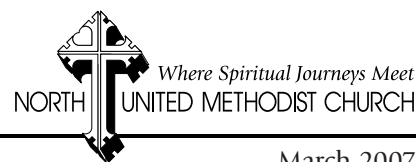


NORTH NOTES



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March 2007

It's a new church record!

On Feb. 11, 2007, 22 persons joined North Church.
Meet our new members:

Matt and Jomary Baller

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Matt and Jomary are expecting their first child this month. They were attracted to North by the inclusiveness, the overall atmosphere, and the mission of the church. Matt is a manager for the Department of Environmental Management for the state of Indiana and Jomary is a Water Resource Planner in the Department of Natural Resources. They enjoy music, running and biking; also Matt is interested in cartography. They joined by Profession of Faith.

Wade Clapp and Nancy Swigonski

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Wade and Nancy have three sons, Luke who is in his freshman year of college, Steve, a junior in high school and Spencer in the 6th grade. Outreach both in the local community and worldwide as well as social justice issues brought them to North Church. Both are professors in the I.U. School of Medicine. They transferred from Zionsville UMC.

Dale Cobb and Susan Novak-Cobb

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Dale and Susan have a full household with Susan's daughter Haley, age 12 and two cats and a dog. The message from the pulpit and the friendliness of the congregation were influential in their decision to join North Church. Nancy enjoys gardening and travel and has plans to "organize my life." (If you get it done, Nancy, tell us how.) Dale is a cabinet builder and bench carpenter and is interested in art related activities. He is working toward a degree in Art Education at IUPUI. He joined by Profession of Faith and Susan transferred from St. Andrew Presbyterian Church.

Lisa Coffman

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Lisa and her husband, Greg have a seven year old son, Noah. In addition to wanting to move closer to God in her own relationship, Lisa was looking for a strong religious foundation for her son. Beside her job as Operations Coordinator at Brightpoint, Lisa volunteers at Dress for Success and the Damien Center. She transferred from Central Christian Church in Indianapolis.

News From Nandayosi



Friday, February 2, 2007, **Al and Louise Crandall, Lou and Emily Chenette, George McAtee, and Victor Childers** made a call to Pastor Medardo Aburto in Nicaragua. We made a prompt connection but had difficulty in understanding Medardo. He seems to forget that we need for him to speak very slowly. It is frustrating for him when we are unable to fully communicate.

We did learn that his family is well and Victor, the son who lost a leg, is working long hours for the bus company. The sound equipment is still working although the microphone has suffered some damage. We suggested he check with the Baptist Convention about using the emergency fund for purchasing a replacement. He was uncertain about the amount remaining in the fund. (This is a matter on which we have been pressing for a complete report for some time.)

We asked about the new government of Daniel Ortega. Medardo indicated that the time in office is short so it is difficult to make an evaluation. He did say that people are uneasy because Ortega is a leftist. There is fear that Ortega may follow the policies of Hugo Chavez in Venezuela.

We dialed Victor's cell phone, thinking we might catch him on the bus. There was no response.

The next call is scheduled for **Friday, April 20** at 6:00 p.m. We will meet in the Church office.

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The Dallas Mavericks, this season's top team in the N.B.A., have an important edge on their opponents: They shoot over eighty percent from the free-throw line. How do they do it? Coaches and players credit Gary Boren, an investment banker.

No, Boren didn't pay to send the players to free-throw camp. He's the N.B.A.'s only free-throw coach and since 1999 he's been helping the Mavericks while working for The Equity Group in Dallas.

According to a recent article in The New York Times, Boren films players shooting free throws and then reviews the footage for 41 common obstacles to good free-throw shooting. Most players see miles of film as they run up and down the court. "Not one in a hundred has been filmed standing still shooting a free throw," according to Boren.

Just as a good piano teacher will show us how to move our hands so that chord playing becomes beautiful music, Boren shows his players how to use their brain and body to learn techniques that eventually become good habits.

There are no shortcuts to learning how to play the piano, master a language, or become a skilled free-throw shooter. It takes personal desire, hard work, and good teachers who are able to stir our curiosity, inspire a rhythm of practice, and encourage a life of discipline.

Most of us become Christians in a similar fashion. We are drawn into a way of faithful living because teachers, by example and precept, make the Christian life compelling. We want to be more like them, we want to enjoy living as they do.

Who in your life or in our congregation lives in such a way that stirs your imagination, inspires you to want to live as they do, or motivates you to want to deepen a life of study, prayer, or service?

During their confirmation journey, nine of our young people will be looking over the shoulders of people in this congregation and watching for ways to imitate how we live out our Christian faith. There are many good teachers among us. Regardless of age, we all have something to learn; we all have something to teach. There are many classes and activities during this Lenten season that offer a chance for members, friends, and neighbors to grow in faith as we learn from one another.

Gary Boren says he's not trying to make all his players look like Mark Price (a 90% career free-throw shooter). "I'm just trying to take what they've got ... and tweak their shot in the most important areas that will give them a shot to get better."

Investing in free throws has paid off for the Mavericks. There aren't many better investments in a congregation than encouraging and learning from the people who instill a passion and interest in Christian faith and life by the way they teach and live among us.

Shalom,

Kevin
Kevin



Rev. Chuck Johnson announces mission trip opportunities

We have planned a **mission trip to the New Orleans area** during the first week in April. We plan to take the Confirmation Class and we have space for a few other interested persons of any age who would like to go. We leave Saturday, **March 31** and will return Saturday, **April 7**. Our destination is the Sager Brown campus in Baldwin, LA, which is the headquarters facility for the Disaster Response program of the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). UMCOR is one of the premier response ministries anywhere. These people have been working in Florida and the Gulf Coast non-stop for the past few years. Shirley and I had the privilege of working with their team in Bay St. Louis, Mississippi last February. Now I look forward to another Hurricane Katrina work opportunity.

The South Indiana Conference is sponsoring two work mission opportunities to interested youth and adults. Both missions will go to the **Crow Creek Reservation in Fort Thompson, South Dakota**. The dates are: First Trip **July 14-20** and Second Trip **July 28-August 4**, 2007. Projects at the Reservation include light construction, yard work, and assisting in activities at the church and community center. If you are interested in either of these trips, contact Chuck Johnson at 924-2612, or at 291-4731, for details.

**Deadline for April
North Notes is March 10.**

Information can be submitted to
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New Members *continued from page 1*

Kimberley Davis

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Originally from Michigan, Kimberley has lived in Indianapolis about three years with her husband, David Little. She was drawn to North Church by the worship services, the sermons, and the friendliness of the congregation. She is a registered nurse at Methodist Hospital as well as going to school part-time. Kimberley transferred from Williamston UMC, Williamston, Michigan.

Jim Gorski and Laura Baker

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Jim and Laura are both teachers at IPS #67—Jim teaches grades seven and eight and Laura teaches grades four and five. Laura has three children, Kristena, Brian who has been to an orphanage in Zimbabwe three times and Julia who is a senior at North Central High School.

As Jim puts it, they were attracted to North by the “traditional worship in a non-traditional way.” He enjoys sports, technology and gardening while Laura’s interests are in needle arts, cooking, reading, and travel. They joined by Profession of Faith.

Danny Jones

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Danny was introduced to North Church because of member **Doshia Stewart**. He works in Human Resources at the St. Vincent Heart Center and is considering furthering his education with graduate school. A man of varied interests he enjoys reading, staying fit, fishing, traveling, plays and jazz. Danny joined by Profession of Faith.

Meghan McCormick

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Meghan is an assistant editor of Indianapolis Monthly magazine. The diversity of the congregation and the meaningful sermons helped her decide to join North Church. Now she wants to find an area of the church where she can be of service. She has several interests including running, tennis and environmental causes and she recently traveled to South Africa. She lives with her dog, Ollie and joined by transfer from Zionsville UMC.

Ron and Carol Mead

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Ron and Carol have two sons, Kevin, a junior at Purdue and Jordan in the third grade. They also have a border collie named Kelsie and 11 tropical fish. A diverse household! The worship, sermons and music and the friendliness and acceptance of the congregation were determining factors in their decision to join North. Ron is Vice-President of Mission Integration for St. Vincent Health System but he is also a bicycler and has participated in a ride across Iowa seven times. He also enjoys fly fishing. Carol volunteers at Jordan’s school and enjoys needlework, gardening, reading and walking. They transferred from Zionsville UMC.

Frank and Vernyeé Rogers

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Vernyeé is a Marketing Manager at Hoosier Motor Club and Frank is retired allowing him to pursue his interests in movies, walking and target shooting. Vernyeé enjoys gourmet cooking and interior design. The local and global outreach of the church drew them to

North. Vernyeé says, “I never felt like a visitor from the first day.” Frank transferred from St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church and Vernyeé joined by Profession of Faith.

Melissa Vester

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Melissa is a registered nurse at Riley Hospital and lives with her husband, Jamey. After attending other churches, Melissa felt very comfortable at North and chose to continue her journey with God here. She loves to cook and play with her dogs. Melissa joined by Profession of Faith.

Ty Whitcomb

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Ty knew of North Church because of **Al and Louise Crandall** and decided to join. He especially wants to participate in Christian Education classes. He transferred from Meridian Street UMC.

Andy and Jan York

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Andy and Jan have lived in Indianapolis about a year and a half where Andy is a specialty agronomist with Agrigold Hybrids. They have several grown children and grandchildren with whom they enjoy spending time. The friendliness and openness of the church, the music, and the outreach to the community were influential in their decision to join. They enjoy gardening, cooking (Jan), golf (Andy), and traveling. Andy transferred from Monrovia UMC, Monrovia, Indiana and Jan transferred from Court St. UMC, Rockford, Illinois.

Amazing Grace

Beginning March 4 the class will begin reading and discussing *The Last Week in Jerusalem, a day-by-day account of Jesus' Final Week in Jerusalem* by Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan. Books are available at the reception desk or in class.

Contemporary Biblical Forum

March 4—**Austin Ritterspach** leads a review of the Adam and Eve story in Genesis 2–3 as a follow up on February's Texts of Terror.

Then we welcome recent new member **Scott Himsel**. Scott is a lawyer with Baker and Daniels and he teaches constitutional law courses part-time at Wabash College.

The series is "Three Vignettes of Religious Freedom." Religious freedom is one of America's greatest treasures and perhaps one of its greatest gifts to the world. But how does religious freedom actually work in practice? We will examine this interesting subject by focusing on the following three cases.

March 11—"Can I take my knife to school?" May children, whose Sikh faith requires them to wear ceremonial daggers ("kirpans"), wear their kirpans to school despite the school's "no weapons" policy? We'll use this example to explore what it means to say that we have the freedom "to exercise" our religion.

March 18—"I am a Member of Team Jesus Christ." A banner bearing these words was recently hung in the football locker room at the United States Air Force Academy, and similar expressions were made by other Academy staff. May Government speak the language of faith without violating our Constitution's ban on conduct "respecting an establishment of religion"?

March 25—"Both read the same Bible, and pray to the same God; and each invokes His aid against the other." These words are taken from Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address, a speech Frederick Douglas described as "more of a sermon than a state paper." Should our leaders invoke God's name and scripture when they address the great issues of our time? Does Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address offer us any guidance?

Bring a copy of the constitution, sharpen your analytical skills, and join us for a great discussion!

New Corinthians

In March, New Corinthians will bridge from its discussion of Black America to prison and prison ministry:

March 4—The State of Black America and its Link to Prison

March 11—Social justice and prison ministry

March 16—View the movie, *Shawshank Redemption*, 6:30 p.m., parlor

March 18—Discuss *Shawshank Redemption*

March 25—Special guest DeeEllen Davis from the "Faith Care Team," part of the UMC mission project for prisoner re-entry.

Power and Light

March 4—**Garland Pannell** leads a discussion of the prison ministry at North.

March 11—**Pat Thorlton** discusses her role as Faith Community Church Nurse at North Church.

March 18—**Lisa Schubert** will discuss the Clergywomen's Consultation which celebrates women in ministry.

March 25 & April 1—View and discuss the Bill Moyer movie, *Amazing Grace*.

Sojourners

Continuing discussion of *If Grace Is True* by Philip Gulley and James Mulholland.

March 4—Chapter 2, Trusting Our Experience with God, **Tracey Heaton** leading.

March 11—Chapter 3, The Character of God, **Maurice Rembert** leading.

March 18 & 25—Health Care Presentation and discussion, **Dr. Robert Nation** leading.

All of the classes are always open to all interested persons.

Do you want to know how to save a life?

NUMC HEALTH FAIR
Sunday, March 4
9:30 am–1:30 pm

CPR—Cardio-pulmonary Resuscitation will be offered during the Health Fair, **March 4**.

From 9:30 to 11 a.m. our own **Dianne Foglesong** will conduct this class. What could be more convenient? Come attend Sunday School, worship, the Health Fair, and learn or refresh yourself on CPR? And it's free.

To register contact **Yolanda Floreancig** at 923-6022.

PARISH NEWS

Congratulations to:

Ted and Johanna Maple on the birth of Adam Joseph on January 31. Adam has two older brothers, Jonah and Samuel.

Names in the News:

Patrick Caraher and **Amy Strawbridge** were named to the 9th grade high honor roll at University High School. Patrick also has a role in the school's production of *Guys and Dolls*.

Sylvia Hyde was selected to participate in the Indiana State University Lilly Fellows Teachers Academy. Sylvia teaches French at Clay Middle School.

Amie Larkins was pictured in *The Carmel Star* February 10 as she played on the Fishers High School girls' basketball team. They defeated Carmel.

Sue Moeschl was quoted in *The Carmel Star* about her role in plans by the Carmel Clay School system to institute a telephone notification process to use in severe weather. Sue is Director of Information Services for the Carmel Clay School System.

Bryan Robbins received a Certificate of Valor by the Downtown Kiwanis Club for his "can do" attitude. Bryan is also an honor roll student.

CALENDAR



March 1

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper Service

March 4

9:30 a.m. Health Fair

March 8

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper Service

March 15

5:30 p.m. Parents Night Out

March 15

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper Service

March 22

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper Service

March 29

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper Service

New dates for

FAMILY RETREAT

March 17-18

Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, IN

Sign up in the West Entry on

Sunday, March 4

Cost:

- \$57.50 per person 4 and older without a linen and towel service
- \$66.00 per person 4 and older with the linen and towel service
- No charge for kids 3 or younger

(Scholarships available)

Questions?

Contact Lisa Schubert at 924-2612 or lschubert@northchurchindy.com

This is the first in an occasional series about our staff and what activities and groups they participate in outside of their roles at North Church.

This month we present our music department, **Mark Gilgallon**, Director of Music and **Martin Ellis**, Assistant Director of Music and Organist. As you will see here both Mark and Martin are active participants in the music world of our community.

Mark Gilgallon

Mark is the Vocal Director of the Indianapolis Symphony's Yuletide Celebration and is also the soloist for Judas Maccabaeus with Fairview Presbyterian Church and the Indianapolis Hebrew Congregation. He has performed on the Butler Faculty Showcase Recital and gave a solo Faculty Voice Recital at Butler with Anna Briscoe. Teaching is also on his agenda as he teaches a music appreciation class for non-music majors and teaches 10 private voice students at Butler.



Martin Ellis

As many know Martin is the accompanist for the Regional Concerts for The Indianapolis Children's Choir. (This means he gets to travel to neat places, like Hawaii.) He is also the assistant director and accompanist for the ICC/IPS Interschool Middle School Choral Festival. Martin accompanied the Angels Sing week at St. Luke's UMC and also was the organist for the Christmas show at St. Luke's with the Indianapolis Youth Chorale. He was the organist for the Indianapolis Symphonic Choir's Holiday show and accompanied the Indiana Music Educator's Middle School Honor's Choir.



In addition to this Martin has performed for Channel 13 and is making a recording with the Trio Con Brio (three organists, three organs).

Happily for us, we get to hear these talented musicians every week as they direct and accompany our own several choirs.

SAVE THESE DATES!

Vacation Bible School

June 25-28

6-8:30 p.m.

Opportunities for all ages!

Interested in helping or need more information?

Contact Lisa Hamilton, 924-2612 or lhamilton@northchurchindy.com.



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NORTH NOTES



Monthly Newsletter from North United Methodist Church

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Sundays at North Worship: 8:30 and 11:00 am, Sunday School: 9:45 am

March Sermon Schedule



Sunday, March 4 • 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Annual North Church Health Fair

Health Ministries will once again hold a "Day of Healthful Suggestions" at our annual Health Fair. Some of the offerings, at no charge, will be hearing and vision screenings, information on mental illness and mental health, Alzheimer's disease, exercises, massage, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol/glucose screenings, and special children's activities.

A returning favorite will be door prizes. Presentations "in the works" are bone density screening, children's dentistry, Indianapolis Fire Department, and more. **Betty Lingeman** and crew will again prepare lunch.

Many of our presenters are our own North Church members! We invite you to take advantage of our 2007 Health Fair, and welcome you to invite family and friends.

March 4—2nd Sunday in Lent Holy Communion

Our Borne Identity: 2. To Tell the Truth
Kevin R. Armstrong preaching
Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18; Psalm 27;
Philippians 3:17-4: 1; Luke 13:31-35

March 11—3rd Sunday in Lent

Our Borne Identity: 3. Thirst Quencher
Lisa D. Schubert preaching
Luke 13:1-9; Isaiah 55:1-9

March 18—4th Sunday in Lent Cathedral Singers present Morten

Lauridsen's Lux Aeterna
Kevin R. Armstrong preaching

March 25—5th Sunday in Lent

David Beckmann, President, Bread
for the World, preaching
John 12:1-8; Isaiah 43:16-21