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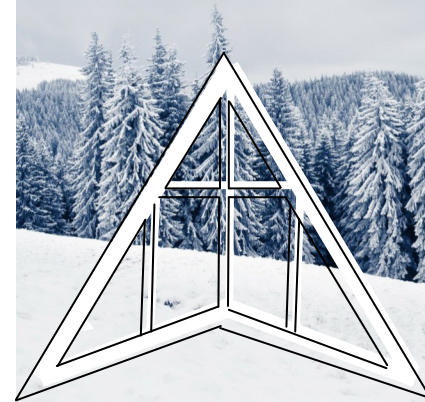
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## **Kirkin' o' the Tartan**

**Northwood Presbyterian Church**  
**Sunday, February 20, 2020**

Two exceptional worship services of celebration  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Featuring Dunedin High School Pipers and Drummers  
There will be music for the pipe and drum along with hymns and  
anthems of our Scottish heritage.

If you would like the honor of carrying a tartan in procession at one of the services,  
contact Mickey Stewart at [walkey1a@outlook.com](mailto:walkey1a@outlook.com)

Or the church office (727)796-8090 [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org)

In 1745, Scottish clansmen were forbidden by the British Crown to wear the tartans, and to play the bagpipes, and to acknowledge in any way their traditional clans. This prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartans in their pockets as they went to church (kirk). On an appointed Sunday, the minister would slip into the service a blessing, or "kirkin" for the tartans and clans which the tartans represented. Our Kirkin' will be a celebration of the Scottish reformers as well as all those who have gone before us in the faith.



### **Music Ministry's Annual Garage Sale 2022**

**January 11 & 12**

**8:00 A.M.– 2:00 P.M.**



It's almost here! Hopefully all your closets and extra rooms are cleared out and ready for delivery or pick-up. The 2022 Garage Sale will take place on January 14 and 15, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are only successful in raising funds for the Music Ministry with your generosity!

Please invite your family, neighbors and friends to donate and to come to the sale. Cards are available in the narthex to hand out or post in your clubhouse.

#### **Collection Times are:**

December 26, 27, 29, 30, 31 – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

December 28 and January 1 – No Collection

January 2 – January 12 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

We cannot accept older electronics, TV's, entertainment centers or furniture that is not in 'new' condition. Everything else is most welcome – clothes, jewelry, furniture, household, linens, fine collectibles, holiday, books, tools, outdoor, etc.

Volunteers are still needed to help with set-up, sorting, cashiering, security, and clean-up. Please call or e-mail if you can help.

Please call Susan Curry or e-mail her if you need pick-up (727) 709-8237 or [susan.curry@verizon.net](mailto:susan.curry@verizon.net).

Thank you, Stephanie Carson (Director of Music Ministries), Susan Curry (Chair)

# At-A-Glance

## January 2022

### This Month at Northwood

**Monday & Tuesday, December 27 & 28:**  
Office will be closed for Christmas

**Sunday, January 2:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, January 9:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Friday & Saturday, January 14 & 15:**  
Garage Sale

**Sunday, January 16:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Friday & Saturday, January 21-23:**  
Cedarkirk Women's Retreat

**Sunday, January 23:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, January 30:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

#### Church Office Hours

We will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30am to 3:00pm and closed on Friday. All staff members continue to be available via email or phone regardless of the office schedule.

**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  
Chris Hurst, Business Administrator  
Kim Dickson, Bookkeeper  
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications

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#### The Window

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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.

#### Guidelines for In-Person Worship

Wearing a mask for worship remains optional for those who have been vaccinated and 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.

## Around Northwood



#### Flower Ministry

The flowers that are placed in the sanctuary are assembled into smaller arrangements to be distributed to those in the hospital or in need of encouragement. The congregation is welcome to take one of these vases of flowers if needed. Vases can be picked up in the church office during business hours, Monday-Thursday 8:30-3:00pm. Deacon Murle Whitten faithfully arranges the flowers weekly.

#### Pledge Cards for 2022

Thank you for your faithful answer to God's call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2021. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! If you have yet to do so, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and the church office. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2021. We look forward to the work God is preparing for us in 2022.

#### Have you considered the benefits of directing your IRA distribution to your church?

A Qualified Charitable Distribution permits annual direct transfers to a qualified charity totaling up to \$100,000 of tax-deferred IRA savings. (Funds that have been distributed from the IRA to the IRA owner and are then contributed to charity don't qualify.) QCDs offer advantages over taking a taxable IRA distribution and then contributing the proceeds of that distribution to a charity. That's because taxable IRA distributions must be included in adjusted gross income. As a result:

- Income taxes on Social Security benefits can increase.
- Adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations on annual charitable deductions can defeat current deduction of the charitable contribution of IRA distribution proceeds (carryovers to a limited number of future tax years is available).
- AGI limitations trimming itemized deductions can apply.
- Medicare insurance premiums can increase. QCDs avoid those results. These types of distributions have now been made permanent under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016. If you'd like to make a gift to Northwood in this way, please contact the church office.

#### Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Wednesday, January 12th and continuing through Wednesday, February 16th, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one or for those who are facing grief from other types of significant loss in their life. The time of the seminar is from 12:30 to 2:00. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

#### Discovering Northwood Class

A Discovering Northwood Class will be held Sunday, **January 16th from 10:00am to 11:00am in Room 4** for those wishing to learn more about Northwood and consider church membership. Please know you are welcome to attend if you have been visiting us online in worship.

#### Your Giving Matters

Even when we can't be together, your giving matters. We want to continue being the church in our community and to each and every one of you in the days ahead. 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 [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options.

#### Per-Capita Apportionment


Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per-capita assessment is \$30.98 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift.



# Around Northwood



# Caring for Our Church Family




**Scout Sunday**  
Northwood Celebrates Scouting Programs in our Community! On Sunday, **February 13th**, Northwood invites all scouts, leaders and family members to both worship services for Scout Sunday. This church hosts close to 150 scouts and their families on this campus each week as a part of Northwood's commitment to ministering to the youth of our community. On this special Sunday, those involved in Scouting programs within Northwood and our community will assist and lead parts of each worship service. All Scouts are encouraged to come in full uniform. Plan to be a part of this time on Sunday, February 13th, as we highlight the impact of scouting in our community. Northwood's own Boy Scout Troop 413 will be offering a Pancake Breakfast on this Sunday after both services. Donations to the Troop are welcome. Make plans now to come hungry for warm pancakes, eggs and sausage!

**Women's Retreat-Registration is open!**  
The annual Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk will be held on March 4-6, 2022. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. Deposits will be accepted beginning Sunday, Dec. 19th. Look for more info and registration forms on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Any questions, please contact [Jeanneestephen@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanneestephen@gmail.com)

**Annual Report Deadline**  
Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff is Wednesday, January 7th by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org). There are copies of last year's annual report in the church office if needed. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

**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, January 11th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in "attending" our monthly discussion on photography, please contact or [curtis.krueger@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com) or [david@primeimagesinc.com](mailto:david@primeimagesinc.com) and we'll send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

**Annual Congregational Meeting**  
Mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 30th. The Meeting starts at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will hear reports from the Session, the Deacons and their Ministry Teams. We will also be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings its nominations.



**Kids' Corner Preschool December News**  
On Wednesday, December 15th, each class had a Christmas Party. The children were treated with sugar cookies and a surprise visit from a jolly old man bearing gifts! Our Christmas Program was held on Friday, December 17th at 11:00am in the Sanctuary. The program included performances by the three-year old and the VPK classes.

**Dinner for 6-7-8**  
Want to meet and socialize with members of your Northwood Church Family? If you enjoy good food, good company, meeting new people and greeting familiar friends then come and join us at our next picnic! We will meet at Philippe Park in Safety Harbor on February 5th time TBA. Bring your own picnic and drinks. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Claudia Alwood at [cjalwood@msn.com](mailto:cjalwood@msn.com).

**NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD**

**Bridging Freedom**  
Thank you for your donation of \$206 to Bridging Freedom. We hope you have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas Holiday!  
Laura Hamilton, President

**Samaritan Village**  
On behalf of the staff, Board of Directors and residents of Samaritan Village, thank you for your generous support of our ministry. We are incredibly grateful for your partnership in our mission to help women find freedom from the bondage of sexual exploitation and human trafficking. Our success is only made possible by the continued generosity of our supporters.  
Dee Coleman, Executive Director

**Metropolitan Ministries**  
Thank you for your gift of household items to help our neighbors facing crisis, hunger and even homelessness in Tampa Bay. Because of you, the door to hope is opened through services and programs that equip people to pull themselves out of poverty and live self sufficiently. Your generosity does so much to rebuild lives. Thank you for making a difference.  
Tim Marks, President & CEO

**Boley Centers**  
Your support of Boley Centers through the gifts you have made in memory of Mark Patrick O'Leary are already making a difference in the lives of the people served by Boley Centers. With funding being an ongoing challenge, gifts like yours help us to touch more lives of vulnerable people in our community. We are so sorry for this loss and appreciate you sending acknowledgment of the memorial gifts to Mark's family and the donors. With gratitude and Best Wishes,  
Gary MacMath, President & CEO

**Prayer Ministry**  
Ken Andreassen, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Bonnie Beyer, Darrough Diamond, Linda Diamond, Sue GaVette, Shirley Gleason, Jeri Heycock, Fred & Joanne Inkles, Lloyd Kimball, Joyce Klotz, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder.

**Memorial Gifts**

**In Memory of:**  
*Mark O'Leary  
Jan Hewlett  
Bill Marshall*

**Given by:**  
*Sue GaVette  
Janet Till  
Bill & Bunny Bitner*

**Memorial Gifts**  
If you wish to make a gift to the church in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to attach the blue Memorial Gift form to your contribution. Completing the form ensures that we have all the information necessary to properly direct the gift and acknowledge it to both you and the recipient. Forms are located near the memorial book in the Narthex or in the Church Office. Thank you for your assistance.

**Giving Envelopes**  
Giving envelopes are available for pick-up in the church hallway for those who use them.

*Thank you*

The mission and Outreach team would like to thank the congregation for the large number of items donated to Beth El Farmworkers Ministry in Wimauma, Fl. The migrant farmworkers of Beth El are grateful for all the gifts and other necessities including warm hats, gloves, jackets, and 12 heaters so lovingly donated by the Northwood congregation through the Angel Tree program.

**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.



**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.



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## Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study on Livestream and Facebook Live NO Brown Bag Study on December 30th— will resume January 6th

The **Brown Bag Bible Study** is back and livestreaming. Thursdays at noon, Pastor Paul will continue the study of **The Book of Acts**. This New Testament document is the sequel to the Gospel of 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. It gives us a window into understanding the early Christian church – the dynamic birth of the church, the intense persecution of the church, the explosive growth of the church and the transformative impact of the Gospel of Jesus Christ on a variety of cultures. 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!



## Presbyterian Women



The Presbyterian Women unified circle will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in rooms 4-8. This month we will meet January 11th. We are studying a 9 month Bible study entitled *What my Grandmothers Taught Me* by Merryl Blair. Chris Curvin will be teaching each lesson via Livestream and our circle will have a follow-up discussion of the lesson. The fifth lesson will be Thursday, January 6th at 11:00am livestreamed or in-person in the sanctuary. If you'd like a book, or more information regarding the multiple activities that Presbyterian Women engage in, please contact Patty Martin at [bill.martin2@verizon.net](mailto:bill.martin2@verizon.net) or Sue Miskiewicz at [susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com).

## Experiencing God Class

The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. We will be meeting online using Zoom. Email Vicki Krueger at [vickilee33@aol.com](mailto:vickilee33@aol.com) for the link and for any technical help or questions.

## Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, January 7th at 10:30am. We will meet in rooms 5 & 7 of the Christian Education building. The book we are studying is *From Daughters to Disciples* by Lynn Japinga. If you need a book, please contact Marti Huff at [marti.huff.np@gmail.com](mailto:marti.huff.np@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at (727) 787-9868 or [LVMN1@hotmail.com](mailto:LVMN1@hotmail.com).



Children's Sunday School for age 3 to 5th grade is held weekly during the 11:00am church service in classroom 16. We will be learning about young people who served God in the Old and New Testaments. We look forward to working with your children. Please contact the church office or send an email to [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) if you have any questions. We hope you will join us on Sundays!

## We Are in Need of Volunteers!

Are you interested in helping with the 11 o'clock children's Sunday School? We need assistants each week/or if you would like to teach, please join us. Send an email with your availability to: [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org)

\*\*\*There will be NO Children's Sunday School on December 26th.

## What's Going on in Citylight

Winter break was a blast and we are excited for the spring season. In December, we continued our youth and families schedule with 3 programs a week: Sunday School, Youth Group on Wednesdays and Friday Game Night! We offered plenty of mission projects and special events to be a part of like Metropolitan Ministries, Ring Sing & Mingle, Lock-In, Movie Night and Christmas Party! There are a lot of upcoming dates to get excited for and Spring Semester and Summer plans are rolling! Rock the Universe sign up is open in our weekly email— grab your spot today! Montreat sign up closes at the end of the month.

Look at the schedule to check out our upcoming dates.

We are ready for Summer 2022! We are headed to Montreat, NC for the Annual Montreat Youth Conference! Sign up is now open! This conference is open to entering 9th graders through 12th completed as well as college freshman and sophomores. Sign up by contacting Rosalie, \$100 check made out to NPC with memo Montreat to lock in your spot. Visit the link below or in our weekly email to learn more about our trip: <https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QfNPpiyVSqNx8WFwgEyNmcnPCZjC2f7RuP6w6CCtoII/edit?usp=sharing>

Our College Group is getting bigger! We welcome our newest graduates and currently have about 10 college students in our group. We have met regularly online and plan to meet quarterly in person. Our college group has been volunteering with our youth program and is invited to join us for our Montreat trip this June! Our Youth and Families team is devoted to providing a space for our young adults to remain connected to their church during and after this new transition in their lives.

Please continue to make it out to youth events and fit our weekly programs into your schedule. During the spring I am hoping to grow our community through outreach and that starts with you! If we haven't seen you, we miss you and you're always welcome! If you need support, I am here. Remember that you are loved and that this community is here for you.

"I long to see you so that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to make you strong - that is, that you and I may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith." -Romans 1:11-12

Rosalie Bradford, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

## WINTER 2021 DATES

12/22 - METROPOLITAN MINISTRY VOLUNTEERING AM SHIFT

12/29 - CHRISTMAS BREAK LOCK-IN

## SPRING 2022 DATES

1/28 - 1/30 - ROCK THE UNIVERSE

2/20 - 4/17 - CONFIRMATION CLASS

2/13 - GALENTINE'S DAY & DUDES DAY

3/13 - 3/16 SPRING BREAK MISSION

4/10 - PALM SUNDAY

4/17 - EASTER SUNDAY

## SUMMER 2022 DATES

MONTREAT - 6/4 - 6/11

MUSIC CAMP - 6/12 - 6/17

BACKYARD MISSION - 7/11 - 7/15

YOUTH WEEK - 7/30 - 8/5

