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Church-Wide Garage Sale

May 28th-29th 8:00am-2:00pm

This garage sale benefits the Northwood Music Ministry. We sell almost everything – furniture, jewelry, kitchen items, clothes, shoes, toys, holiday items, tools, collectibles, books, linens, outdoor items and decorations.

Invite your friends and family to the sale. If you are on social media, please share and get the word out!

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Congratulations Graduates!



Meaghan Caccamise is graduating from Alonso HS. She plans to pursue a career in nursing and plans to get her EMT and CNA licenses following graduation.



Kurt Kemerer is graduating from Dunedin H.S. Kurt is a member of NHS and is graduating in the top 6% of his class. Next year Kurt will be attending Florida State University, trying out to be a Marching Chief, and plans to earn a major in Business Marketing with a minor in Music.



Brandon Strelcheck is graduating from East Lake H.S. He will be attending the University of Central Florida to pursue an Engineering Degree. Brandon has received multiple scholarships and awards for his academic and humanitarian accomplishments.



Sonya Weidner is graduating from Palm Harbor University H.S. IB program. She will be attending Florida State University in the fall as a Political Science major and will minor in psychology in hopes to attend law school. Sonya's career goal is to be a criminal defendant in a major city. Go Noles!



Anna Hamilton is graduating from Stetson University with a degree in Mathematics and a minor in religious studies. Upon graduation, Anna hopes to focus on non-profit work in data management.

Slance June 2021 This Month at

Northwood

Sunday, June 6: 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 13: **Graduation Sunday** 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

June 14-18: Fellowship Music Camp

Sunday, June 20: 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 27: Confirmation 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service 11:00 A.M. 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 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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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.

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Letter from the Pastor Regarding Mask Policy

Dear Church Members and Friends of Northwood.

Based on the new CDC guidelines announced last week our Commission on In-Person Worship recommended to the Northwood's Session that masks are now optional for people who have been fully vaccinated. The Session has unanimously agreed. Please note that this decision means that masks are still required for those who are unvaccinated.

We know a lot of you will still feel more comfortable wearing a mask while in worship and you are welcome to continue to do so. However again based on the new CDC guidelines masks are now optional for people who have been vaccinated but still required for those who have not been. All our other guidelines and practices we use during worship, listed on the church website, which include social distancing, are still in place.

I look forward to worshiping with you this coming Sunday with both those joining us in-person and those continuing to worship through our live-streaming.

Chris Curvin, Pastor





TO VISIT OUR VBS HOME PAGE, FOLLOW THE LINK BELOW:

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: https://mailchi.mp/12ee51796435/npc_vbs

Email Scam Alert

You may be aware that some of our members have received scam emails in the past month, and once over a year ago, that appear to be from Pastor Chris. The emails request financial support in the form of gift cards. Our pastor does NOT send these emails although the email address is very similar to his. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches in our area. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner. Simply forward the message to the church office so they can be collected 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.

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, June 8th 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.

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!

Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Hurricane Ministry

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during or after hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are able to share your home with members-in-need, please contact Mickey Stewart at walkeyla@outlook.com or the church office at 727-796-8090. If emailing, please use the subject "Hurricane Volunteer." Please include your name, address, phone number, email address, number of people you can accommodate and whether you have pets.

With hurricane season approaching, we are all encouraged to prepare for a possible storm. A source for weather advisories is:

https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/weather.

This guide has valuable information for Pinellas County http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/.

All Church Retreat & Women's **Retreat—Save the Dates!**



Something to look forward to! Please save these Cedarkirk dates 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.

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. Applications must be returned to JoAnne Spigarelli at jpspig1@tampabay.rr.com. Applications must be received by June 1, 2021. 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 from other sources.

Applications must be received by June 1, 2021



Northwood Child Care Summer Program

Northwood summer program is happening! The fun begins June 14th and will go through August 6th. Hours are from 8:00am-6:00pm for ages 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten.) Cost is \$160 per week per child. Our experienced staff will provide your child with engaging activities in a safe and caring environment. Your child will enjoy a full-size air-conditioned gymnasium for sports and games along with plenty of outside space, field trips, weekly activities and structured activities as well as free choice time. Registration is open! If you are interested in registering contact Laura Garcia at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org Registration form: http://northwoodpc.org/schools/summer-

camp/



The McNay Family would like to give thanks and appreciation to the Northwood families, friends and the meal ministry for their love and support through our difficult time. May you all be blessed.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Clearwater Free Clinic

On behalf of the Clearwater Free Clinic staff, we want to sincerely thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00. We are so grateful of the continued support of our mission. You are truly making a difference. Thanks for all your church does! Jeannie Shapiro, CEO

Thornwell

Thank you! You're changing lives! Your generosity of \$270 will provide hope and healing to hurting families in communities across Florida, Georgia and South Carolina. Because of your kindness, we can provide safe homes for neglected children, family support and in-home therapy for families and so much more. Sincerely, Rev. Elliot M. Smith

Beth-El

You are giving hope to this springtime season! Your support of \$300 is spreading hope throughout our community in the form of warm homes, tasty meals and opportunities to grow. Thank you for being a good neighbor and friend! Blessings of peace.

Teresita Matos-Post, Executive Director

We would like to personally thank you for your generous recurring quarterly gift of \$250 in support of HEP's mission to end the cycle of homelessness. Your continuous support and compassion is appreciated more than ever.

Best Regards, Ashley Lowery, President & CEO

Presbyterian Mission Engagement & Support

Please allow us to express our appreciation to you for your gracious and faithful support of \$250. Your church's support changes peoples lives and helps others receive a glimpse of God around the world. You are a valued partner!

Yours in Christ, Sy Hughes, Mission Engagement Advisor

Special Offerings

Thank you for your gifts to the Special Offerings for the Peace and Global Witness Offering. Your congregation's giving, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need. Together, we are the church, building the household of Christ. With Gratitude, Bryce Wiebe

Medicine Bottles

If you have medicine bottles you'd like to drop off at the church to be recycled, please be sure that the bottles are prescription medicine bottles, clean and without labels. Please no vitamin bottles.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McOuown Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McOuown Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McOuown Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McQuown Brian McNav Brian McNay Lvn Heider Lvn Heider Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McQuown Charlotte McQuown

In Honor of:

Bill Mylin

Given by:

Richard & Judith Murawski Anita Lanagan Bill & Bunny Bitner Barbara Schlerf Ray & Joanne Spigarelli Earle & Jessie Lusk Art & Jeanette Holloway Dolores White Nancy Turner Jovce Lamoureau Garry & Carol Justice Mary Ellen Zeigler Terry & Wilai McNay Merritt & Kristine Guthrie Art & Jeanette Holloway Bill & Bunny Bittner Angela Conochalla Michael & Marilyn Cromwell Virginia Cromwell Pete & Evelyn Towns

Given by: 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, Jeri Heycock, Al & Ethel Holden, Fred Inkles, Lloyd Kimball, Joyce Klotz, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Marge Vander Slik, 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:

Wilai McNay upon the news of the death of her husband, Terry McNay on April 26th.

Christian Education

<u>Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study</u> on Livestream and Facebook Live

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.



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. Our last meeting for the summer will be May 30th. We will meet again starting in September.

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 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.



As a licensed child care provider, Kids' Corner Preschool is offering 2 weeks of summer fun for children ages 3–5 that are heading into VPK or Kindergarten in the fall. We will spend our weekdays learning about the world around us and discovering God's plan in everything. Pick which week you want to come or come to both! It's a great way to keep your child engaged in the classroom setting over the summer and keep their skills sharp.

When: June 14-18 (Lions, Tigers and Bears...Oh my!) July 12-16 (Under the Sea)

Cost: 9:00-12:00 - \$100.00 for the week with a \$40 deposit.

For more information or to register contact Laura Garcia at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org

Registration paperwork: http://northwoodpc.org/schools/preschool-summer-camp/

Kid's Corner Preschool Registration

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! If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact Laura Garcia at 727-723-7679 or schooldirector@northwoodpc.org or to set up an appointment.







What's Going on in Citylight

May was great, but we are ready for summer! We started having Game Nights every Friday again. We had a Youth and Families Hangout at Philippe Park, went on the confirmation retreat and learned faith tools to help us navigate exam season. 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, Youth Group on Wednesdays and Friday Game Night!

Confirmation, Sunday June 27th during the 9:00 am Contemporary Service. We resumed our Class of 2020 Confirmation, with plans to have a Confirmation Service this summer! We had a Confirmation Workshop in April and went to Cedarkirk May 14-15 for a Confirmation Retreat. We are excited to Confirm this class that has been through so much together and has become a family.

Our College Group meets via Zoom for now with in person opportunities every break. We plan to get together this summer for mission and fellowship. Our Youth and Families team is devoted to providing a space for recent high school graduates to remain connected to their church during and after this new transition in their lives. We have a handful of youth graduating from high school this year: Brandon Strelcheck, Megan Caccamise, Kurt Kemerer, & Sonya Weidner. We plan to celebrate them in worship on **Graduation Sunday June 13th!**

Summer 2021 Backyard Mission Trip July 11th - 16th. It will be a local based mission week and will not require an overnight stay. Each day we will take part in a mission opportunity in partnership with local organizations. 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 with a fun youth event every night! College students are also welcome to join us as well as adult volunteers!

To begin registration, sign up through the link below:

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4EA5A82CA3FA7-backyard

In-Person Vacation Bible School is going to be Monday, July 19th to Friday 23rd. We are going to need all hands on deck to make this happen. We are looking for adult and youth volunteers! We are looking for youth guides to work during the week as well as youth to help us prepare the space the week prior! One of our mission components during our "Backyard Mission Week" will be helping us prepare for VBS. If you would like to join the planning team, please contact me by phone or email!

To begin VBS registration or volunteer sign up, follow the link to our VBS Home Page: https://mailchi.mp/12ee51796435/npc_vbs

Please continue to follow our Safe Citylight Guidelines that are in our Weekly Emails and on our social media pages. Even though life is seeming to feel "normal" again, we need to continue to do our part in keeping our community safe. 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 ministry; providing ideas, prayers, and good spirits. Invite friends, reach out to people you haven't heard from in awhile, and remember that you are loved! 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