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## New Church Voice/Data Services Installation/Implementation Dates

Last Fall, the Property Ministry Team recommended that we contract with Spectrum Enterprises for new voice/data services at Northwood. The implementation process has been ongoing since that time and after

Easter, the new services will be installed and become operational. Fiber optic circuits will replace our existing coax cable from Spectrum and voice services will be provided over internet protocol rather than the current lines from Frontier. Most of this will be unseen, but new phone sets are also part of the service.

We want you to know that on **April 19**, the fiber optic circuit will be installed and the data services will go live that day or the next. We do not anticipate any problems and expect that once fully operational, everything about the new services will surpass the old. But, with any new implementation of voice or data services, there is a chance that things may not go as planned. If you have trouble watching the Brown Bag Bible Study on Thursday of that week or church services that Sunday, know that it is most likely the result of managing the switch over to the new services and we will be working very hard to resolve any issues. We are asking in advance for your patience and understanding. Hopefully you'll only see positive results.

The voice portion of the new services will be switched over on **April 26 and 27**. Again, we don't anticipate and problems, but if for some reason you have trouble reaching the church office on either of those days, know that we are in the midst of this process and issues will be resolved as soon as possible.

## Join us for Easter Services

*Palm Sunday*  
 Sunday, April 10  
 9:00am Contemporary & 11:00am Traditional

*Lenten Cantata*  
 Sunday, April 10  
 4:00pm Dramatic Presentation w/ Choir & Instruments

*Maundy Thursday*  
 Thursday, April 14  
 7:00pm--Worship with the Lord's Supper

*Good Friday*  
 Friday, April 15  
 12:00pm--Worship reflecting on Jesus' crucifixion and death

*Easter Sunday*  
 Sunday, April 17  
 9:00am Contemporary (outside, weather permitting)  
 11:00am Traditional (handbells & Hallelujah Chorus)

# At-A-Glance

## April 2022

### This Month at Northwood

**Sunday, April 3:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, April 10: Palm Sunday**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, April 10:**  
Lenten Cantata 4:00 P.M.  
Dramatic Presentation w/Choir & Instruments

**Thursday, April 14: Maundy Thursday**  
7:00 P.M. Worship with the Lord's Supper

**Friday, April 15: Good Friday**  
12:00 P.M. Worship Reflecting on Jesus' Crucifixion and Death

**Sunday, April 17:**  
**Easter Sunday**  
9:00 A.M. Outdoor IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Monday, April 18:**  
**Church Office Closed**

**Sunday, April 24:**  
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.

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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.

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### Welcome Organist David Furr

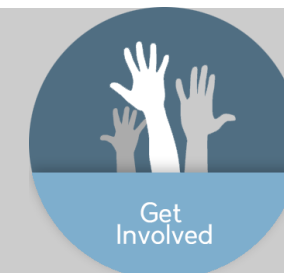
David is a native of North Carolina, where he began private lessons in piano performance at the age of five. He later studied the organ and started to accompany services at his home church in middle school. David has served several congregations as organist on a substitute or permanent part time basis, having recently completed a fifteen year span with a church in Charlotte. He also accompanied choral groups and small ensembles and was active in the local arts community.



In addition to musical interests, David is an accountant, and was brought to the area by a role with a local CPA firm. He received his B.S and Masters of Accountancy from UNC Charlotte. David enjoys finding solutions for people with tax or financial consulting needs.

David is eager to be a part of the worshipping community at Northwood Presbyterian Church, and prays that his efforts will enhance the music ministry in many ways, fresh and familiar.

# Around Northwood



### Northwood's Got Talent

You've seen the Ads, the poster, the slips for filling in what you will be performing, heard our announcement at the 9:00 IGNITE service; now it's time for YOU to help us out by coming up with an act to make our "NORTHWOOD'S GOT TALENT" Show a huge success. Our wonderful performances of talented & untalented persons will be held on Sunday, May 1st at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. You don't want to miss it, so put it back on your calendar. Oh, and there's goodies being served after the performances. Any questions, contact Sharon Brown 904-612-0802.



### Lenten Cantata



Sunday, April 10 at 4:00 PM, we will present our Lenten Cantata, "In My Place" with three other pieces by Craig Courtney and Dan Forrest. There are dramatic presentations of Judas, Peter, Thief and Centurian and narration tying the music and drama together. After the loud Hosannas in the morning on Palm Sunday, this will lead us into Holy week with a sense of what is ahead, reflecting on the cross, before the triumphal rising on Easter morn. Please get it on your calendars now and join us for this moving work.

### Garage Sale Update

Our first report after the Music Ministry Garage Sale said we expected about \$14,000 for our final tally. However, we exceeded even those expectations and can now report our sales are a little over \$17,000. It's only due to your generosity and all of the helpers we have for this great event. Thank you!

## Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

### Compassionate Care Cards Ministry

When a member is ill or suffers a loss, a Deacon sends a get well or sympathy card. Deacon Faye Mackie faithfully sends these cards of comfort. If you are aware of someone in need, please contact Faye at brianandfayept@tampabay.rr.com or call the church office at 727-796-8090.

### NPC Fellowship Groups

(Formerly known as Dinner 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!

NPC Fellowship groups are up and running and planning to meet in homes beginning in March. Some groups may choose to meet in a restaurant or for dessert one time or a picnic one time. If you are interested in joining us, please email Claudia Alwood at [cjalwood@msn.com](mailto:cjalwood@msn.com).

### Women's Retreat

"The Fruit of our Stories" was the theme to the annual Women's retreat this year at Cedarkirk. This was a weekend of spiritual growth, worship, friendship, crafts, laughter & relaxation! Thank you to Rosalie Pareja for your leadership as our guest facilitator.



### Ukraine Disaster Relief

As the violence in Ukraine continues, the number of people fleeing to neighboring countries continues by the day. To support emergency relief for refugees fleeing Ukraine, gifts can be made to Northwood Presbyterian Church for "Ukraine."

### The Project Group

We are seeking new members! We are down to three and would hate to disband this group. We're women of all ages who sew, knit, and crochet items with a mission purpose. We sew little dresses for Haiti or walker bags, make lap robes, or knit caps for newborns. Our work is done at home. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in Room 13. There we bring our projects, share ideas, get encouragement to finish projects, sort through donated material and enjoy Christian fellowship. Sometimes we go out to lunch.

PLEASE join us on April 26th at 10:00 am in Room 13. Questions? Call Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.



# Around Northwood



## Kid's Corner Preschool Registration

Registration is currently open for the 2022-2023 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 or download off of the church website. If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact Roxane Fineo at 727-723-7679 or [schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org).



## Welcome to all our new Church Officers who were installed and ordained on Sunday, March 13th.

**DEACONS:** (Class of 2023)      **ELDERS:** (Class of 2023)

Melanie Brown  
\*Cindy Gamble  
\*those ordained

\*Ann Briggs  
\*Dennis Rasmussen  
\*Sandy Seckel

## Northwood Scholarship Application 2022

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 @ [jpspig1@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:jpspig1@tampabay.rr.com). Applications must be received by June 1, 2022.** Applications will not be accepted in the church office. 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.

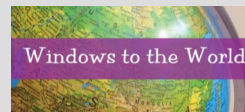


## Easter Lilies

It's time to order Easter Lilies: still only \$9 each! Purchase a lily to help decorate for the Easter worship services on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of loved ones. Be sure to attach the completed form from the Friendship Sheet to your payment. Checks and forms can be placed in the Giving Box or delivered to the church office. If you're paying online, be sure to send an email to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org) with the names of your loved ones and whether the lilies you've ordered are in memory or honor of that person (or people). Order forms with payment are due by Palm Sunday, April 10.

## Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew is back!!

The Ren Crew is a group of adventuresome, young at heart, 50+ adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. The theme for the Ren Crew prior to the pandemic was "Windows to the World." This theme of exploration, inspiration and education will continue to highlight our time together. We meet on the second Friday of the month from 10:30-11:30am in rooms 9 & 11. On April 8<sup>th</sup>, Curtis Krueger, David Lawrence and Pastor Paul will provide the program sharing pictures and stories from their new book, *Photographing God's Beauty*. Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Chili's. Questions? Contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).



## NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### HEP

We are so grateful for your recent gifts of new towel sets to support HEP and our life-saving programs. Your dedication to helping people help themselves has an incredible impact on our community!  
Best Regards, Ashley Lowery, President & CEO

### Hope Villages of America

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for your recent gift. We are so grateful for your continued support of our mission. Because of you, we are able to address hunger, housing and abuse in our community. We appreciate you!

### Foundation for International Missions

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500 and given in support of our mission at the New Hope Clinic in rural Honduras. Each gift makes it possible to provide life-saving medical care to those who would otherwise have no access.  
Sincerely, Frances Mikuta

### Beth-El

Thank you for your support of \$100 for scholarships. This will help pave the way forward towards a more just society in which farmworkers have access to things we all need to live dignifying lives. We are blessed to count you among our allies!  
Teresita Matos-Post, Executive Director

### Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Thank you for your gifts, your care and attention toward those who suffer in the wake of disaster. Through your gifts of \$2000, we are able to shine as light in dark places. I thank you for being a vital part of this spirit of compassion bringing out of chaos, hope. Grace and Peace, Rev. Dr. Laurie Kraus

## 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.

## Memorial Gifts

**In Memory of:**  
Mark Holloway  
Husband & Brother  
George Cernansky  
George Cernansky  
George Cernansky

**Given by:**  
Art & Jeanette Holloway  
Mary Torrisi  
Gary & Deborah Halstead  
Nadine Timpa  
Jim & Jenny Carlstedt

## 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.

## Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Brian Mackie and Family upon the news of the death of his father, Charlie Mackie on February 20.
- The Rimmler family upon the news of the death of Bill Rimmler on March 10.

## 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.

## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering



Sunday, April 17, we will be receiving our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This year, 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries, Metropolitan Ministries and Presbyterian Disaster Relief, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay.

## Discovering Northwood Presentation

A Discovering Northwood Presentation will be held Sunday, **May 15th** 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 or in person in worship.



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



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 April 12th. 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 seventh lesson will be Thursday, April 7th 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, March 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 (727) 787-9868 or [LVNM1@hotmail.com](mailto:LVNM1@hotmail.com).

## Biblical TakeAways

“Biblical TakeAways” is a 10-10:45am adult Sunday School study class which is nestled between the two Northwood Sunday morning services. This allows worshipers from both services to attend. The study and discussion will offer key “takeaways” based upon central Biblical truths and principles which are relevant for class participants to apply in their daily lives. The class draws on commentaries from noted scholars, and it will use Prof. N. T. Wright’s commentary, *Early Christian Letters for Everyone* as the class begins a study of New Testament letters of James, Peter, John, and Jude. Led by Claudia Alwood & Garry Justice. Join us as we study God’s word!

## Children’s Sunday School

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! 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)

## 2022 Vacation Bible School SAVE THE DATE!

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is scheduled for July 18-22, 2022. More details will be coming in the next month, but we wanted to make sure you marked your calendars now. If you would like to volunteer to help, we need teachers, craft, recreation and kitchen helpers. It is a great time shared with our children and the children in the neighborhood. The theme this year is Adventure Island and helps us 'rise and shine' for God's glory. Please call Kay Scheuerrman (727) 510-6026 or Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 if you can help.

## What’s Going on in Citylight

Spring has sprung! March was such a wonderful month full of activities and opportunities of faith formation. In March, 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 during Spring Break Week. We went to Cedarkirk for our Annual Spring Break Mission, went cosmic bowling, spent the day in Downtown St. Petersburg, had a breakfast outing, had fun at Game Night and went to Car Shows and Armature Works on Saturday. It was such a great week spending time with one another. Just what we needed to go finish off the spring semester with. We have a lot of opportunities for the remainder of the school year, and we will start rolling out sign ups for Summer 2022 Events. Look at the schedule below to check out our upcoming dates.

SUMMER 2022! We are ready for Summer 2022. We are headed to Montreat, NC for the Annual Montreat Youth Conference. Visit our weekly email to sign up and learn more about this trip. Backyard Mission is back for round 2! We had SO MUCH FUN last year working with Metropolitan Ministries. This week will offer a total of 50 community service hours - sign up through our weekly email. Music Camp is 6/12 - 6/17 this year. Registration is open and spots are available for sign up. Please contact Stephanie Carson or me if interested!

COLLEGE STUDENTS! We have met online and plan to meet regularly this summer! Our first in-person college exclusive event of the summer will be May 13th at 5:00 pm. We are going to Hatchet Hangout in Clearwater for a college meet and greet! Check out the sign up in our weekly email. Our college group has been volunteering with our youth program and is invited to join us for our Montreat trip this June and Backyard Mission in July. Our Youth and Families team is devoted to providing a space and resources for our young adults to remain connected to your church during and after this new transition in your life.

SENIORS! Make sure to check out our Graduation Save the Dates and Resources section on our weekly email. Save the date for Graduation Sunday, May 15th. You will be invited to participate in the 9:00 am Contemporary Service followed by a reception. We just need a couple of things from you: A headshot photo, and a small approximately 200 word statement providing what you have been involved with throughout highschool, and what your plans are after. The congregation would love to hear about you and your transition and support you through it. Save the date for Friday May 14th for our Annual Senior Dinner with Rosalie at Outback Steakhouse in Palm Harbor at 5:00 pm followed by a celebration for you all at Game night! Check out the weekly email for more info and save the dates. Here are Graduation dates to look forward to - if you are interested in going to these Graduations to support our youth members - see the sign up in the weekly email. Palm Harbor - Friday May 20th @ Tropicana Field. East Lake - Saturday May 21st at 3:30 pm - Countryside 6:15 pm both at Tropicana Field.

OUTREACH - WE NEED YOU! Our Youth & Family Ministries has taken a big hit in attendance post quarantine and is needing some prayers and positive energy. Please try to make it out to regular programming, invite friends, and come to church on Sundays. PARENTS & STUDENTS, your church misses you! During the spring I am hoping to grow our community through outreach and influence 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 heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here am I! Send me.” - Isaiah 6:8*

**Rosalie Bradford,** Director of Youth & Family Ministries

## SPRING 2022 DATES

- 4/3 - Giving Wall Begins
- 4/10 - Palm Sunday
- 4/10 - Montreat Service Project 11:00am - 2:00pm - Lunch Provided
- 4/17 - Easter Sunday
- 5/8 - Montreat Meeting after Church 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- 5/8 - Dinner & Devotion to help with Final Exams - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 5/13 - College Hangout
- 5/15 - Graduation Sunday at Church
- 5/27 - Senior Dinner 5:00pm at Outback, followed by Graduation Party at Game Night
- 5/29 - Beach Day & Sunset Devotion 4:00pm - 9:00pm

## 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

