

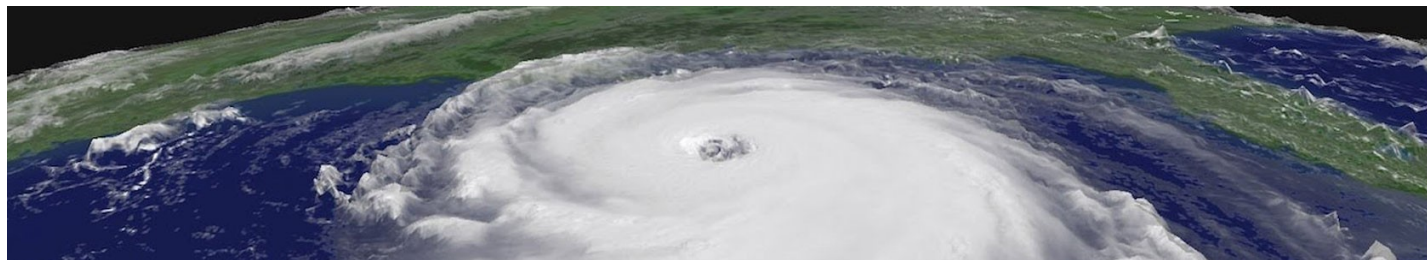


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Hurricane Ministry

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.

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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The Window

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Music News



Brand New Adult Beginner Bell Group Forming!

A beginner handbell group is forming, but at this point we only have 3 people who have expressed interest. We need 6-8 to hold the class. Please consider joining this hands-on, no pressure opportunity to learn to play an instrument. Handbells are a lot of fun. Rehearsals will meet during the day which will be determined once we have enough ringers. Please contact Stephanie Carson. Stephanie@northwoodpc.org.

Advanced and Intermediate Ringers



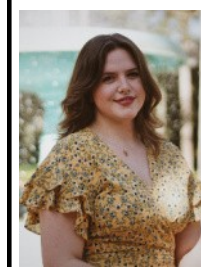
We need more of you, as well. Advanced (Jubilation Ringers) will meet on Sundays at 12:15 and plays Level 3-4 music. Intermediate (Celebration Ringers) meets at 10:00 Sunday mornings and plays Level 2 music. Rehearsals for these groups will begin **Sunday, Sept 11**. Come and join our bell families!

Save the Dates!

Ring, Sing & Mingle- Our annual Christmas Handbell Concert, Carol Sing and Reception, December 11th at 4:00pm.

Christmas Cantata- "Festival of Christmas" by Mary McDonald with large choir and instruments, December 18th

Composer Weekend—Sunday, March 5, 2023 Northwood choir will participate in a Composer Weekend with Mary McDonald who has written over 100 choral anthems and is an accomplished pianist and organist She will work with our choir on Saturday, participate in worship Sunday morning and present a concert with the choir that afternoon.



Welcome Children's Director Karlee Wright

Karlee is from Umatilla, FL and received her Bachelor degree in Music Education from Stetson University in DeLand, FL. Through her education, Karlee has learned to play and teach a wide array of instruments, including a focus on tuba performance. She has a passion for teaching children in creative ways and is an advocate for life long learning. Karlee comes to us from Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center and is excited to refresh our Children's Ministry with fun educational ideas!

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

September 2022

Sunday, September 4:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, September 5:
Church Office Closed for Labor Day

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

Sunday, September 18:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:00 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, September 25:
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 x2007
Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006
Stephanie Carson, Music x2009
David Furr, Organist
Rosalie Bradford, Youth and Families x2008
Karlee Wright, Children's Ministry x2002
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications x2001
Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

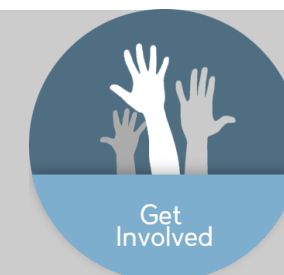
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The Window

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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



Kings' Kids is BACK!
Kings' Kids is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. This is an intentional mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God. The program includes rotations through Bible lessons, music/choir and guided recreational activities with additional children and family events throughout the year.

Kick-off party
Wednesday, October 5th
5:15-6:00pm

First Day Kings' Kids
Wednesday, October 12
4:00-6:00
Kings Kids will meet every Wednesdays through November.
For more information, contact Karlee Wright
childrensministry@northwoodpc.org

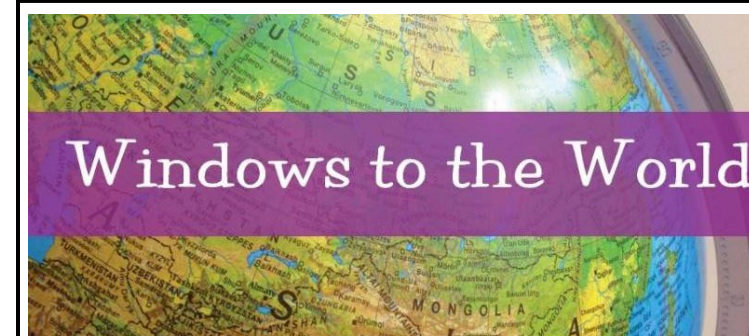
WAY Dinners Are Back!
Save the Dates!
Our Wednesday And You (WAY) meal gatherings are back! They provide a happy harvest of friendship and opportunity for the whole family. On the tables at each meal will be our 3 Cent-a-Meal Jars which benefit the hungry locally and worldwide.

6:00-6:45 P.M.

Oct 5th
Oct 12th
Oct 19th
Oct 26th

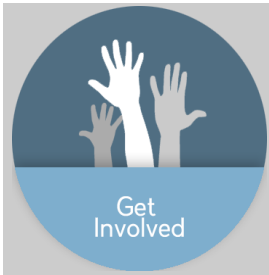


Please remember to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you.



Fun! Friends! Friday!
The Ren Crew
The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, September 16th at 10:30 in rooms 9 & 11. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart 50+ adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme "Windows to the World," Earle and Jessie Lusk will provide the program "Bavaria's Passion Play and Switzerland."
Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Joey's New York Pizza and Italian Restaurant located in the Sea Breeze Plaza. All are welcome! Transportation is gladly provided for those needing a ride. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or email at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Per-Capita Apportionment
Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per-capita assessment for 2022 is **\$32.20** per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift!



Around Northwood



Caring for Our Church Family

Men's Bible Study & Fellowship Survey

The Christian Education Team is hoping to sponsor a Men's Bible Study and Fellowship. We need your input in completing the following survey. Please be sure to hit the button at the end marked "DONE" in order to have the survey completed and returned to the Christian Education Team. Click on the link below or type in the web address in your search browser.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthwoodMen>

NPC Fellowship Groups

These groups have met over the last eight months and word is everyone enjoyed meeting for dinner in homes or in restaurants. A new round of NPC Fellowship groups will start in October with new groups formed. If you would like to join a Fellowship Group, please email Claudia Alwood at cjalwood@msn.com. If you have been in a recent NPC Fellowship Group, we will contact you to see if you would like to continue.

Presbyterian Women Donation to Clothes to Kids

Thank you to all of the Presbyterian Women who donated new packages of underwear! The Presbyterian Women participated in the "Drop 'off' Your Drawers" event for Clothes to Kids. Each year Clothes to Kids distributes more than 65,000 pairs of underwear to children in need. We collected 75 pairs of underwear.



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!

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.

Graduates, College Students and Military

An email will be sent to you soon asking for your updated contact information so we can send letters of support and a small holiday gift through this next school year. Please update your information as soon as possible. Contact is Claudia Alwood at cjalwood@msn.com

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.



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, September 13th 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.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Bay Area Pregnancy Center

Thank you so much for your continued support. Your recent donation is a huge help to boost us and allows us to continue helping young families. Remember, BAPC helps young mothers, pregnancy through the child's 5th birthday. These are truly difficult times for so many young families with rising grocery and gas costs. Thanks for your support and prayers. Blessings, Marsha

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your generous Faith Build gift in the amount of \$1,120. Thanks to you, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco can continue building safe, affordable homes for hard working members of our community. Sincerely, Mike Sutton

Presbyterian Mission Engagement & Support

On behalf of the Presbyterian Mission, please convey our appreciation for your gracious and faithful support of \$411.20 for One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The support of your congregation makes a difference in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ locally, nationally and around the world. Yours in Christ, Sy Hughes

Beth-El

Your gift of \$170 is refreshment for the heated conditions of farm working families and our neighbors in need. We pray that your summer is blessed, restful and full of the same refreshment you provide for your friends in the Wimauma region. Teresita Matos-Post, Executive Director

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Please know that your gift of \$1947.40 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 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:

Ken Andreassen
Ken Andreassen
Dorothy Chronister
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Dorothy Chronister
Dorothy Chronister
Murle Whitten
Ken Andreassen
Ken Andreassen

Given by:

Joan Miller
Jerry & Patty Paulson
Charles & Carol Hersh
Janet Spahr
Gloria Arnold
Dave & Dixie Wildasin
Bill & Patty Martin
Bill & Patty Martin
Terri & Dennis McManus
Sheila Mathisen

Prayer Ministry

Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, 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:

- The Beyer Family on the news of the death of Bonnie Beyer on August 10.
- Susan Curry, Bryan Jonas and Family on the new of the death of Linda Earl, on August 8.

Coffee and Cookies are Back!

To celebrate the "unofficial" end of summer and to welcome the choir back, coffee and cookies will be offered between services from 10:00 until 11:00. If you would like to volunteer to help in this long missed fellowship time between services, please email Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sharon Brown at ibsugar44@gmail.com



The Northwood Food Pantry would like to extend a huge "Thanks" to all the children that attended Vacation Bible School as your tremendous donation of canned goods was quite a nice surprise!!! The children brought in over 200 food items which helped stock our pantry during these summer months when donations are lean. Many thanks to Susan Curry for spearheading this great giving project!!

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.



Follow us
@CitylightNPC

Brown Bag Bible Study **IN-PERSON and Livestream**

The Brown Bag Bible Study is back for the Fall! On **October 6th** at noon, we will begin a new seven week study looking at seven stories in the Gospel of John. John refers to these stories as signs which reveal and point to Jesus as the Messiah. John tells us "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31) Come join as we grow in faith, hope and love!



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! Reservation forms are in the hallway of the church as well as on the website.

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

We will resume our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month starting September 13th at 10am in rooms 4,6&8 of the Christian Education Building. We will begin a new 9 month study titled "Celebrating Sabbath". If you need a book, they are available for purchase in the church office.

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, September 2nd at 10:30am. We will meet in rooms 5&7 of the Christian Education building. The book we are studying is *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at (727) 787-9868 or LVNM1@hotmail.com. For help getting a book, contact Marti Huff at marti.huff@gmail.com.

Biblical TakeAways

"Biblical TakeAways" is an 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 Study will begin meeting Sunday, Sept. 11 at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 5 & 7. We begin studying the two letters of Peter. Please bring Bible and Wright commentary book. Led by Claudia Alwood & Garry Justice. Join us as we study God's word! New members are welcome!

What's Going on in Citylight

We kicked off the first week of August with our Annual "Youth Week", where students had the opportunity to spend the week with their Citylight family. We had food outings, went to Top Golf, Celebration Station and more! It was a great way to end the 2022 Summer. Out of the 10 weeks of summer vacation, our Youth and Families Team offered 5 full weeks of summer opportunities in addition to our 3 programs a week: Sunday School, Citynight & Game Night! From Montreat, Music Camp, to Backyard Mission, VBS and Youth Week, this was an amazing Summer!

We are currently preparing for our fall and spring semesters, as well as getting our plans for Summer 2023 ready! We already know that we are going to be going back to Montreat Youth Conference as well as our annual Music Camp next summer. We also have an exciting announcement coming in the next month for an additional summer trip.

For the fall, we plan to go to Cedarkirk to participate in the All Church Retreat October 21st - 23rd. Families are invited to sign up through the church website, and individual high school or college students can sign up through our Citylight Email. This year, high school and college students who are looking to attend individually can stay in Pine Lodge, under the care of Rosalie and Andy Pareja. We plan to go to Cedarkirk again November 4-6 which includes all middle school, high school and college Citylight Students. Sign up for the Fusion Retreat is in our Citylight Email or Social Pages @CitylightNPC.

As we approach the holidays, mark your calendars for November 21st & December 22nd for our Annual Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Drive Event, as well as December 11th for our Christmas Party, and December 28th for our Christmas Break Lock-In!

We are off to a great start this year with awesome attendance at Citynight and Game Night. We have a middle school growing which is such a blessing! However we would love to see more students and families in the pews on Sunday morning.

Ephesians 4:12

"For the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ."

1 Corinthians 1:9

"God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."

Rosalie Bradford, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*

