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# The Window

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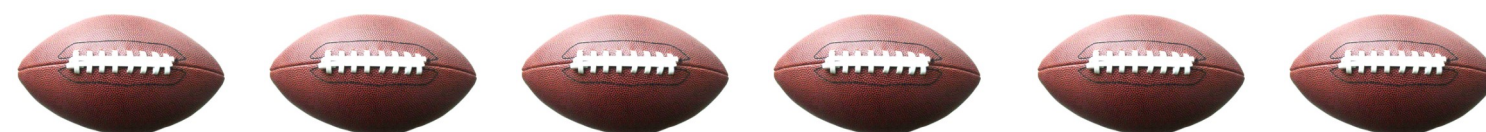
## Discovery Homecoming Sunday

August 26, 2018

9:00am-11:00am

Christian Education building rooms 4-7.

- *Come and learn about the many educational activities and education Programs available for all ages.*
- *Learn about the many opportunities to serve at Northwood.*
- *There will be games and crafts available for children in the Family Life Center.*
- *Continental breakfast available.*



### Around the Church

Hopefully you've noticed the work that has been happening around the church. If you haven't, please take note the next time you're on campus. Since May, our painter has been working his way around the campus working toward the goal of repainting every exterior surface of the church. Part of this project was also the repair, retexturing and repainting of the walkway ceilings on the North and South sides of the Christian Education building. Just as this portion of the project was set to begin, we determined that those walkways needed new roofs as well. Thanks to good relationships with our vendors, we were able to have those roofs replaced in very short order so the ceiling work could move forward as planned. The painting will continue over the next several weeks as lifts are hired to complete the steeple of the church and the taller parts of the Family Life Center. We appreciate your continued patience as the project continues to progress.



We also have a new copy machine in the Church Office. The lease was up on our other machine and fortunately we were able to replace it with a newer machine that is faster and also less expensive. If you use the machine with any regularity, you'll be pleased to know that the user interface is exactly the same and there should be no learning curve. As always though, if you need assistance, most anyone in the office can lend a hand.

# At-A-Glance

## August 20, 2018

### This Month at Northwood

#### Sunday, August 26:

#### Discovery Homecoming Sunday 9:15-12:30

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

#### Sunday, September 2:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Church office will be closed Monday, September 3 in observance of Labor Day**

#### Sunday, September 9:

Sunday morning Adult Education classes resume today.

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

#### Sunday, September 16:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

#### Sunday, September 23:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

#### Sunday, September 30:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Discovering Northwood Class

10:45 A.M.– 12:00 P.M.

#### Sunday, October 7:

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 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](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org).

### Northwood’s Shepherdding Ministry

Jesus Christ is the Good Shepherd. Even now He continues to faithfully shepherd His church. Jesus accomplishes this ministry through the work of the Holy Spirit, and through the love and lives of those who make up Christ’s church. At Northwood the Shepherdding Ministry is about connecting and caring led by the elders and deacons of the church. The aim of the Shepherdding Ministry is to make sure that every member feels connected to the church by providing a relational, communicative link between congregational members, church officers (elders and deacons) and the pastors of Northwood. Each elder and deacon is given 12 to 13 family units which he or she will contact to let them know they are their shepherd for the year (April to March of the following year, new officers are installed in March). Typically the officers will contact their families by phone, a card or by an e-mail. The goal is that in knowing you have a shepherd who is a supportive resource you will feel comfortable communicating with your shepherd about joys and questions you have about our church. Another major focus of the shepherds is to pray regularly for their families. Also, the shepherds are committed to maintain trust and confidentiality with their families. With your permission and without breaking confidentiality, they are glad to relay information to the pastors so they are informed and can respond to pastoral care needs.

We thank God for his love and grace that has brought us together to be this church family called Northwood. May God bless you and keep you and all those you love, this day and forever more.

### 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 2018 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!

# Northwood Is Live Streaming!



### How to Watch

Join our 9:30AM & 11:00AM Sunday services, now live streaming on our website! From our website ([www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org)), click on the top right tab labeled “Watch Services.” You will be directed to a page that will automatically show the service beginning at 9:30 & 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. There are occasions where live stream may be unavailable in the event that our WIFI goes down for unexpected reasons such as a lightning storm. Please know that occurrences such as this are out of our control and we apologize for the inconvenience this may cause.





# Get Involved

## Discovery Homecoming Mission Opportunity

On Sunday, August 26, as part of Discovery Homecoming Sunday, Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by **bringing new or gently used tennis shoes, sandals/flip flops, and men's work boots for the children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL. Beth-El has requested specific sizes needed. Men's sizes 6-11, women's sizes 5-7 1/2, and all sizes for children.** There are tubs located in the hallway to drop off your shoes. These shoes will be extremely helpful and appreciated as the kids and youth get ready to go back to school and for the farm workers as they prepare to continue their work in the fields this fall. Last time we collected over 400 pairs of shoes! Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday and sharing the love of Jesus Christ!

## Women's Retreat-Save the Date

Cedarkirk Women's retreat will be February 8-10, 2019! Any questions, please contact Jeanneesteph@gmail.com.

## Sing, Fellowship, Worship!

Chancel Choir has begun, but we still need you. All voice parts are welcome and especially men. If you have a gift, use it! What a fun way to volunteer and give God back a piece of what HE has given you. Rehearsal is on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30. If you say, "I'm not good enough," we will surround you with those who can help you. There are so many brand new anthems this year. Can't wait for you to experience it all! Call Stephanie Carson, Director of Music, with any questions 727-458-9749.

## Guitar player needed!

The Stephen Family is moving and we will miss them terribly! Because of that, we now have a need for an accousitic guitar player. One has volunteered, but we could use some more in our rotation. If you have that gift, please contact Stephanie Carson at 727-458-9749



## *Justine Ruisz & Jeff Davis*

would like to invite the congregation of Northwood to their Wedding  
Saturday, September 15, 2018  
10:30 a.m.  
Trinity Presbyterian Church

2001 Rainbow Dr.  
Clearwater, FL. 33765

*The gift of your presence is welcome!*

## All-Church Retreat

The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 19-21, 2018. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and camp-fire with sing-along and s'mores. Poster and brochures can be found on the bulletin board directly across from the kitchen. Deposits with room requests are being accepted. Sign up early for best choice of rooms! Questions, contact Jeanne Stephen Jeanneesteph@gmail.com.



## New Photo Directories Are Here!

Lifetouch has provided one directory per household for those that had their picture taken. If you were photographed, you may pick up the copy provided for your household in the church office during business hours Monday-Thursday 8:30-4, or you may call to make other arrangements if you cannot come during business hours. If you were unable to have your picture taken and you wish to obtain a copy of the directory, please contact the church office.

## Marriage Alive

Marriage Alive is a Christian based marriage support group for couples that will be returning to Northwood beginning in September! More information will be posted soon. Any questions, contact Spencer Briggs at 727-776-9295.



# Caring for Our Church Family

## CWS Global

Thank you for your generous gift of \$430 to the CWS blankets program. Your contribution provides for migrant families facing wet and cold conditions and allows us to respond when disasters occur and support is needed. We thank you! Rev. John L. McCullough, President & CEO

## Special Offerings

We give thanks to you for your support of \$416 to special offerings with the Pentecost Offering and One Great Hour of Sharing. Your support allows us to change lives through ministries of compassion, advocacy, development, and Christian formation. You are a valued partner in mission! Bryce Wiebe, Director of Special Offerings

## Clearwater Free Clinic

Thank you for your support of \$620 to the Clearwater Free Clinic. Your contribution allows for our medically needy patients to receive comprehensive health care at a quality medical home that provides them with the necessary support services to manage their medical health issues. Together we can improve and save lives!

Jeannie Shapiro, Executive Director

## Thank You!

I wish to thank my church family for their prayers, love, visits, and wonderful cards. You have made me feel SO blessed! Sincerely, Jane Urban

## Prayers to our Military Families

- SrA Benjamin A Cernansky, MacDill AFB, FL.
- SPC Glen Nadig, Ft. Campbell, KY.



If you have an immediate family member in the military that you would like added to our prayer list, please contact us.

## Memorial Gifts

### In Memory of:

Jane Sutton  
Irene Dewitt  
Irene Dewitt  
Bruce Shugart  
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Irene Dewitt  
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### Given by:

PW book Club  
Anonymous  
Jill Kamholz  
Don & Polly Hamilton  
Steve & Cindy Wildermuth  
Ken & Barbara Baumann  
Art & Jeanette Holloway  
Art & Jeanette Holloway  
Chet & Jean Coonrod  
Sandra Coonrod Edwards  
Bret Coonrod & Family  
Paul & Lyn Coonrod  
Lance & Sara Coonrod

### In Honor of:

NPC Van Drivers  
Emily McMullen  
Jane Urban

### Given by:

Emily McMullen  
Lorrie Janusik  
Lorrie Janusik

## 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 Sutton, Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond, Connie Zaccari.



## Stephen Ministry

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 individuals who are experiencing struggles in their lives. These difficult circumstances include loss of a loved one, loss of a job, illness, aging, spiritual crisis, loneliness or discouragement, as well as many other life challenges. A Stephen Minister is a caring, Christian friend who will walk beside a person who is hurting and listen, pray, support and encourage them. Typically, a Stephen Minister will meet faithfully with his or her care receiver for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need. To learn more about how you, a family member or a friend can benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).



# Christian Education

## TCI Class

### **(Today's Christian Issues)**

TCI will be on summer hiatus from May 27th until September 9th. Have a joyful and rejuvenating summer and return with us on September 9th for new discussions of contemporary issues and their affects on our faith journey.

## Experiencing God Class

### **Sundays at 11:00 AM**

Meets in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

This class is not meeting during the summer months and will resume in the fall.

## Sunday Evening Bible Study

The Sunday Bible study meets at 6:30pm in room 4. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

## Fresh Brewed

**Women's Bible Study**— Friday, September 7th at 10:30am in room 5. A Woman of Wisdom, by Dee Brestin, Chapter 6 - Rebekah/Elizabeth. We will also have our annual September Super Salad Spectacular. Please bring a salad to share and we will eat while we study. Paper/plastic goods provided. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Sally Uhler, 727-796-7563.

## Adult Bible Study

Starting on September 2nd, we'll be offering an adult Sunday school class from 11:00-11:45 that will coincide with the youth Sunday school class. It's going to be an awesome opportunity for your family to study the Bible cover to cover and grow together especially since you and your youth will be studying the same topics each week, but in a way that's relevant to each of your lives. Don't have a child in the Youth Ministry program? That's okay! The class is open to everyone and it's the perfect place to study the Bible while building relationships with other members of Northwood.

## Children's Ministry



## Children's Sunday School Resumes!

Starting on September 9th, Sunday school will resume. We will have 2 Sunday school classes during the 9:30 hour. 3yrs-Kindergarten in room 3 and 1st -5th grade in room 8.

The 1st -5th grade will start off in the first 2 pews in the sanctuary and then go to room 8 after the prayer time.

The 8:15 & 11:00 Children's Worship Time will also start back on Sept 9th. Children ages 3 years old to 2nd grade will start in service with their parents and then after the choir anthem, they will proceed to room 3 with Ms. Justine (8:15) & Ms. Barbara (11:00).

## King's Kids

King's Kids will resume with the kick off party on September 5th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Children ages 3 years (must be potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to come from 4:00-6:00 p.m. to experience a fun Christian environment where they learn songs, a Bible story and get time to hang out with friends and play games. King's Kids will be September 12th-November 14th, then we break and start back on January 30th-April 24th. Parents, we ask that you or a family member volunteer once per month to help with the kids. For more information, please contact Justine Ruisz at 727-796-8090 or you may email her at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).

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



## Registration Open Now Enrolling!

Kids' Corner Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year! There are a few openings left for children ages 2-VPK and in 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 Michelle Episcopo at [schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org). More information on these programs can also be found on our website at [northwoodpc.org/preschool](http://northwoodpc.org/preschool).



## Youth Puppeteers Wanted!

Attention middle and high schoolers! Are you looking for a creative way to serve God and the church? Join Puppets! Beginning Thursday, September 6th, the Puppet Ministry is back in action. It is open to all youth from 6th - 12th grade, no experience necessary. Practices will be held every Thursday from 6:30pm - 8:30pm. There will be a sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Check out our performance on Sunday, August 26 for Discovery Day or contact our new director, Kelly Tighe, at [kmakal86@gmail.com](mailto:kmakal86@gmail.com) or 727-831-6046.

## Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

### Hurricane Season 2018

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are able to share your home with members-in-need, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi at [ecicerchi@gmail.com](mailto:ecicerchi@gmail.com) or 607-382-1781 or Paul Means at [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org). 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.

With hurricane season upon us, we are all encouraged to prepare for a possible storm. One helpful resource is [baynews9.com](http://baynews9.com). Click on "Weather," then "Hurricane Center." There you will find weather advisories, maps of evacuation zones, and checklists for your family and pets.



## Meal Ministry

When there is a new baby, serious illness, recent surgery or death in the family, a ready-to-serve meal can be welcome. The Northwood Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons Meal Ministry provides a helping hand in such circumstances by providing one or more meals for the entire family. The meals are made or purchased by one or more volunteers from the church. If you would like to serve the Lord by serving others, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi by email at [ecicerchi@gmail.com](mailto:ecicerchi@gmail.com) or by phone (607)-382-1781