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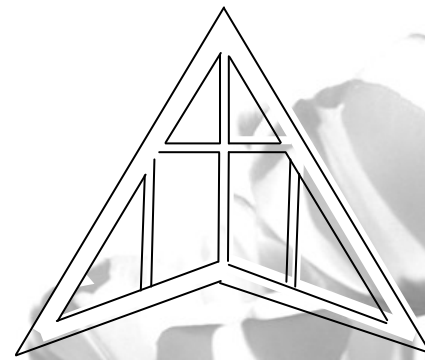
Registration is currently open for the 2021-2022 school year! We have openings in our 2's, 3's and VPK. Please share the news!

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.

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Chartering Organization of Boy Scout Troop 413

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Music Ministry's Annual Garage Sale

Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th



We are so happy to let you know we will be having our 2021 Garage Sale on Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th. Your donations and the donations you request from family and friends are so important to the success of the sale. For all of those who have provided many generous items during the past year, we thank you.

We will be accepting your donations on the following days and times in the Family Life Center:

May 15 – May 21 - 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

May 22 – May 26 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

We cannot accept older electronics, TV's, entertainment centers or furniture that is not in 'new' condition. Everything else is most welcome – clothes, jewelry, furniture, household, linens, fine collectibles, holiday, books, tools, outdoor, etc.

Volunteers are needed to help with set-up, sorting, cashiering, security, and clean-up. Please call Susan or e-mail her if you can help (727) 709-8237 or susankcurry@verizon.net.

Thank you, Stephanie Carson (Director of Music Ministries), Susan Curry (Chair)

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

April 2021

Sunday, March 28:
Palm Sunday
 9:00 A.M. Outdoor IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. In-Person Traditional Service

Thursday, April 1:
Maundy Thursday
 7:00 P.M. In-Person Worship Service

Friday, April 2:
Good Friday
 12:00 P.M. In-Person Worship Service

Sunday, April 4:
Easter Sunday
 9:00 A.M. Outdoor IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. In-Person Traditional Service

Monday, April 5:
Church office closed

Sunday, April 11:
 9:00 A.M. In-Person IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. In-Person Traditional Service

Sunday, April 18:
Gifts of Women Sunday
 9:00 A.M. In-Person IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. In-Person Traditional Service

Sunday, April 25:
 9:00 A.M. In-Person IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. In-Person 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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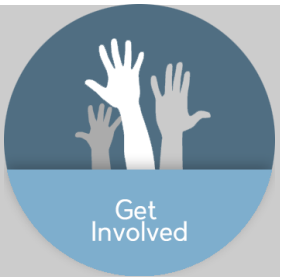
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Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail 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



Women's Retreat 2021

"Something Beautiful" was the theme of the annual Women's Retreat this year at Cedarkirk. Pastor Debra Cox lead us in examining the idea of "something beautiful" by enjoyment of creation, relationships and restoration of our spirits. This was a weekend of spiritual growth, worship, friendship, fun & games, crafts, laughter and relaxation! Our Service project this year was to collect food items for Corinne's Food Pantry.



Summer Music Workshop 2021

The Workshop planning committee of the Fellowship is working hard to produce a unique five day experience this summer for adults and youth—both in person and virtual. Adults and youth will be singing together, there will be handbells, daily worship, specialty classes, instrumental ensembles and more, and it will all be done with safety in mind.

Northwood will again be supporting those wishing to attend with substantial financial assistance from the garage sale proceeds. If you are interested in attending, please contact Tom Huffman (727) 409-8726 or hufftom@aol.com. If you want more information, especially on the COVID protocols that will be followed, go to the FL Fellowship website at floridafummwa.org. Registration will be opening soon, but don't register on your own. We will register for you and apply the appropriate discounts. Any questions, check with Tom Huffman.

FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF UNITED METHODISTS IN MUSIC AND WORSHIP ARTS PRESENTS
 2021 ANNUAL CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP

From GENERATION to GENERATION... LUKE 1:50

intergenerational worship arts for all
 in-person and online sessions available following COVID guidelines

June 14-18, 2021

**James Wells and Victor Johnson
 Clinicians**

**WARREN WILLIS UM CONFERENCE AND CAMP CENTER
 FRUITLAND PARK (LEESBURG), FLORIDA**



Around Northwood

Holy Week Worship Services

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 28

*9:00am Outdoor Worship Service
11:00am In-Person Traditional Service

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 1, 7:00pm
In-Person Traditional Service
Worship with the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

Friday, April 2, 12:00
In-Person Traditional Service

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 4
* 9:00am Outdoor Service
11:00am In-Person Traditional Service

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

(All in-person services will also be livestreamed)



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, April 13th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in "attending" our monthly discussion on photography, please contact david@primeimagesinc.com or curtis.krueger@gmail.com and we'll send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

Easter Lilies

You may still 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 indicating the person(s) you wish to 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 with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in memory or honor. Requests with payment are due March 29.



Spotlight on **Deacons' Ministries**

Prayer Chain Ministry

The prayer chain is a vital ministry that uses the power of prayer of multiple people praying at once for the urgent needs of the body here at Northwood Presbyterian Church. Prayer requests can be made by contacting the church office. These prayer requests are sent to the Deacon in charge of the prayer chain. The Deacon then sends the request to the prayer chain volunteers. Prayer requests may also be given to Deacon, Sue Miskiewicz at 727-799-6767 or susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com

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.



Caring for Our Church Family

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD



Saturday, March 13th, Mission and Outreach held another very successful "drop and drive" event to benefit the Beth El migrant farm workers. The donations included items such as masks, baby diapers, toilet paper, wipes, canned goods, shirts, paper towels and soap. Thank you again Northwood for your tremendous support of Beth El farmworkers.



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 and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Bill Bilka
Pat Cheek
Rella Bates
Rella Bates
Becky Sharp
Becky Sharp
Becky Sharp
Betty Beattie
Bill Bilka

Given by:

Darrough & Linda Diamond
Gloria Whitfield
Bill & Patty Martin
Jean Swintek
Linda Ciokan
Esther Gustafson
Bill & Bunny Bitner
Jody Beattie
Darrough & Linda Diamond

In Honor of:

Unsung Heroines
Bill Mylin

Given by:

Bill & Patty Martin
Louise Mylin

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.

Prayers for our Military Families



If you have an immediate family member in the military that you would like added to our prayer list, please contact the church office, 727-796-8090.

Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- The Stevens Family upon the news of the death of Glenna Stevens on February 20.
- Bob Walker and family upon the news of the death of Becky Sharp on February 23.
- Mary Torrisi and family upon the news of the death of her brother Garrick Langenheim on March 18.
- Fred Heider upon the news of the death of his wife Lyn Heider on March 21.



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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.

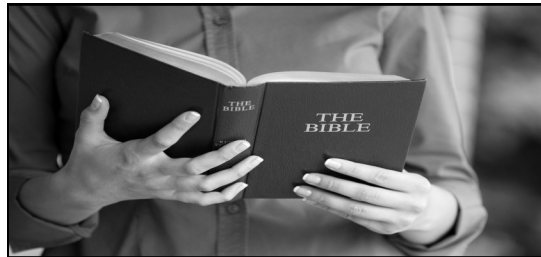


Experiencing God Class

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 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 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 April 2nd. 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 April 1st, 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.



What's Going on in Citylight

We're getting back into the "spring" of things! 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 resumed Game Night on the first and third Fridays of every month from 7 PM to 10 PM. In March we went on our spring break mission to Beth El Farm Workers Community in partnership with Cedarkirk Camp & Conference Center. Thank you for all of the words of encouragement and prayers for our Spring Break Mission Trip. Our students: Annabelle, Sarah, Joyce, Aly, Dylan, Kaleb, Adam, Joey, Lucas, Isaac, Eli and Mathew, with my chaperones to help me lead this trip, Dan and Roxie. We spent the majority of the day working at Beth El then would go back to camp to participate in various camp activities like playing in the river, cooking our meal over the fire and spending time outdoors. We'd end the night with social justice & servant-minded devotion and session. This was a week full of learning and trying new things, working together and witnessing God's work through the power of community. We transformed two sheds into a workshop and facilities maintenance space; a much-needed project that will allow them to serve their community further. Our youth went above and beyond to use their spiritual gifts together to make this happen. We are so proud of them for choosing to spend their spring break in this way and take the necessary preventative steps to keep us safe before and during the trip. We are so grateful for our relationship with Beth El & Cedarkirk and all that they have taught us.

As for April, we have resumed our 2020 confirmation class with plans to have an outdoor confirmation service in late May. We will be meeting a few times in April to refresh, reflect and move forward. Keep a lookout in our weekly email for specific dates regarding Confirmation. We have resumed Sunday school in person when there is an outdoor worship service! We plan to continue this through the spring. Save the date for April 11! We will be hosting a families hang out from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm at Shelter #6, Philippe Park (weather permitting). See the sign up in the weekly email. Feel free to bring individual snacks, drinks and games to play!

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 this new adventure in this unexpected way.

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" JULY 11th to the 17th. 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!

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. We are taking the necessary steps to sanitize and curate a safe environment for our students. Please continue to participate in our ministry, whether its virtual or in-person; 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,

