



NORTH UMC EVENTS

**FALL/WINTER
2018**

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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. Amy Sell is our minister of discipleship and formation; Cory Unthank is our minister of youth and young adults, and Diane Gattone is our pastor of visitation. Mark Gilgallon is our director of music. Other staff members and more info are on our Web site 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. 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.

Introduction

Larry Osborne, pastor of North Coast Church in Southern California, coined the phrase “Sticky Church” to describe what happens when congregations connect on a deeper level. The problem, Osborne explains, is not getting people to try church, but getting them to “stick” – to make meaningful connections with one another so that church becomes a community of support, learning and serving.

This fall North Church is offering a variety of ministry experiences that we hope will get you to “stick.” From inspiring worship services that help you stick with God to small group events that help you stick with one another, there is something for everyone.

Take a look and try out one or more of these many opportunities at North!

Pastor Darren
Fall 2018

Worship and Arts

Fall Sermon Series: Holy Conversations

Sundays, Aug. 26-Sept. 30, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Jesus was the master teacher who engaged his followers in vital conversations about the reign of God by telling parables. This fall we will continue the conversation by exploring the meanings of Jesus' parables for today. Over the past 30 years there has been a resurgence of biblical research on the parables, and the new insights of this research will be shared through sermons and weekly small-group conversations. (For more on the parables and our congregational conversation, see the additional programs under "Discipleship and Formation.")

Hymn Sing

Sunday, Sept. 16, 5:30 p.m. (Fellowship Hall)
Join us in Fellowship Hall for a night of singing all your favorite hymns by request. You don't need to be a singer to enjoy this worship experience. Hymn Sing is part of this year's Fall Festival. (Find additional information about the Fall Festival under the All-Church Events section.)

Citywide and Monthly Taizé Worship

Sunday, Sept. 30, 5 p.m. (Sanctuary) and the fourth Sunday of each month, 5 p.m. (Chapel). Taizé is a service of song and silence that originated from the ecumenical community in Taizé, France after World War II. Four churches in Indianapolis (including North) host a Taizé service each month. They come together for a combined, citywide service annually, and this year North will host it on Sept. 30. For more information on the Taizé tradition of worship, visit www.taize.fr.

World Communion Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 7, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

World Communion Sunday is an annual ecumenical observance that began in 1940. Celebrate the diversity of North's congregation and our spiritual connection with churches around the world.

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday, Oct. 28, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

This year's stewardship campaign theme is "Celebrating Our Life Together," based on Acts 4:32. On this special day we will renew our membership vows to one another by dedicating our financial pledges for 2019. This Sunday's special music will feature "Choral

Favorites” with organ and piano presented by the Cathedral Singers.

All Saints Sunday

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

(Sanctuary)

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.

Adoption Sunday and Continental Breakfast

Sunday, Nov. 11, 8:30 a.m., 9:45 a.m. and 11 a.m. (Sanctuary and Parlor)

November is Adoption Awareness Month, and we will celebrate during both services. We give thanks for all the people in our congregation whose lives are affected each day by adoption. During the services we will give thanks to God for this gift. If your life has been impacted by adoption, please also join us for a continental breakfast and time of fellowship during the Sunday school hour in the Parlor.

Health and Healing Sunday

Sunday, Nov. 18, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.

(Sanctuary)

We worship the Great Physician, and we invite

you to join us for Health and Healing Sunday. As a community, through worship and special events, we will remember that God is close to those who are sick and those who care for the sick, and calls us to self-care. Through this celebration we seek to learn how we can be good stewards of our bodies. You will have the opportunity for anointing and laying on of hands during the worship.

**Thanksgiving Service Featuring
The Indianapolis Children's Choir**

Wednesday, Nov. 21, 7 p.m. (Sanctuary)
Celebrate the season and gift of Thanksgiving with a worship service framed around special music from the Indianapolis Children's Choir. In the spirit of the season, a special offering contributes to the Mid-North Food Pantry.

Advent Sermon Series: "Advent Letters"

Sundays, Dec. 2-23, 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.
(Sanctuary)

Advent is a season of preparation to celebrate Emmanuel, "God is with us" in Jesus Christ. This year we will reflect on the lectionary's epistle readings for the season and how the Incarnation is God's love letter to the world.

The Longest Night Service

Sunday, Dec. 16, 5 p.m. (Chapel)
For many of us holidays are difficult, even

painful, at times. There are many personal reasons why we may have a lonely carol to sing before the holy places: grief for those whom we have loved and lost, sadness for broken relationships, failing health and financial turmoil, to name a few. 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

Monday, Dec. 24, 5 p.m., 7:30 p.m. and 11 p.m.
(Sanctuary)

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. During this special evening we invite you to come and experience the drama, joy, and hope we claim in the birth of the incarnate Jesus. 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 children's choirs 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. — Pastor Darren preaching, and

- Festival of Lessons and Carols, 11 p.m. — (Prelude music begins at 10:30 p.m.) Pastor Darren preaching.

Last Sunday of the Year

Sunday, Dec. 30, 11 a.m. (Sanctuary)

There will be one combined service at 11 a.m.

In keeping with Methodist tradition, it will be a covenant service that renews our commitment to Christ for the New Year.



All-Church Events

Fall Festival

Sunday, Sept. 16, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

Contacts: Galloways (ewgalloway@hotmail.com)

and Warbintons (warbinton@comcast.net)

We're rounding up the whole church for a fun night of fellowship! Bring a pot of chili or a pumpkin dish for the chili and pumpkin cook-off! Or bring a side or dessert to share with a large group for a pitch-in meal. There will be activities for all ages. Join us for a time of singing at the Hymn Sing that evening as well.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Parking Lot)

Join us for a night of outreach to our neighbors as we provide a safe alternative to going door to door and a fun alternative for those who do not get any trick-or-treaters at their doors on Halloween. Bring your car full of decorations, wear your costume, and bring lots of candy as we hand out candy to all the kids who come.

Advent Festival

Sunday, Dec. 2, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

Contact: Eric Galloway (ewgalloway@hotmail.com)

Join us for a beautiful all-church celebration of

tradition and music complete with a pitch-in dinner. The entrée and drinks are provided by the church. We ask that all guests bring a dessert or side dish to share. Please register by Nov. 28 at the Hospitality Desk.



Care and Nurture

The Care and Nurture Team seeks to provide care and resources that promote emotional, physical and spiritual health for our congregation and the greater community. Pastoral care is provided by our minister of visitation during the times of life that bring great joy and sometimes challenge and sorrow. Lay visitation is provided by volunteer church members who visit members who may be homebound or living in retirement communities or nursing care facilities. Bereavement care is provided for families at the time of death and during funeral services that are held at the church. Resources are provided that shed light on particular health issues or address particular needs and interests within the church and community.

Check the “Happenings” in weekly church bulletins, monthly newsletters and social media for events that promote health and wholeness for our church and the community.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in Care and Nurture ministries, contact Diane Gattone, pastor of visitation, at dgattone@northchurchindy.com.

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-school: Room 102

We love children and we 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.

Toddlers and Pre-K Sunday School

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

Toddlers: Room 103

Pre-Kindergarten: Room 102

The toddlers and pre-kindergarten kids will engage with the Bible at their appropriate levels. Using the Play-N-Worship curriculum, they will use everyday objects to learn basic Bible stories that will be the foundation upon their growth. Using songs, movements and intentional play, they will learn that God loves them!

Elementary Sunday School

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

Kindergarten through fifth grades

Kindergarten and first graders: Room 101

Second and third graders: Room 104

Fourth and fifth graders: Room 203

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

Elevation

Second and fourth Sundays beginning Aug. 26, 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 about. It is a place for your child to continue climbing on his or her 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.

September Parents' Night Out

Saturday, Sept. 15, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

(Education Wing)

Before parents enjoy a night out, they can drop their children off at North for a night of fun and games. We will eat pizza, watch "Robots," play some games, and do some craft activities. Please RSVP by Sept. 9 at the Hospitality Desk.

Movie and Pizza Night

Friday, Oct. 19, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

Join us for a fun night as we watch "Coco." We will provide pizza, drinks and popcorn. We encourage everyone to dress comfortably and bring a lawn chair, sleeping bag, blanket, or whatever makes you comfortable. PJs are welcome. Please RSVP by Oct. 14 at the Hospitality Desk.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Parking Lot)

Join us for a night of outreach to our neighbors as we provide a safe alternative to going door to door and a fun alternative for those who do not get any trick-or-treaters at their doors on Halloween. Bring your car full of decorations, wear your costume, and bring lots of candy as we hand out candy to all the kids who come.

Game Night and Thanksgiving Feast

Friday, Nov. 16, 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

(Game Room and Club Room)

Join us as we celebrate Thanksgiving with a feast! We will provide the turkey and drinks. Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. After we partake in a great meal we will play board and card games the rest of the evening. Please RSVP by Nov. 11 at the Hospitality Desk.

December Parents' Night Out

Saturday, Dec. 8, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

(Education Wing)

Before parents enjoy Christmas shopping, wrapping, or a quiet evening at home, bring the kids to North for an evening filled with Christmas activities, games and crafts. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by Dec. 2 at the Hospitality Desk. The cost is \$5 per child with a \$15 cap per family. There are funds available to cover the cost of this event if you need them; just let Amy know.

Children's Sunday School

We offer age-appropriate Bible lessons, games, songs, crafts and activities each week. You can read more about it in the Sunday school section.

All of our events are open to the whole church family. If you have any questions or would like to get involved in ministry with Children and Families please contact Amy Sell at asell@northchurchindy.com.



Discipleship And Formation

Holy Conversations Small Groups

Aug. 26-Sept. 30 (Locations vary)

As a companion to the sermon series “Holy Conversations,” small groups will address the timeless questions and the contemporary meanings of Jesus’ parables. Whether you are new to North or have been a member for many years, “Holy Conversations” is an excellent opportunity to get to know one another and deepen your faith.

Parable Study with Perry Kea

Sunday, Aug. 26, 9:45 a.m. (Chapel)

How are we to hear Jesus’ parables? Are they colorful stories that communicate a simple moral message? Do they contain deep messages hidden in allegorical details? Would Jesus’ first-century audience hear something different from a 21st-century audience? While Pastor Darren devotes a sermon series to Jesus’ parables, Perry Kea will facilitate a discussion of Jesus’ parables to help North Church members hear them with fresh ears. Perry Kea is a long-time North Church member and a New Testament scholar at the University of Indianapolis.

New-Members Class

Sundays, Sept. 9 through Oct. 7, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (Parlor)

Contact: *Darren Cushman Wood*
(dcushwood@northchurchindy.com) and
Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com).

This class is for regular attendees who are interested in exploring membership in the UMC and for persons wishing to deepen their understanding and practice of membership. Pastor Darren will cover the basics of United Methodist history, beliefs and practices and will help participants become actively involved in the ministries of North Church.

Exodus Bible Study

Sundays, Sept. 9-30, 6 p.m. (Fellowship Hall, East Tenth Street UMC, 2327 E. 10th St., Indianapolis)

As part of our partnership with East Tenth Street United Methodist Church, Pastor Ronnie will lead a Bible study for members of both the North and East Tenth UMC communities. "Exodus: God's Liberation and Love" will be a guided study of the second book of the Bible.

Celebration of Ministries

Sunday, Sept. 23, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. and 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.

Every member is a minister at North Church, and God has a calling for every person. On this

Sunday we will celebrate and renew our commitment to ministry. You will have an opportunity to sign up for a wide variety of ministry and volunteer experiences. Ministry teams and volunteer committees will have informational tables throughout the church for you to ask questions and get more information on what they do. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres as you explore the ministry opportunities. During worship we will renew our commitment to God's calling.

Holy Conversations Bible Study

Wednesdays, Sept. 26 through Nov. 7 except for Oct. 17, 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. (Room 202)

*Facilitator: Darren Cushman Wood
(dcushwood@northchurchindy.com)*

For those who want to do a deeper exploration of the parables, this six-week study will review all of Jesus' parables. Special attention will be given to the relationship between the parables and Jesus' other teachings and ministry. The Gospel versions of the parables will be examined in light of non-biblical versions. Participants will learn about research by the Jesus Seminar and other contemporary scholars.

Holy Friendships

Oct. 1-Nov. 30 (Times and locations vary.)

As a follow-up to the "Holy Conversations" small groups, everyone is invited to meet each week with a friend to reflect on the previous

Sunday's worship and to share each other's joys and struggles. Each week participants will receive one page of suggested ideas, prayers and information from worship that can be used as a guide. If you want, Amy Sell, minister of discipleship and formation, will pair you with another member. Whether it is over a cup of coffee, a meal or on a walk, our goal is to foster friendships through conversation.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Fall Craft Fair and Bazaar

Saturday, Oct. 13, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

(Fellowship Hall)

Crafts and baked goods created by congregation members and friends of the church will be sold. If you are interested in being a vendor for a \$20 fee, please contact Margaret Mayo at mayo5910@comcast.net.

Dinners for Eight

Saturday, Nov. 3 (Times and locations vary.)

This is an evening of food and fellowship, as diverse groups gather in members' homes to enjoy a simple meal and a time to get to know each other a little better. You can either sign up to be a guest or a host. As a host, you will prepare a simple meal for a group of eight, including yourself, and welcome that group into your home to share it. This is not an elaborate dinner party; this is a simple supper among

church friends. Once sign-ups are completed dinner groups are assigned, hosts notify guests, and the tables are set! You can sign up during three Sundays in October.

United Methodist Women (UMW)

Sunday Supper and New-Member Welcome

Sunday, Nov. 4, following 11 a.m. service
(Fellowship Hall)

Meet our newest church members over a great lunch! This meal is sponsored by United Methodist Women to raise funds for its ongoing mission to serve women and children locally and globally. The cost is \$10/adult, \$5/children under 10, \$30/family max.

Annual UMC Charge Conference

Sunday, Nov. 11, 6 p.m. (Epworth UMC,
6450 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis)

The charge conference is the basic governing body of each local United Methodist church and is comprised of all members of the church council. The charge conference directs the work of the church and gives general oversight to the church council, reviews and evaluates the mission and ministry of the church, sets salaries for the pastor and staff, elects the members of the church council, and recommends candidates for ordained ministry. The charge conference is the connecting link between the local church and the general church.

At North the charge conference is a “church conference” in which all church members can vote, and it serves as the annual meeting of our church, which is incorporated.

Forum on the 2019 General Conference and the Future of the United Methodist Church

Tuesday, Nov. 27 (times and location TBA)

In February the General Conference will meet in a special session to review and make changes to the denomination’s policies and teachings on homosexuality. As the highest legislative body in the denomination, this meeting will act on the recommendations from the Council of Bishops and the Commission on the Way Forward, which was tasked to draft a proposal for sweeping changes. This forum will review the options and explore the potential impact this historic moment may have on North.

Mid-North Shepherd’s Center

Wednesdays beginning at 9:30 a.m.

(Lower Level)

Contact: Jeff Linnan (info@mnscenter.org)

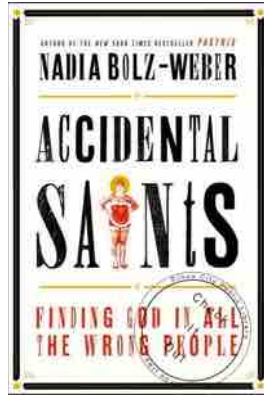
Adults 55 years of age and older attend “Adventures in Learning” each Wednesday starting at 10 a.m. featuring varied programs including choral rehearsals, Bible sharing, news talk, lectures, interactive programs, meditation and book clubs, all offered free of

charge. Day trips are also offered for a minimal charge. Lunch is served each Wednesday for \$7. No membership fees are required.

A Book Study of “Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People”

Dates, time and location TBA.

Life is messy and sometimes difficult, but God uses people from all walks of life to spread his gospel and love. Author Nadia Bolz-Weber is a tattooed Lutheran pastor and a former stand-up comic. She realizes that God has shown up in the least likely people, such



as a church-loving agnostic, a drag queen, a felonious bishop and a gun-toting NRA member. She experiences first-hand encounters with grace, and marvels in how God’s grace reaches all of society. The study will be led by our pastoral intern, Josh Beach. Warning: This book contains adult language.

For more info on Discipleship and Formation Ministries, contact Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com) or Eric Galloway (ewgalloway@hotmail.com).

Mission and Outreach

North Church Farmers Market

Thursdays, Aug. 16 and 30, Sept. 6 and 20,
4 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. (39th Street)

Contact: Megan Sullivan

*(market@northchurchindy.com) or Ronnie Bell
(rbell@northchurchindy.com)*

This is your last chance to stock up on fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and other items for the season. The 2018 market runs on selected Thursdays from June to September. Find a list of all vendors scheduled to attend on the market's Facebook page at 38th & Meridian Farmers' Market. Its Web site is at meridianfarmersmarket.org.

Story Lab

Thursdays, Oct. 4 and Nov. 1, and Sunday,
Dec. 9, time TBA. (Community Room)

Story Lab is an "open mic" opportunity. It is a chance to enjoy a cup of hot chocolate, listen to the stories and artistic expressions of your neighbors, and share some of your own. Put your name on the sign-up sheet upon your arrival to share your gifts.

Servant Day

Saturday, Oct. 6, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

(Various locations)

Servant Day is a time of connecting with our immediate community and nonprofit organizations throughout the city as a day of intentional and collective service. We'll begin the day with a brief meditation and breakfast in the Parlor and then depart to our service sites. Sites to serve will include North's Bread and Bowl, the Mid-North Food Pantry and the East 10th Street UMC Children and Youth Center.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, Oct. 7, 4 p.m. (Courtyard)

In honor of the Feast Day of St. Francis (the patron saint of animals and ecology), North has an annual tradition of the "Blessing of the Animals," which takes place in the Courtyard.

Bring your pets and service animals large and small to North Church on Sunday afternoon for them to receive a blessing. Kids and adults are invited to the church to share a special time of blessing and celebration of their animal companions. Donations of dog and cat food will be sent to a local shelter. Please bring pets on leashes or in carriers for the comfort of all attendees. Water and waste bags will be available.

Jubilee Christmas

Friday, Dec. 7 and Saturday, Dec. 8, times TBA.
(Fellowship Hall)

Contact: *Daphne Chen (hsiaohan@yahoo.com)*

Once again we will open a special “Christmas Store” in Fellowship Hall for our neighbors at Coburn Place. Coburn Place is a safe haven for women and their children affected by domestic violence. Please sign up for volunteer opportunities closer to the event.

Beyond The Bridges

First Saturday of each month, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.
(Club Room, Parlor and Room 006)

Contact: *Edward Matthews
(beyondthebridges@att.net)*

Beyond the Bridges is a men’s ministry which seeks to provide guidance to men re-entering society after imprisonment. The meetings are open to everyone, and you’re encouraged to attend.

Journey Beyond Redemption

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

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

Journey Beyond Redemption is a women's ministry which seeks to support and guide women re-entering society after imprisonment. Meetings are open to everyone, and you’re encouraged to attend.

Bread and Bowl

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

Contact: *Lydia Shaw* (enrshaw@gmail.com)

Bread and Bowl is our community lunch that is offered free to the community surrounding the church. Visitors receive a hot meal and they're also warmly invited to share in conversation and fellowship. This ministry is supported in partnership with Second Helpings.

IPS School 43

Contact: *Kathy Beck* (beck305@hotmail.com)

There are many opportunities to partner with IPS James Whitcomb Riley School 43, 150 West 40th Street, which is North Church's neighborhood elementary school. Tutors volunteer throughout the academic year to work with specific students and/or classrooms to help children achieve academic success.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in Mission and Outreach Ministries, contact Ronnie Bell (rbell@northchurchindy.com), Lydia Shaw (enrshaw@gmail.com), or Carolyn Svirsky (carolyn.svirsky@gmail.com).

Music

Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays, Sept. 6-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 and sings weekly at our 11 a.m. worship service and on special liturgical holidays.

Cathedral Ringers

Rehearsals: Sundays, Sept. 9-June 9, after the 11 a.m. service (Room 007)

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

The Cathedral Ringers is an adult and youth 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.

Children's Choirs

Rehearsals: Sundays, after 11 a.m. service
Pre-K through sixth grade

Music ministry is a central part of North Church's culture. Our children's choirs offer kids an opportunity to experience the joy of

choral singing to the Glory of God.

- **Joyful Noise**

Sept. 9-April 28 (Room 101)

Ages 3-5 (Pre-K)

Director: Mark Gilgallon

(mgilgallon@northchurchindy.com)

- **Carolers**

Sept. 9-May 12 (Conference Room)

Kindergarten through second grade

Director: Denise Page Caraher

(jcdpc88@aol.com)

- **Choristers**

Sept. 9-May 12 (Room 004)

Third through sixth grade

Director: Rosie Jordan

(rosiej@phoeniximages.com)

North's Horns

Contact: Lou Chenette (toccata3@gmail.com),

(317) 253-7537.

A French horn ensemble; if you are interested in playing, please contact Lou.

North's Brass

Director/Contact: John Hague

(jshague@gmail.com), (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 involved. Contact John for more information.

Special Needs Ministry

Special Friends Party

Saturday, Dec. 1, time TBA (Fellowship Hall)
A special afternoon of dancing, caroling, cookies, music, and celebrating, North hosts the Special Friends Party for a group of cognitively challenged adults from the greater Indianapolis area as well as their caregivers/parents. This event takes around 75 volunteers to greet, host, serve, and bake cookies for this special tradition that has been held for over 45 years.

Stewardship

Covenant Conversation on Church Finances

Sunday, Oct. 21, 9:45 a.m. (Fellowship Hall)
The finance and stewardship committee invites you to hear this important update on our financial situation. We will review projections and answer questions about proposals for the 2019 budget. You won't want to miss this important update in preparation for Stewardship Sunday.

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(Sanctuary)
On this special day we will renew our mem-

bership vows to one another by dedicating our financial pledges for 2019.

See worship details under the “Worship & Arts” section.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in Stewardship, contact Josh Jordan (jjordan@northchurchindy.com) or Richard Kluger (rkluger23@att.net).



Sunday School

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

Children:

Pre-School Sunday School

Toddlers: Room 103

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Second and third graders: Room 104

Fourth and fifth graders: Room 203

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

Youth:

Youth Sunday School

Sunday mornings starting Aug. 19

(Room 207 and Room 008)

Youth Sunday school at North is held in Room 207 for middle-school students (grades six through nine) and in Room 008 for high-school students (grades nine through 12). Each class has adult volunteer leaders who lead discussions with the students about faith, biblical literacy, church history and other religious topics.

Adult:

The Affirming Group

(Room 202)

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

The Affirming Group class will study a book written by Adolf Hansen titled "Is It Time to Stop?" The book is structured in three parts. The first part considers the physical and psychological issues facing LGBTQ persons. The second part examines biblical and theological issues. The third part identifies relational and practical issues applying to everyday situations. We will discuss "is it time to stop"....confusing attraction with behavior; stop believing the Bible condemns a homosexual orientation; stop calling homosexuality a sin; stop seeing

the Bible as static rather than as an understanding of God's on-going revelation. All are welcome in our class.

Power and Light

(Room 205)

Contact: Kathy Beck (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: Karen Kay (kkbleonard@sbcglobal.net) and Jack Leonard (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.

Usual Suspects

(Room 004)

Contacts: James and Miki Hamstra (jameshamstra@gmail.com)

Have a younger child? This group of parents blends general discussions of raising children and building families with time to talk freely about specific challenges and joys. From prayer

to potty training to play dates, we cover it all. We seek to find God's direction to grow as individuals, spouses/partners, and parents as well as create friendships between those sharing this journey. Come as you are and when you can; we know life can be unexpected and we welcome you. Participants share in facilitating the class and sharing stories and support.

If you would like to learn more about our different Sunday school offerings, contact Amy Sell at asell@northchurchindy.com.



United Methodist Women

The Women of Lydia*

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

Contact: Sue Childers (donsuechilders@yahoo.com)

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

Miriam Circle*

Fourth Thursday, noon (Parlor)

Contact: Margaret Mayo (mayo5910@comcast.net)

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

Information about the UMW Sunday Supper and UMW Craft Fair and Bazaar is located under the "Discipleship and Formation" section.

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

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



Youth

Youth Group

Sundays, 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. starting Aug. 19
(Fellowship Hall and Room 008)

Youth Group at North Church is open to all students in grades six through 12. Middle school consists of students in grades six through eight, and high school consists of grades nine through 12. We start each evening gathering with a meal in the Club Room on the lower level, and then split up the age groups into two separate rooms for games, discussions and prayer. Regular Youth Group meetings include a faith-based discussion on topics such as scripture, theology, current events and everyday life.

Confirmation

Sunday mornings starting Aug. 19, 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. (Club Room)

Confirmation is a foundational religious education and spiritual formation course for students in seventh and eighth grade who have yet to complete it. This class, led by Cory Unthank with help from Pastors Darren and Ronnie and other adult leaders, welcomes students on a walk through the Christian faith, beliefs and history, all to help students make an informed decision after completing the course

about whether they want to become an official member of North. Confirmation Sunday will be held in February 2019.

Youth Hayride

Sunday afternoon, Oct. 14, exact time TBA.
(Pick up and drop off at Eagle Creek Park)
It's fall, and that means it's time to enjoy great fall weather and fall foliage. Youth and parents are invited to join us at Eagle Creek Park (shelter location TBA) for an afternoon of fall fun. After time spent playing games and activities at the shelter we will take a hayride around the park to enjoy the sights. The cost is \$5, and you can sign up at the front desk before Oct. 7.

Trunk or Treat

Sunday, Oct. 28, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. (Parking Lot)
Youth in grades six through 12 are invited to help lead games and crafts to help the children attending Trunk or Treat have a fun and safe Halloween.

Thirty-Hour Fast

Nov. 2-3, evening to evening (Various locations throughout the church and possibly off-site service projects)
Students and adult volunteers are invited to join us in a challenge for the body, mind and spirit, as we fast for 30 hours to raise awareness and understanding of the struggle of

poverty and homelessness. From lunchtime on Friday to dinnertime on Saturday we will refrain from eating food, only taking in water and juice, while partaking in discussions, prayer, service projects and activities to increase our understanding and experience. We will end the fast with communion and a large feast. Adults can sign up to be volunteers; this can include staying overnight at the church as well as driving to our off-site locations.

Cookie Project Sales

Sunday mornings in November (West Entry)
To help raise money for our 2019 Appalachia Service Project trip, we will sell boxes of chocolate-chip cookies in the West Entry. Boxes can be taken home, given to others as gifts, taken to gatherings or workplaces, or donated to the Special Friends Party. We will bake the cookies on Saturday, Dec. 1 (location TBD), and the boxes can be picked up at church on Sunday, Dec. 2 (location TBD). Both youth and adults are needed to help with sales in November and the baking on Dec. 1. For more info, please contact Cory Unthank or Sarah Galloway.

Progressive Dinner

Sunday, Dec. 9 (Times and locations TBD)
Students and adults will celebrate the winter season and the upcoming holidays together with a three-part meal held at three different

homes. We will meet at North and travel to our first location for appetizers, the second home for the main course, and the third home for dessert. At each home we will enjoy great food, fun games and good conversation with friends. Adults can sign up to host and/or drive.

For questions about youth events or to sign up to volunteer, serve food or attend any events, please contact Cory Unthank, minister of youth and young adults, at coryunthank@northchurchindy.com, or Kathy Schilling, the chairperson of the Youth Council, at kathkatschilling@comcast.net. All events are held at North unless otherwise specified.



Young Adults

We have a growing ministry that is specifically for “young adults,” or those ages 18-30 who are no longer in high school. These quarterly fellowship events focus on establishing and developing friendships in this diverse age group, which consists of individuals going through many different life experiences:

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

Our events in 2018 so far have included a game night and duckpin bowling. We are always looking for new ideas, opportunities, and volunteers to help make North Church Young Adult Ministry even better!

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in young adult ministries, please contact Cory Unthank at 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/

- Social media:

- Facebook:

facebook.com/NorthChurchIndy
and friend "Linda AtNorth;"

- Twitter: @NorthChurchIndy

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