Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates 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

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!

<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.
- Publications for the *Window* newsletter must be received by the 3rd Monday of the month. (Please limit all announcements to 4 lines.)





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Announcements-August 1, 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. 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. WEL-COME!

Brown Bag Bible Study is Back!

The Brown Bag Bible Study is back and livestreaming for the Fall! This Thursday, August 5th, at noon, Pastor Paul will begin a new study of The Book of Acts. This New Testament document is the sequel to the Gospel Luke, both of which were written by Luke, a Gentile physician. Acts provides us with an invaluable bridge between the four gospels and the 22 New Testament letters. The early church in Acts offers inspiration, guidance and examples for us today in being a church and Christians who are faithful to Jesus Christ in the 21st century. Join as we seek to grow in faith, hope and love!

Beth-El Shoe Sunday

On Sunday, August 22nd, Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or gently used shoes for the children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL. Beginning August 1st, there will be tubs in the church hallway to drop off your shoes. Beth-El is in need of tennis shoes, sandals, flip-flops, and men's work boots, sizes 6 to 11 for men, 5-7 1/2 for women, and all sizes for children. Along with the shoes, we are also collecting socks, suitcases, backpacks, and lightweight jackets. You can also go online to make a donation to Beth-El. Pre-Covid our shoe drive goal was to distribute 400 pairs of shoes to the families in the Beth-El community. The Mission Team goal is to pick right back up from 2019 and again distribute 400 pairs of shoes. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe 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. We are so happy to have her with us!

Office Angels Needed

Our church office is in need of a few "Angels". Office Angels commit their time, once a week, to helping in the office. They help those who come in for assistance, answer the phones and help with other office tasks. Don't worry, we will train you! We have an opening on Tuesday mornings (9-12:30). Please contact Emily Cantin if you are interested or have any additional questions! (727) 796-8090 or communications@northwoodpc.org.

The Deacon's Van Ministry is back on the Road!

The Deacon's Van Ministry for the 11:00AM traditional worship service has resumed. This ministry is designed to provide transportation to and from the 11:00 service for those who live within a 5-mile radius of the church and can no longer drive, or find driving difficult. If you or someone you know who could benefit from this ministry, please call the church office to be placed on the list. The church office hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:00AM to 1:00PM.

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.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/weather.

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



Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat Oct. 22-24



The annual All-Church Retreat at Cedarkirk will be held on October 22-24, 2021. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with singalong and s'mores. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-

conditioned lodges! Deposits with room requests will be accepted beginning Sunday, June 13th. Sign up early for best choice of rooms!

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.

Parking Reminder

Please remember that handicapped parking is reserved for those individuals that have the proper license/permit. If you do not have a permit, please refrain from parking in this area.