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.
- Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab. 2.
- Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options 3.

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.

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 walkey1a@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.bavnews9.com/fl/tampa/weather.

This guide has valuable information for Pinellas County http://www.pinellascountv.org/emergencv/.





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Announcements-May 30, 2021 WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching "Come, Grow, Go! 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!

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

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!

Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org.

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

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.

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!

Safety Measures

Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Commission for the Return to In-Person Worship undertook some additional safety measures to take concrete steps to mitigate the spread of the virus. Here are a couple of the most notable:

1. The Sanctuary's heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system (better known as HVAC) was permanently modified to include a UV-C disinfecting light. This light kills bacteria, molds, most allergens, and viruses and irradiates the air travelling through the HVAC system prior to it being recirculated. What this means is that even if someone was infected with COVID-19 and was in the sanctuary, the HVAC system's air circulation would pull the air they breathed out through the intake ducts, irradiate the air killing the virus, then return the air back into the sanctuary.

2. We have changed the contract with Northwood's cleaning service to include a deep cleaning at least once a month and a disinfecting cleaning prior to each Sunday.

Welcome Guest Organist Dr. Linda Pointer

Our guest organist today is Dr. 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 **IN PERSON AT NPC!** Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids dis-**JULY 19–23** cover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's VACATION ups and downs. Each day at NC'S Rocky Rail-BIBLE SCHOOL way 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

Cedarkirk—Save the Dates



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!