



Spring Events At North Church

February-June, 2017



A Word From Darren

I recently bought a desk that needed assembling. The instructions were in English and French and contained every detail needed for assembly, including drawings of the parts that were the actual size of the screw or bolt needed so that you could place it on the page to size it up.

This Spring's book of offerings has everything you need to assemble your faith. If you need some joy and inspiration, check out our worship offerings. If you need enlightenment, dive into one of our studies. If you want to engage in service or have fellowship with other members, be sure to look at one of our mission or small group opportunities. As my grandfather used to say, there's a nut for every bolt. Join us nuts at North this Spring!

Pastor Darren Cushman Wood
Spring 2017

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Worship & Arts

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, March 1, 7:30am, 12:30pm & 6:30pm (Chapel)

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the season of Lent. Lent is a time when many Christians prepare for Easter by observing a period of fasting, repentance, moderation and spiritual discipline. Through the imposition of ashes, Ash Wednesday emphasizes two themes: our sinfulness before God and our human mortality.

Weekly Communion in Lent

Wednesdays, March 8-April 12, 7:30am (Chapel)

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

Lenten Hymn Sing

Sunday, March 12, 6:00pm (Chapel)

Join us for a sing-a-long as we kick off the season by singing your favorite hymns.

Palm to Passion Sunday & Parade

Sunday, April 9

This year's Palm Sunday begins with a parade through the neighborhood during the Sunday School hour. And yes, we will have a donkey! Before and after our parade, our worship will be readings and music celebrating Christ's glorious entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday through his Passion on Friday. The service opens with palm branches waving and shouts of "Hosanna" but as the story of the passion unfolds, their shouts of joy turn to demands for his crucifixion; he receives a crown of thorns as he is handed over to be mocked and killed.

Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 13, 12:00pm and 7:00pm
(Chapel)

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. The noon service will be a traditional foot washing observance. In the evening, we will experience the Last Supper with music, prayers and readings.

Community Good Friday

Friday, April 14, 12:00pm (Chapel)

In partnership with the Mid-North Church Council, North Church will host the annual Community Good Friday service of intercessory prayers for our community, nation and the world.

Good Friday – *Requiem* by Mack Wilberg

Friday, April 14, 7:00pm

The *Requiem* is written for chorus, baritone, soprano and string orchestra with horns, flutes and harp. It uses two traditional texts - "Requiem aeternam" (Latin for "eternal rest") and "Kyrie eleison" (Greek for "Lord have mercy") - along with another Latin liturgical text, "O nata lux" (O Jesus Born of Light). The remainder is in English and includes psalms

such as "I will lift up mine eyes," "How lovely is thy dwelling place" and "The Lord is my shepherd." A passage from the Gospel of John is also used: "I am the resurrection and the life." Mack Wilberg said, "A Requiem does not have to do with any specific church's dogma, I think it's associated with consolation and solace." Craig Jessop, conductor of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir who premiered the work describes the Requiem, "It's hauntingly beautiful and serene," he said. "In some ways, it compels you to leave this hustle-bustle world and lulls you into deep serenity, introspection and consolation."

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16

Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ with a joyful and festive worship experience. At 8:30am, we will have Holy Communion. At 11:00am, the Carolers will share special music along with music by the Cathedral Singers.

Worship and Arts Festival

Sunday, May 7, 12:00-3:30pm

Worship is at the heart of the North Church experience and every Sunday the beauty and majesty of liturgical arts is seen and heard. Reviving an old tradition, this Festival will feature visual arts, dance, music and more with a light lunch and a variety of presentations.

***Doubtbusters: 3-D Faith* A Mother's Day Musical Presented by the Choristers & Carolers Choirs**

Sunday, May 14, 9:45am (Fellowship Hall)

Faith. It's a little word with a lot of meaning. Many of us have questions. You can ask Dorcas, David and Daniel, members of the Faith Patrol. They know all about faith. They have faith. They have lived it. Through music from *Pippin*, *Wicked*, *Phantom of the Opera* to Fats Waller and Duke Ellington, join us on our faith journey. You will come face to face with Word, F-A-T-S (For All The Saints) and Faith herself. So, who ya gonna call?
DOUBTBUSTERS!

Indianapolis Men's Chorus

Sunday, May 21, 8:30am & 11:00am

Founded in 1990, the Indianapolis Men's Chorus (IMC) entertains, educates, and promotes inclusive community through musical excellence. Under the artistic direction of Greg Sanders, this group of talented singers will join North Church for worship during both services.

Mass Sunday – *Mass in Blue* by Will Todd

Sunday, June 4

The *Mass in Blue* reflects its composer's love of jazz and his admiration for its notable performers. It offers a brilliant fusion of driving jazz ideas with the clean, strong choral writing in which Todd excels. Against these elements, a solo soprano (Erin Twenty-Benedict, guest soloist) and rhythm section weaves and blends in a rich aural tapestry.

Youth Sunday

Sunday, June 11, 8:30am & 11:00am

Our youth will lead the morning services through scripture, sharing faith stories, music

and more. This is a very special service in the life of North Church. All youth are encouraged to participate as we share God's love with the congregation through worship.

Worship without Walls!

Sunday, June 25, 11:00am (Parking Lot)

Back by popular demand, we will gather under the tent for one service of celebration and music. Heather Bays, soloist from the *Gospel Mass*, will return to lead music. Bring your friends and welcome our neighbors in the community for this joyous event.

Taize

4th Sunday of the month, 5:00pm (Chapel)

Prayer and silence are at the heart of the Taize experience; there is no sermon. Taize music highlights simple phrases, usually from the Psalms or other pieces of scripture, which are repeated or sung in canon. The repetition is designed to help meditation and prayer during candlelit services. For more information on the Taize tradition of worship visit www.taize.fr.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in Worship & Arts ministries, please contact Darren Cushman Wood (dcushwood@northchurchindy.com) or Kelley Warbinton (warbintons@comcast.net)

Care & Nurture

Sacred Movement as Prayer

Tuesday, March 14, 6:30-8:00pm (Chapel)

Facilitated by Lia Goens, this group will experience and learn sacred movements while praying our way to the cross. We will learn a movement prayer to use at home during this sacred time of Lent. No special physical abilities are needed. Movement may be done while sitting or standing. Contact Nicci George (niccigeorgelwi@gmail.com) with any questions. Register by March 10 by Connect Card or via the Hospitality Desk.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in Care & Nurture ministries, please contact Pat Thorlton (pthorlton@northchurchindy.com) or Nicci George (niccigeorgelwi@gmail.com)

Children & Families

Alternative Worship

Non-Communion Sundays, during 11:00am
worship service (Room 104)

K – 2nd grade

During Alternative Worship this semester we will continue to learn about the Parables of Jesus. During the Lenten season we will also study the cross. Through crafts, games, songs and more we will learn about the stories of Jesus.

Childcare

Sundays, 8:15am-12:15pm

Infants - 5 year olds

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.

Preschool Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45am

Toddlers-Pre-K

The toddlers and preschoolers are engaged in the Bible at their appropriate level. With fun stories, crafts, songs and games the kids learn about God's love.

Elementary Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45am

K - 4th grade

Each Sunday we begin with a large group assembly in the Chapel at 9:45am where we will learn as a group, sing songs, catch up and celebrate. At 10:00am the kids will split into their age appropriate classes to learn a new story from the New 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.

5th-6th grade (Room 203)

This group will learn about the story of Jesus as they study the whole New Testament.

Through short videos and activities, the kids will really enjoy this new format.

ELEVATION

2nd & 4th Sundays, 4:00-6:00pm (Room 203)

3rd-5th grade

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 of the state of being elevated.” That is what this group is about. 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, together. 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’s Lenten Day Retreat

Saturday, February 25, 9:00am-1:00pm

(Education Wing)

This annual kids retreat will focus on growing in Jesus. The kids will learn all about how to

“grow” with God. By using flower & vegetable seeds and bulbs they will watch things grow all spring. Some of the vegetable plants will be used at the Plant Exchange in May. They will also learn all about the Lenten season as we prepare to bury their Alleluias the next day in church. Lunch is provided and the retreat will end at 1:00pm for pick-up. Register at the Hospitality Desk by February 19.

Family Fun Night

Friday, March 10, 5:00-8:00pm

Keep your eyes peeled for more information on this event. Read the eNewsletters, Facebook and bulletin!

Pacers Family and Faith Night

Friday, March 10, 5:00-8:00pm (Bankers Life Fieldhouse)

Come out and join us as we take in a Pacers game. Each ticket includes a meal voucher, a Pacers ball cap, and a free throw shot on the court after the game. CJ Miles will hang around after the game to share about his faith and family. Register by February 10 at the

Hospitality Desk. Cost is \$18, due when you sign up.

Indy Fuel Game

Sunday, April 2, 3:05pm (Indiana Farmers Coliseum)

Come cheer on the Indy Fuel (previously the ICE) as they take on the Cincinnati Cyclones. The game starts at 3:05pm and following the game is an open skate time with free skate rental. Register at the Hospitality Desk by March 12. Cost is \$13, due when you register.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, Time TBD

Join the Children and Mission & Outreach Ministries as we have an Easter Egg Hunt that is open to everyone. This is a great opportunity for us to welcome in kids and families from the neighborhood.

Family Game Night

Friday, April 21, 5:00-8:00pm (Club Room & Game Room)

Bring your favorite games to share and have fun with the whole church. Whether it is Jenga, Connect 4, Battleship, Blockus, or something else, come and have fun with us. We will eat pizza, fruit and veggies, and a dessert. Register at the Hospitality Desk by April 19.

Parents' Night Out

Friday, May 12, 5:00-8:00pm (Education Wing)

Kids love this night, a night just for them. While you enjoy an evening out, the kids will enjoy a night filled with activities, games, movie, and pizza. Register at the Hospitality Desk by May 7.

End of the Year Picnic

Sunday, May 21, following the 11am service (Holliday Park)

Join us as we celebrate another school year of great ministry. Children's Council will provide meat, condiments, drinks, and dinnerware. Please bring a side or dessert to share with

everyone. Register at the Hospitality Desk by May 14.

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

June 23-25, 5:00-8:00pm (North Church Parking Lot)

Save the date now - more information to come!

If you have questions or would like to get more involved with Children & Families ministries, please contact Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com) or Eric Lekberg (elekberg@gmail.com)

Discipleship & Formation

Mardi Gras

Tuesday, February 28, 5:30-7:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

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

***The War Room* Movie Night**

Sunday, March 5, 5:00-8:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Prayer is an important part of our daily lives as Christians. We are told to pray continually, when things are bad, when things are good, when we are anxious, scared, overjoyed, at the end of our rope. Who do you pray for? What do you pray for? Come join us for an evening about prayer. We will view the movie *The War Room*, a film that explores the power that

prayer can have on marriages, parenting, careers, friendships, and every other area of life. We will have a light dinner before the movie followed by some discussion. There will be a kids component to this evening as well. Register at the Hospitality Desk by March 1.

**Lenten Worship Series & Small Group Study:
“Reclaiming the Cross”**

March 5-April 2

The cross is a central feature of the Christian faith, but it means different things to different people. This Lent we will explore the variety of ways to understand the significance of Jesus’ death. A 5-part sermon series will have a companion study guide for individual reflection and small group discussion. Sign up in February for one of the small groups.

Book Study: *Cross and the Lynching Tree*

Sundays, March 5-April 2, 9:45am

Join Pastor Ronnie and the Amazing Grace class as they study James Cone’s book *The Cross and the Lynching Tree*. Cone writes, “When we see the crucifixion as a first-century

lynching, we are confronted by the re-enactment of Christ's suffering in the blood-soaked history of African Americans" as the main summary and description of this book.

"Seeing the Cross: New Testament Interpretations of Jesus' Death"

Wednesdays, March 22-May 10, 7:00-8:30pm
Join Pastor Darren for this 7-part exploration of the different perspectives of the cross throughout the New Testament. In conjunction with the Lenten theme, this Bible study will take an in-depth look at the questions, controversies and affirmations surrounding the crucifixion and its meaning for our lives. The first session will be an introduction and each week participants will read one key passage a day in preparation for the Wednesday evening discussions.

Transitions of Grace: A One-Day Retreat

Saturday, April 22, 9:00am – 4:00pm

Contact: Anne Brock

(abrock@northchurchindy.com)

This retreat is an opportunity for adults at North to explore God's presence in the midst of their transitions. The topics are directed toward upcoming or current Empty Nesters, but all adults who are facing times of transition are welcome. This local retreat led by Anne Brock will cost \$30 per participant to cover the cost of supplies, rental fees and lunch.

Book Fair

Sundays, April 23 & 30, 9:30am-12:30pm

Contact: Katy Meredith

(lesmer@96@gmail.com)

North Church's Library will hold its annual Book Fair on April 23 and 30 from 9:30am-12:30pm. New books, DVDs and CDs are available for purchase as donations to the library. These items may be given in honor or in memory of someone special. The Book Fair is a golden opportunity to support the library and to hold dear someone special in your life.

Indy Pride Parade

Saturday, June 10

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. If you don't want to walk in the parade, please visit our booth at the festival at Military Park following the parade. More information about walking with North Church and volunteering at our informational booth will be available closer to the event.

Meditation & Contemplative Prayer

Tuesdays, 5:30-6:00pm (Chapel)

Meditation & Contemplative Prayer is a method of prayer that prepares us to receive the gift of experiencing God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, 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.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00am (Community Room)

Contact: Mary Jo Stinnette

(smjstinnette@sbcglobal.net)

We pick a book of the Bible, read a chapter together to begin, then discuss. Our discussions wander wildly to include a myriad of topics! Everyone is welcome to join us.

Mid-North Shepherd's Center

Wednesdays, 9:30am (Lower Level)

Contacts: Jeff Linnan (info@mnscenter.org)

Adults 55 years of age and older attend Adventures in Learning held each Wednesday with varied programs starting at 9:30am including choral rehearsals, Bible Sharing, Newstalk, as well as 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 \$7.00. No signup or membership fee is required.

*If you have questions or would like to get more involved
Discipleship & Formation ministries, please contact
Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com) or Nora Binney
(norachoate@msn.com)*

Mission & Outreach

Kenya Carnival

Saturday, February 25, 12:00-4:00pm (Second Presbyterian Church)

Bring the kids to this fun day of games, inflatables, prizes, crafts, food, and entertainment, including Silly Safari. All proceeds go towards sending Kenyan students to high school. Kenya Carnival is a youth-led event supporting the Umoja Project of Global Interfaith Partnership.

Earth Hour

Saturday, March 25, 6:00-8:00pm (Fellowship Hall)

Join the Green Team and Children's Ministry as we spend an hour unplugged, with no electricity. There will be activities for everyone.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15, Time TBD

See page 16 for additional information.

Plant Exchange

Sunday, May 21, during, in-between & after both services (Courtyard)

Make your spring more satisfying by participating in an abundance of food and beauty through gardening. Bring plants to share and to take other plants home, one-for-one. Every item needs to arrive in a pot the giver does not want back (pot, ziplock bag, etc).

Engage! Summer Program

June 6-July 6

This summer, North Church will host a work-learning program for teenagers. The Engage program teaches job readiness concepts, offers the opportunity to take personality and career inventories and invites teenagers to receive mentoring from adults in professional careers.

Farmers' Market

1st & 3rd Thursday, June-September 4:30-6:30pm

Contact: Jessica Linder

(jlinder@northchurchindy.com)

The Farmers' Market returns with a twice a month offering from June through September. Support local vendors as they bring an assortment of produce, meat, bakery, and other lifestyle items.

Beyond The Bridges

First Saturday of the month, 9:00am (Club Room)

Contact: Edward Matthews
(beyondthebridges@att.net)

Beyond the Bridges is a men's ministry, which seeks to provide guidance to person's re-entering life after imprisonment.

Bread & Bowl

Tuesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays, 11:00am-12:00pm (Community Room)

Contact: Lydia Shaw (enrshaw@gmail.com)

Bread & Bowl is a soup kitchen 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 Lydia.

IPS School #43

Contact: Kathy Beck (beck305@hotmail.com)

There are many opportunities to partner with IPS School #43, North Church's neighborhood elementary and middle school.

- Tutors
Ongoing throughout academic year, volunteers work with specific students and/or classrooms to help children with academic success.
- Field Trip Chaperones
As available, volunteers will be called on to assist teachers and school officials as chaperones on planned school field trips.

Journey Beyond Redemption

Third Saturday of the Month, 9:00am (Parlor)

Contact: Jan Wheeler-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. Advocates are always welcome.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in Mission & Outreach ministries, please contact Ronnie Bell (rbell@northchurchindy.com) or Lydia Shaw (enrshaw@gmail.com)

Music

Cathedral Ringers

Rehearsals: Sundays immediately following 11am service (Room 007)

The Cathedral Ringers is a handbell ensemble using a beautiful five-octave set of Malmark handbells. The Cathedral Ringers offer selections at both morning worship services approximately five weeks apart through May 14.

Cathedral Singers

Rehearsals: Thursdays, 7:00pm (Choir Room)

With over 50 members, the Cathedral Singers is the largest choral ensemble at North Church and sings weekly at our 11:00 am worship service and on special liturgical holidays.

Children's Choirs

Rehearsals: Sundays, after 11:00am worship service

3 year olds - 6th 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
Through Sunday, May 7 (Room 001)
Pre-K Choir (at least 3 yrs old)
Director Joli Heavin:
(joliheavin@gmail.com)

- Carolers
Through Sunday, May 14 (Room 106/Conference Room)
Kindergarten - 2nd grade
Director: Denise Page Caraher
(jcdpc88@aol.com)

- Choristers
Through Sunday, May 14 (Room 004)
3rd - 6th grade
Director: Rosie Jordan
(rosiej@phoeniximages.com)

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

Sunday School - Adults

Sundays, 9:45-10:45am

Affirming Group

Room 207

Contacts: Don Childers

(donsuechilders@yahoo.com) and Troy Barker

(troy@comcast.net)

The Affirming Group is a place where all are welcome regardless of sexual orientation (LGBTQ/Straight); we claim the promise that nothing can separate any of us from God's love. Throughout February, the group will study *A Five Week Series on Family*, which will include:

Feb. 5 - What defines family? - roles, rules, relationships

Feb. 12 - Adoption - The joys and challenges

Feb. 19 - Two Moms/Two Dads - same sex parenting

Feb. 26 - Death and Divorce - Making a new family

Mar. 5 - Dysfunctional Families -The effects of drug and alcohol abuse

The group will also participate in the The Lenten Study Series (March 12-April 9) and host a special series called *Trauma* led by Alan Archibald (April 23-May 7). The group will not meet on Easter Sunday.

Amazing Grace

Room 106 (Conference Room)

Contacts: Donna Archibald
(darchibald@sbcglobal.net)

The focus of this class is to stand in solidarity with the disenfranchised of society. The goal of this class is to follow the servanthood example of Jesus through study, prayer and service. For the past three years, Amazing Grace has supported the girls in the state detention facility in Madison through a variety of projects. Other ongoing class commitments are the homeless street paper “Homeward Bound” and the Prison Re-entry ministry. Amazing Grace is diverse and inclusive. Everyone is welcome!

Contemporary Biblical Forum

Room 009

Contact: Becky Richardson

(merlebecky@att.net)

Scholars, skeptics, and seekers alike will find a place in this class. Focused on offering quality presentations to help participants learn together, this class dives deep into a variety of topics and questions. Presenters come from a variety of backgrounds including many from local universities and Christian Theological Seminary, but also from within North Church's congregation. Everyone is welcome to join this class weekly or as a topic strikes your interest.

"On Being"

Club Room

Contact: Ellen Daniels-Howell

(ellenrdh@sbcglobal.net)

Join our group as we talk about NPRs weekly broadcast of "On Being." This is a broadcast that talks about various topics from business, being in community, emotions, and spirituality. This class is open to anyone who would like to join us.

Power & 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. During February, we will be watching and discussing the video, "A Heart Set Free: The Life, Ministry, and Lyrics of Charles Wesley."

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
(jhamstra@me.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 have questions or would like to get more involved in Adult Sunday School, please contact Amy Sell (asell@northchurchindy.com)

United Methodist Women

Miriam Circle

Fourth Thursday, 12:00pm (Parlor)

Contact: Margaret Mayo

(mayo5910@comcast.net)

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

The Women of Lydia

Fourth Wednesday, 7:00pm (Club Room)

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

Sunday Supper at Noon

March 5, following 11:00am service

(Fellowship Hall)

Meet the newest members of North Church over a meal sponsored by United Methodist Women to raise funds for their ongoing mission to serve women and children locally and globally. Tickets are \$10/adult, \$5/children under 10, \$30/family max. Purchase tickets at the Hospitality Desk or at the tables in the West Entry on Sundays.

The issue priorities for 2016-2020 are:

Economic Inequality, Climate Justice,

Criminalization of Communities of Color, and

Maternal and Child Health.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in United Methodist Women, please contact Sue Childers (donsuechilders@yahoo.com)

Youth

Middle School Sunday School

Sundays beginning March 5, 9:45–10:45am
(Room 207)

7th and 8th graders will talk about issues important to them and how they relate to their faith.

High School Sunday School

Sundays, 9:45-10:45am (Room 008)

Contact: Josh Beach (edgefan98@yahoo.com)

Our 9th-12th grade youth will discuss big questions related to faith and life using the curriculum *THINK*.

Youth Group

2nd & 4th Sundays, 5:00-7:30pm (Fellowship Hall and Room 008)

Youth group meets every 2nd and 4th Sunday for games, dinner and a program. Open to all 6th-12th grade youth. We'll begin with games at 5:00pm then dinner at 5:30pm. The rest of our

time together will focus on topics relevant to teen faith, prayer and music.

Lenten Retreat

March 3-5, 5:30pm Friday through 2:00pm
Sunday (Camp Allendale)

Every year our youth gather for this retreat full of fun, fellowship and food. Travel to Camp Allendale for a weekend focused on building stronger relationships with God and others. The theme for this year is *Crossing Paths with Jesus*. \$95 and forms are due by February 19.

ASP Supply Sales

Sundays, April 23-May 14 (West Entry)

Each participant pays \$275 to attend ASP; however, it takes more than that to send a group of 32 youth and adults to Kentucky for a week of service. All funds raised go directly to the needs of the trip such as van rentals, supplies, and meals on the road.

End of the Year Party

May 21, 5:00-7:30pm (Fellowship Hall & Room 008)

Join us as we celebrate the end to another awesome year of youth ministry!

Parent Meeting

May 21, 6:00-7:00pm (Club Room)

All parents are encouraged to attend this meeting! We'll go over plans for the summer and have sign up sheets to help with programming.

ASP 25th Anniversary Dinner Celebration

May 26, Time TBD

Join us as we celebrate 25 years of the Appalachian Service Project! More details to come soon; this is a party you won't want to miss!

Summer. Party. Fun. (SPF)

Weekly events in June & July (Offsite)

During the summer we gather for fun summer activities like Putt Putt, swimming, and even a day trip to an amusement park. Cost varies

depending on the activity. Check the website for more details. These events are open to the whole family.

Appalachia Service Project

June 25-July 1 (Kentucky)

Youth in 8th grade and older are welcome to attend our annual mission trip to Kentucky. Registration takes place in the fall, but there may be some spots still available. Contact Anne for more information if you're interested in going.

If you have questions or would like to get more involved in Youth ministries, please contact Anne Brock (abrock@northchurchindy.com)

Save the Date!

Interfaith Hospitality Network (IHN)

July 2-9

Contact: Lydia Shaw (enrshaw@gmail.com)

Interfaith Hospitality Network affords North the opportunity to help serve the city's homeless families. Throughout the week, North will house men, women, and children. We will also serve dinner in the evenings and will help the families feel at home with games and activities. Volunteer opportunities will be available in January.

All-Church Day at Eagle Creek Park

July 15, Time TBD

Following the success of last year's event, join North Church for an afternoon of fellowship and fun at Eagle Creek Park. More information to come.

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through God's redeeming love, all are one in Christ.
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