

## Composer Weekend- February 27-28



Composer, pianist, and extraordinary musician, Joseph M. Martin will be with us here at Northwood the last weekend of February. Our singers will have the privilege of working with Mr. Martin on Saturday as we prepare anthems for Sunday morning and a Sunday afternoon concert of his music at 4:00 p.m. It would be safe to say that his music can be heard in hundreds of churches every Sunday morning as he is the most prolific composer of sacred music in the world—writing under many pseudonyms. Joseph is a world-class pianist and brings humor and wit to the stage as he presents his music. Mark your calendars—you will not want to miss this!

## *—Get Involved—*

### Wonderful Wednesdays- Invite a Friend



Join us for our Wednesday night dinners! This series is a great way for you to introduce a friend to Northwood. If you invite any friends who are new to Northwood, their first dinner will be free! Sign them up on the pink First-Time Guest reservation form. The dinners are **February 17, 24, March 2, 9 & 16.**



### Dinner 6-7-8

If you enjoy great company, new friends and good fellowship over dinner, then sign up today on the sheet across from the kitchen. New groups will be formed in March and we'd love to have YOU join us. For further information call Martha Tobiassen at (727) 669-5517.

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



## ANNOUNCEMENTS – February 14, 2016

### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. To learn more about our church we have our Discovering Northwood class **Sunday, March 13** in **room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 10:45am-12:00pm**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin at [chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org](mailto:chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org) or Tracy Donovan at [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org) or the church office 796-8090.

## *—Upcoming Events—*



### Pretzel Sunday

Today, the first Sunday in Lent, is Pretzel Sunday at Northwood. 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.

## —Upcoming Events continued—



### Wednesday Night Class

The CE Ministry Team is starting a class, "Is Truth a Matter of Opinion" to be held after the Wednesday dinners at 6:30 p.m. on **March 2, 9, 16** and a final class with potluck on **March 23**.

The classes will be led by Professor Michael Jahowsky.



### Wonderful Wednesday Dinners

Mark your calendars, the Wonderful Wednesday Dinners are **February 17, 24, March 2, 9 & 16**. Use the pink reservation form to sign up and use the guest side to reserve a free first-time guest meal for a friend! Don't forget to make your reservations by Noon on Monday of each week before the meal. The meal is 6:00–6:40 p.m. with a Lenten series by Pastor Chris Curvin, "Living with the Mind of Christ" following the meal, 6:40-7:15 p.m. Call the office if you have any other questions, (727) 796-8090.

### Women's Ministry Bible Study

Enrich your experience of Lent by spending time in God's Word!  
Come to the Waters

2015-2016 Presbyterian Women's Bible Study:

**Tuesday, March 1**, 9:00am, rooms 5-7

**Tuesday, March 8**, 9:30am, rooms 5-7

**Monday, March 14**, 1:00pm, member home

**Monday, March 21**, 7:00pm, rooms 5-7

One Simple Act, Discovering the Power of Generosity  
by Debbie Macomber

**Friday, March 4**, 10:30am, rooms 4-6

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

## Youth Upcoming Events

### **Sunday, February 14:**

Come putt-putt at Congo River with us from 5:00-6:30. Meet at church. Cost is \$8.00.

### **Friday, February 19:**

Game Night 7:00– 10:00 pm in youth room/gym

### **Youth Pancake Breakfast- Sunday, March 6**

Everyone is invited to come enjoy an awesome breakfast to help raise funds for this summer's mission projects. Money raised will help fund our summer mission trip to Alabama as well as the local work that we will be doing in our community with the youth.

### **Youth Week- March 21-25**

Watch the bulletin for upcoming details!

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## Children's Upcoming Events

### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Join us early this year on **Saturday, March 12** at 10:00 a.m. for our 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt. Children birth-5th grade and their families are invited to hunt for eggs and then share in a time of fellowship.

### **Spring Bash 2016**

Children 3rd-5th grades are invited to Cedarkirk, **April 15-16**. If you are interested in sending your child(ren) or for more information contact Justine Ruisz.

### **VBS**

Vacation Bible School will be **June 20-24**, if you are interested in helping please let Justine know.

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