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Kids' Corner Preschool News



Registration for 2022-2023 School Year

If you are planning to register your child and need an enrollment packet, please stop by the office or reach out to your child's teacher. If you need assistance in applying for a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, please feel free to call the office. Please submit your completed paperwork as soon as possible.

Summer Camp

Kids' Corner Preschool will be offering 2 weeks of summer camp for children that are going into VPK or Kindergarten in the fall. It is a great way to keep your child engaged in the classroom setting during the summer months. The first week will be June 13th – 17th, and the second week will be July 11th – 15th. Camp hours are 9am to 12pm daily. The camp fee will be \$125.00 per week, with a \$40.00 deposit due at registration. Send in your paperwork by April 29th. We only have space for 12 students each week. It's bound to fill up fast!

Important Dates

Monday, 4/3 – VPK Graduation Pictures
 Wednesday, 4/6 – Class Pictures
 Wednesday, 4/13 – 3-yr-old's Easter Egg Hunt & Party
 Thursday, 4/14 – VPK's Easter Egg Hunt & Party
 Friday, 4/15 – Good Friday – school closed
 Friday, 4/22 – Donuts with Dad
 Friday, 5/6 – Muffins with Mom
 Wednesday, 5/18 – 3-yr-old's last day of school
 Friday, 5/20 – VPK Graduation

April 2nd was Planting Day at Northwood Presbyterian Church. Thank you to all who helped!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 18-22, 2022

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Pre-K through 5th Grade



“Arise! Shine! Your light has come: the Lord's glory has shone upon you!” Isaiah 60:1

From a whimsical lighthouse on the tropical, enchanted Adventure Island, children (Explorers) begin their quest in search of five mysterious infinity lanterns that help light their way on the island. These lanterns are the light of Love, the light of Trust, the light of Faith, the light of Joy, and the light of Hope.

Through this VBS, children will learn many ways of sharing God's love everywhere they go!

Online registration will begin May 15, 2022. The cost is \$15 per Explorer and includes a t-shirt.

Please contact Kay Scheuerman (727) 510-6026 or Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 if you have questions or would like to volunteer to help.

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

May 2022

Sunday, May 1:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, May 1:
Northwood's Got Talent Show 4:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 8:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, May 15:
Graduation Sunday**
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:00 A.M. Discovering Northwood
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, May 22:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, May 29:
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
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools

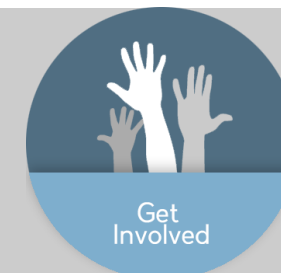
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The Window

Published monthly by Northwood Presbyterian Church, Edited by Emily Cantin

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.

Around Northwood



Unified Presbyterian Women's Circle Monthly Donation

Each month, the Unified Presbyterian Women's Circle collects donations for residents of the Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP). This month we collected flip flops for men, women and children. Next month we will be donating combs, brushes and twin size bed sheet sets. It is such a blessing to be able to support this worthwhile organization!



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."

Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

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 (Deacon, email and phone information) or the church office. If emailing, 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/>.

Presbyterian Women's Birthday Celebration

YOU ARE INVITED!
All women of Northwood Presbyterian Church are invited to celebrate the 100th birthday of the Presbyterian Women's organization. The event will take place on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 10:45am - 1:00pm in the sanctuary

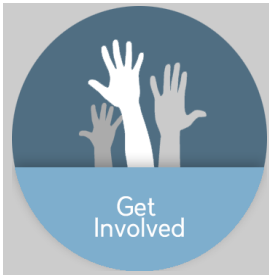
The day will consist of:
--A short business meeting including year-end wrap-up.
--A presentation by a representative of the Homeless Empowerment Project (H.E.P) Presentation of Lesson 9, our final chapter of our 9 month study, by Pastor Chris Curvin.
--Collection of the 2022 PW Birthday Offering and dedication of our least coin offerings.
--A wonderful pot luck luncheon provided by our Circle members including a birthday cake (held in rooms 5 & 7).
--Special recognition of our 90 year olds.

Please plan to attend!

Questions can be directed to Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com

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



Caring for Our Church Family

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.



Class of 2022!

- 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 or college, 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 27th for our Annual Highschool Senior Dinner with Rosalie at Outback Steakhouse in Palm Harbor at 5:00 pm followed by a celebration for you all at Game Night.

Student Ministry Giving Wall Fundraiser

There are over 200 envelopes on our bulletin board that have been decorated by the youth! Each have a number that correlates to a dollar amount. If you are interested in donating to our Mission Work and Retreats, please take an envelope and return the envelope (unsealed with your donation inside) to the church office Monday-Friday between 9:00 am-3:00 pm. Cash or checks made out to Northwood Presbyterian Church with "Giving Wall" in the memo are gratefully accepted. If you would like to give remotely, feel free to decorate your own! Your donation will be used to help fund our 2022 trips. Thank you for your support!

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, May 10th at 7:00pm.

If you are interested in "attending" our monthly discussion on photography, please contact or curtis.krueger@gmail.com or david@primeimagesinc.com and we'll send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

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. 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.

Northwood's Got Talent

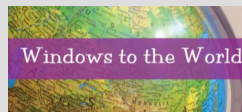
Come and join us and make your Sunday afternoon a little brighter with a fun afternoon of entertainment! Our wonderful performances of talented & untalented persons will be held on Sunday, May 1st at 4:00 PM in the sanctuary. You don't want to miss it. Right after the talent show, we will be serving pizza, salad, cookies & drinks in the fellowship hall! See you then!



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 May 13th, Earle & Jessie Lusk will provide the program "Spain & Portugal and the special treasures of the Douro River." Following the program we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. Questions? Contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Medicine Bottle Donations

Presbyterian Women collect clean, empty medicine bottles for the Clearwater Free Clinic. They would like only the brown, semi-transparent bottles. Please do not donate white, blue or any other solid color bottle and please remove all sticky residue from the outside of the bottle. Thank You!

Need Van Drivers

We're looking for a few good drivers to drive Northwood's van on Sunday mornings. This helps some of our members who need a ride to and from the 11 a.m. service. We're looking for good, safe drivers, and we'll train you on driving the route and the van. If you are interested in doing this once a month, or if you know someone else who might be interested, please contact Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com

No More Pop Tabs

For years the Presbyterian Women have collected pop tabs and donated the proceeds to the local Shriners hospital. As of April 1 they have closed their doors, so we are NO LONGER ACCEPTING POP TABS. Thank you for your faithful contributions over the years!

Immediate Need – Help in the Sound Booth

We need volunteers to help in the sound booth for both the 9:00 and 11:00am services. Training is as easy as pushing the spacebar for the words and more opportunities to give. We need your assistance. Please email David Seay at dcseay@alumni.fullsail.edu and we will train you. Thank you!

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 and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:
George Cernansky
Helen Burke

Given by:
Alexis Killeen
Earle & Jessie Lusk

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:

- The MacFall Family upon the news of the death of Bob MacFall on March 27.
- The Family of Linda Ciokan upon the news of her death on April 24.

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.

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 May 10th. 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, May 5th 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 or Sue Miskiewicz at 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 for the link and for any technical help or questions.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, May 6th 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. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin (727) 787-9868 or 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 is breaking for summer. Please contact the church office or send an email to childrensministry@northwoodpc.org if you have any questions.

What’s Going on in Citylight

Almost summer! In April we continued our youth and families schedule with 3 programs a week: Sunday School, Youth Group on Wednesdays and Friday Game Night. We celebrated a lot of birthdays this month, started planning summer events together, started a new series at Citynight, spent Holy Week intentionally and faithfully, enjoyed the Outdoor Easter Service, volunteered at 1st Presbyterian Safety Harbor, worked on a service project for our NPC Pre-school and deep cleaned the Youth Room. We have a lot of opportunities for the remainder of the school year and will start rolling out sign ups for Summer 2022 events. During the month of May we have extra bible studies planned offsite and the youth room will be open as a study space from 1:00pm - 6:00pm every Monday & Wednesday until final exams week. Look at the schedule below to check out our upcoming dates!

We launched our 2022 Student Ministry Giving Wall During the month of April. For those of you that have contributed, we are very grateful. Stay tuned for a “Thank You Party in the late summer/early fall. If you would like to be more involved in supporting our Student Ministry Program, please reach out!

SUMMER 2022! We are ready for Summer 2022. We are headed to Montreat, NC for the Annual Montreat Youth Conference. Sign up has closed, however please reach out about joining the waitlist. 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 I 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 high school 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 27th 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.

“So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.” - Romans 12:5

Rosalie Bradford, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

SPRING 2022 DATES

- 5/1 - Montreat Meeting after Church 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
- 5/13 - College Hangout
- 5/15 - Graduation Sunday at Church
- 5/15 - Dinner & Devotion to help with Final Exams - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
- 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

