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Congratulations Graduates!

Thank you to all families who submitted the graduation announcements listed below and on the back cover.
All graduates who are present in worship Sunday, May 21 will be recognized at that time.

Congratulations Graduates!



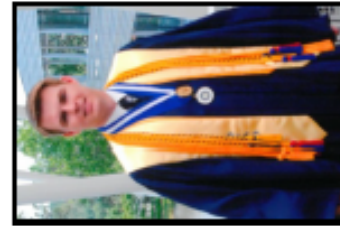
Laura Cajentan graduated from USF-St. Petersburg in December 2016, with a Bachelor's of Science degree in Elementary Education. With accreditation's in ESE, ESOL and Reading. She is currently a long term substitute 3rd grade teacher at Gulf Beaches Elementary. She is applying for full time position to start in the fall.



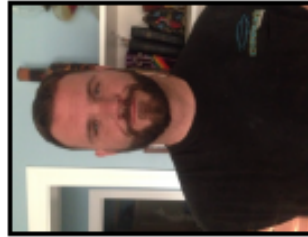
Liana Stephen graduated summa cum laude on December 16, 2016 from UCF with a Bachelor of Music degree in music performance. She will be attending the University of Delaware this fall with a dual major in composition and performance.



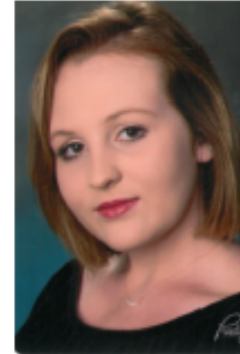
Blake Harris graduated from the University of Florida with a BA in mechanical engineering. While at Florida he pledged to the Delta Chi fraternity and participated in Dance Marathon for the Shand's Children's Hospital, all 5 years. Blake will be working for Agilis Engineering in Palm Beach, Florida starting on May 15.



Dane Joseph Johansen graduated cum laude with a Bachelor's of Science in Electrical Engineering from the University of North Florida Honors College on April 28, 2017. He is a member of HKN, the Institute of Electrical Engineers (IEEE) Honor Society, and Phi Kappa Phi. Systems in Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he will move in July to begin employment as an electrical engineer in GE's three year leadership management program that includes earning a Master's in electrical engineering at Michigan State. He is engaged to Claire Grange with their wedding date set for June 2, 2018.



Alvin Bushnell graduates June 29 from Pinellas Technical College. He worked 6 days a week, 9-10 hour days, while taking classes 2 nights a week as well. He also is an ASE Certified Automobile Technician and looks forward to continuing to use his expanded automotive expertise at Charlie's Car Care.



Morgan Peterson will be graduating from Palm Harbor University High School this May. She will also graduate from St. Pete College with her AA degree after completing two years of the Early College Program. During high school, Morgan volunteered with the Suncoast Hospice, held part-time jobs in HUMC's nursery and at Bay to Bay Properties, and was very involved in student ministry at HUMC. She will be going on to study Elementary Education at the University of Florida and will be working as a summer intern in children's ministry.



Alex Booth is graduating May 26th from Dunedin High School. He will be attending St Pete College on a full scholarship and plans to study Biomedical Engineering.



Carissa Johnston is graduating from Countryside High School. She plans to attend the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg and major in Elementary Education.



Will Allen is graduating from East Lake High School's Engineering Academy. He will be attending University of Central Florida in the Fall to study Physics with a minor in Computer Science. His high school accomplishments include Letterman, Robotics Club (2014-2017) and President of the Robotics Team Krunch 79 (2016-2017).



Ben Curvin is graduating from Tarpon Springs High School. He plans to attend St. Pete College.



Andrew Carlstedt is graduating from Pepin Academies in Tampa, Florida, where he has been on the Yearbook Staff for four years. He has maintained High Honor Roll throughout high school. His extracurricular activities have included recreational baseball and playing drums in NPC's youth band, Pierced. Andrew will continue his educational journey at USF.

See more graduation announcements on the back cover.

At-A-Glance

May 15, 2017

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, May 21:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 10:45 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, May 28:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 4:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

Sunday, June 18:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 25:
 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, 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.



Don't forget, Kids' Corner is currently enrolling for August! A few openings left for children ages 2-VPK and our Before and After Care Program for Elementary aged students. For more information on our programs and how to register contact Kids' Corner at (727) 723-7679, or email Laura Woodard at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org. More information on these programs can be found on our website at northwoodpc.org/preschool.



It has been a wonderful year at Northwood Schools, full of laughter, sharing, and learning. I would like to thank all the ministries, parents, and volunteers that worked with us to make so many events happen.

The last day of school is Friday May 19th. Graduation will take place at 12:15 in the Sanctuary. Please pray for all of our graduates and their families as they move on to their next adventure in the world. I pray that the seeds that have been planted here at Kids' Corner will blossom into beautiful flowers that will be a testimony to God's awesome love. May their hands and feet be the hands and feet of Christ, may their eyes and ears be the eyes and ears of Christ, and may His light shine in them for the entire world to see.

I am so privileged to be able to serve the children and families of the community in this very special ministry. Thank you all for your support and prayers. Have a wonderful summer and I look forward to seeing you all in August.

May the Grace, Love, and Peace of our Glorious Savior be with you and your family.

Laura Woodard

Northwood Is Now Live Streaming!



How to Watch

Join our 11:00 Sunday service, now live streaming on our website! From our website (www.northwoodpc.org), click on the top right tab labeled "Watch Live". You will be directed to a page that will automatically show the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. If you want to see previous live streamed services, simply click on the "Watch Live" tab and then on the "Archives" tab.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help us in the sound booth to get our live streaming up and running for each Sunday service. No technical experience necessary, just a willing person who is able to learn the camera. Please contact Mark Johnston at (727) 688-5123.

Church Office Schedule

Beginning the week of May 15, church office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4:00 P.M. Regular Friday office hours will resume the week of August 7. Calls to the office on Fridays will be handled by the voicemail system and returned on Monday. If there is a pastoral emergency, the system will provide the phone number needed to reach Pastor Chris or Pastor Paul. We thank you for your cooperation as we adopt this temporary schedule.

Christian Education

Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning

TCI Class– Sundays at 9:30 AM

(Today's Christian Issues)

Meets in rooms 9 and 11. As always, we will have coffee and cookies.

Experiencing God Class–

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Meets in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

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 starting again in September. 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.

For more information, contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Sunday Evening

Bible Study will resume on June 4 in rooms 4 & 6, 6:30-7:30 P.M. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at (727) 733-8726.

Women's Ministry

Bible Studies

The Girl's Still Got It, by Liz Curtis Higgs

Chapters 11 and 12

Fresh Brewed: Friday, June 2, 10:30am, rooms 4-6

Who Is Jesus?, by Judy Yates Siker, the Presbyterian

Women's Bible study for 2016 – 2017.

Lydia Circle: Monday, May 15, 7pm, rooms 5-7

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

The Best Gift for Father's Day

Do you want to honor a really special guy for Father's Day? Consider an Alternative Gift! For as little as \$5, Church World Service will send a blanket, tools, seeds, water-purifying equipment or other life-saving materials to someone in need. Just imagine how blessed your special guy will feel! The women of Lydia Circle will be in the Narthex on June 4 and 11, between worship services, with everything you need to take advantage of this great opportunity.

Questions? Contact Barbara Englehart (791-4648 or waspfinella@yahoo.com).

2017-2018 Bible Study Preparation

Melissa Bane Sevier, the author of the Presbyterian Women's 2017-2018 Bible study, will preview this study at Maitland Presbyterian Church (Maitland, FL) on Saturday, August 12, 2017. A van will leave Northwood on Friday, August 11 and return following the preview. To make a reservation contact Patty Martin (813-855-0851 or bill.martin2@verizon.net).

Children's Ministry



9:30 Summer Sunday School for Children

The Children's Ministry needs teachers to help cover Sunday School for the summer months, so the regular teachers can have a break. If you are willing to help teach one Sunday with children ages 3– Kindergarten or 1st-5th grade, please sign up on the children's bulletin board or contact Justine Ruisz. Thank you!

Needed: 2 Adults to work in the nursery over the summer months

Who: Adults– 18 years +

What: Playing and caring for children, ages birth– 3 years old

When: Summer months, June, July & August at 9:30 and/or 11:00 services.

Where: In the nursery/infant rooms

How: Contact Justine Ruisz

2017 Vacation Bible School

From Monday, June 26 at 9:00 A.M. to Friday, June 30, 2017 at 12:00 P.M. "Hero Central: Discover your Strength in God!" Calling all Super Heroes! Children will discover their strength in God, explore God's mission for their lives, encounter epic adventures alongside biblical heroes, and realize qualities that make them truly heroes in God! Everyday at VBS children get to experience Bible, games, music, crafts and fun snacks. All children ages 4 (by 9/1/2017) through 5th Grade are invited to attend. Registration fee is \$15.00. Register at www.northwoodpc.org/vbs. Online registration closes at midnight on Friday, June 23rd. Come Monday, June 26th at 8:30 A.M. for walk-in registration.

Calling all VBS Heroes!

Seeking Super Leaders:

1 Bible Lead Teacher for the older children

2 Craft Assistants

Contact Justine if you can help, even if it is for one or two days, all help is appreciated!

VBS Donation List

- 100 Adult Large/XL, solid color t-shirts, with no printing or printing on only 1 side
- 6 pool noodles, any color
- 440– 1 inch pom-poms, assorted colors
- 18 rolls of patterned/colored Duct Tape

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org
(727)796-8090 Cell/text- (727)641-8140

Youth & Young Adults

Weekly Events for our Youth:

Sundays: Sunday School 9:30 A.M. in service for the first 30 minutes then move to the Youth Room for a lesson.
Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M. (last youth group is May 21 and then will resume again in August.)

Wednesdays: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.

Fridays: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.

(Some weeks may differ, please see Sunday's bulletin and announcements for weekly information.)

Upcoming Youth Opportunities

Sunday, May 21: Last Sunday School until school starts again in August. The evening will be the Youth Banquet to celebrate a successful year! This will be from 5:00-6:30 P.M. instead of Youth Group.

Volunteers are always needed for youth activities! Parents, please sign up for one of our exciting events or projects by emailing either Steve Cantin (scantin13@yahoo.com) or Andy Strelcheck (Strelcheckfamily@aol.com).

Youth Summer Trip: Life Rec Camp

*Third deposit of \$100 is due Sunday, May 21

When: July 24th- July 28th

Where: Palm Beach Atlantic University

Cost: The cost is \$300. Reservations are being accepted, based on camp availability.

Questions? Please contact Marcy Kemerer or Stephanie Strelcheck:

Marcy Kemerer, 727-455-2583,
marcykem07@gmail.com,

Stephanie Strelcheck, 727-417-9532,
strelcheckfamily@aol.com



Get Involved

Northwood Scholarship Application

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Tracy Donovan, online, or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2017. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

Summer Music Camp

When: July 17-21
 Time: 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Monday-Friday
 What: We learn a musical and perform it, play music games and have snack.
 Who: All children rising into 3rd through those rising into 6th.
 Cost: \$35 for the week
 Performance: Friday, July 21, 6:45 P.M.
 How: Stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090
 Auditions for parts to be announced!
SIGN UP NOW!!!

Christian Education Committee Pancake Breakfast

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a church-wide Pancake Breakfast on **Sunday, May 21** after all three church services. The purpose of this fundraiser is to provide scholarships for youth to attend summer camp programs at Cedarkirk. There will be information and application forms available at the breakfast. Please contact Bob Meier with any questions, (727) 725-3366.

Music Workshop

The upcoming annual Fellowship Church Music Workshop (aka Music Camp) will be **Sunday, June 11 through noon on Friday, June 16, 2017**. This year 35 people from Northwood will be attending! We will have a week of musical and spiritual growth among friends in the midst of the beautiful setting

of The Life Enrichment Center near Leesburg FL. For those registered, a reminder that your balance due needs to be paid by May 30. Give your check made payable to Northwood Presbyterian Church to Tom Huffman. Check out the Fellowship website for lots of information: www.floridafellowship.org.

Northwood Summer Camp



Spread the word! Northwood has a great summer camp for children ages 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten). This summer program is an active summer experience that runs 7:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M. beginning May 30 and running through August 4. Our experienced staff will provide your child with engaging activities in a safe and caring environment. Your child will enjoy a full-size air-conditioned gymnasium for sports and games, two weekly field trips, theme-based weekly activities when on site, which include cooking, music, crafts, games, and structured activities, as well as free choice time. We are excited to announce that Bricks for Kids, an interactive Lego experience, will be joining us on site for 8 sessions this summer! We have been providing summer fun for 30 years. Register now! Choose your weeks or join us for the entire summer! The cost is \$115 per week (includes \$25 activity fee), \$10 discount for 2nd child. Contact Laura Woodard for more information, (727) 723-7679, (727) 455-3976 or schooldirector@northwoodpc.org



Caring for Our Church Family

All-Church Retreat

Join us at the annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat on Oct. 20-22, 2017. Look for the poster and brochures on the bulletin board across from the kitchen Sunday, May 21st. Deposits with room requests will be accepted at this time. Sign up early for best choice of rooms!

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:
 Ruth Means
 Ruth Means

Given by:
 Jean Swintek
 Fred & Joanne Inkles



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 2017 is \$30.75 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.

Prayer Ministry

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

The Presbytery of Tampa Bay

Welcome The Rev. Dr. Eneyas Freitas, being installed on Sunday, June 4 at Northeast Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg (4400 Shore Acres Blvd NE, St. Petersburg.)

Pentecost Special Offering June 4

The Pentecost offering will be collected on Sunday, June 4 for children at risk. Eighty percent of the offering will be divided between Bay Area Pregnancy Center and Beth-El to provide financial support for babies and children of those ministries. The remaining 20% percent is sent to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay for ministries with youth and children. Thank you for giving to this special offering on Pentecost Sunday.



Thank You Northwood!

From the Holloway Family

Hi all, missing everyone at NPC. Art is home with antibiotic IV's. Love to all our sisters and brothers in Christ. Many thanks for the prayers and cards.

Missionary Ventures (Threads of Hope)

Thank you for your financial partnership as we advance the Gospel in the world. You will be pleased to know that we commissioned two new missionary families last month— one in Thailand, and the other in Guatemala. Please continue to pray that the Lord of the harvest will send forth laborers, because the harvest is ready to be reaped. (Luke 10:2) Every time you contribute to our organization, you share in each victory— one precious life at a time. With deepest appreciation for your life and partnership, Bill Snell, President.

Westchester Gardens

Thanks so much again for the beautiful blankets and walker caddies. Our residents look forward to having them very much. We appreciate your thoughtfulness always.

Hurricane Season 2017 Kicks-off June 1

The NPC Hurricane Ministry exists to assist members in need of temporary housing during the 2017 hurricane season. If you are able to share space with members in need - please contact Cassondra Fredriksen at (727) 278 - 4212 or sonna.fredriksen@gmail.com. All members are encouraged to plan in advance for potential emergencies especially hurricanes between June and November. For helpful resources visit baynews9.com's Hurricane Center for information including advisories, maps, and checklists.

