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## **Kids' Corner Preschool—Registration is OPEN**

Registration is currently open for the 2021-2022 school year! We have openings in our 2's, 3's and VPK. Please share the news!

You may stop in the preschool office and pick up your registration forms.

If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact the school director, Laura Garcia at 727-723-7679 or email at [schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org).

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# *The Window*

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## **Holy Week**



Our Lenten journey to the ways of shalom will bring us to the final week — Holy Week. It is a week that starts with the triumphal entry into the Holy City where soon the cheering crowds will become jeering crowds no longer praising Jesus but condemning him. How quickly the tide can turn. And yet, as the week ends with the cross of Good Friday and the tears of grief filling our Holy Saturday, joy will return. Resurrection Sunday comes and we are reminded that in Christ, God was reconciling the world. As we journey through Holy Week exploring the theme of reconciliation, think of the hurts, grudges and hatred that need to be nailed to the cross and laid to rest in a “tomb.” Think about the healing power of reconciliation and where you have seen it in your life.

## **Worship Services**

### **Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 28

\* 9:00am Outdoor Service

11:00am Livestream

### **Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 1, 7:00pm, Livestream

Worship with the Lord's Supper

### **Good Friday**

Friday, April 2, 12:00, Livestream

### **Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 4

\* 9:00am Outdoor Service

11:00am Livestream

\*Outdoor services will be held on the south-side of the Family Life Center. Bring your own chairs. Social distancing and masks required.



# At-A-Glance

## This Month at Northwood

### March 2021

**Sunday, March 7:**  
9:00 A.M. Online IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Online Traditional Service

**Sunday, March 14:**  
9:00 A.M. Online IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Online Traditional Service

**Sunday, March 21:**  
9:00 A.M. Online IGNITE Service  
10:00 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class  
11:00 A.M. Online Traditional Service

**Sunday, March 28:**  
**Palm Sunday**  
9:00 A.M. Outdoor IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Online Traditional Service

**Sunday, April 1:**  
**Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 P.M. Online Service

**Sunday, April 2:**  
**Good Friday**  
12:00 P.M. Online Service

**Sunday, April 3:**  
**Easter Sunday**  
9:00 A.M. Outdoor IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Online Traditional Service

**Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs.**

Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor  
Stephanie Carson, Music  
Tom Huffman, Music  
Rosalie Bradford, Youth and Families  
Laura Garcia, Director of Schools  
Chris Hurst, Business Administrator  
Linda O'Leary, Bookkeeper  
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications

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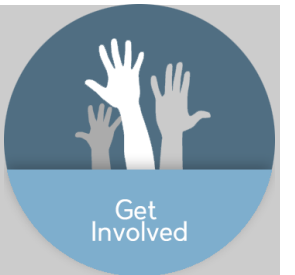
## The Window

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### Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org), or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

# Around Northwood



## Easter Lilies

You may want to honor someone with an Easter lily this year. You may order Easter lilies in memory or in honor of a loved one by dropping by the church office with a note attached to your payment of \$9 for each lily ordered indicating the person(s) you wish to honor. You may also mail in your check but be sure to include a note indicating the names of your loved ones and whether it is in their memory or honor. If you pay on line for the lilies, in order to be sure their names are included, you will need to send an email to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org) with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in memory or honor. The lilies will be put in the church sanctuary whether we are meeting in person or if the services will be live streamed. Requests with payment are due no later than March 28, Palm Sunday.



## Memorial Gifts

If you wish to make a gift to the church in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to attach the blue Memorial Gifts form to your contribution. Completing the form ensures that we have all the information necessary to properly direct the gift and acknowledge it to both you and the recipient. Forms are located near the memorial book in the Narthex or in the Church Office. Thank you for your assistance.

## Your Giving Matters

Even when we can't be together, your giving matters. We want to continue being the church in our community and to each and every one of you in the days ahead. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options.

## ORDINATIONS & INSTALLATIONS

Thank you, outgoing officers, and welcome to all our new Church Officers who will be installed and ordained on March 11th.

### DEACONS: (Class of 2023)

Vickie Mills  
Dee Rivers  
Jeanne Stephen  
Mickey Stewart  
Jenny Carlstedt (C/O 2021)  
Eileen Nelson (C/O 2022)

### ELDERS: (Class of 2023)

Cynthia Lawrence  
Eleanor Cicerchi  
Steve Lang  
Kerry McDermott  
Roxie Swartz

### 2021 Nominating Committee:

Babs Bailey, Bunny Bitner, Bill Martin & Jim Warren

### 2021 Memorial Garden Board:

Sandy Gibson, Barbara Moler & Georgia Rounding

## Window Newsletter Volunteers Needed

The Window Newsletter Crew is in need of a few volunteers to help fold once a month. The group meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 9:00am in rooms 4 & 6 of the Christian Education building. If you're interested, please contact Emily Cantin at [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org).

## Special \$300 Tax Deduction

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, includes a temporary special \$300 deduction designed for people who choose to take the standard deduction. This deduction lowers both adjusted gross income and taxable income for those making donations to organizations like Northwood and translates into tax savings for the donor. Be sure to consult your tax preparer to see how this new deduction might benefit you.





# Around Northwood

## Come See the New Landscaping at the Church!!!

For a good part of 2020, the Stewardship/Property/Finance Ministry Team has been in some phase of addressing the church landscaping which needed much attention. For years, a very faithful Bill Sutton along with a group of dedicated volunteers had tended and nurtured the grounds as their gift to the church. Since Bill's illness and passing, while many have still volunteered in some capacity to keep things cleaned up, the amount of work required grew out of hand.

We knew that we had a serious drainage problem between the Christian Education Building and the Church Office. All you have to do is walk through that open area and you will see many downspouts that discharge in that area. The abundance of water at various times and the inability to keep adequate ground cover from floating away made it a feast or famine situation for the plants in that area. Therefore, the project started with a thorough assessment of the drains and their ability to handle the run-off. We found that several of the underground pipes were clogged/broken and could no longer carry the load. In the end, this system was abandoned and new piping was installed to divert the runoff.

The next step was to get the irrigation system in full working order. The irrigation company spent about a day on campus working with the representative from Wilcox Nursery to get everything working as it should and ready for the plantings to come. Once their work was done, the demolition of the existing landscaping began and in about three days, the entire area was transformed.

In our conversations with Wilcox, we expressed our desire for landscaping that would be cost effective, beautiful and low maintenance. We believe they checked all the boxes. The project has been complete for a mere two weeks and it is very obvious that with all the rain we've had, the plants are beginning to flourish and thrive. You are welcome to stop by the church and take a look for yourself. It's a great way to get outside and socially distance. Areas to check out are between the Christian Education Building and the Church office, the north side of the Christian Education building along both sides of the walkway and the south side of the Church Office down to the Family Life Center and past the flagpole. All the rain we've been having has given us the opportunity to see that our drainage project was truly successful as well!



### Northwood Photo Group

The Photo Group has been meeting remotely on the second Tuesday of every month via Zoom since the pandemic, and will have its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in "attending" our monthly discussion on photography, please contact [david@primeimagesinc.com](mailto:david@primeimagesinc.com) or [curtis.krueger@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com) and we'll send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

## Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

### Homebound Care Ministry

In Person Homebound visits have been temporarily suspended. However, Deacon Lynn Propst has continued to keep in touch with phone calls and cards. If you know of someone who would benefit from this ministry, please call the church office or email Lynn at [lynnpropst3@gmail.com](mailto:lynnpropst3@gmail.com).



## NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### SPC

Thank you very much for your gracious donation to the St. Petersburg College, Women on the Way Program. Many of our students face various challenges, and the support we receive from generous donors helps to ease the burden throughout their college journey. Sincerely, Shirley A. Crumley, Coordinator, Women on the Way Program

### Bay Area Pregnancy Center

We sincerely thank you for your continued support. Even with a difficult year for so many, we had another awesome year. All of this is possible because of your generous donations and prayers. Sincerely, Marsha Rimer, Executive Director

### Beth-El

Thank you for your support of \$510.00 and for your gifts of blankets, diapers, gift cards and long sleeve shirts. It is because of your gifts that we are able to be the answer of hope to many families in our community. Teresita Matos-Post, Exec. Director

### Samaritan Village

Thank you for your generous support of our ministry in 2020. With you by our side, we were able to have the best year in our 11-year history and are on pace for another year of growth and expansion. We are incredibly grateful for your partnership! Dionne "Dee" Coleman, Executive Director

### Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your continued support to build homes, communities and hope and for your gift of \$320. Thanks to your investment in innovative housing solutions, Habitat Pinellas West Pasco has served 857 families in our community to date. You keep us building! Sincerely, Mike Sutton, President & CEO

### Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Thank you so much for your contribution in the amount of \$2000. Your generous donation helps us continue our mission to support Florida presbyteries, churches and communities through disaster preparedness, response and recovery. It has been a difficult year with so many disasters amidst the pandemic and your gift means so much. Kathy Broyard, Executive Director

### Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Stephanie Carson and family upon the news of the death of her mother Rella Bates on January 26.
- Dale Goodman and family upon the news of the death of her brother Philip Savill on February 10.

## Memorial Gifts

### In Memory of:

Bill Bilka  
Bill Bilka  
Joe Zeigler  
Joe Zeigler  
Joe Zeigler  
Joe Zeigler  
Joe Zeigler

### Given by:

Jean Swintek  
John & Vera Park  
Jean Swintek  
Mary Torrisi  
Garry & Carol Justice  
Art & Jeanette Holloway  
Art & Pat Callan

### In Honor of:

Michael Cromwell

### Given by:

Barbara Schlerf

### Prayer Ministry

Bill Allen, Ken Andreassen, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Bonnie Beyer, Virginia Cromwell, Darrough Diamond, Linda Diamond, Don Drummond, Sue GaVette, Shirley Gleason, Lyn Heider, Jeri Heycock, Al & Ethel Holden, Fred Inkles, Joyce Klotz, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Charlotte McQuown, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Ruth White.

### Prayer, Joys and Concerns

Each Sunday we will be worshiping online at both 9:00 & 11:00am. The Ignite contemporary service has a time of "prayers, joys and concerns" where people individually offer prayer requests. If you have "prayers, joys or concerns" that you would like lifted up at the 9:00am service, please go online to our homepage at [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on "Prayer Request" under the "Resources" tab. Just remember that these prayer requests may be shared via livestream. If anything is private, do not submit it for sharing this way. We will share as many as the time permits.



The family of William Bilka--Loisanne, Betsy and David, and Bonnie and Hugh--would like to thank our Northwood Church family for their prayers and expressions of sympathy since Bill's passing in December. The outpouring of cards, phone calls, and other expressions of sympathy have been very meaningful, particularly now, during the pandemic. Thank you.



# Christian Education



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## Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study on Livestream and Facebook Live

This study meets on Thursdays at noon through livestream and Facebook live. Pastor Paul will continue the study of the New Testament letter written by the Apostle Paul to the Galatians. Join us as we study God's word seeking by God's grace to grow in faith, hope and love.

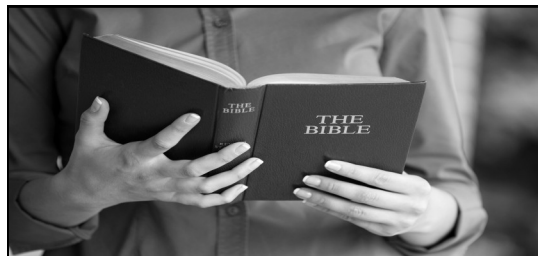


## Experiencing God Class

If you'd like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger at [vickilee33@aol.com](mailto:vickilee33@aol.com) and she will send you the meeting details each week.

## Wednesday Bible Study

A study of the Book of Matthew meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm through Zoom. The study guide being used is *The Immersion Bible Study: Matthew* by J. Ellsworth Kalas. If you'd like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at [lucindy1@aol.com](mailto:lucindy1@aol.com) and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!



## Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet on the first Friday of every month at 10:30am via Zoom. The next time we meet will be March 5th. The book we are using is "Deeply Rooted; Knowing Self, Growing in God" by Christopher Marcie. Please contact Louise Mylin for a Zoom code and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868.

## Presbyterian Women—Livestreaming is March 4th, 11:00am



The Presbyterian Women study, *"Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayer and Lament"* by P. Lynn Miller, is a 9-month study on reclaiming the practice of lament. Study books are available. The study is available through livestreaming on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM and will be led by Pastor Curvin. If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact Cindy Huffman at [lucindy1@aol.com](mailto:lucindy1@aol.com).

## What's Going on in Citylight

As we begin our march through the spring, we continue to practice solidarity, unity and community. We have almost hit "Covid-Anniversary." We never thought that we would be in the midst of this pandemic for an entire year and then some. However, here we are. We are fortunate to have a safe and healthy youth group that has continued to adapt and overcome the challenges brought to us by Covid-19. Citylight has continued to stay active and offer a blend of virtual and in-person youth programs! We currently have 4 programs a week: Young Men & Women's Bible Studies, Sunday School and Youth Group Outdoors on Wednesdays. We have also done some outdoor movie nights, mission trips to Metropolitan Ministries, small group beach days, park hangouts, game and sporting events. We had a great time during the holidays hosting Drop n Shop, serving at Metropolitan Ministries and enjoying our Youth & Families Christmas Party. We took a special event break during January to help slow the spread of Covid-19 post holiday season and plan the remainder of 2021! In February, in addition to our normal schedule, we celebrated our 2nd annual "Galentine's Day." Our Citylight young women came together Friday afternoon, February 12th to talk about self-love and our faith. We also prepared for our Spring Break Mission. We are collecting canned food for Beth-El for our mission trip that is right around the corner! Please bring non-perishable items to the youth group with you so that we can bring them on our mission trip the second week of March. We have some extra fun outdoor events scheduled for March; check out our youth and families weekly email!

Our college group meets via Zoom for now, with in person opportunities every break. We plan to get together this summer a few times for mission and fellowship. We have so many high school graduates this year and we are devoted to providing a space for them to remain connected to their church during and after this new transition in their lives. Let's keep our class of 2020 in our prayers as they navigate through this new adventure in this unexpected way.

We will be taking a small group of students to Cedarkirk from Sunday afternoon March 14th, to Wednesday evening March 17th. Our Mini Mission will be filled with a variety of mission projects at Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry like working in the food pantry, working outside on light construction projects, gardening and various other facility projects. At Cedarkirk there will be classic camp activities, group building activities, Bible studies and sessions on social justice. Sign up is closed.

**Plans are in the making for a Summer 2021 Mission Trip that will be unlike any others.** It will be a local based mission week and will not require an overnight stay. We are having a "Backyard Mission Trip." Each day we will take part in a mission opportunity in partnership with local organizations. Missions will include outdoor service work, food pantry work, ministry to the elderly, food to the homeless and much more! We will spend our mornings to early afternoons working on a mission project, then we will come back to the church for fellowship and faith connection. Stay tuned for more details!

Our confirmation class of 2020 has yet to be confirmed! Our confirmation class of 2020 met virtually here and there over the past year but decided that we wanted to regroup when the church reopened to do some refresher courses and then get confirmed properly during in person worship. We are holding out for a brighter day when we get to be confirmed into the church in person with our friends and family. Stay tuned and hold on confirmation class of 2020!

As Covid cases continue to rise, Citylight is doing its best to keep our community safe. Please continue to follow our Safe Citylight Guidelines that are in our Weekly Emails and on our social media pages. Though socially distant, we can continue to focus on relationship building, using the virtual tools we are so lucky to have. We can also take advantage of this time to reach



out to people we have not had the chance to and take advantage of the time we have with our families. Try to see the silver lining and try to hear how God is speaking to you specifically during this time. Please continue to participate in our virtual ministry; providing ideas, prayers and good spirits. As your Director of Youth & Families, my job is to always support you, especially during times like these. Please reach out with your prayers, needs, and concerns.

*"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way."* -  
2 Thessalonians 3:16

**Rosalie Bradford,**  
Director of Youth & Family Ministries