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 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Donations Accepted at Northwood Presbyterian

We gladly accept donations of the following items. If you wish to donate anything outside this list, please contact the church office. Thank you for your generosity!



Medicine Bottles

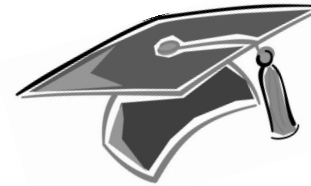
Donations of pill bottles collected at Northwood are delivered to the Clearwater Free Clinic, which provides medicine at low cost to its patients, who are primarily the uninsured working poor and their children. When donating your bottles, be sure the pill bottles are clean, both inside and out, with the labels and glue residue removed. The clinic's staff is grateful for Northwood's contributions!



Canned Food

- Canned Meats
- Canned Ravioli
- Canned Pasta
- Canned Chili
- Canned Tuna
- Canned Baked Beans
- Canned Chunky Soup
- Canned Fruits
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly

These canned foods are used to make up our food pantry bags that are given to those in need in our local community.



Congratulations Graduates! Class of 2022



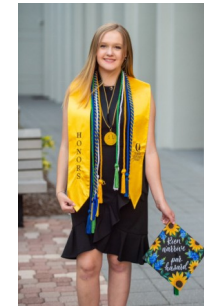
Nicole Bonfiglio is graduating from East Lake High School's Engineering Program. She will continue as an Interdisciplinary Arts major in the fall at Eckerd College .



Daniel Lahuti is graduating from Clearwater Central Catholic High School. He will be majoring in an accelerated business program at Rollins College.



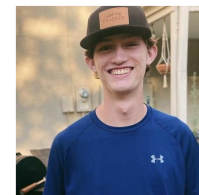
Dylan Cantin is graduating Cum Laude from the East Lake High School Engineering Program. Dylan will be Majoring in Electrical Engineering and Music at the University of South Florida.



Grace Michalk graduated Summa Cum Laude from the Honors College at Florida Gulf Coast University with her BSW (Bachelor of Social Work) and a minor in French. Following graduation, Grace plans to spend a year working in the medical social work field before continuing onto her MSW (Master of Social Work) at either Boston College or Baylor University where she has already been accepted.



Ben Hasapidis is graduating from Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School. He is going to major in Business at Saint Leo University. Ben hopes to be a business owner after working in the industry post college.



Aiden Murray is graduating from Countryside High School as well as Pinellas County Technical College. Aiden has been in the Automotive Technician Program at P-TEC, while attending high school. Post high school he plans to pursue a higher level certification in automotive mechanics.



Lucas Johnston will be graduating Magna Cum Laude from Palm Harbor University. He will be pursuing a degree in Sustainability Studies within the Environmental Science department at University of South Florida.



Alyssa Tobiassen is graduating from Palm Harbor University H.S. She will be majoring in Finance and minoring in Interior Design at Florida State University. She has been on the Soccer Team all four years.

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

June 2022

Sunday, June 5: DAY OF PENTECOST
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 12: TRINITY SUNDAY
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 19:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 26:
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
David Furr, Organist
Rosalie Bradford, Youth and Families
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools

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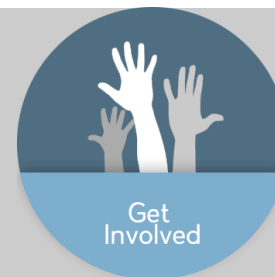
The Window

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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.

Around Northwood



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!

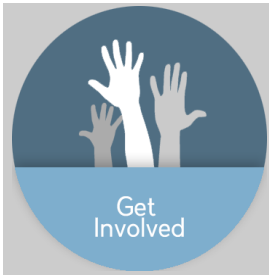
Online registration HAS BEGUN. The cost is \$15 per Explorer and includes a t-shirt. Please visit northwoodpc.org under Fellowship/VBS to register now. Post-cards will be available in the narthex for you to hand out to family and neighbors. All are welcome.

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

2022 Adventure Island VBS Donation List

The following items are needed for our 2022 Adventure Island VBS if you would like to help. A box will be available outside the kitchen for your donations. We will also need fresh fruits and vegetables and food items July 17th. More information to follow, Thank you for your amazing generosity!

Quantity	Item/Size
300	9 oz. Disposable Drinking Cups
300	16 oz. Disposable Drinking Cups
100	18 oz. Disposable Drinking Cups
300	Large Round Plastic Plates
300	Small Round plastic Plates
1	Large Containers of Animal Crackers
4	Bags of Large Marshmallows
5	Cans of Vanilla Frosting
5	Large Bag of M&M's (no peanut)
1	Box of Fruit Loop Cereal
1	Box of Cheerios
5	Boxes of Graham Crackers
3	Bags of Small Oreo Cookies
3	Boxes of Teddy Grahams
2	Large Containers of Goldfish
3	Packages of Chocolate Chip Cookies
2	16 oz. Bags of Thin Pretzel Sticks
3	Packages of Coffee Filters (round 10” or 12” from the Dollar Store



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.



Stephen Ministry:

A Christian Presence of Love and Care

Northwood's Stephen Ministry consists of church members who have been equipped with 50 hours of training to provide confidential, emotional, spiritual, one-to-one Christian care to people who are experiencing struggles and hardships in their lives. We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who are interested in going through the training and becoming part of Northwood's Stephen Ministry program. Training consists of 20 sessions involving one session a week for two and a half hours. The sessions take place during the day and are scheduled to avoid conflicting with major holidays. To learn more about the next training session taking place this fall, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org or elder Jacki Koski at 727-726-5359.

The Project Group

Hooray, we have some new members! If you sew, knit, crochet or craft with a mission purpose (e.g. make greeting cards), you are invited! The project group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month. We will meet in June at 10am in room 13 and then resume in September. We could use the following items: 100% Cotton material (large enough to make a little girl's dress), Bias tape (double fold only), Stuffing for teddy bears (for children in Morton Plant ER), and yarn for wheelchair lap robes. Please no curtain, decor, or upholstery material. Contact Marti Huff 727-503-3783 or Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 re: your donations.Thanks!

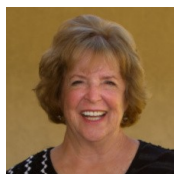
Northwood Photo Group



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, June 14th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in "attending" our monthly discussion on photography, please contact curtis.krueger@gmail.com or david@primeimagesinc.com and we'll send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Member Selection

Inspired by the life and ministry of our foremothers, today's Presbyterian Women are steadfast in faith, mission and resolve to be Christ's witnesses to the world. To date, Northwood Presbyterian Women has selected just 31 very deserving recipients of the Life Membership Award (30 women and one man!).



Congratulations to this year's selection, Susan Curry.

Susan was recognized for her many contributions to Northwood including dedicated leadership of numerous "annual miracles" (also know as the annual garage sale); leadership of Vacation Bible School; participation in many aspects of our music programs; service to the church as an elder, most recently as the clerk of session; and for her warm, welcoming and encouraging attitude in everything she does. Susan received a certificate, a Life Membership pin and will have her name added to the plaque in the narthex.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

HEP

There are not enough words to express how deeply grateful we are of your recent gift of \$250 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

Clearwater Free Clinic

On behalf of the Clearwater Free Clinic and the communities we serve, we thank you for your donation of \$250 to support our mission. Your gift makes a direct impact on the lives of our neighbors in need and we are grateful to you for building healthy communities with us. Yours in Health, Jeannie Shapiro, CEO

Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network

Thank you so much for your contribution in the amount of \$362. Your generous donation helps us continue our mission to support Florida Presbyteries, churches and communities through disaster preparedness, response and recovery. Kathy Broyard, Exec. Dir.

Beth-El

Your gifts bring life anew to a community in need. Thank you for sharing the hope of life with your gift of support of \$180. We hope that the blessing you have bestowed upon our community returns to you ten-fold in joy! Teresita Matos-Post, Executive Director

Foundation For International Missions

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250 and given in support of our mission at the New Hope Clinic in rural Honduras. Each gift makes it possible for Dr. Davila and his staff to provide life-saving medical care to those who would otherwise have no access. Sincerely, Frances M. Mikuta, Assistant Treasurer

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:

*Ted P. Holcomb, III
Linda Ciokan
Jan Hewlett
Linda Ciokan
Linda Ciokan
Bob MacFall
Linda Ciokan
Linda Ciokan
Linda Ciokan
Linda Ciokan
Terry & Brian McNay*

Given by:

*Claudia & Jack Alwood
Bunny & Bill Bitner
Her Daughters
Patty & Bill Martin
Joanne Catanzaro & Fred Day
Tim Beaver
Lorrie Janusik
Anna Bastin Meyer
Loisanne Bilka
Jean Swintek
Wilai McNay*

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 and Christian sympathies to:

- Jenny Carlstedt and Family on the news of the death of her mother, Madeline Davis on May 16.
- Michelle Nigels and Family on the news of the death of Michelle's brother, Jeff Faulkner on May 23.

Flower Arrangements

The flowers that are placed in the sanctuary are assembled into smaller arrangements to be distributed to those who are ill or in need of encouragement. The congregation is welcome to take one of these arrangements if needed. They can be picked up between 12:15-12:30 on Sunday in the kitchen.

Northwood's Got Talent—THANK YOU

"Northwood's Got Talent" was a fun afternoon of 14 talented acts! Thanks to Babs Bailey for leading our team & helping us put it all together! Thank you to all of you who shared your talents & for all of you who gave up a couple of hours of your Sunday afternoon to attend. Be sure to start thinking, learning a talent in the next year so you can join us in the next "NORTHWOOD'S GOT TALENT"!! Thanks be to God for the talent we have at Northwood.

Thank You for all the prayers for the recent surgery on my eye. Everything went well and on the road to recovery. —Jessie Loy

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 Mickey Stewart at 727-458-9665 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/>.



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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

PW is taking a break for the summer. We will resume in August for our annual planning meeting and will begin a new 9 month study titled "Celebrating Sabbath" in September.

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, June 3rd 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. We will be finishing up the last chapter this month and will take July off. We will resume in August with a planning lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at (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.

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat— Save the Date!

Join us at Cedarkirk for the All-Church Retreat on October 21-23. 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 air-conditioned lodges. Registration to begin this Sunday!

What's Going on in Citylight

Summer is here! We are excited for a summer full of so many faith building opportunities. School is out and we are off to Montreat Conference Center for their Youth Conference. We are leaving June 4th and returning June 11th. We are bringing 13 Youth, 2 College Students, & 4 Adults. We are grateful for our elders Dan Jeffre & Roxie Swartz for chaperoning, as well as Rosalie's husband Andy! We are going to spend 7 nights in a mountain home, walking distance from the conference center. We are providing all of the meals for our group and will have fun spending time together inside the home. We are grateful to all who have donated groceries supplies! We are going up a day early to visit Elevation Church in Asheville, NC which we are very excited for. We are also going to sliding rock on our free day on Wednesday. The Montreat Youth Conference will have a packed schedule full of worship, small groups and fun recreation events! This year's theme is "More than Enough" where students will take home these 3 key things: Their Faith matters, they are loved as they are, & they play a part in a community of faith. We are asking for prayers of safe travels, spiritual growth, relationship building and Holy Spirit filled energy! You can follow us day by day on our facebook or instagram pages: CitylightNPC.

In May, we continued our youth and families schedule with 3 programs a week: Sunday School, Youth Group on Wednesdays and Friday Game Night. We Celebrated our Class of 2022 on May 15th during the 9:00 am contemporary service. It was such a special day for our graduates and we are so excited for their next chapter. We recently had our first in person college event of the summer and it was a total success too! We went to Hatchet Hangout for some Axe Throwing and had so much fun. If you know of any college age students that are looking to make some new friends and strengthen their faith, please direct them to our new program!

We launched our 2022 Student Ministry Giving wall During the month of April and ran it through May. For those of you that have contributed, we are very grateful. We raised over \$3000 to support our Youth and Family Ministries program! 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 EVENTS- 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. VBS is scheduled for July 18-22 and we need your help! We are actively looking for youth guides and adult volunteers. Please contact Susan Curry or me.

We are going to offer so many special events this summer. From axe throwing, kayaking, beach days, cooking classes, mental/spiritual health workshops, "adulthood" workshops, art projects, recreational sports, paintball, to a variety of service projects - we have something for everyone! This is going to be a summer full of stepping out of our comfort zones, trying new things, building new relationships, and strengthening our faith foundation. All are welcome to join in on the fun!

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

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

