Welcome Guest Organist Linda Pointer

Our guest organist today is Linda Pointer. Dr. Pointer teaches Humanities at St. Petersburg College and is retired from regular church work so she can enjoy making music at a variety of churches. She is happy to return to Northwood.

In-Person Vacation Bible School—July 19-23

Calling all Pre-school to 5th-Grade students to Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs. Each day at NC'S Rocky Railway VBS, kids track through field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. To being student registration or to sign up as a volunteer or youth guide, please visit our VBS Home Page: <u>https://mailchi.mp/12ee51796435/npc_vbs</u>

<u>Cedarkirk—Save the Date</u>

Something to look forward to! Please save the dates for these Cedarkirk events on your calendar! The All-Church Retreat will be held on Oct. 22-24, 2021 and the Women's Retreat will be held on Feb. 18-20, 2022. Details for the ACR coming soon!

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the plate will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshiping online, your giving matters too. 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 <u>www.northwoodpc.org</u> and click on the giving tab.
- 3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options



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NPC Guest Wi-Fi Now live streaming our 9:00 & 11:00 services on northwoodpc.org.



Announcements- May 23, 2021 WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching online! Let us know of prayer requests by filling out the friendship sheet or through the church website, and seek to give online, by text, by mail or through offering boxes located in the narthex. We are continuing to offer ways to meet on the computer or smart phones through existing programs called **Zoom** and **Microsoft Teams**. Contact our church office at communications@northwoodpc.org if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. WELCOME!

Pentecost Offering—TODAY, May 23rd

The recipients of the Pentecost offering for this year will be the Bay Area Pregnancy Center and Thornwell's Building Families. Each ministry will receive 40% of the offering and the Presbytery of Tampa Bay will receive 20%.

Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study

Livestream and Facebook Live-May 27, 12:00pm

On Thursday, May 27th, Pastor Paul will conclude the study of the New Testament letter written by the Apostle Paul to the Galatians. The Brown Bag Bible Study will be on summer break beginning June 3rd and going through July 29th. The BBBS will resume with a new topic on the first Thursday in August (5th). May God's word always be "a lamp for [your] feet, a light on [your] path." (Psalm 119:105). In Christ's love, Pastor Paul.

Email Scam Alert

You may be aware that some of our members, and even our church staff, have received scam emails, that appear to be from Pastor Chris and others by email. The emails scams of financial help often come in the request for you to purchase gift cards. Our pastors do NOT send these emails. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches across the nation at this point. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner. Simply forward the message of such a request to the church office so that we can collect them for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm but especially when they prey on the kindness and Christ-like hearts of our members. Be aware of scams by email and phone calls!

Welcome New Members!





11:00 Joan Warrington Transfer of Letter, Palm Harbor Presb. Church, Palm Harbor, FL.

11:00 Van George *Reaffirmation of Faith*

Music Ministry Annual Garage Sale—May 28-29

The Garage Sale drop-off has begun. We plan on being here all day to collect your items between now and May 26. If you need a pick-up or a different time to drop-off, please call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237.

The dates for the sale are Friday, May 28th and Saturday, May 29th from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. There are announcement cards in the narthex for you to post at your clubhouses or to hand out. Please reach out via social media to your friends and family about the sale.



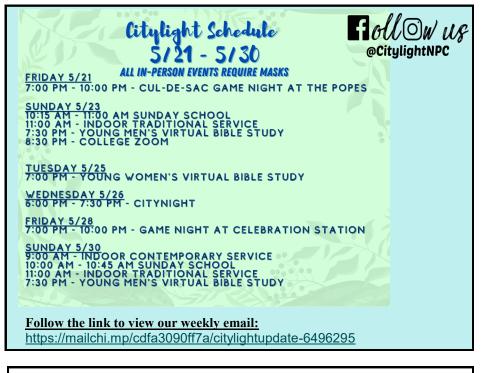
Volunteer to help if you can – it's a lot of fun.

The Parable of the Weeds (at Northwood)

Much like the story Jesus tells in Mathew 13, our beautiful new landscaping is growing and thriving and alongside the new plantings, weeds (evil) have sprung up. When Jesus explains that parable to his disciples, he speaks of "angel harvesters" who weed out the evil in God's kingdom. Northwood friends, we need some "Angel Harvesters" to do some weeding in our beautiful new beds. If you're looking for an opportunity to serve, to be outside and to help maintain the property we've been given, will you consider joining the harvest? Call Chris Hurst in the Church Office (796-8090) to let her know you're interested and we'll form a group or two to address this growing problem!

<u>Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at</u> <u>Communications@northwoodpc.org.</u>

• Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.



NORTHWOOD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office now. <u>Applications must be returned</u> to JoAnne Spigarelli at jpspig1@tampabay.rr.com. <u>Applications must</u> <u>be received by June 1, 2021</u>. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received by June 1, 2021

Fresh Brewed—June 4th

Fresh Brewed will meet on Friday, June 4th at 11:00am at John Chestnut Park, shelter 6. We will plan our next study, pray, have lunch, walk and fellowship. You may bring your lunch or light refreshments will also be provided. Please contact Louise Mylin if you plan to attend and if you have any questions (727) 787-9868 or LVNM1@hotmail.com.