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

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.

Large Print Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print hymnals and bulletins are available. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

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

Announcements–August 15, 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. Mark your calendar for our next Discovering Northwood Class, September 19th at 10:00am. WELCOME!

Beth-El Shoe Sunday

Next 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. There are tubs in the church hallways to drop off shoes such as: 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. We are also collecting socks, suitcases, backpacks, and lightweight jackets. You can also go online to make a donation to Beth-El. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday!

Brown Bag Bible Study is Back!

The Brown Bag Bible Study is back and livestreaming for the Fall! This Thursday, August 19th, at noon, Pastor Paul continues a study of The Book of Acts. Acts provides us with an invaluable bridge between the four gospels and the 22 New Testament letters and offers inspiration, guidance and examples for us today. Join as we seek to grow in faith, hope and love!

Welcome Guest Organist, Mark Prater

We welcome as guest organist today, Mr. Mark Prater. Mark retired after 14 years as Director of Music/Organist at First Presbyterian Church of Brandon, having previously served at Lutheran, Episcopal, and Roman Catholic churches. Mark is a graduate of the University of Memphis and also holds the *Associate* and *Choir Master* certificates from the American Guild of Organists.

Kings Kids—Attention Parents!

This September, (tentative kick-off party September 22nd) Kings Kids will be restarting at Northwood. Your children will learn more about Jesus' love and goodness through weekly (Wednesdays 4-6pm) sessions of Bible study, music with Miss Stephanie, crafts and recreation. We need your support for this to happen. Register your child/children ages preschool through 5th grade by sending the information to childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

Please include:

- Your name, email & phone number
- Your child/children's name, age, grade level

Your ability to help at least once a month by teaching or helping our teachers by staying in the room during their activities is important to our success. We look forward to hearing from you!

Update on In-Person Worship Guidelines

Northwood's Commission for In-Person Worship met recently to review its worship guidelines. Despite the recent increase in reported cases of COVID, no significant changes were recommended for the Session's consideration. While wearing a mask for worship remains optional for those who have been vaccinated, the Commission encourages everyone to make an informed decision based upon current guidelines as established by the CDC and the Florida Department of Health. Northwood's in-person worship practices and precautions are also available for review on the church website.

Music Rehearsals beginning in September

- <u>Chancel Choir: Wednesday, September 1</u>
 6:30 Strawberries and Cream reception, Rms 5 & 7
 7-8:30 Choir Rehearsal, sanctuary
- <u>Celebration Ringers: (Beginner/Intermediate)</u> Sundays between services (10-10:40), beginning Sept 12
- <u>Jubilation Ringers: (Intermediate/Advanced)</u> Sundays at noon, beginning Sept 12
- Youth and Children's Choirs to be announced. Praise Band, to be determined.

Please call or email Stephanie Carson and we will plug you in! 727-458-9749; stephanie@northwoodpc.org





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 sing-

along and s'mores. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in airconditioned lodges! Deposits are being accepted now. 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 at <u>schooldirector@northwoodpc.org</u>. or 727-723-7679.

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.