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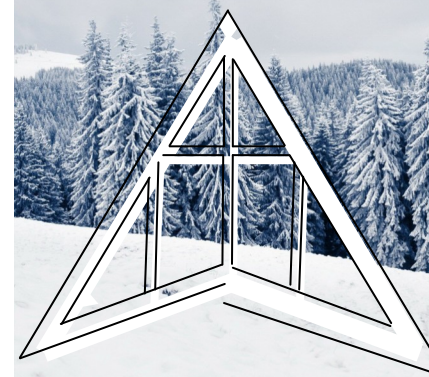
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**Music Ministry's Annual Garage Sale 2023**

**January 13 & 14**

**8:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.**



It's almost here! Hopefully all your closets, garages and extra rooms are cleared out and ready for delivery or pick-up. The 2023 Garage Sale will take place on January 13 and 14, 2023 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are only successful in raising funds for the Music Ministry with your generosity! Please invite your family, neighbors and friends to donate and to come to the sale. Cards are available in the narthex to hand out or post in your clubhouse. Social media is a great way to get the information out.

Collection Times are:

December 27 - 31 – 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

January 1 – 11 – 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

We sell almost everything – jewelry, clothes, furniture, sporting goods, toys, collectibles, plants, books, dvds and cds, electronics, household goods, linens, holiday, tools, outdoor items, etc.

Please call Susan Curry or e-mail her if you need pick-up - (727) 709-8237 or [susankcurry@verizon.net](mailto:susankcurry@verizon.net).

Volunteers are still needed to help with set-up, sorting, cashiering, security, and clean-up. Please call or e-mail if you can help.

**Kirkin' o' the Tartan**

Northwood Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 19, 2023

Two exceptional worship services of celebration  
9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

Featuring Dunedin High School Pipers and Drummers

There will be music for the pipe and drum along with hymns and anthems of our Scottish heritage.

If you would like the honor of carrying a tartan in procession at one of the services, contact Mickey Stewart at [walkey1a@outlook.com](mailto:walkey1a@outlook.com)

Or the church office (727)796-8090 [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org)

In 1745, Scottish clansmen were forbidden by the British Crown to wear the tartans, and to play the bagpipes, and to acknowledge in any way their traditional clans. This prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartans in their pockets as they went to church (kirk). On an appointed Sunday, the minister would slip into the service a blessing, or "kirkin" for the tartans and clans which the tartans represented. Our Kirkin' will be a celebration of the Scottish reformers as well as all those who have gone before us in the faith.





# At-A-Glance

## This Month at Northwood

### January 2023

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

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

**Friday & Saturday, January 13 & 14**  
**Garage Sale**  
8:00 A.M.—2:00 P.M.

**Sunday, January 15:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Wednesday, January 18:**  
Kings Kids Resumes, 4:00 P.M.

**Sunday, January 22:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
10:00 A.M. Discovering Northwood Presentation  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, January 29:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service  
12:00 P.M. Annual Congregational Meeting

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**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, Dir. of Communications x2001  
Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005  
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

## 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](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org), or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

### Church Office Hours

We will be open Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm. All staff members continue to be available via email or phone regardless of the office schedule.

# Around Northwood



### Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Wednesday, January 11th and continuing through Wednesday, February 15th, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one or for those who are facing grief from other types of significant loss in their life. The time of the seminar is from 12:30 to 2:00. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### 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 at 10:00am in room 13. We make little dresses for Haiti, lap robes, walker bags, and stuffed teddy bears. The latter go to the ER at Countryside. New members are always welcome. Contact Marti Huff 727-503-3783 or Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 with any questions. Thanks!



### Pledge Cards for 2023

Thank you for your faithful answer to God's call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2022. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! If you have yet to do so, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and the church office. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2022. We look forward to the work God is preparing for us in 2023.

### Office Angels Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the church office during the week. We have openings for Friday mornings 9:30-noon and substitutes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Emily Cantin at [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org).

### Discovering Northwood Presentation



A Discovering Northwood Presentation will be held Sunday, **January 22nd at 10:00am 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 in worship.

### Annual Report Deadline

Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff is Monday, January 9th by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org). There are copies of last year's annual report in the church office if needed. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

### Annual Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for the Annual Congregational Meeting on Sunday, January 29th. The Meeting starts at 12:00 pm in the Sanctuary. We will hear reports from the Session, the Deacons and their Ministry Teams. We will also be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings its nominations.

### 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.





# Around Northwood



# Caring for Our Church Family

## Sing with Composer Mary McDonald

On March 5<sup>th</sup>, composer Mary McDonald will be in our sanctuary Sunday morning and will be giving a concert Sunday afternoon. She wrote and arranged the Christmas Cantata, "Festival of Christmas" the choir just presented. The choir is very excited about working with her on Saturday morning, March 4 to hear the stories behind the songs. If you would like to join us, it will require coming to 35 minutes of Wednesday evening choir rehearsals beginning January 18 – March 1. We will learn the songs together from 7-7:35. We do hope you can join us and that we can have a very big choir for this event. It's free and you get to work with one of the most prolific church choir and sacred piano composers today. She has a big personality and a huge faith that she will share with all of us. During the concert she will also play piano as she is a fabulous musician. Don't miss this opportunity! If interested, please call Stephanie Carson 727-458-9749 or email at [stephanie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:stephanie@northwoodpc.org).

## Kids' Corner Preschool's Open House



On Saturday, January 28th from 10:00am to 12:00pm, we will be hosting an Open House. Prospective families will have the opportunity to meet our teachers, visit the classrooms, play in the playground and learn about our NAEYC accredited program. The morning will also include a presentation about our year-long butterfly harvesting project. Spread the word!! Please feel free to call or email Roxane Fineo in the office with any questions or concerns. 727-723-7679 or [schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org). We are looking forward to a happy, healthy and safe 2023!

## NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### Bridging Freedom

Thank you so much for all you have donated to Bridging Freedom! Your support is much appreciated as it has helped us to provide services for the girls to begin their healing journey. Thank you for all that you do!

### Thornwell

Brother & Sisters, Thank you all so much for the contribution of \$250 and for all that your congregation has done to help Thornwell grow this year. It's such a gift to have you all in the Thornwell family. Merry Christmas! Walker McKenzie

### Beth-El

Thank you, Northwood Presbyterian Church, for your gift of \$3,250.00 You are building back the farm-working community after the impact of Hurricane Ian. We are at it. Walking with and staying present with the families in our community who are still enduring the effects of the passing of the hurricane. Thank you! Teresita Matos-Post, Executive Director

### Metropolitan Ministries

Thank you for standing with us this year as we celebrated 50 years of promoting dignity and instilling self-sufficiency for those who are struggling in our community. We have all faced hardship this year, some more than others. This is why we are so grateful that you continue to be there for those going through very difficult times. I wish you all many blessings this holiday season!

With Gratitude, Patrick Davis, Corporate Relations

## Care Notes Ministry

Are you struggling to cope with grief or chronic illness? Are you overwhelmed with the challenges of care giving? *CareNotes* offer strength, help and healing for those who are hurting and provide a wealth of emotional, health, grief and eldercare support and information. *CareNotes* are also available for teens and children addressing such topics as bullying, social media safety and forgiveness. You will also find greeting cards if needed. These free resources are found in the racks in the narthex. They are supplied by the Deacons and refreshed by Deacon Eileen Nelson.

## Transportation Ministry

This ministry provides transportation for the 11:00am service. It is for members and friends who are unable to drive themselves to church. **Volunteer drivers are always welcome.** Sue Miskiewicz is the Deacon heading this ministry. If you need the service of this ministry, please call the church office by noon on Thursdays.

## Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:  
Husband

Given by:  
Mary Torrisi

In Honor of:  
Mother

Given by:  
Mary Torrisi

## Prayers and Christian Sympathies to:

- The family of Barbara and Bob Stone upon the news of their deaths on September 17 and November 29.
- Dawn Winder and family upon the news of the death of her brother, Mark Joseph Scott on December 4.
- Darrough Diamond and family upon the news of the death of his wife, Linda on December 16.
- Pat Callan and family upon the news of the death of her husband, Art on December 20.

## Prayer Ministry

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

## 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.



The Northwood Food Pantry wishes to thank Linda and David Feller again this year for their most generous donation of canned goods. This is such a blessing as donations have been sparse this year and the need in our community is still great. Thank you again for supporting the pantry!!

## 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.

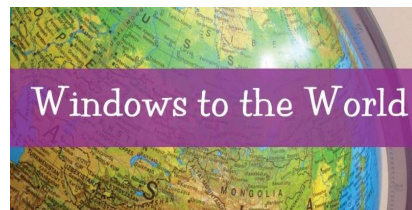
## Presbyterian Women



At their annual Christmas Brunch, Presbyterian Women of Northwood collected food (including hams and frozen turkeys) to be donated to Metropolitan Ministries.

Each month, PW selects a local charity to support with donations that those organizations request. We gather those items at our monthly circle meetings, held on the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00, and deliver the donations to the charities.

If you would like to participate in this service project and join us for our monthly bible study, either come to our meetings or contact Patty Martin or Sue Miskiewicz for more information.



## Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, January 20th at 10:30 in rooms 11 & 13. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme "Windows to the World," Jack and Claudia Alwood will provide the program, sharing sights and experiences from their land and cruise travels through Alaska this summer. Following the program we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. 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 [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

## Northwood Photo Group



Would you like to start taking better pictures, and use photography as a way of exploring God's beauty? Please join us for the regular monthly meeting of the Northwood Photo Group on Tuesday, January 10th at 7:00pm in rooms 5 - 7. All are invited, whether you're a beginner or an expert! If you have any questions, please contact David Lawrence at [david@primeimagesinc.com](mailto:david@primeimagesinc.com) or Curtis Krueger at [curtis.krueger@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com).

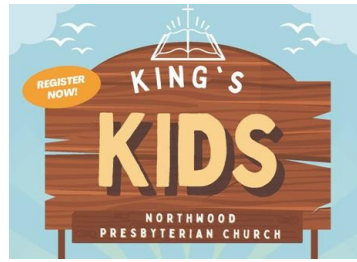
## Women's Retreat- Register NOW!

**Feb 10-12, 2023**



This is the last chance to join the women of Northwood at the annual Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, and canoeing. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen! Please note that full payment is due now.





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. Kings Kids will meet every Wednesday **resuming January 18th, 2023**. For more information, contact Karlee Wright at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).

### Brown Bag Bible Study

On Thursday, **January 5th**, the Brown Bag Bible Study will begin the new year with a new seven-week study looking at Jesus' seven great "I AM" statements in the Gospel of John. Each of these "I AM" proclamations furthers our understanding of Jesus' ministry in the world. Come join us as we grow in faith, hope and love!

### Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, **January 6th** 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](mailto:LVNM1@hotmail.com). For help getting a book, contact Marti Huff at [marti.huff.np@gmail.com](mailto:marti.huff.np@gmail.com).



### Presbyterian Women



Our monthly meetings are on the second Tuesday of the month. Our next meeting will be **January 10th** at 10am in rooms 5 & 7 of the Christian Education Building. All ladies are welcome! We are using a 9 month study titled "Celebrating Sabbath". If you need a book, they are available for purchase in the church office. If you have any questions, 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).

### 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 meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 5 & 7. We are 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!



If you have children ages 4 years old—5th grade that would like to attend Sunday School, please email Karlee Wright at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) if you have any questions.

### Nursery Care Available

Infants and toddlers ages 3 and under are provided care in our excellent nursery during the entire Worship Service and during the Sunday School hour. Please contact Karlee Wright at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) with any questions.

### What's Going on in Citylight

We have had a great fall semester, Thanksgiving & Christmas break. In fact, we've had an amazing 2022! We have enjoyed Citynight on Wednesday nights, game night on Friday, and church on Sunday. During Christmas break, we hosted our annual Youth & Families Christmas party after the Ring, Sing & Mingle and it was a blast! We had both youth and college students attend and all brought gifts for our White Elephant gift exchange. Then the following week, we travelled to Metropolitan Ministries and served at their annual Holiday Drive. We had a great turnout at both events as well as our Christmas break lock-in and we are more than excited for our January events coming up. We have been getting our plans for spring & summer 2023 ready. We already know that we are going to be going back to Montreat Youth Conference June 3 - 10, 2023 as well as our annual Music Camp June 10-15, Backyard Mission Week & VBS. Sign up is available on our Youth and Families Email, Instagram and Facebook!

Rock the Universe will take place January 27 - 29 at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. Middle school, high school and college kids, as well as families, are invited to join in on this amazing weekend of fun and faith! Sign up for this amazing weekend in our Youth & Families Weekly Email.

We are off to a great start this year with awesome attendance at Citynight and Game Night. Our middle school is growing and is such a blessing! However we would love to see more students and families in the pews on Sunday morning. You have been missed by your NPC family and are always welcome home.

Ephesians 4:12

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

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

