good Friday service of intercessory prayers for our community, nation and the world.

### **Good Friday Special Service:**

#### **John Rutter's "Requiem"**

Friday, April 19, 7:30 p.m. (Sanctuary)

The combined forces of the Cathedral Singers and the Sanctuary Choir of First Baptist Church of Indianapolis will present John Rut-

ter's "Requiem." It was completed in 1985, and does not adhere strictly to the conventional Catholic liturgy, but combines texts from the "Requiem Mass" and "The Book of Common Prayer." The "Requiem" was first performed in its entirety on Oct. 13, 1985 at the United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, conducted by the composer. Though it has its dark moments, Rutter's "Requiem" is unmistakably optimistic in its message of hope and comfort, expressed through the beauty of the chosen texts and Rutter's uplifting music.

### **Easter**

Sunday, April 21, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with a joyful and festive worship experience. This year we will highlight the significance of the resurrection for the hope of creation. At 8:30 a.m. we will have Holy Communion. At 11 a.m. the Carolers and the Cathedral Singers will share special music.

### **Youth Sunday**

Sunday, April 28, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

A very special service in the life of North Church, youth will lead both of the morning services through scripture, sharing faith stories, music and more. The theme will reflect the

Lenten Retreat theme. All youth are encouraged to participate as we share God's love with the congregation through worship. The services will include a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

### **North Church Series on Theology and Contemporary Issues**

Sunday, May 5, 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon.  
(Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall)

Through a generous grant from the William E. Schmidt Foundation, we will launch this series in honor of Rev. Richard and Anna Lee Hamilton. It will explore the intersection between theology and major issues facing our world today. The inaugural lecture will be delivered by Dr. Serene Jones, president of Union Theological Seminary, New York, where Dick was a student. Dr. Jones will be our guest preacher in the morning and will deliver her presentation in the afternoon following an all-church luncheon after the 11 a.m. service.

### **The Children's Musical, "Way, Way More"**

Sunday, May 12, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
Contact: Denise Caraher (317) 213-7490 and  
Rosie Jordan (317) 291-9824

Welcome to Grouch's Academic Gulag, where all the teachers are mean. There is strict discipline, horrible food, lots of push-ups, and the teachers always want more...way, way more.

The students, however, manage to find their fun. With music from “Les Misérables,” “Oliver,” “Matilda,” Jimmy Buffet, George Gershwin and more, it eventually becomes time for the students to teach the teachers about love...God’s love. And God always loves you WAY, WAY MORE!

### **Special Music Sunday**

Sunday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

Over the years the Cathedral Singers have presented a number of masses in a variety of styles from classical and bluegrass to gospel and jazz. This year we add a mass which celebrates the rhythms of Latin American cultures accompanied by instruments invented in the islands of Trinidad and Tobago — steel drums. We will present “A Caribbean Mass” by composer Glenn McClure. Also featured will be a movement or two from Leonard Bernstein's “Chichester Psalms.”

### **Taizé**

Fourth Sunday of each month, 5 p.m. (Chapel)  
Prayer and silence are at the heart of the Taizé experience; there is no sermon. Taizé music highlights simple phrases, usually from the Psalms or other pieces of scripture, which are repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is de-

signed to help meditation and prayer during candlelit services. For more information on the Taizé tradition of worship visit [www.taize.fr](http://www.taize.fr).

### **Worship Without Walls**

Sunday, June 30, 11 a.m. (We will have only one service this day.) (Parking lot)

Back by popular demand, we will gather under a big tent in our parking lot for one service of celebration and music. Bryce Nelson (see [MusicBNelson.com](http://MusicBNelson.com)), a Christian recording artist from Indianapolis, will lead the music. Many will remember Bryce for his special music video of “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” filmed in North’s Sanctuary. Bring your friends and welcome our neighbors in the community for this special service.



*Bryce Nelson sings “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” last Easter at North.*

# Discipleship and Formation



## **Mardi Gras**

Tuesday, March 5, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

“Mardi Gras” literally means “Fat Tuesday,” so named because it’s considered a last feast before the 40-day Lenten season of fasting and prayer. At North we celebrate Mardi Gras with a pancake dinner prepared and served by our church staff, complete with festive music by the North’s Winds Brass Ensemble.

## **Meditation and Contemplative Prayer**

Tuesdays, 5:30 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Chapel)

Meditation and Contemplative Prayer is a method of prayer that prepares us to receive

the gift of experiencing God's presence within us that is closer than breathing, closer than thinking, and closer than consciousness itself. This method of prayer is both a relationship with God and a discipline to foster that relationship. All are welcome to join this group and experience the voice of God in the power of silence and meditation.

### **Forum on the 2019 Special General Conference**

Tuesday, March 12, 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. (Parlor in morning and Fellowship Hall at night)  
This presentation will review the decisions made by the special session of the General Conference in February regarding sexuality and the future of the denomination. Pastor Darren will outline its implications for North and the annual conference. Both sessions will cover the same information.

### **Covenant Bible Study**

Wednesdays, March 13 through May 1, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)  
Join us on Wednesday nights for dinner, fellowship, study and growth. Beginning on March 13 we will offer Covenant Bible Study, which is an eight-week, in-depth group study. Due to the nature of the study, an eight-week commitment is necessary. We will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a meal and then break out into small

groups for the study. Each week there will be a video segment as well as many teaching opportunities. This program will run from March 13 to May 1 and will supplement Pastor Darren's sermon series on the Bible.

### **Indy Pride Parade**

Saturday, June 8, 7 a.m. to noon (Downtown)  
Walk with North Church in the Indianapolis Pride Parade to proclaim our identity as a welcoming and affirming congregation in support of all people, including the LGBTQ community. All ages are welcome; wagons for kids are encouraged.





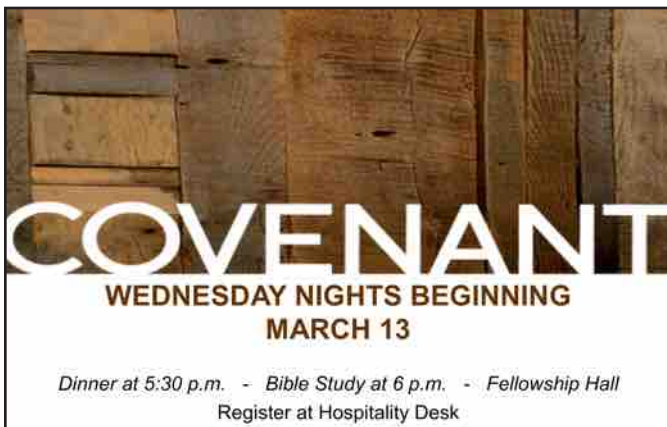
## Mid-North Shepherd's Center

Wednesdays, beginning at 9:30 a.m. (Lower Level)

Contact: Jeff Linnan ([info@mnscenter.org](mailto:info@mnscenter.org))

Adults 55 years of age and older attend "Adventures in Learning" each Wednesday. Varied programs starting at 10 a.m. include choral rehearsals, Bible sharing, news talk, lectures and interactive programs, meditation and book clubs, all offered free of charge. Day trips are also offered for a minimal charge. Lunch is served each Wednesday for \$7. No sign-up or membership fees are required.

*If you have questions or would like to get more involved in discipleship and formation ministries, contact Amy Sell, our minister of discipleship and formation ([asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com)), or Eric Galloway ([ewgalloway@hotmail.com](mailto:ewgalloway@hotmail.com)).*



# Mission and Outreach

## Beyond The Bridges

First Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. (Club Room)

Contact: Edward Matthews  
([beyondthebridges@att.net](mailto:beyondthebridges@att.net))

Beyond the Bridges seeks to provide guidance to men re-entering life after imprisonment. If you know of someone who has been released from incarceration and is in need of support, please refer them to this supportive program.

## Bread and Bowl

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. (Community Room)

Contact: Lela Russell ([lela\\_russell3@aol.com](mailto:lela_russell3@aol.com))

Bread and Bowl is a community meal that feeds 100-300 individuals each week. Visitors receive a hot meal free of charge. This ministry is supported in part through a partnership with Second Helpings, Inc., which provides hot meals and a culinary school for people living at or below the poverty line. To volunteer, please contact Lela Russell.

## East Tenth UMC Community Dinners

First Sunday of each month, East Tenth UMC

Contact: Shorty Hatfield  
([sharonhatfield2@gmail.com](mailto:sharonhatfield2@gmail.com))

North Church has a partnership with East Tenth United Methodist Church at 2327 E. 10th Street (near east side of Indianapolis). As part of our partnership, a volunteer team from North serves a community meal at 5 p.m. to the community surrounding that church. We begin with prep work at 3:45 p.m. From now through the summer we need volunteers to serve on March 3, April 7, May 5, June 2, July 7 and Aug. 4. Please contact Shorty Hatfield to help.

### **Green Team Book Exchange**

Sunday, March 17, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Parlor)  
*Contact: Eric Galloway (ewgalloway@hotmail.com)*  
The North Church Green Team wants to help you recycle your books! Tables will be set up with books arranged by categories. Please bring your books to share and be ready to take some home. Unused books will be donated to IndyReads, a non-profit organization promoting literacy.

### **James Whitcomb Riley School 43**

On-going (150 W. 40th Street)  
*Contact: Kathy Beck (beck305@hotmail.com)*  
North Church has been a partner of James Whitcomb Riley School 43 for decades. The school has faced many challenges typical of schools with high rates of low-income students, but the children continue to shine and

excel despite their circumstances. This year is especially important in our partnership as Principal Posey recently announced his departure. Come and support a new principal at our neighborhood school. There is also an opportunity to tutor throughout the academic year, with volunteers working with specific students and/or classrooms to help children achieve academic success. As available, volunteers will also be called upon to assist teachers and school officials as chaperones on school field trips.

### **Journey Beyond Redemption**

Third Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. (Parlor)

Contact: *Jan Wheater-Cowen*  
(*wheaterjan@alumni.iu.edu*)

Journey Beyond Redemption is a women's ministry which seeks to provide guidance to women re-entering life after imprisonment. If you know of someone who has been released from incarceration and is in need of support, please refer them to this supportive program. Advocates are always welcome.

### **Nicaragua Missionary Belinda Forbes**

Thursday, May 2, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Parlor)

As part of our covenant relationship with the First Baptist Congregation of Nandayosi, we have also connected with Methodist missions in the nearby region, including the medical

mission of Acción Medica Christiana. Methodist missionary Belinda Forbes, who served in Nicaragua, will share her experiences on May 2 in the Parlor from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### **North Church Farmers Market**

First and third Thursday and fifth Thursday, June through September, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (39th Street between North Illinois and Meridian Streets, between North's parking lot and Tarkington Park)

*Contact: Angie Kattman (arkattman@gmail.com) or Megan Sullivan (market@northchurchindy.com)*

The North Church Farmers Market returns with a twice-a-month offering from June through September. Volunteers are needed to set up and tear down the market and for operating the table for SNAP (food stamps) payment. Set-up for each market day begins at 2 p.m. and tear-down begins at 6:30 p.m. The market dates for 2019 are: June 6, June 20, (no market on July 4), July 18, Aug. 1, Aug. 15, Aug. 29, Sept. 5 and Sept. 19. Please follow @NorthChurchFarmersMarket on Facebook and the market's website at NorthChurchFarmersMarket.com.

### **Perception of Violence Through the Eyes of Our Police Officers**

May 8, 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. (Parlor)

*Contact: Carol Tiller (csa5305@gmail.com)*

North's Justice and Advocacy Committee will present an evening discussion with local police officers about the impact of violence in their lives and our community.

### **Project Transformation**

Mondays through Thursdays, June 10 through July 30 (Various locations throughout the church; registration will be from March 25 through May 24))

*Contact: Carolyn Svirsky  
(carolyn.svirsky@gmail.com)*

Project Transformation (PT) is an opportunity to engage children from the neighborhood in growing in their faith and in their reading ability. PT runs from June through August. The mission of PT is to engage young adults in purposeful leadership and ministry, to support children in holistic development and to connect churches with communities. North Church has been selected to continue as a site church for Project Transformation from 2019 through 2021. This means that you will have the opportunity to engage in a ministry of presence, reading with rising first through rising sixth graders from the low-income neighborhoods that surround our church.

# Care and Nurture

The Care and Nurture Team at North provides care and resources to promote emotional, physical and spiritual health for our congregation and those living in the greater community. We provide pastoral care and counseling during times that bring great joy, or those that are challenging and sometimes painful. Lay visitation is provided by volunteer church members who visit members who may be home bound or living in retirement communities or skilled nursing facilities. Bereavement care is provided for families at the time of death and during visitation and services held at the church.

Throughout the year we will shed light on particular needs and interests within the church and community. Resources will be provided through special events and classes, making connections with caring and qualified persons, and printed information.

## **Bulletin Board**

Check out our bulletin board located across from the Parlor and learn about different health issues each month including: Healthy Living for Your Heart, Good Nutrition, Maternal and Child Health, Suicide, Exercise for Everyone, and Spiritual Practices.

## **Yoga Classes**

Saturdays through the end of May, 9 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. (gentle yoga class open to all ages and levels), and 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. (advanced-level yoga class, which begins on March 16).

(Game Room or Room 202)

Both classes are led by yoga instructor Motoko Nakamura at the rate of \$5 per class. To register for either class, please contact Pastor Diane.

## **Meatless Meal**

Sunday, March 10, noon (Fellowship Hall)  
The Care and Nurture Team and the Green Team will combine forces to present a light, meatless lunch and educational movie after the 11 a.m. worship service on March 10. They'll share info about the benefits of reducing the amount of red meat in your diet, both for your health and for the health of our planet.

*Be sure to check the "Happenings" in weekly church bulletins, newsletters, and social media for recently added classes, events and resources. For additional information contact Diane Gattone, pastor of care and nurture ([dgattone@northchurchindy.com](mailto:dgattone@northchurchindy.com)).*



# Music

## Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays through May 30, 7 p.m.  
(Choir Room)

*Director and contact: Mark Gilgallon  
(mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)*

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.

## Cathedral Ringers

Rehearsals: Sundays immediately following the 11 a.m. service through June 2 (Room 007)

*Directors and contacts: Jeff and Kelley Warbinton  
(warbintons@comcast.net)*

The Cathedral Ringers is a handbell ensemble using a beautiful five-octave set of Malmark handbells. The Cathedral Ringers offers selections at both morning worship services approximately six weeks apart.

## Children's Choirs

Rehearsals: Sundays immediately following the 11 a.m. worship service.

Pre-kindergarten through sixth grade

Music ministry is a central part of North

Church's culture. Our children's choirs offer

children an opportunity to experience the joy

of choral singing to the glory of God.

- **Joyful Noise**

Through May 5 (Room 101)

Ages 3-5 (pre-kindergarten)

*Director: Mark Gilgallon*

*(mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)*

- **Carolers**

Through May 12 (Conference Room)

Kindergarten through second grade

*Director: Denise Page Caraher*

*(jcdpc88@aol.com)*

- **Choristers**

Through May 12 (Room 004)

Third through sixth grade

*Director: Rosie Jordan*

*(rosiej@phoeniximages.com)*

## **Children's Musical: Way, Way More!**

Sunday, May 12, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)

Please see description on page 9.

## **North's Winds Brass Ensemble**

Rehearsals are from about Labor Day through

Memorial Day, Wednesdays at 6 p.m.

(Room 005)

*Director and contact: John Hague*

*(jshague@gmail.com or (317) 340-0519)*

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 in-

volved. North's Winds provides music for Palm Sunday, the Advent Festival dinner and Mardi Gras as well as several services throughout the year. Contact John for more information.

### North's Horns

Rehearsals: Usually Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Room 005)

Contact: Lou Chenette ([toccata3@gmail.com](mailto:toccata3@gmail.com)) or (317) 253-7537.

North's Horns is a French horn-only ensemble. If you are interested in playing, please contact Lou.

*If you have questions or would like to get more involved in music ministries, please contact Mark Gilgallon ([mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com](mailto:mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)).*



# United Methodist Women

## Miriam Circle

Fourth Thursday, 12 p.m. (Parlor)

Contact: Margaret Mayo ([mayo5910@comcast.net](mailto:mayo5910@comcast.net))

The Miriam Circle is part of the United Methodist Women at North Church. This circle gathers for a sack lunch, project planning and programs focused on the United Methodist Women's mission. Meetings are open to all interested in joining the group.

## Women of Lydia Circle

Fourth Wednesday, 7 p.m. (Club Room)

Contact: Sue Childers ([donsuechilders@yahoo.com](mailto:donsuechilders@yahoo.com))

The Women of Lydia is a circle of the United Methodist Women at North Church. This circle is open to women of all ages. The members support each other through discussions of current topics, studies and mission work.

## Sunday Supper at Noon

Sunday, April 7, following the 11 a.m. service.  
(Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a wonderful meal in Fellowship Hall following the 11 a.m. service. This meal is sponsored by United Methodist Women to help raise funds for its on-going mission to serve women and children both locally and

globally. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/child under 10 and \$30/family max.

\*The issue priorities for 2016-2020 are: economic inequality, climate justice, criminalization of communities of color, and maternal and child health.

*For more information on United Methodist Women please contact Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com) or Carol Tiller (csa5305@gmail.com).*



# Adult Sunday School

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

## The Affirming Group

Room 207

Contact: Don Childers ([affirming-group@google-groups.com](mailto:affirming-group@google-groups.com)) and Troy Barker ([troy@comcast.net](mailto:troy@comcast.net))

Each week we use a variety of resources that deal with faith, family, church, religion and current social justice issues. This includes what it means to be an inclusive church for all persons regardless of race, religion or sexual orientation. Straight allies and LGBTQ persons are all welcome.

## Power and Light

Room 205

Contact: Kathy Beck ([beck305@hotmail.com](mailto:beck305@hotmail.com))

This group is a welcoming, diverse group of individuals united in fellowship, social service and personal support in the mutual pursuit of spiritual growth.

## Sojourners

Room 005

Contacts: Eric Galloway

([ewgalloway@hotmail.com](mailto:ewgalloway@hotmail.com)) and Jack Leonard ([indyjel@gmail.com](mailto:indyjel@gmail.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 class will also do its annual clean-up of the church grounds on April 20, which is open to anyone willing to help.

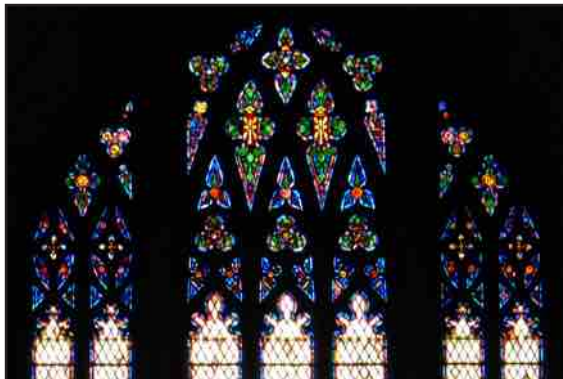
### Usual Suspects

Room 004

Contact: James Hamstra

([james.hamstra@gmail.com](mailto:james.hamstra@gmail.com))

Do you have an elementary-age or younger child? This group of parents blends general discussions on raising children and building families with time to talk freely about specific challenges and joys. Come as you are and when you can; we know life can be unexpected and we welcome you anytime. Participants share in facilitating the class and sharing stories and support.



# Youth Sunday School

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

## High School Sunday School

(Room 008)

Contact: *Natalie Benson, youth ministry intern*  
([bensoonn@uindy.edu](mailto:bensoonn@uindy.edu))

Ninth through 12th-grade youth meet weekly to discuss topics important to them. With the incorporation of scripture and prayer, youth have a safe place to share their ideas about the ways God works in their lives and in the world.

## Middle School Sunday School

(Room 207)

Contact: *Alan Archibald*  
([alanarchibindy@gmail.com](mailto:alanarchibindy@gmail.com)) or *Becky Wolfe*  
([beckyw@childrensmuseum.org](mailto:beckyw@childrensmuseum.org))

Using the curriculum “Connect,” sixth through eighth graders will learn the stories of the Bible from Genesis through Revelation. With short videos, creative activities and engaging teachers, our middle-school youth will enjoy this weekly time together.



# Children Sunday School

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

## Pre-School Sunday School

Toddlers: Room 103

Pre-kindergarten: Room 102

The toddlers and pre-K children will engage with the Bible at their appropriate levels. 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 their faith. Using songs, movement and intentional play, they will learn that God loves them!

## Elementary Sunday School

Kindergarten-Fifth grades

K — First Grade: Room 101

Second – Third Grades: Room 104

Fourth — Fifth Grades: Room 203

Join us each week this semester as the children learn the stories of the New Testament. Each lesson is engaging and offers a variety of activities and learning points to help them better understand God's love for them and their responsibility to love their neighbors.

# Children and Families Ministry

## Child Care

Sundays, 8:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Infants through 5 year olds

Nursery: Room 103

Pre-K: Room 102

We love children and provide care you can trust on Sunday mornings during worship and Sunday school. All caregivers are CPR/first aid-certified, background checked, and experienced working with children.

## Alternative Worship

Non-Communion Sundays, during 11 a.m. worship service (Room 104)

Kindergarten through second grades

During Alternative Worship this semester we will learn lessons about giving, trusting, praising, thanksgiving, and so much more. Through age-appropriate worship that includes Bible stories, songs, crafts, games, skits and more, we will learn to have faith in God.

## ELEVATION

Second and fourth Sundays through April 28, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Room 203)

Third through fifth grades

The definition of the word elevation is “the

height to which something is elevated or to which it rises.” Some others include “the act of elevating or the state of being elevated.” That is what this group is doing. It is a place for your child to continue climbing on their faith journey. As a mountain climber it is always easier to tackle the elements with someone else. It is the same with our faith. We will climb together. We will experience the highs, lows, rain, wind and sun on our journey together. We will have snacks, food, “climbing exercises,” and a lot more fun.

## ***CHILDREN AND FAMILIES MONTHLY ACTIVITIES***

### **Children’s Lenten Day Retreat**

Saturday, March 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Education Wing)

Our annual Children’s Lenten Day Retreat will explore Holy Week. We will begin with the triumphant entry and go through many of Holy Week’s events: Jesus cleansing the temple, Passover, Jesus washing the disciples’ feet, the Garden of Gethsemane, Golgotha, and the tomb. This day will be full of stations, crafts, games, activities, songs, lunch and Jesus. Please RSVP at the Hospitality Desk by Wednesday, March 6.

### **Indy Fuel Game and Skate**

Sunday, March 24, 3:05 p.m.

(Indiana Farmers Coliseum)

Come cheer on the Indy Fuel as they take on the Cincinnati Cyclones. The game starts at 3:05 p.m. and following the game is an open-skate time with free skate rental. Register at the Hospitality Desk by March 3. The cost is \$13, due when you register. This activity is in place of ELEVATION this Sunday, but is open to all children, youth and families.

### **Spring Break Fun Days**

Tuesdays March 26 and April 2, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Education Wing)

Come have a fun day during spring break with your friends from church. We will have a service project, lunch, and some fun afternoon activities (movie, games, and crafts). This is open to all children in fifth grade and younger. Parents who have siblings who are older are also welcome. There is no cost. Please RSVP by the Sunday before (March 24 or March 31).

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 13, 10 a.m. (Parking Lot)

Join the Children and Mission and Outreach Ministries as we have an Easter egg hunt that is open to everyone. This is a great opportunity for us to welcome children and families from the neighborhood.

### **Cookies and Canvas**

Saturday, April 27, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

Bring all your little Picassos to the church on Saturday for Canvas and Cookies. They will create a unique mixed-media painting to take home while having a blast with an afternoon of colors, textures, and cookies! All supplies are included...cookies too! No experience is needed. Please RSVP by April 21. The cost is \$5 per child or \$15 per family. Parents are welcome to attend and paint as well. This is a family event!

### **Family Service Day**

Saturday, May 18, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

(Education Wing)

Join us on a Saturday afternoon for a day of serving together. Bring your family (and friends if you like) to join us to do a service project together. You will see more of the specifics of the project in April. Please RSVP at the Hospitality Desk by Sunday, May 12.

### **End-of-the-Year Picnic**

Sunday, June 2; details to come.

*All of the children and families events are open to the entire church. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in this ministry, please contact Amy Sell at [asell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:asell@northchurchindy.com).*

# Youth Ministry

## Youth Group

Sundays, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

(Club Room and Room 008)

Youth group meets most Sunday evenings for dinner and a program, and is open to all sixth through 12th-grade youth. The schedule includes discussion, fellowship and service projects. Dinner is served from 5 p.m. to 5:45 p.m.

## Indy Fuel Game and Skate

Sunday, March 24, 3:05 p.m.

(Please see description on page 34.)

## Youth Lenten Retreat

March 29-31, 5:30 p.m. to 2 p.m.

(Camp Allendale in Trafalgar, Ind.)

Every year our youth gather for this retreat full of fun, fellowship and food. Travel to Camp Allendale for a weekend focused on the relationship with God, self and others. The cost is \$100, which covers all travel, lodging, food, activities, and T-shirts. Register by March 10 through [www.brushfire.com/events/450735](http://www.brushfire.com/events/450735) or at the Hospitality Desk.

## Youth Sunday

April 28, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

Students will lead worship at both services, reading liturgy, performing music, and pray-

ing. The theme will reflect the Lenten Retreat theme. To sign up your student to participate, contact Cory Unthank.

### **Appalachia Service Project (ASP)**

June 23-29 (Kentucky); deadline to register is March 1.

This year will be North Church's 28th year of partnering with Appalachia Service Project. This summer we will travel to Appalachia June 23-29. Last year we took 14 students and adults to Kentucky, and this year we hope to take even more! Our goal is to take two full crews, one all-adult crew, and one JAM crew (see below).

In addition to the regular trip, we will participate in the first summer of ASP JAM (Junior high And Middle) trips. These trips are for students who have completed grades six through nine in the 2018-2019 school year. JAM will be similar to regular ASP trips but will require less physical labor and no power tools will be used. Its goal is to get younger students introduced to ASP earlier and to get them training and experience in service learning trips at a younger age. It will take place at a separate site from our regular trip.

Our requirements for participants are as follows:

*Students:*

- Must complete grade six before attending the JAM trip.
- Must complete grade eight before the regular trip.
- Students completing grades eight or nine this year can choose which trip to attend.

*Adults:*

- Must be 18 and out of high school.
- Two adults per crew must serve as leaders for the youth, ensuring their safety, education, and inclusion in the construction project.
- Adults who do not want to lead students can attend as floaters (supply runners) or join the all-adult crew.
- Background checks will be run on each adult prior to the trip.

The cost of the trip is \$325 per person, but we will cover part of this cost for everyone with Cookie Project revenue. Sign-ups are due March 1.

*For more information on North's programs for youth, please contact Cory Unthank, our minister of youth and young adults, at [coryunthank@northchurchindy.com](mailto:coryunthank@northchurchindy.com).*



# Young Adults Ministry

North Church's young adults ministry is specifically for those age 18-30 who are no longer in high school. These fellowship events focus on establishing and developing friendships between those in this diverse age group, which consists of individuals going through many different life experiences such as:

- college, graduate school, and/or the work force;
- military service and/or training;
- single, dating, and/or married, and are
- living with family, and/or owning or renting their own places.

We are always looking for new ideas, opportunities and volunteers to help make North Church Youth Ministry and Young Adult Ministry even better.

*If you'd like to attend or help make these events happen, please contact Cory Unthank at [coryunthank@northchurchindy.com](mailto:coryunthank@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 e-newsletter, youth ministry e-newsletter and/or children's ministry e-newsletter:  
[northchurchindy.com/staying-connected-at-north/](http://northchurchindy.com/staying-connected-at-north/)

- Social media:

- Facebook:

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

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

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## MARCH

- March 2: Yoga Classes
- March 2: Beyond the Bridges
- March 3: East Tenth Community Dinner
- March 5: Bread and Bowl
- March 5: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
- March 5: Mardi Gras
- March 6: Shepherd's Center
- March 6: Ash Wednesday
- March 7: Bread and Bowl
- March 9: Yoga Classes
- March 9: Bread and Bowl
- March 10: Covenant Sermon Series
- March 10: Meatless Meal
- March 10: ELEVATION
- March 12: Forum on the 2019 Special General Conference
- March 12: Bread and Bowl
- March 12: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
- March 13: Weekly Communion
- March 13: Covenant Bible Study
- March 13: Shepherd's Center
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- March 16: Yoga Classes
- March 16: Children's Lenten Day Retreat
- March 16: Bread and Bowl
- March 16: Journey Beyond Redemption
- March 17: Green Team Book Exchange
- March 17: Covenant Sermon Series
- March 17: Lenten Hymn Sing
- March 19: Bread and Bowl
- March 19: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
- March 20: Weekly Communion
- March 20: Shepherd's Center
- March 20: Covenant Bible Study
- March 21: Bread and Bowl
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March 28: Miriam Circle  
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March 30: Yoga Classes  
March 30: Bread and Bowl  
March 31: Covenant Sermon Series

### APRIL

April 2: Spring Break Fun Day  
April 2: Bread and Bowl  
April 2: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer  
April 3: Weekly Communion  
April 3: Shepherd's Center  
April 3: Covenant Bible Study  
April 4: Bread and Bowl  
April 6: Yoga Classes  
April 6: Bread and Bowl  
April 6: Beyond the Bridges  
April 7: Covenant Sermon Series  
April 7: UMW Sunday Supper at Noon  
April 7: East Tenth Community Dinner  
April 9: Bread and Bowl  
April 9: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer  
April 10: Weekly Communion  
April 10: Shepherd's Center  
April 10: Covenant Bible Study  
April 11: Bread and Bowl  
April 13: Yoga Classes

April 13: Easter Egg Hunt  
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April 18: Holy Thursday  
April 19: Community Good Friday Service  
April 19: Good Friday Special Service: John Rutter's "Requiem"  
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April 20: Yoga Classes  
April 20: Journey Beyond Redemption  
April 20: Sojourners Spring Church Clean-Up  
April 21: Easter  
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April 23: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer  
April 24: Shepherd's Center  
April 24: Covenant Bible Study  
April 24: Women of Lydia Circle  
April 25: Bread and Bowl  
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April 28: Youth Movie Night  
April 30: Bread and Bowl  
April 30: Meditation and  
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May 1: Covenant Bible Study  
May 2: Bread and Bowl  
May 2: Nicaragua Missionary  
Belinda Forbes  
May 4: Yoga Classes  
May 4: Beyond the Bridges  
May 4: Bread and Bowl  
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temporary Issues  
May 5: East Tenth Commu-  
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May 8: Shepherd's Center  
May 8: Perception of Violence  
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May 9: Bread and Bowl  
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May 12: The Children's Musi-  
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May 14: Bread and Bowl  
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## JUNE

June 1: Beyond the Bridges  
June 1: Bread and Bowl  
June 2: Children and Families  
End-of-the-Year Picnic  
June 2: East Tenth Commu-  
nity Dinner  
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## JULY

July 2: Bread and Bowl  
July 2: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer  
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July 4: Bread and Bowl  
July 4: NO Farmers Market  
July 6: Beyond the Bridges  
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July 7: East Tenth Community Dinner  
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- Aug. 27: Bread and Bowl
- Aug. 27: Meditation and Contemplative Prayer
- Aug. 28: Shepherd's Center
- Aug. 28: Women of Lydia Circle
- Aug. 29: Bread and Bowl
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