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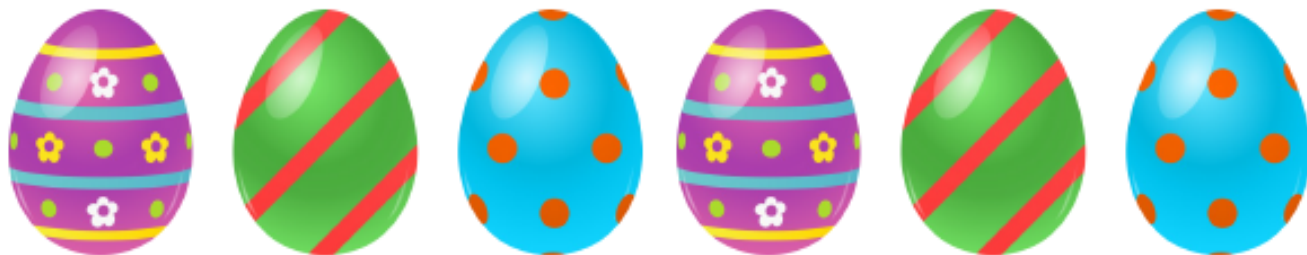
3rd Annual

## Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th, 10:00 A.M.

All children, 5th grade and younger, and their families are invited to attend! Children will be divided into Egg Hunt groups by age. Be sure to invite a friend, there will be plenty of eggs to find! Don't forget a basket!

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**Palm Sunday**  
Sunday, April 9, 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00

### Lenten Cantata

Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 P.M.

### Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 P.M.  
at Northwood Presbyterian Church

### Good Friday

Friday, April 14 at Noon  
at Heritage United Methodist  
Church

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16  
Traditional- 8:15 & 11:00  
Contemporary- 9:30  
(outside, weather permitting)



## Holy Week



# At-A-Glance

March 20, 2017

## This Month at Northwood

Wednesday, March 22:  
**Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Series**  
 6:00- 6:40 P.M. Dinner  
 6:41-7:15 P.M. Study

Sunday, March 26:  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service  
 10:45-12:00 P.M. Discovering Northwood Class

Wednesday, March 29:  
**Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Series**  
 6:00- 6:40 P.M. Dinner  
 6:41-7:15 P.M. Study

Sunday, April 2:  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Saturday, April 8:  
 10:00 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9:  
**Palm Sunday**  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service  
 4:00 P.M. Cantata

Thursday, April 13:  
**Maundy Thursday**  
 7:00 P.M. Joint service at Northwood Presbyterian Church

Friday, April 14:  
**Good Friday**  
 Noon- Joint service at Heritage United Methodist Church

Sunday, April 16:  
**Easter Sunday**  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service (outside)  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, April 23:  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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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](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org), or place it in Tracy Donovan's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

E-News:  
 If you are interested in receiving emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org).



Thank you for your donation of \$230 to Beth-El Farmworker Ministry. Through donations such as yours we are able to assist the local Hispanic farmworker community. Every year we send 40-50 children to Cedarkirk for a week-long adventure at camp. Many of our older youth tell us how important this experience was in their walk of faith. Summer camp gives our kids the opportunity to mingle with other children their age from other parts of Florida and the nation. It works toward breaking down stereotypes, and serves as a reminder of our interconnectivity. Once again, thank you for your donation. Your donation is quite important to those we service!

Thanks to your donation to Beth-El we were able to assist the local Hispanic farmworker community. Thank you for your donation of \$220. As we turn the calendar to a new year, the mission is thankful that we ended 2016 on a positive note. Already the mission's new *Step Up for Success* program is bearing fruit under the leadership of our resource coordinator, Veronica Barrios-Monroy. Veronica grew up in Wimauma. Through a scholarship program for farmworking families, Veronica graduated from Michigan State University with a Bachelor of Social Sciences degree. Her background and experience in social work has proved to be a true asset as she helps families and individuals address their immediate and long-term needs.

We have received your kind contribution of 25 lbs of can tabs for Shriners Hospitals for Children. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your gift. Your concern for the hospital and the many children we serve is appreciated. Allow me to assure you that your gift plays a meaningful role in fulfilling the hospital's mission of quality care.

The Stubbs family has a lot to celebrate, a place to call home. You see, just this week, Sophia and her children received the keys to their new home. It's donors like you that make this possible! Thank you for your January gift of \$640 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County. Your investment helps families in our community achieve what they thought was just a dream. Thanks to you, we will hand the keys to 54 struggling families by year's end and look forward to celebrating with them as they start their new lives.

Thank you for you for your December gift of \$640 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County. To date, Habitat Pinellas has completed 394 safe, affordable homes in our community. Your support allows us to remain focused on our mission to promote family stability through innovative housing solutions. Our overarching goal is to eliminate substandard housing throughout the county.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$405 to RCS. Your gift helps to support tens of thousands of our Pinellas neighbors who face hunger, homelessness or domestic violence in their lives. It is because of your generosity that we are able to help individuals and families in Pinellas County.

Thank you for your generous donation of nice gifts for 5 families for our final Christmas here at Isaiah's Inn. We very much appreciate your support over these many years as we would not have been able to do this without your help.

As a loyal supporter of Isaiah's Inn, we want to update you on changes that will affect the ministry. Bob Crown has been President for the past 28 years. Bob has notified the Board of his resignation. The Board of Directors unanimously passed a resolution to cease all operating activities by December 31, 2016. We understand there are individuals who have left an inheritance to Isaiah's Inn. We suggest you review your beneficiaries. On behalf of the entire Isaiah's Inn Board of Directors and staff, we want to express our sincere appreciation for your many years of support and love that you have shown us and the families we were so blessed to have served. It has been an honor to partner with you in providing economic self-sufficiency to many families.

Many thanks to my church family for their prayers, concern, visits, and beautiful cards which made my recovery blessed. -Jane Urban



# Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

## Women's Ministry Events

### Bible Study

The Girl's Still Got It, by Liz Curtis Higgs  
Chapters 7 and 8  
Fresh Brewed: Friday, April 7, 10:30am,  
rooms 4-6

Who Is Jesus?, by Judy Yates Siker,  
Presbyterian Women's Bible study for  
2016/2017. Tuesday, April 4, 9am, rooms 5-7

Naomi Circle: Tuesday, April 11, 1pm,  
member home

Esther-Elizabeth Circle: Tuesday, April 11,  
9:30am, rooms 5-7

Lydia Circle: Monday, April 17, 7pm, rooms 5-7

### Lenten Communion Breakfast

The women of the Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor invite the women of Northwood to a communion breakfast on Saturday, April 8 at the church (2021 Nebraska Ave.). Registration begins at 9:30am. Penny Pitts, the interim pastor at PCPH, will give the message. To confirm your attendance, please contact Patty Martin (813-855-0851 or [bill.martin2@verizon.net](mailto:bill.martin2@verizon.net)) by March 29.

### Save the Date: Tuesday, May 2

Please join us as we install our 2017-2018 leadership team, conclude our study of Who is Jesus? under Pastor Chris Curvin's leadership, and celebrate our birthday with a pot luck luncheon. Watch church publications for more details.

Questions? Contact Patty Martin  
(813) 855-0851 or [bill.martin2@verizon.net](mailto:bill.martin2@verizon.net)

### Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew

The Ren Crew is a group that delights in sharing fun with friends, old and new, on the second Friday of the month (September – May). We gather at the church from 10:30 to 11:30 for presentations and conversations that are entertaining, educational and inspiring. Following the presentation, the group enjoys a different restaurant each month.

The Ren Crew programs continue the theme of "Windows to the World" for the spring of 2017. The following presentations open "different windows to the world" as Northwood members share their fascinating travel experiences from here in the U.S. and from around the world.

**April 14** Good Friday: Joint worship service at Heritage United Methodist Church at noon

**May 12** Heather Villafranca: Exploring the Beauty and History of Western Europe

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! Questions? Contact Paul Means: [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org) or (727) 796-8090.

For more information, contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

## Adult Ministry

### TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

Sundays at 9:30 AM, Rooms 9&11

### Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM, Room 15

### Serendipity Class

Sundays at 9:30 AM, Room 15

### Sunday Bible Study

6:30-7:30 P.M. in rooms 4 & 6

Please contact Cindy at (727) 409-8727 if you have any questions.

# Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

### Worship Prep Class

This class is designed to help children feel more at home in the worship service. They will learn about the different parts of the worship service and their significance. This class is for children who are currently in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or those who are 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade, that haven't been through the class yet. Please contact Justine Ruisz for more information. The class will be held on April 30<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>, with the children being presented in service on May 14<sup>th</sup>.

### Vacation Bible School June 26-30

Save the date for June 26-30. Online registration is now open at [www.northwoodpc.org/vbs](http://www.northwoodpc.org/vbs).



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. All children 5<sup>th</sup> grade and younger and their families are invited to attend. Don't forget a basket!



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## Sunday Children's Ministry Schedule

### 8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

### 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds- Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

Students are welcome to start in the classroom for Sunday school or they can gather in the beginning of the worship service with the 5<sup>th</sup> graders. After the Prayers and Concerns, they will join their class in room 8.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

### 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.



# Around Northwood

## Easter Egg Donations

We are excited for our 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Easter Egg Hunt. We have 1500 empty eggs that we need to fill, we would love your help in getting those items to fill the eggs. A donation bin will be by room 4 to collect the small goodies. Thank you for your help. Any small items that can fit inside a plastic egg, such as...

- Pencil erasers
- Stickers
- Plastic rings
- Rubber bracelets
- Small toys
- Individually wrapped candy for goodie bags (no peanuts, please)



For more information, contact Justine Ruisz: (727) 796-8090 or [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org)

## Monday Volleyball



Come join us for volleyball on Monday evenings, 7:00-

9:00 P.M. in the Family Life Center. All adults, young and older, are invited. If interested or have any questions call Joan Tobiassen, 727-519-3430.

## Order Easter Lilies

Order Easter Lilies now, only \$9 each. Use the order form on the friendship sheet. Purchase a lily to help decorate for the Easter worship services on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one. Be sure to attach completed form to payment so we can be sure to include you in our program. Order forms with payment are due by Sunday, April 9.

## Student Life Recreational and Devotional Summer Trip

Where- Palm Beach Atlantic University  
When- July 24th to July 28th  
Cost- \$300

<http://www.studentlife.com/locations/81/palm-beach-atlantic-university>

All youth are invited to join us on our Youth Summer Trip. It is five days of devotions with our Family Groups, recreation games and challenges with other churches and tons of fun! Let's spend the week growing closer to each other and to God.

The Payment Schedule for this trip:

Sunday 4/2 - \$100  
Sunday 4/30 - \$100  
Sunday 5/21 - Final payment of \$100.



## Summer Dates for Music Camp

June 11- 16: Music Camp in Leesburg, FL  
(rising 6th grade through adult)

Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
[youthdirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:youthdirector@northwoodpc.org)  
(813) 624-2593

# Caring for Our Church Family

## Memorial Gifts

### In Memory of:

Jim Hunt  
Jim Hunt  
Jim Hunt  
Jim Hunt  
Jim Hunt  
Jim Hunt  
Jim Hunt

### Given by:

James & Betty Tison  
Jean Swintek  
Naomi Circle  
Ray & JoAnne Spigarelli and  
Pam Spigarelli Johansen DMD  
Anonymous  
Bill & Patty Martin

### In Honor of:

Jay Basinger

### Given by:

Jane Urban

## NPC VITALS

Pretzel Sunday  
Sunday, March 5, 2017  
(8:15) 143  
(9:30) 150  
(11:00) 181  
Total: 474

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Chris and Taryn Lumia on the birth of their daughter, Carley Lynn Lumia. Carley was born on Thursday, February 23 weighing 7 lbs, 3 oz and 20 inches long

## We extend our prayers and Christian sympathies to:

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to Roxie Swartz upon the news of the death of her husband, Bob on February 24.

## Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Burt Benziger; Doris Croasmun; Shirley Gleason; Howard Green; Fred Inkles; Lou Hortobagyi; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Diane Luke; Lois Marsh; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian Rather; David Smith; Gene Snyder; Al & Ethel Holden; Bill & Jane Sutton; Bonnie Beyer

## Kids' Corner News



The first week of March at Kid's Corner was very eventful. On Ash Wednesday, we had a service for the children in the Sanctuary. Each child was called forward with these words "... Jesus has called you by name." When they heard their name, they came up and received a cross which was hung on their necks. The children learned that the cross was a sign to the world that they wanted to share the love of Jesus. We ended the service by singing "I Love You Lord".

We had our Spring Art Auction and Fundraiser for the school. The children's artwork was beautiful and it was a wonderful time for the parents to mingle and enjoy breakfast with their children and friends. We also had a visit from a dental hygienist. We learned a lot about our teeth and how to care for them!

We have begun registration for NCC Summer Camp and Kids' Corner. We still have openings in our 2 and 3-year-old Kids' Corner Fall classes. Please invite someone you know to call for a tour and join us. If you know someone who would be willing to display our brochures, please call or come by the school office and we will provide them for you. May the peace of Christ be with you - Laura Woodard