

### Fun! Friends! Friday!

Ren Crew 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on March 10 at 10:30 in rooms 9 & 11. The theme this year is, "Windows to the World." Art Holloway will share his experiences from his trip to China. Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Rodies Restaurant. Come join us as we share fun with friends, old and new. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

### Sing the Easter Cantata!

Our cantata this year will be on Palm Sunday, **April 9 at 4:00 P.M.** We will celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem that Sunday morning and move into Holy Week on Sunday afternoon. There will be extra instruments, handbells and youth and children singing. It is based around familiar folk songs and will be a very moving event. What will make it even better is extra voices in our Chancel Choir. We welcome all voice parts! Your commitment is only 6 Wednesdays for 45 minutes and two extra rehearsals, in addition to the performance. Wednesday evening rehearsals begin Ash Wednesday, **March 1** (after the worship service) from 7:30-8:15, and each Wednesday after that until the cantata. Dress rehearsal is Saturday morning, **April 8** from 10:00-11:30. Please consider joining us as singing in a choir is very rewarding - both musically and spiritually - and we have a lot of fun. Please contact Stephanie Carson, [Stephanie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Stephanie@northwoodpc.org) or 727-796-8090.

### Plumbing Concerns

We have been having some plumbing problems which unfortunately are the worst on Sunday mornings. We are working to resolve the issue, but in the meantime, we are asking for your help. Please do not put anything other than toilet paper in the toilets when using the restroom. Hand towels, baby/adult wipes, feminine hygiene products and similar paper products easily clog the existing sewer line. If you have children, please be sure they are following these guidelines as well until we are able to have work completed that will correct the problem. Thank you for your understanding and your cooperation.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS- February 26, 2017

### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. Each week's sermon is available for you in a printed booklet in the narthex as well as a video on our website at [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org). To learn more about our church we have our Discovering Northwood class **Sunday, March 26 in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 10:45am-12:00pm**. For more information contact Tracy Donovan at [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org) or the church office 796-8090.

## Get Involved

### Ash Wednesday Service

There will be an Ash Wednesday Service after our Wonderful Wednesday Dinner on **March 1**. Dinner is at 6:00 pm and the Ash Wednesday Service begins at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary.

### Wonderful Wednesdays at Northwood

Come and get involved in a Wonderful Wednesday activity! It is a busy day at Northwood, filled with fellowship and friends! Here is some of what is going on each Wednesday.

- **WAY Dinners**- March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29  
(sign up using the blue reservation form by Noon on the Monday before the dinner.)
- Lenten series, "**Who Is Jesus?**" by Pastor Chris Curvin.  
(6:40-7:15 pm starting March 8)
- **King's Kids**, our weekly program for children ages 3 years old-5th grade. (4:00- 5:45 pm)
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsal 7:30-9:00 pm.

For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at (727) 796-8090.

### Blood Drive

Our Blood Drive is TODAY! All donors will receive a OneBlood long sleeve t-shirt and a wellness checkup, including blood pressure, temperature, iron count and cholesterol screening.

## Children's Ministry

### Spring Bash

Spring Bash at Cedarkirk, for children 3rd-5th grade, has been changed to **May 5-6**. Please contact Justine for more information or to reserve your spot.

### King's Kids

King's Kids will meet every Wednesday, through March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is our Wednesday program for children ages 3-5th grade. It runs from 4:00-5:45 p.m. during the school year. This is a mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment, and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God.

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

Children, ages birth - 5<sup>th</sup> grade, are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 A.M. Save the date!

### Vacation Bible School

Save the date! June 26-30

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



## Youth Ministry

**Sun, Feb. 26** Sunday School and Confirmation 9:30 to 10:30  
Youth Group 5:00am to 6:30pm

### 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

**Please send articles for all publications to Tracy Donovan at**  
[Communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Communications@northwoodpc.org).

## Our Sympathy

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to Norm Phillips and his family on news of the death of Norm's sister, Betty Sweetland on February 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Dinner for 6-7-8

Last Call! Sign up TODAY! Dinner for 6-7-8 is about to re-form groups and we'd really like YOU to join us. If you enjoy good food, good fellowship and getting to know your church family better, then sign up today. It is not a lot of work for any one person, the host provides the main course and guest bring side dishes as requested by the host. The host changes each week. For further information call Martha Tobiassen (727) 669-5517.

## Pretzel Sunday

Pretzel Sunday is coming next Sunday, **March 5**. Hot baked pretzels will be served from the kitchen during the fellowship time between services!



In about 610 A.D. a very creative Alpine Monk decided to make use of the pieces of dough left over from baking bread. The monk formed them into thin strips folded into a looped twist to represent the folded arms of children in prayer. This scrumptious treat was given to the children as they learned their prayers. They began calling the treat "Pretiola", which is Latin for "little reward". Soon it was known the world over as a pretzel.

Many churches still practice the tradition of a Pretzel Sunday, some the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and some on the first Sunday in Lent to remind people to be in prayer as we journey through Lent to Easter. So, every time you see a pretzel, remember prayer.

## Kids' Corner Preschool Position Openings

Employment opportunity for a NCC Before/After Care program. Seeking a group leader to work with elementary school children grades K-5. Morning hours 7-9. Afternoon hours 2-6. Will consider hiring for morning or afternoon shift if candidate cannot do both. Flexible summer camp hours also available. Contact Laura Woodard at 727-723-7679 for further information.