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 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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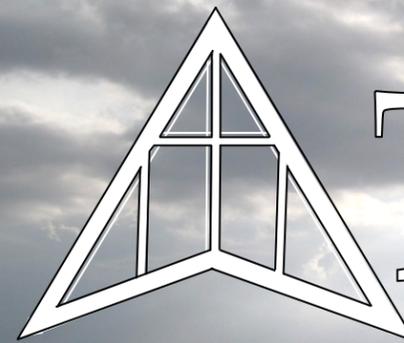
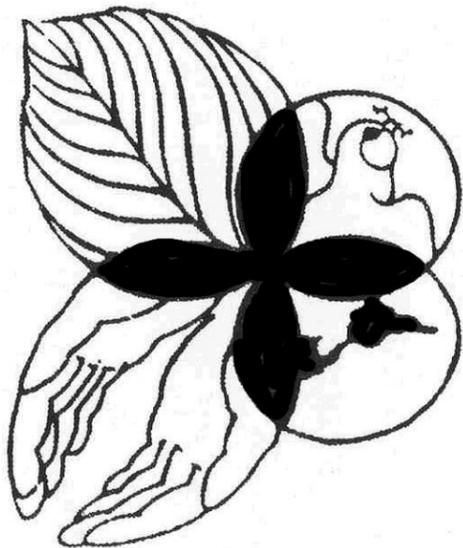
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**PW Welcomes New Honorary
 Lifetime Members**

Congratulations to Loisanne Bilka and Sandy Gibson who were awarded Honorary Lifetime Memberships at the Gifts-of-Women Sunday service on March 16. They join an esteemed group of women who have faithfully and generously served the church. Each woman was presented with a certificate and pin and their names have been added to the plaque in the narthex.

The symbols on the pins and plaque represent and portray the qualities of persons deserving the honor and recognition of an Honorary Life Membership. The overall design is of a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation - Presbyterian Women. The **caring, supportive hands** represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The **leaf** represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The **dove** indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the **cross**, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives.



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**New Summer
 Worship Schedule**

Northwood offers several options for worship from September through Memorial Day in May. On Sunday mornings we offer two traditional services at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. At these two traditional services we follow the Order for Worship for the Lord's Day from the *Book of Common Worship*. Hymns are led by our Chancel Choir and selected mostly from the new Presbyterian Hymnbook, *Glory to God*.

In addition, on Sunday morning at 9:30 we have a contemporary worship service, called *Ignite*, that is also held in the Sanctuary. This service utilizes music provided by a worship band, Voices In Praise.

The sacraments, Baptism and the Lord's Supper, are offered at all services.

Beginning on May 31st, the Sunday after Memorial Day, we will move to a simpler summer schedule through August.

Northwood will offer one traditional service over the summer at 10:30 AM. Those wishing to ride the church van may continue to make calls on Friday for transportation to this service. The contemporary service will take place at 9:00 AM over the summer.

There is something for everyone at Northwood Presbyterian Church and we welcome you to worship with us.

Congratulations, Graduates!



Katie Dye
 Graduating from UCF with a degree in anthropology. Continue working at Disney.



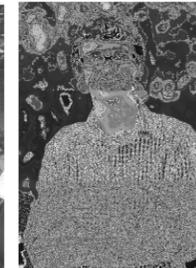
Eric Gajentan
 Graduating from UF with a BS in Nuclear Engineering. Commissioned as an Army 2nd Lieutenant and will transfer to an Engineering unit in SC.



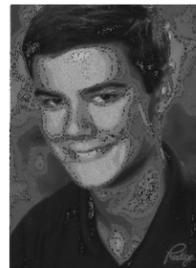
Kathleen O'Leary
 Graduating from UF with a BA in English & History. Beginning a year-long internship at the John Fitzgerald Kennedy National Historic Site in Boston.



Haley Parker
 Graduating from USF with a BS in Accounting. Attending USF's Masters of Accountancy program in the Fall.



Eric Briggs
 Graduating from East Lake Engineering Academy. Attending UCF School of Engineering for Mechanical Engineering.



Scott Curkan
 Graduating from Countryside High School. Attending FSU, majoring in Engineering.



Katelyn Nelson
 Graduating from Sickles High School. Attending UF, majoring in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation.



Jeremy Stephen
 Graduating from East Lake High School. Attending UCF Majoring in Mechanical Engineering.



Emily Thompson
 Graduating from Alonzo High School. Attending the UF majoring in Biomedical Engineering.



Dallas Voytko
 Graduating from McLean HS in McLean, VA. Attending SPC for a year, then FGCU to major in Marketing.

At A Glance

May 19, 2015

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, May 24:
Day of Pentecost
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, May 25:
 Memorial Day, Office Closed

Sunday, May 31:
SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINS
Trinity Sunday
Graduate Recognition
 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 7:
 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 14:
 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 21:
 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 28:
 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
 10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

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The Window

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 Edited by Katie Pacana

Submissions:
 If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail Katie@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Katie Pacana's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

E-News:
 If you are interested in receiving the bi-weekly Monitor via our e-news system, please send an email with your name and request to Katie@northwoodpc.org.

Building Renovation

Dear Northwood Family,

In February I shared information with you about the planned renovations to the Pre-school and Church restrooms located in the main building. Since that time, the bid process has been completed and the bid awarded to the Coastal Reconstruction Group. Demolition of the existing space will begin on Tuesday, May 26.

I want to thank you for your faithful support of this much needed renovation and the many ways it will help us accommodate all those who come here to grow in faith. As of today, we have pledges (some fully paid and some still outstanding to be paid by yearend) and non-pledge gifts (already received) totaling the estimated \$80,000 cost that was projected when this process began. This is a wonderful accomplishment all to the glory of God. Without your faithfulness we could not have moved forward.

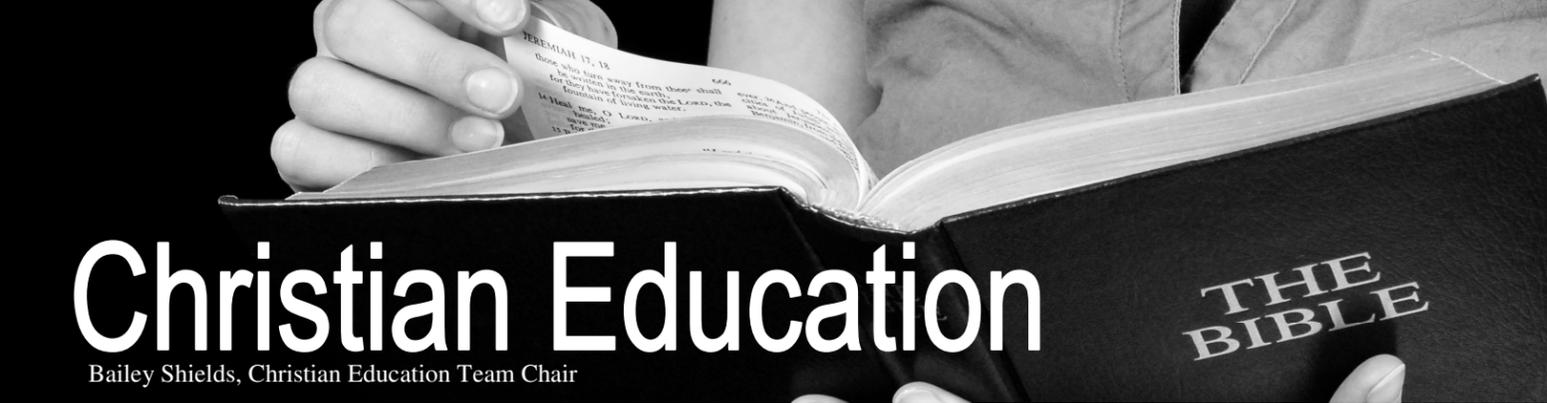
Now, if you've ever done a project like this at your own home, you know how these things unfold. The costs that you began to identify in that very first trip to Home Depot or Lowes came more and more into focus as the tradesmen needed were identified and the time to complete the project was nailed down. Our project, here at the church, is no different. The lowest and best bid that came to the table was from the Coastal Reconstruction Group for \$108,000.00. With this information in hand, the Stewardship/Property/Finance Ministry Team agreed to move forward with purpose and in faith knowing that we could essentially borrow the money from ourselves with no need to seek outside financing. Your church is financially healthy and we are very blessed that this is an option.

However, one of the ways we remain financially healthy is to make you, our members and friends, aware of our financial needs so that you might respond as you personally are lead to do. We have a \$28,000 gap between pledges/gifts and the amount of the contract. Whether you have completed a pledge specifically to the building renovation fund, are in the process of doing so or have yet to do so, we invite you to prayerfully consider helping to fill the gap with an additional pledge or gift as you feel led. Again, thank you and if you would like a pledge card or information about how to make your gift online, please call the church office. If you'd simply like to make an additional gift, please mark your check or envelope for the "Building Renovation Fund."

Please remember that in general, during the time of construction, there will be no access to the Library, the Pre-School classrooms or Pre-School office, the children's playground and the Men's or Women's restrooms in the main building. From time to time, parts of the side walk between the church office and the playground will be closed as well. We ask for your patience. Once the construction begins, those areas must be available to the contractor so that the work is not delayed but more importantly, for the ongoing safety and protection of all involved. Restrooms will be available in the Church Office and in the Family Life Center. Additional signage will be in place to help direct you to these areas.

Chris Hurst
 Business Administrator

Northwood Presbyterian Church Schedule of Work-Building Renovation, Phase 2	
Asbestos Report	Completed
Advertisement/Bid Notice	Completed
Pre-Bid Walk Through	Completed
Bid Date	Completed
Receipt of Contract with Notice to Proceed	Completed
Construction Start	May 26
Substantial Completion-Walk Thru & Punch List	August 14
Final Completion	August 24



Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

“CHEW ON THAT!”

Adult Summer Fellowship/Conversation Opportunity

“CHEW ON THAT!” provides a time and place to love each other, eat and have scripture driven “Chew” on some out-of-the-ordinary topics. We will be meeting from 9:45 AM – 10:25 AM on June 14, June 28, July 12, July 26, August 9 and August 23. Join us as we share love and concern, delicious nibbles, and thoughts on such things as angels, remembrance, miracles - to name just 3 topics. Our conversations will be guided and/or nudged along by Carol Justice.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR SUMMER

9:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year), Room 16

Join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.

1st - 5th Grades, Rooms 8 & 10

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to rooms 8 & 10.

10:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Children of NPC have the opportunity to worship with their parent or guardian. Regular Sunday school class is during the 9:00 hour, see above schedule. Nursery is available for children ages birth – 2nd grade if needed.

Children Welcome to the Lord's Table

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. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

Our class meets for the last time this school year on Sunday, May 24. We will break for summer. See you in the fall!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—We are on summer break! We look forward to meeting again in the Fall!

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—We are on summer break! Look for us at Rally Day in September!



Youth & Young Adults

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults ~ Cindy Huffman, Team Chair

Northwood Scholarship Application Time

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Katie Pacana in the church office now or go online to www.northwoodpc.org/forms. Applications must be received by June 1, 2015. 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.

Youth Highlights

Friday, May 22:

- Game Night 7-10 P.M.

Sunday, May 24:

- Youth Group 5-6:30 P.M.

Friday, May 29

- Game Night 7-10 P.M.

Sunday, May 31:

- End of the Year Youth Banquet 5-6:30 P.M.

Friday, June 5:

- Game Night 7-10 P.M.

Sunday, June 7:

- No Youth Group



Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

Undeclared!

Vacation Bible School Sports Camp

We are excited to be preparing for the 2015 VBS Sports Camp to be held June 15-19 from 9 a.m. to Noon at Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor. If you would like to help, please consider donating some of the needs listed below! Donated items can be placed in the collection box by the Noah's Ark table.

Non Perishable Items

~~600 Small Bottled Waters, 8-10 oz (24pk @ Aldi for \$2.49)~~

120 Chewy granola bars (no peanuts)

~~120 Popsicles~~

5 Gallon Boxes Goldfish crackers

120 cups Trail mix (no peanuts)

~~120 cups Popcorn~~

2 24 Quart cans Gatorade Mix (\$8.38 each at Wal-Mart)

Non-Food Items

~~10 Rolls of paper towels~~

8 Bags of Sand (to weigh down basketball hoops)

~~1 Basketball hoop & stand to borrow for the week~~

Perishables

We are in need of monetary donations for perishables to be purchased the week before VBS. These items include apples, bananas and cheese sticks. Please put donations in an envelope marked VBS and place it in the collection plate or safe.

NPC Children's Summer Music Camp

Who: Children rising into 3rd-6th grade

What: Summer Music Camp

When: August 17-21; M-F, 9-12:00; Performance Friday, 8/21, 6:30 PM

Where: NPC sanctuary

Cost: \$30

Cast: Limited to 20 children! Sign up soon to hold your spot!

Auditions: June. You will know your part and/or solo before camp begins.

Youth Help Needed: With snack, sound, lights, kid control, game help, poster board, etc.

Contact: Stephanie Carson;

Stephanie@northwoodpc.org; 796-8090

VBS Sports Camp

Registration is open!!! Please go to northwoodpc.org and sign up for Sports Camp. June 15-19 from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Northwood is grateful that Presbyterian Church of Palm Harbor is going to host this amazing camp!

Summer Sunday School

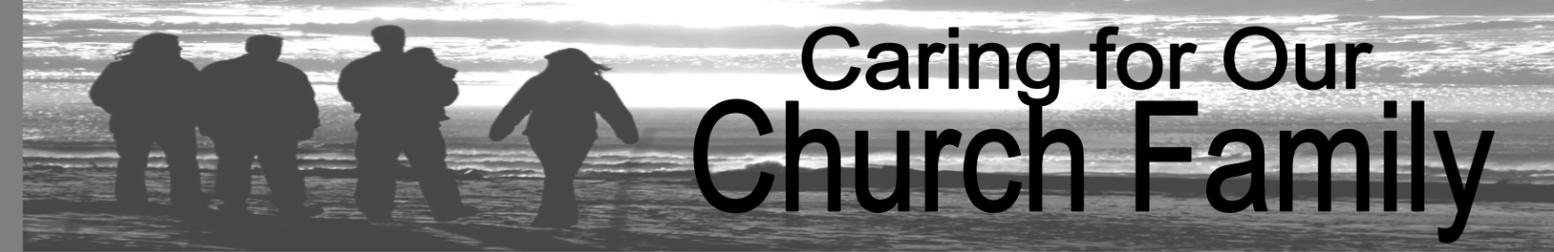
Can you believe that summer is upon us? The children's Sunday school is in need of summer teachers. We give our teachers a break during the summer months. If you can teach one Sunday during the summer months please contact Justine Ruisz.



Congratulations to our Confirmands

On Easter Sunday, we welcomed seven youth into Membership in the church. The youth went through an 8-week class that included a trip to Cedarkirk for a weekend retreat as well as attendance at a Session Meeting. Classes included the study of the Presbyterian Church, Worship, Old and New Testaments, and more. Congratulations, Confirmation class of 2015! Pictured Left to right: Lindsey Peterson, Heather Wood, Sarah Flaherty, David Hamilton (bottom), Jarrett Mattson, William Warren, and Drew Hatch. The class was facilitated by Troy Harris (back).

Around Northwood



Caring for Our Church Family

Office Angels Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the church office during the week. Weekdays are split into two shifts—9-12:30 and 12:30-4. We have openings for Monday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, every other Friday morning, and substitutes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katie Pacana at 796-8090. Duties include answering phones, assisting with the food pantry, sorting mail, and other administrative duties. Training is available.

Newsletter Assemblers Needed

Are you interested in joining the Newsletter Assemblers? We are a fun group who meets at 9:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month to fold, seal and label all 650+ newsletters. We could use a few extra hands to help! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Katie Pacana in the church office (727-796-8090).

PREMIERE OF "GLORIA!"

Northwood will host the premiere of a new choral work, "Gloria!" sung by a community chorus lead by Rob Knabel (director at Heritage UMC) with Tom Huffman at the organ. This free event will be Sunday, May 31 at 3:00 p.m. The composer, Nancy Deussen from California will be present. All are welcome.

Meals on Wheels

The Northwood Meals on Wheels group needs help the 1st, 3rd and 5th Wednesdays of the month! We start at 10:30 am and deliver from Palm Harbor to SR 580. If you think you'd like to get involved, contact Nancy Johnson at 727-366-7705 or njohnso1472@gmail.com.

Memorial Service for William (Bill) Blair

A memorial service for William (Bill) Blair, husband of Agnes Blair and member of Northwood Presbyterian Church, will be held Saturday, June 13, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. here at the church. A reception will follow in rooms 4, 5, 6 & 7.

Deacon's Hurricane Ministry

Hurricane Season begins June 1. Go to www.baynews9.com, click on "Weather," and under "Hurricane Center" find all the information you need to prepare. If evacuation is necessary, we need volunteers to share their homes. If you are willing, please contact Sue Miskiewicz at (727) 799-6767 or email her at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com, and type in the subject "Hurricane Request." Please include your name, address, phone number and how many you can accommodate.

Little Dresses for Haiti

The Project Day Group is currently sewing little dresses for To Haiti With Love, a charity which has a burn clinic and mission in Cape Haitian, Haiti. We need donations of fabric for dresses and bias tape. If you would like to help sew little dresses you may download a pattern at: https://www.nancysnotions.com/text/pdf/LittleDressesforAfrica_pattern.pdf

We will be collecting the dresses for the charity's annual Christmas in August event. Look for the picture and story about the dresses on the Presbyterian Women bulletin board. The pattern for the dresses is also on the bulletin board. For information call Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

Communion For You!

If you or someone you know is unable to get out to church for communion, we would be happy to bring Home Communion to you, even if it is just for a few weeks. We want you to know that the church cares about you and would like to provide this connection of love and care to you through the sacrament of Holy Communion with Jesus. No preparation on your part is needed, we bring everything. We visit homes, rehab centers, hospitals, etc. For more information or an appointment, please call Barbara Schlerf at 727-771-1998.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Burt & Dottie Benziger; Larry Cornillaud; Kimberly Corrello; Doris Croasmun; Shirley Gleason; Hugh Gott; Fred Inkles; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Diane Luke; Lois Marsh; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian & Walter Rather; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot, Barbara Yontek.

Please keep the following who are serving in the military in your prayers. Addresses have been included should you wish to send cards of support.

Capt. Daniel Doverspike
2044 Pratt Court
Evanston, Illinois 60201-3116

Our Sympathies and Prayers go out to:

- Agnes Blair and family on the death of her husband, William Blair, on April 21, 2015. A memorial service will be held Saturday, June 13 at 11 a.m. at NPC.
- The family of Cecilia Lostroh who died on April 27, 2015.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of:

Jean Dayes

Doris Peterson

Ron Duffey

Bob Moler

In Honor of:

Jane Sutton

Given by:

Pamela Sores

Hugh Veira

Ray Veira

Diane Musto

Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler

Robert & Marlene Moore

Howard & Barbara Fischer

Given by:

Jane Urban

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

VITALS

Weather: Warm & Sunny

Sunday, May 10, 2015

Mother's Day

(8:15)	140
(9:30)	167
(11:00)	125
Total:	432

THANKS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

For Haiti With Love

Thank you so very much for your continued support of the Lord's work. In His Love,
Eva

Religious Community Services

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00 to RCS. Your commitment to helping people right here in Pinellas County is sincerely appreciated. Your gift will be used to feed hungry people, help families facing homelessness return to self-sufficiency and empower the survivors of domestic violence. Sincerely,
Jeff Muller, Chair, RCS Board of Directors

Religious Community Services

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1987.75 to RCS. RCS is blessed to have the support of Northwood and others that provide Help and Hope to people in need. Sincerely,
Caitlin Higgins Joy, President/CEO

Beth-El

Thank you for your donation of \$350.00. It is quite important to those we serve! Blessings,
Dave Moore, Executive Director

Thornwell Home for Children

Your April gift of \$250.00 is already making a difference in the life of a child! Your gift is at work helping to provide safe and loving homes for children who need them and outreach services to families in crisis trying to stay together. Thank you and thanks be to God! Gratefully,
Louise Cooper, VP for Mission Advancement

Isaiah's Inn, Inc.

Dear Members of Northwood,
Thank you for your generous gift of two checks in April totaling \$1230. We had 44 families housed in April. We need and appreciated your support! Very truly yours,
Robert E. Crown, President

Thank You, TCI

Thank you so much to the TCI Sunday School Class for the most generous donation of over 150 canned goods. This contribution came at a time when the NPC food pantry was at a critically low point and it was true blessing. Thank you again for thinking of people in our community that would otherwise go hungry. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

~The Northwood Mission and Outreach Ministry

