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**ADULT EDUCATION**

**Fall 2010**

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# Emerging Voices



*God has told you, O mortal, what is good;  
and what does the LORD require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?*

— Micah 6:8

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## How do we listen for the voice of God and be a prophetic voice in the world?

We hope that you will be led to be part of a small group at North Church this fall. As we embark on a sermon series about the minor prophets, we'll have our own opportunities to explore what it means to proclaim God's prophetic Word in the world.

The following list provides a variety of options for growth. We're all on different journeys, and there is no fastest or shortest way to our destination. We hope you will try several options until you find the best direction for you. We pray that ultimately you will be guided down a path of growing in love for God, neighbor, and self.

If you have questions, please contact Lisa Schubert (924-2612; [lschubert@northchurchindy.com](mailto:lschubert@northchurchindy.com)).

Blessings on your journey!



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## **Sunday Morning Opportunities — 9:45 a.m.**

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Unless otherwise indicated,  
all classes will start on Sunday, Sept. 12

***Studies:** We hope you will explore different options that meet your passions and interests. The following classes engage with Biblical topics; the intersection of popular culture and faith; mission and social justice; and deepening our relationship with God and one another.*

**Amazing Grace (Conference Room):** This ongoing class, now in its sixth year, reads a book chosen by participants that then is a framework for sharing of personal experiences and insights on the faith journey. Participants typically read a few chapters each week and discuss their questions, learnings, and experiences. This class is ideal for anyone who struggles with the traditional historic views of theology, the Bible, and church history and who wants to deepen his or her own spiritual journey as a Christian in an increasingly complex world. This fall, participants will continue discussing *Same Kind of Different as Me*. Class facilitation is shared among participants. Contact Marcia Knight (858-5849; [mknight2@indy.rr.com](mailto:mknight2@indy.rr.com)) or Doris Jane Conway (409-6460; [djconway4013@comcast.net](mailto:djconway4013@comcast.net)).

**Contemporary Biblical Forum (Room 009 - west side of Game Room):** Join us for new understandings of the Bible - extra books not in the canon; new meanings for treasured prophecies; three sections of the First Testament; the latest archaeological discoveries; the Bible on vexing questions such as the justice of God and homosexuality; and basic themes of covenant, law, and prophecy. A series on the minor prophets will begin Aug. 29. These and other results of contemporary study of the Bible are presented by scholars, archaeologists, and other specialists in Biblical Studies. Contact Austin Ritterspach (924-4661; [aritterspach@aol.com](mailto:aritterspach@aol.com)).

**New Corinthians (Parlor):** This class devotes itself to understanding the intersection of faith and culture. Topics vary weekly and cover subjects from popular culture in literature (books, magazines, news stories), media (films, television, videos), and music. Contact Dan and Suzette Mathis ([danieljmathis@netzero.net](mailto:danieljmathis@netzero.net)); Kevin and Natalie Dempsey (769-3815; [kipbernson@aol.com](mailto:kipbernson@aol.com); [natdempsey@aol.com](mailto:natdempsey@aol.com)) or Marie and Toby Powell (543-9728; [tobmarpowell@yahoo.com](mailto:tobmarpowell@yahoo.com)).

**Cornerstone: New Member Class (Club Room):** Perhaps you've been worshipping with us at North for awhile. Maybe you first ventured through the doors this summer. Or perhaps you've been a member of North but would like a refresher course. If you want to learn more about the current people, missions, and ministries of North Church, we invite you to be part of our Cornerstone New Member Class. **We will meet every week from Sunday, Sept. 19 to Sunday, Oct. 17.** On Sunday, Oct. 3 at 4 p.m., we will meet with Kevin and Nancy Armstrong. We will also have three follow-up gatherings in November, January and April. These Sunday morning times will offer a brief exploration of Christian discipleship, the Body of Christ, The United Methodist Church, the history of North Church, and current programs, groups, and activities at North Church. On Sunday, Oct. 17, we will welcome those who become new members. Contact Lisa Schubert (924-2612; [lschubert@northchurchindy.com](mailto:lschubert@northchurchindy.com)).

**Power and Light (Room 205):** This class is a welcoming, diverse group of individuals united in fellowship, social service, and personal support in the mutual pursuit of spiritual growth. Contact Kathy Beck (251-9143; [beck305@hotmail.com](mailto:beck305@hotmail.com)).

**Servant or Sucker Part II (Fellowship Hall):** We've all been there. Someone who is obviously poor or homeless approaches you and asks for money. What do you do? Do you give money knowing there's a good chance it will be used on drugs or alcohol, or do you say "no" or even ignore the person as you walk by? No one wants to be a sucker in these situations, but at the same time Jesus' call to help the poor echoes in our hearts and minds. *Servant or Sucker?* will help viewers discern appropriate, Christ-centered actions when it comes to addressing poverty on a personal or organizational level. **This seven-week class will run from Sept. 19 to Oct. 31** and be led by Brian Williams (924-2612; [bwilliams@northchurchindy.com](mailto:bwilliams@northchurchindy.com)), John Drake, and other guests.

**Sojourners (Room 005):** Sojourners is a year-round, intergenerational adult Sunday School class. Members talk, pray, work, and play together. The group selects varied studies - some Bible books or subjects and some contemporary works. Discussion leadership is shared by volunteers. At the start of each calendar year, the class creates its plan for service and social events, including serving NUMC Friendship Time after second worship in February and August. You are invited to join us! Contact Eric Galloway (843-9263;

[egalloway@northchurchindy.com](mailto:egalloway@northchurchindy.com)) and Karen Kay Leonard (253-0403; [KKBLEonard@sbcglobal.net](mailto:KKBLEonard@sbcglobal.net)).

***Support Networks:*** *The following group meets to provide each other with encouragement, prayer, and a safe place for sharing together.*

**Building Strong Foundations (Room 004):** This ongoing class is geared for parents of children from infants through teenagers. It has a casual setting and lighthearted approach where participants discuss issues affecting families. Share your milestones and challenges with other young as we build traditions together. Contact Judy Workman (573-9535 or [judy@workmanfamily.com](mailto:judy@workmanfamily.com)).

### **Coffee, Tea and Bagels**

(Community Room) - 8:45 a.m.

Join us for a time of fellowship  
over pastries, coffee, and juice.

Contact Lela Russell

at 846-8217

or [lruss71338@aol.com](mailto:lruss71338@aol.com)



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## **Weekday Education Opportunities**

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To sign up for classes, please contact the leaders directly.

If you are in need of child care on Tuesday or Wednesday evening, please contact Kat Russell (506-4882; [krussell@northchurchindy.com](mailto:krussell@northchurchindy.com))

***Bible Studies:** The psalmist reminds us that God's Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. The following studies will illuminate deeper understandings of the Bible for our daily lives, helping us to be shaped and transformed into more faithful disciples.*

***Wednesday Morning Bible Study:** This ongoing group continues to select a book of the Bible and then study it chapter by chapter. Participants seek to understand the Scripture and how it applies to their lives.*

**Facilitator:** Chuck Johnson (291-4731; [csjoyful@sbcglobal.net](mailto:csjoyful@sbcglobal.net))


**Meeting:** 7 a.m. on Wednesdays (all year)

***Journey through the Bible - Minor Prophets:** This well-known Bible series will help us gain a deeper understanding of the minor prophets, their role in Hebrew Scripture, and their voice that still resonates in our world. Through a 15-week study that follows the sermon series, we'll apply this ancient wisdom to our life as a church today.*

**Facilitators:** Dan Pritchard (357-1942; [dbpritchard@yahoo.com](mailto:dbpritchard@yahoo.com)) and Lisa Schubert (924-2612; [lschubert@northchurchindy.com](mailto:lschubert@northchurchindy.com))

**Meeting:** 7 to 9 p.m. on Wednesdays from Sept. 15 to Dec. 29

**Cost:** \$9.00 (scholarships available)



***Faith in Action:** What does it mean to live out our faith in the broader world, to be passionate about social justice concerns and share God's love with all people? The following courses provide broad opportunities to expand our knowledge, prayer lives, and commitment to transforming the world into the place God hopes it will become.*

***Fish Out of Water:** The young adults will explore this creative and provocative documentary about the impassioned relationship between homosexuality and the Bible. Participants begin each time by sharing a pitch-in meal. Join us as we engage in conversation, explore relevant topics to our faith, and grow together.*

**Facilitators:** rotating among the young adult participants.  
**Contact :** Julie Machledt (372-3860; [jmachledt@gmail.com](mailto:jmachledt@gmail.com))  
**Meeting:** 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 7 to 28

### Living Well: Mental Wellness Series

Saturdays, 8:30 a.m. to noon in Fellowship Hall  
(light refreshments served)

Recommended reading: *Being Well When We're Ill: Wholeness and Hope in Spite of Infirmary* by Marva Dawn

**Oct. 9 - Mental Illness & Families of Faith: How Congregations Can Respond** - Facilitator Carole J. Wills, M.A.R., chair NAMI FaithNet National Advisory Group; Alban Institute Mental Health Ministry Resource Consultant. *As a church committed to sharing Christ in our community, this session will help us move through empathy to action, learning practical ways to come along side those effected by mental illness.*

#### **Oct. 16 - Mental Wellness: Managing Stress & Depression**

Presenter Jay D. Fawver, M.D., Fawver Wellness Clinic, Ft. Wayne, IN; Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Indiana University School of Medicine, Indianapolis; Host of Public Television's "Matters of the Mind with Dr. Jay Fawver". *Learn the signs and science of stress and depression; develop your own wellness plan based on Dr. Fawver's holistic approach.*

#### **Oct. 23 - PTSD - Caring for our Veterans and Military Families -**

Scott Patterson, PhD, Veterans Administration Medical Center, Indianapolis, Local Recovery Coordinator; John W. Myers, M.S., Vocational Rehabilitation and Education Officer, Indianapolis Veterans Administrational Regional Office. *Post Traumatic Stress Disorder can be totally debilitating to veterans and their families. How can we become agents of healing and hope? What resources are available? After Scott Patterson's presentation on Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI), John Myers and Scott Patterson will provide a roundtable discussion on coping strategies for military families and helpful pointers for church friends.*

**Sunday, Oct. 17, 5:30 p.m. in the Chapel - A Service of Prayer for Healing and Hope** - *Whether our mind, spirit, body or soul are broken, the healing power of prayer, song, scripture, ritual and Christian fellowship are some of God's agents for inner healing - even when a "cure" seems illusive. We'll practice God's call to "Come and wait on the Lord."*

**Meditation and Contemplative Prayer:** This is an opportunity to develop a practice of meditation/contemplative prayer by participating in silence with others. A goal is to keep coming back to the present moment, time after time, without judgment. The silent time is preceded by a short reading, an explanation of methods if needed, and any questions you might have. Three gongs initiate and end the silent period. You may practice as you are familiar or try something new. You do not need previous experience to participate. "The root of prayer is interior silence," said Thomas Keating. In a society of much noise and distraction, this is an opportunity to go inside and experience the power of a voice within.

**Facilitators:** Linda Smith (257-7896; [carlinsmith@indy.rr.com](mailto:carlinsmith@indy.rr.com)); Doris Jane Conway (409-6460; [djconway4013@comcast.net](mailto:djconway4013@comcast.net)); and Rick Pickering (924-2612; [rpickering@northchurchindy.com](mailto:rpickering@northchurchindy.com))

**Meeting:** 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. on Tuesdays year-round

**Español (Spanish):** Practice that Spanish that you learned many years ago or start to learn Spanish. These classes will be a continuation of the classes given in the spring; new students are welcome to join. ¡Hasta pronto! (See you soon!)

**Facilitator:** Jan Wheeler-Cowen (635-8802; [wheaterjan@alumni.iu.edu](mailto:wheaterjan@alumni.iu.edu))

**Meeting:** Beginner class: 6 to 7 p.m.; more advanced class: 7:15 to 8:15 p.m. on Tuesdays from Sept. 7 to Nov. 16, with no class on Oct. 19. Class meets in library.

**Cost:** \$10 (scholarships available). Beginner class uses *Teach Yourself Spanish* and accompanying CD, which costs an additional \$22.95. Advanced class will continue without a text.

**Save-the-date for fall retreats!**

**Family Retreat:** Oct. 30-31 at Camp Tecumseh

**Women's Retreat:** Nov. 12-14 at Waycross

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## **Occasional Educational Opportunities**

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**Leaven Ministries:** This group expresses God's love among those who hunger and thirst for creative ways of extending God's embracing love among gay, lesbian, and bisexual people and their parents, families, and friends. Leaven meets several times throughout the year for study, worship, and fellowship. Stay tuned for more information.

**Leaders:** Linda McClain and Becky VanVoorhis (841-1020; [LMcClain@ecommunity.com](mailto:LMcClain@ecommunity.com); [rvanvoor@iupui.edu](mailto:rvanvoor@iupui.edu)) or Troy Barker and Tim Rankin (578-3710; [troy@comcast.net](mailto:troy@comcast.net); [trankin@comcast.net](mailto:trankin@comcast.net)).

**Spiritual Companionship/Direction:** For centuries people who have wanted to deepen their walk with God have sought out a companion to help them explore and clarify how God is moving in their lives. There are many trained spiritual directors in the Indianapolis area, including several individuals who are members of North. Lisa Schubert can provide you with general information and help you find a trained Director.

**United Methodist Women - Miriam Circle:** The United Methodist Women form a community of women who seek to know God and experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ. They develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and expand concepts of mission through participation in the global ministries of the church.

**Leaders:** Daphne Chen (839-5135; [hsiaohan@yahoo.com](mailto:hsiaohan@yahoo.com)); Marcia Knight (858-5849; [mknight2@indy.rr.com](mailto:mknight2@indy.rr.com)); Joyce Laetsch (786-4293; [jmlaetsch@aol.com](mailto:jmlaetsch@aol.com)); and Margaret Mayo (299-8566; [mayo5910@comcast.net](mailto:mayo5910@comcast.net)).

**Women of Lydia:** This recently formed group is connected to United Methodist Women. This winter they will engage in a new study and service opportunities to reach out in the community. Meeting time is the fourth Wednesday evening of each month at 7 p.m. in the Parlor. Stop in anytime.

**Contact :** Sue Childers (257-7558; [donsuechilders@yahoo.com](mailto:donsuechilders@yahoo.com)).

**Coming Soon!** A UMW circle for young adult women. Stay tuned!

**Wesley Fellowship:** The group meets on the third Sunday of each month at 5:30 p.m. with a pitch-in meal and a variety of programs. Voluntary donation of \$2.00 accepted for the entrée. Most participants are older adults, but anyone is welcome to join us. Hope to see you there!

**Leaders:** Norma Ritterspach (924-4661 or [normaritterspach@aol.com](mailto:normaritterspach@aol.com)); Lois and Glen Calkins (297-7102 or [gcfirstin@aol.com](mailto:gcfirstin@aol.com); [calkinslois@aol.com](mailto:calkinslois@aol.com)).



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## Other Opportunities

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*The following are covenanted groups that have already formed. But we wanted to increase awareness about the diversity of small groups at North Church.*

**Camp Fire:** A covenanted group that meets monthly for an ongoing book discussion and fellowship. Contact Sue Childers (257-7558; [donsuechilders@yahoo.com](mailto:donsuechilders@yahoo.com)).

**Wild Geese Women's Spiritual Development Covenanted Group:** A small group of women using a group spiritual direction model to support one another's spiritual formation. For more information, contact Lisa Schubert (924-2612; [lschubert@northchurchindy.com](mailto:lschubert@northchurchindy.com)).

**Tuesday Night P.H. Group:** This covenanted group will be studying *The Phoenix of Affirmations* and be led by Patti Hefner. If you have been part of this group in the past, please contact Susan Machledt for more information (257-0513; [smachledt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:smachledt@sbcglobal.net)).





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