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 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Northwood Summer Camp
 THE FUN BEGINS May 29th – August 10th



Northwood's Summer Program is an active summer experience. 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 or more, weekly activities when on site which include cooking, music, crafts, games, and structured activities as well as free choice time. We have been providing summer fun for 30 plus years. Register Now!

Choose your weeks or join us for the entire summer!

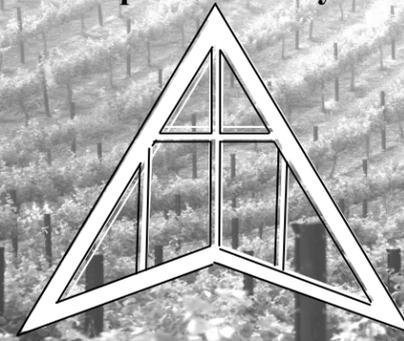
One time registration fee \$30.00

\$120 per week (includes \$25 activity fee) \$10 discount for 2nd child
 7 a.m.- 6 p.m.

Ages 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten)

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Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Palm Sunday weekend, we welcomed our twelve Confirmands into Membership in the Presbyterian Church. These students, grades 7 and up, started classes on January 21st to learn about the History of the Church, Presbyterian Policy, Old Testament, New Testament, Worship and more. They also spent a fun weekend out at Cedarkirk and attended the February Session Meeting. On Saturday, March 24th, they attended a Breakfast in their honor where they shared their faith statements. Palm Sunday we welcomed Kaleb Adkisson, Dylan Cantin, Eli Jeffre, Isaac Jeffre, Atticus Ulrich, Kasandra Mattson, Matthew Nigels, Jacob Pope, and Jeffrey Wulf as brothers and sisters in Christ's Church! In addition to being confirmed, Drew Strelcheck, Sarah Worley, and Joyce Worley were baptized.

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

April 17, 2018



Sunday, April 22:
Gifts of Women Sunday
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, April 29:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, May 6:
Communion Sunday
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, May 13:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, May 20:
 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 27:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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Church Office Schedule
 Beginning the week of May 14, church office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 8:30–4:00 P.M. Regular Friday office hours will resume the week of August 6. 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.

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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 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.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Laura Colon Medina
Carmele Andrews
John Schenk
John Schenk
John Schenk
John Schenk

Given by:

Polly & Don Hamilton
Sarah A. Murray
Melanie Brown
Gary Fernald
Earle & Jessie Lusk
Bill & Patty Martin

In Honor of:

Deacon Van Drivers
Emily McMullen
Jane Urban
Youth Program
Emily McMullen

Given by:

Emily McMullen
Lorrie Janusik
Lorrie Janusik
Cindy Whiteside
Jane Urban

Prayer Ministry

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

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Jeanne Smith on the news of the death of Jeanne's husband, Norman Smith on February 28.
- June Prior on the news of the death of June's brother, John Schenk, on March 7.
- Grace Fulford on the news of the death of Grace's husband, Jeff Fulford on March 20.



A Way to Give!



Access Church Directory and Give via Android or iPhone

Northwood uses ACS software and we'd like for you to know about the ACS Church Life™ mobile app. Those of us on staff have been using the app for a couple of years now and if you've given us the chance, we've probably downloaded it to your smartphone for you. The app provides instant access to the names, addresses, pictures and phone numbers of anyone who would normally appear in a printed Northwood church directory. Information is always as current as the church's data base and access is available to you anytime, anywhere, from your mobile phone. You can even map visits or sign up for events like Vacation Bible School all on the go. Also, with the new mobile giving feature, you can quickly and easily contribute to NPC's published funds...with just one click.

This easy-to-use app is free and available to all NPC members listed in our database using the same user name and password that you create for Access ACS™. If you don't already have a login and password, you can create one by visiting our website at www.northwoodpc.org and clicking on the LOGIN link at the top of the page. When the screen appears, just click where it says "Need a login?" Follow the steps to create the login and then visit the app store on your mobile device to search for and download the app called ACS Church Life. Once downloaded, tap on the new icon on your phone and login using the credentials you created via the website. It may sound a bit complicated if you aren't used to this exercise, but we're always available to help. Call Chris Hurst in the church office and arrange a time to come by. We'll get you started!

Around Northwood

Our 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt was wonderful!! Thank you to all those who helped with donations for the eggs and those who helped stuff the 2500 eggs. We had over 100 people attend. Thank you to the wonderful puppets who came to share the news of Easter with the kids!



Music Workshops, Festivals, and Seminars

This spring our Angel Choir (3rd-5th graders) went to our 18th annual Central Florida Children's Chorister's Guild Festival in Orlando, FL. We learned 5 anthems that other children's choirs throughout the state also learned, and we joined to rehearse and sing them together with a respected choral clinician. The children also experienced drama, handbells, Orff, sign language, puppets, drumming and recorder. It involved an overnight stay which the children loved and ended with a concert of everything they had learned. Many thanks to our chaperones. It was a terrific event! Part of the cost for the choral festival was helped by the garage sale monies, so we thank you!

Another opportunity afforded to us was a handbell clinic sponsored by the local AGO chapter who also footed the cost of the event. Three of our handbell groups (2 adult and one youth) performed in front of our peers and then we were constructively critiqued by Rick Holdsworth, the director of a professional handbell group, 'Ring Sarasota'. Another chance to learn and perform.

We are grateful for these opportunities to improve our skills and to fellowship with others. We are looking forward to our summer Music Workshop in June where almost 50 youth and adults from Northwood will attend worship, sing, play bells and instruments, attend classes, and more!

Stephanie Carson



Registration has begun for the 2018-2019 school year. If you or anyone you know that has children ages two to four and are interested in attending Kids' Corner preschool, please invite them to come for a tour. At Kids' Corner, we have a quality program with activities that engage the whole child. You may contact us at 727-723-7679, or email schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

"Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."
JOHN 4:35, NRSV

News From the Mission Field



Habitat, Spring Break & Seven Huge Pans of Ziti

Throughout the month of March, Habitat for Humanity in Pinellas County hosted college students who came here on their spring break to work on Habitat houses. Habitat invited faith communities and other organizations to provide lunches for these dedicated, hungry workers.

The Northwood Mission Team was glad to answer the call. On Tuesday morning, March 13, 5 large pans of ziti filled with meatballs covered with cheese, along with 2 vegetarian pans were prepared and cooked to a golden brown. Several Mission Team members transported the ziti, large delicious cookies and tableware to Largo in the church van. We were greeted by Habitat staff and 70 enthusiastic college students from Stony Brook University.

Habitat representative, Pam Ora sent the following note:

Hi Pastor Paul,

Here is a group photo of the college kids. They LOVED the food and were so grateful today. Habitat is thankful to have partners like NPC. I wish we had more that could make these volunteer days special. Please tell everyone that helped make this food what a blessing it was today. Thank you!

I want to thank all those on the Mission Team who gave of their time and talent to make this day special. It is truly a joy and a privilege to share with others the blessings we receive from our Lord.

SHRINERS HOSPITAL

We have received your kind contribution of 7 pounds of can tabs! Please accept our sincere gratitude for your gift that plays a meaningful role in fulfilling the hospital's mission for quality care.

Fleury Yelvington,
Administrator

PREGNANCY CENTER

Thank you very much for your recent donation. With your help, we are able to continue serving clients and their families in our community.

Marsha Rimer, Exec. Director

RCS

Thanks you for your generous gift of \$130 to RCS. Your gift helps us to celebrate 50 years of service to Pinellas County.

CLEARWATER FREE CLINIC

Thank you for your support of the Clearwater free clinic. Your contribution allows for our medically needy patients to receive comprehensive health care at a quality medical home.

Jeannie Shapiro, Exec. Director

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$640. Your investment helps struggling families in our community to start new lives with housing solutions and stability.

Mike Sutton, CEO

THANK YOU

Thank you for the shawls and lap robes. We always need them! We appreciate you and all your hard work.

Sincerely,
Westchester Gardens

Christian Education

Nancy Johnson, Christian Education Team Chair



Presbyterian Women

April 22nd is Gifts of Women Sunday. Barbara Booth Jarman will be our guest preacher at the traditional services at 8:15 and 11:00. Our very own Cindy Huffman will be leading the worship at 9:30. Please plan to attend to support your women of Northwood!

May 1st is the Presbyterian Women Birthday Luncheon. The new officers of PW will be installed and we will share a potluck lunch afterwards. The service will begin at 11:30 in the Sanctuary and the potluck lunch will follow the service in room 5 & 7. We will also honor the PW members who are celebrating their 90th birthday this year. It's a fun event, so please plan to attend!

NORTHWOOD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2018. 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.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew

The Ren Crew 2nd Friday Fellowship is a group of adventure-some, young at heart 50+ adults that delight in sharing fun with friends, old and new. We gather at the church from 10:30 to 11:30 for programs and conversations that are entertaining, educational and inspiring. Following the presentation, the group enjoys lunch at a different restaurant each month. The Ren Crew programs continue to open "different windows to the world" as Heather Villafranca will provide the May program, "Eastern Europe Experiences." 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 or (727) 796-8090.

Attention Graduating Seniors

Attention all graduates, please submit your graduation picture, a short write up of your accomplishments and plans after graduation. This information can be dropped off in the office or e-mailed to communications@northwoodpc.org.

Bible Study

Professor Michael Jahosky is teaching an Adult Sunday School Bible Study on Sunday mornings at 9:30 in the Christian Education Building room 10, through May 13th. This class is a Bible study that will give you the basic tools to talk about your faith with non-Christians. Please let us know if you are interested in attending the class, by contacting Justine Ruisz at childrensministry@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



CITYLIGHT

Important Dates:

- Sunday, April 22nd (9:30am) – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, April 22nd (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Wednesday, April 25th (6:15-7:30pm) – H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, April 27th (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Sunday, April 29th – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, April 29th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Friday, May 4th (5:30-6:30pm) – M.S. Bible Study
- Friday, May 4th (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Sunday, May 6th (9:30am) – NO Sunday School
- Sunday, May 6th (5-6:30pm) – NO Youth Group
- Wednesday, May 9th (6:15-7:30pm) – NO H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, May 11th (7-10pm) – NO Game Night
- Sunday, May 13th - Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, May 13th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Wednesday, May 16th (6:15-7:30pm) – H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, May 18th (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Saturday, May 19th—Armed Forces Day

Volunteers Needed:

- Middle School Summer Trip from June 24th-29th (1 male volunteer w/ CDL)
- High School Summer Trip from July 15th-21st (1 male volunteer)

Citylight Summer Mission Trips

This summer, our youth will be going on mission trips where we will be coming together with other youth ministries, to broaden our perspectives, challenge our comfort zones, be empowered, empower others, and create a sacred space where God can work in and through our lives.

Middle School Trip:

On June 24-29 our Citylight Middle Schoolers will be going on a mission trip to Vero Beach, Florida. This trip will be with Epic Missions and we will be working together as we do things like serve at food banks, host a dinner and game night for the elderly, and lead VBS. Our group can have a huge impact on the Vero Beach community by showing the love of Christ to the people that we'll be serving.

High School Trip:

On July 15-21 our Citylight High Schoolers will be going on a mission trip to Jacksonville, Florida. This trip will be with TEAM effort and we will be working together in a community that was affected by the Hurricane Irma and storms that came through the area. The impact our group can have showing the love of Christ to the families and children who live there is immeasurable.



Children's Ministry



Vacation Bible School June 4-8

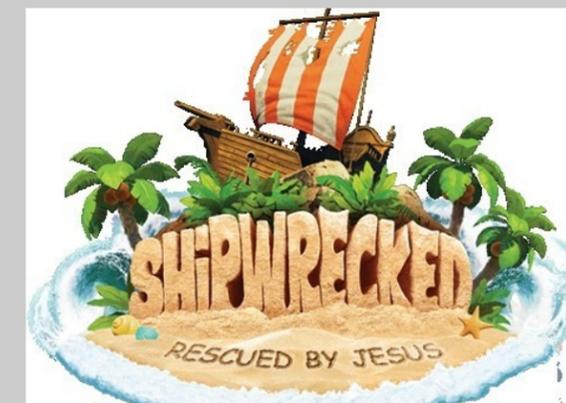
Ahoy!! Come and join us for 2018 VBS "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!" At Shipwrecked VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. Shipwrecked is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences kids see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! All children ages 4 (by 9/1/2018) through 5th Grade are invited to attend.

Any youth interested in being a youth guide, please read the information on the Northwood website and register!

Registration fee is \$15.00

Calling all VBS Heroes!

Ahoy! Calling all leaders, we need your help with VBS. If you are able and willing to help teach, work in the kitchen, or help with crafts, please contact Justine Ruisz. There will be a meeting on May 6th at 10:30 AM in rooms 4-7.



Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
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