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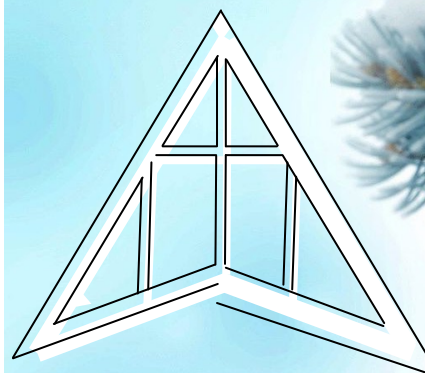
Northwood uses ACS software and we'd like for you to know about the ACS Church Life™ mobile app. Those of us on staff have been using the app for a couple of years now and if you've given us the chance, we've probably downloaded it to your smartphone for you. The app provides instant access to the names, addresses, pictures and phone numbers of anyone who would normally appear in a printed Northwood church directory. Information is always as current as the church's data base and access is available to you anytime, anywhere, from your mobile phone. You can even map visits or sign up for events like Vacation Bible School all on the go. Also, with the new mobile giving feature, you can quickly and easily contribute to NPC's published funds...with just one click.

This easy-to-use app is free and available to all NPC members listed in our database using the same user name and password that you create for Access ACS™. If you don't already have a login and password, you can create one by visiting our website at [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and clicking on the LOGIN link at the top of the page. When the screen appears, just click where it says "Need a login?" Follow the steps to create the login and then visit the app store on your mobile device to search for and download the app called ACS Church Life. Once downloaded, tap on the new icon on your phone and login using the credentials you created via the website. It may sound a bit complicated if you aren't used to this exercise, but we're always available to help. Call Emily Cantin in the church office and arrange a time to come by. We'll get you started!



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**Chartering Organization of Boy  
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# Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Northwood Presbyterian Church  
 Sunday, February 20, 2022

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

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

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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). You may also sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the kitchen.

In 1745, Scottish clansmen were forbidden by the British Crown to wear the tartans, 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.





# At-A-Glance

## This Month at Northwood

### February 2022

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

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

**Sunday, February 13:**  
**Scout Sunday**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, February 20:**  
**Kirkin' o' the Tartan**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, February 27:**  
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  
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



#### Garage Sale—Thank You!

Another extremely successful Garage Sale for 2022 only because of your generosity and help. We are continually amazed and grateful for the quantity and quality of donations you give. You also do a great job of reaching out to neighbors and friends. It takes a lot of workers to pull off a sale of this size and we are so appreciative of the hours spent by so many. You are appreciated. We are close to \$16,500 right now and expect to be above \$17,000 after a few items sell that are online or going to a resale store. That is after just completing a successful sale in May, 2021. Amazing is the only word that fits - or miracle as Pastor Chris calls it. Thank you for making this possible in support of the Music Ministry program. We thank God for his bounty and beautiful weather for our sale. It is through Him that this is possible year after year and we are humbled and blessed.

Stephanie Carson, Director of Music; Susan Curry (Chair) and Linda Earl (Co-chair)



#### Sing the Lenten Cantata

If you enjoyed our Christmas Cantata there will be another opportunity to sing in a choir with instruments. Our Lenten Cantata will be presented **Sunday afternoon, April 10th at 4:00pm**. Beginning Wednesday, February 9th, we will be spending the first 30+ minutes of our choir rehearsal to learn our cantata music. From 7-7:35 we will sing through the cantata and then you are free to leave as the choir continues with their rehearsal. I hope you can join us! Contact Stephanie Carson 727-796-8090 or stephanie@northwoodpc.org.

#### Annual Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 30th**. The Meeting will begin as soon as the 11 AM service concludes at noon. Annual Reports will be distributed with information from the Session, Deacons, Ministry Teams, church staff and others. The Nominating Committee will present the following for election at the Annual Meeting:

#### Elders

(class of 2023)  
Ann Briggs  
Dennis Rasmussen  
Sandy Seckel

#### Deacons

(class of 2023)  
Melanie Brown  
Cindy Gamble

#### Nominating Committee

June Arnold  
Aimee McDermott  
Barbara Moler  
Ellen Stoup

#### Memorial Garden

Sandra Gibson  
Barbara Moler  
Georgia Rounding



# 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!

## Kids' Corner Preschool News

On Thursday, January 27, we will be hosting our VPK Open House. This is a VPK Fall registration information meeting for all parents with children eligible to start VPK in August 2022. Prospective VPK parents will have the opportunity to meet our VPK Teachers, visit the classrooms, and learn about our VPK program. The evening will begin promptly at 7pm in the Sanctuary. Please contact the school office with any questions, 727-723-7679.



## 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, February 8th 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.

## 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.

## Women's Retreat-Registration is open!

We're happy to announce that our own Rosalie Bradford Pareja will be the speaker the annual Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk on March 4-6, 2022. Come join us as we explore the Fruit of the Spirit as a leading role in our collection of stories within our own community of faith. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. Deposits are being accepted. Look for more info and registration forms on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Any questions, please contact Jeanne Stephen at [Jeanneestephen@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanneestephen@gmail.com)



## 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).

## 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)

## Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping 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 [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options.

## NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your generous gift of \$320 toward our next faith build. Thanks to donors like you, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas & West Pasco Counties is able to continue building safe, affordable homes for hard working members of our community. Sincerely, Mike Sutton, President & CEO

### Beth-El

Simple as this...Thank You! Your support of \$550 will help us pave the way forward towards a more just society in which farmworkers have access to the things we all need to live dignifying lives. We are blessed to count you among our allies! With Grateful Spirit, Teresita Matos-Post, Executive Director

### Mission Haven

On behalf of the Mission Haven board, volunteers, and our missionary-in-residence, we thank you for your gift of \$300. You are a generous and faithful group. Your gift enables us to maintain Mission Haven as a lovely and caring community for our mission co-workers. We are currently hosting guests who have served in Brazil, Central Asia, Congo, Ethiopia and many other countries around the world. Blessings & Peace, Kelly Weirich

### Hope Villages of America

Thank you for your gift of \$1200 to benefit the Home Mission of Hope Villages of America. Because of you, we can continue providing hope restoration with dignity to those in need through innovative programs and services. We appreciate you, Kirk Ray Smith, President & CEO

### SPC—Women on the Way Program

Thank you very much for your very generous donation of \$300 to the St. Petersburg College, Women on the Way program. Many of our students face various challenges, and the support we receive from generous donors helps to ease the burden throughout their college journey. We are proud to count you as one of our supporters! Sincerely, Shirley A. Crumbley, WOW Coordinator

### Clearwater Free Clinic

On behalf of the Clearwater Free Clinic and the communities we serve, we thank you for your donation of \$500 supporting our mission. Together we are able to make a significant difference in the quality of our patients' lives, providing monthly medications, ongoing care to prevent frequent emergency room visits and so much more. Yours in Health, Jeannie Shapiro, CEO

## Memorial Gifts

**In Memory of:**  
Don Drummond  
Jan Hewlett  
Don Drummond

**Given by:**  
Art & Jeanette Holloway  
Her Daughters  
William & Joyce Peterson

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.





## Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study on Livestream and Facebook Live

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 February 8th. 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 sixth lesson will be Thursday, February 3rd 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, February 4th 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 [LVNM1@hotmail.com](mailto:LVNM1@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)

## What's Going on in Citylight

We spent January getting back to a normal schedule and participated in so many fun annual events! 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 special events to be a part of like bowling, Annual Garage Sale, Rock the Universe, and a youth room deep clean! There are a lot of upcoming dates to get excited for and Spring Semester and Summer sign ups are here! Look at the schedule below to check out our upcoming dates.

We are back to Cedarkirk for our Annual Spring Break Mission! We will head over there on Monday, March 14th early in the morning and return Wednesday, March 16th in the afternoon. We will work on an outdoor service project at Cedarkirk varying from trailblazing, painting, cleaning, pressure washing and building. We will spend the afternoons enjoying camp activities like canoeing and archery and spend our evenings in community with one another. Our theme for the trip is "Restoring our Faith in Community". The cost per student is \$75. Sign up is available through our weekly email.

We are ready for Summer 2022! We are headed to Montreat, NC for the Annual Montreat Youth Conference! Sign up closes at the end of the month. 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 our weekly email to sign up and learn more about this trip.

Our College Group is getting bigger! We 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

## SPRING 2022 DATES

- 1/28 - 1/30 - ROCK THE UNIVERSE
  - 2/14 - 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

