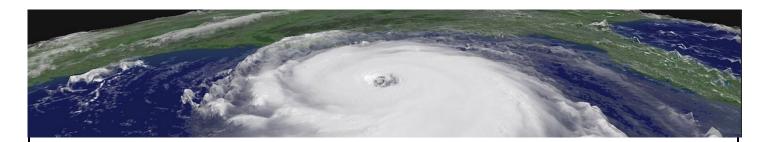


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Hurricane Ministry

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 walkeyla@outlook.com or the church office at 727-796-8090. If emailing, please 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:

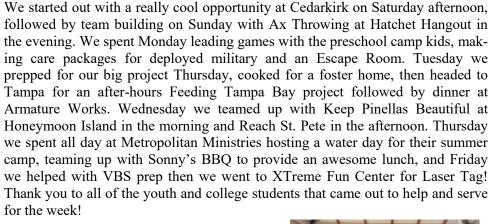
https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/weather.

This guide has valuable information for Pinellas County http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/.



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This Month at Northwood

Sunday, July 31: 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 7: 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 14: 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 21: 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, August 22: First day of Kids' Corner Preschool

Sunday, August 28: 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 Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools

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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.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Thanks for joining us on the Discovery for Adventure Island! Our team of volunteers (adventure guides), made up of the NPC Youth team and adults, spent countless hours prepping for the week and hosted an amazing, fun, detailed and wholesome Vacation Bible School this year. We also collected 200 cans of food to help stock our food pantry! Our closing ceremony was filled with parents and friends to celebrate such a great week.

We are so grateful for our leaders, volunteers and attendees!

























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 Jackie Koski at 727-726-5359.

Choir News

Some of you have inquired, "Where is the choir?" It has been our practice at NPC to give the Chancel Choir a break in the summer and showcase many of our choir members' voices singing solos on Sunday mornings. As you have heard, there is great talent, and hearts for God, among our choir family, offering their gifts in worship. We look forward to returning to choir at the end of August beginning Wednesday, August 24th from 7:00-8:30pm and hope some of you will join us! More to come! Stephanie Carson, Director of Music

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, August 9th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in "attending" our

monthly discussion on photography, please contact <u>curtis.krueger@gmail.com</u> or david@primeimagesinc.com and we'll send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

The Project Group

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 resume on September 27th. 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!

Beth-El Shoe Sunday

Beth-El Shoe Sunday On Sunday, August 28th, Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or gently used shoes for the children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL.

Beginning August 1st, there will be tubs in the church hall-way to drop off your shoes. Beth-El is in need of tennis shoes, sandals, flip-flops, and men's work boots, sizes 6 to 11 for men, 5-7 1/2 for women, and all sizes for children. Along with the shoes, we are also collecting socks, backpacks, and lightweight jackets. You can also go online to Northwood's website to make a donation to Beth-El. Last time we collected 400 pairs of shoes, plus a \$100 donation! Our goal this year is to be able to distribute at least 400 pairs of shoes to the families in the Beth-El community. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday!

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients!

The Scholarship team met on Tuesday, June 22, 2022. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships:

<u>First time applicants</u>: Nicole Bonfiglio, Dylan Cantin, Sarah Flaherty and Alyssa Tobiassen.

Second year recipients: Brandon Strelcheck

Nicole Bonfiglio was selected as the Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship recipient.

Funds Provided by: Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship, Walter and Catherine Gordon Scholarship, Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship, Monies received from other sources.

Caring for Our Church Family

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center

On behalf of the thousands of residents we serve in Safety Harbor, Oldsmar and Eastern Clearwater, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your donation of \$3000.00 to the Mattie Williams Neighborhood Family Center. We are truly grateful for your contributions and support. Sincerely, Janet Hooper, Exec. Director

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your generous gift of \$640.00 to continue helping families achieve their dream of homeownership. Thanks to donors like you, we are able to continue building safe, affordable homes for hardworking members of our community. Sincerely, Mike Sutton, President & CEO

Metropolitan Ministries

Thank you for your gift of \$822.40. Your generosity is such a blessing. Your gift will impact families who desperately need help with food, shelter and other critical services.

With Gratitude, Tim Marks, President/CEO

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 \$3250.00. We hope that the blessing you have bestowed upon our community returns to you ten-fold in joy!

Teresita Matos-Post, Executive Director

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Please know that your gift of \$5525.00 blesses those who walk the hard road toward recovery, letting them know they are not alone. Your gift helps those individuals and communities suffering from disaster and its aftermath. On behalf of them we thank you. In Christ's peace, The Rev. Dr. Laurie A. 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 worshiping 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 <u>www.northwoodpc.org</u> and click on the giving tab.
- 3. Click "Give" under the ChurchLife app menu options.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Linda Ciokan
Ken Andreassen

Given by:

Loisanne Bilka
Bill & Patty Martin
Pamela Bizosky
Richard McConnell
Linda Andreassen
Bob & Maxine Abney
Frank Lubich
Michael & Theresa Belleu
Chun & Betty Yi
Dave & Shirley Apt
Kenneth & Marie Babcock
Mary Yount
Kerry & Joan Biegay
Bill & Lynn Nichols
Joan Miller

Prayer Ministry

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

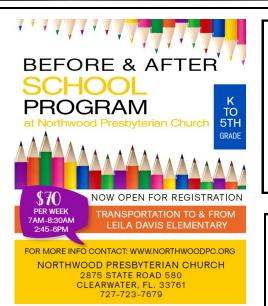
Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Sallye Hatfield and Family on the news of the death of her husband, Ron Hatfield on June 5.
- Fred Inkles and Family on the news of the death of Fred's wife, JoAnne Inkles on June 10.
- Linda Andreassen and Family on the new of the death of Linda's husband, Ken Andreassen on June 15.
- Myrl Chronister and Family on the news of the death of his wife, Dot Chronister on July 19.
- Carol Justice and family on the news of the death of her sister, Eileen Viele on July 22.
- Ted Whitten and family on the news of the death of his wife, Murle Whitten on July 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.

Christian Education





Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat

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. Register now to reserve your spot!

Nursery News

We are looking to hire two good people to staff a nursery for young children on Sunday mornings, from 9:00 to Noon. If you are interested, or know someone to suggest, please call the Church Office (727-796-8090). A background check will be required.

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.

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 be taking a break for the summer. 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!





What's Going on in Citylight

We have had such an amazing summer. Out of the 10 weeks of summer vacation, our Youth and Families Team has offered 5 full weeks of summer opportunities in addition to our 3 programs a week: Sunday School, Citynight & Gamenight! We kicked off Summer 2022 with our trip to the annual Montreat Youth Conference. We loaded up the church van and my car with 14 high school boys, 2 college kids, and our amazing chaperones Dan, Roxie and my husband, Andy. We brought all of our food for the week and stayed in a Montreat home up the mountain. We went to worship and small groups twice a day, and spent a lot of time in nature, playing games together and exploring! We went to worship at Elevation Church Asheville, ventured around Pisgah National Forest and the Blue Ridge Parkway. This trip was a faith building and mountain top experience that will be cherished forever. We can't wait until next year!

After Montreat we headed to Warren Wilson for Music Camp 2022! Our group participated in multiple choirs, specialized classes, sang and played in worship and I even taught a class and chaperoned the middle schoolers. We had such an amazing time. We love being able to spend a week learning and serving to bring what we experienced back into our church! Our next week of opportunity was our Backyard Mission Week! (see front cover)

After Backyard Mission we went straight into Vacation Bible School, serving as Adventure Guides, Rec Leaders and more! We love serving at VBS and can't wait to help out with the Children's Ministry in the fall!

Before school starts we have a few more events! Monday August 1st we will have a Beach Day, Tuesday August 2nd we have Breakfast and Top Golf, Wednesday August 3rd we have Citynight, and Friday August 5th we have Game Night!

Stay tuned for some awesome opportunities in the fall!

Rosalie Bradford, Director of Youth & Family Ministries





















The Window, August 2022