

WE NEED VAN DRIVERS!!!! We are in need of van drivers to serve in either a monthly rotation or as substitutes. Van drivers are responsible for picking up church members from around the area, bringing them to the 11:00 AM Service, and taking them home. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Cynthia Lawrence at 736-3919.

SUMMER MUSIC CAMP!!

Who: Kids rising into 3rd grade thru kids rising into 6th grade

What: We learn and perform a Christian musical, play music games, & have snack!

When: 8/12 – 8/16

Time: M-F 9-12:00 + Friday evening dinner/performance, 8/16
(extra nominal cost for dinner)

Cost: \$25 for the week

How many: Limited to 25

Why: Because it's fun to perform and give our gifts back to God!!

How: Email or call me to reserve your spot!

stephanie@northwoodpc.org; 796-8090

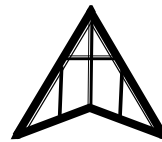
NORTHWOOD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME

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. Applications are due May 1, 2013. See form for requirements.

NURSERY WORKER NEEDED (minimum part time) Responsible for caring for babies and children up to five years of age. Must have experience and pass a background check. Hours vary on Sunday mornings between 8 a.m. and noon and on some Wednesday afternoons and evenings between 3:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Other events of the church may require additional hours. Contact Alice Beck for more information.

THE PASCHAL CANDLE Many Presbyterian churches use candles in worship. Today on the chancel is a very large candle that symbolizes both the pillar of fire that led Israel by night and the risen Lord who stands among us at Easter. This large candle sits tall and it bears a light and witness to the risen Christ.

The candle is called the *paschal candle*. "Pasch" comes from the Hebrew word "pesah," meaning deliverance or Passover -- thus connecting the Resurrection to the Exodus. The candle is first used on Easter and continues at each service through the Great Fifty Days—Easter through Pentecost. It is also appropriate to light it at initiation rites such as baptism, confirmation and ordinations as well as at funerals.



Loyal to His Church
"Count on Me!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS—April 21, 2013

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. Our Discovering Northwood class is for newcomers as well as those of us who have been around awhile to simply learn more about us or to become a member of our church family.

The next Discovering Northwood class will be **May 19th in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 11:00 am-12:00 pm**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin, at ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org or Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana, at Katie@Northwoodpc.org. Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

CONYERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST & COFFEE!!!

Join us **TODAY** for a delicious pancake breakfast in Rooms 4, 5, 6, & 7! The breakfast is by donation only and all proceeds will go directly toward the 2013 Conyers Mission Team. This will also be the last chance to register! We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you there!

"ABOUT BEING PRESBYTERIAN"

Two gatherings will be held to discuss and share information about what it means to be Presbyterian in 2013 and proposed changes for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay.

Gathering #1—Wednesday, April 24th, 6:00pm

Gathering #2—Tuesday, April 30th, 11:00am

NIGHT OUT AT BRIGHT HOUSE FIELD, FRIDAY, MAY 3RD

Sign up to take your family to see the Clearwater Threshers take on the Tampa Yankees. First pitch is at 6:30 and there will be fireworks after the game. The cost is only \$5.00 per person. SO sign up today on the bulletin board outside the Kitchen and enjoy an evening with your fellow congregants! Contact Chris Hurst with questions, 796-8090.

Per Capita Apportionment Envelopes are in the Pews!

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 2013 will be approximately \$24.00 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. Thank you for your gift.

2014 WOMEN'S RETREAT!!

Be sure to put this date on the calendar for next year's Women's Retreat – February 7th – 9th!! More info to follow at a later date!!

THE HONDURAS MISSION TEAM is collecting school supplies for the kids in Honduras. We need crayons, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, and children's scissors. There is a blue bin in the entryway by the bookshelf to drop donations. We are also in need of large military style duffle bags or rolling suitcases to transport supplies. Duffle bags and suitcases can be dropped off in Pastor Chris's office. Thank you!



Search Committee for Director of Children's Ministry

The committee has been reviewing applications and conducting interviews. Updates will be communicated as we proceed with this search. Joan Baker, Search Committee Chair.

Presbyterian Women

Everyone is invited to the PW Installation Service, Covered Dish Luncheon, and Annual Birthday Party on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, starting at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary. Luncheon follows the ceremony. Bring a dish to share. Beverages and Birthday cake are provided! Questions? Contact Marian Hill, 723-3433.

Deacon's Hurricane Ministry Hurricane Season begins June 1. The predictions this year say we could see 18 named tropical storms, with 9 forming into hurricanes and 4 increasing to major hurricanes. Go to www.baynews9.com & click on "Weather", then under "Hurricane Center" you will find all the information you need to prepare. If evacuation is necessary, the NPC Hurricane Ministry is asking for volunteers who would like to share their homes. If you are willing to make this kind gesture, please contact Ed Puschmann at (727)773-0764 or email him at edjudi@tampabay.rr.com, and type in the subject "Hurricane Request." Please include your name, address, phone number and how many people you can accommodate.

Northwood Meals on Wheels Needs Drivers! Have you been looking for a way to share God's love with your fellow neighbor? Currently, we have an opening for a driver on the first Tuesday of each month. For more information call Blanche Parsons, 813-814-0818.

News About Our Children's Ministries

King's Kids: End of the Year Wild West Party

This Wednesday, 4/24 from 4:30-6 p.m.

Choir 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Party 5:00-6:00 p.m.

(Parents to attend unless you are in the B/A School Program)

Please Sign Up on the Noah's Ark bulletin Board to bring food or drink!

Vacation Bible School: Save the Date – June 24-28, 2013

Registration opened April 1, 2013 for all!

The Director Team: Marilyn Cromwell, Marcy Kemerer, Susan Curry & Pam Wood

Wanted: Donation Needs List coming in May!

Important Dates:

Sunday, 6/2, 12:30-2pm **All Staff & Youth Guide Meeting (BYOL)**

Set Up Crew:

Friday, 6/19, 12-2 p.m., Set-up Classrooms

Sunday, 6/21, 12-2 p.m., Set-Up Sanctuary

Friday, 6/24, 10 a.m.-12 p.m., Set-Up Sanctuary

**If you have any questions or would like to help with Sunday School, King's Kids, or VBS, please contact Marcy Kemerer at Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org, or call/text 727-455-2583.*

Youth Events

•**Sunday, April 21st:** Pancake Breakfast for Conyers

5-7pm Youth Group

•**Friday, April 26th:** 7-10pm Game Night

•**Sunday, April 29th:** 5-7pm Youth Group

Middle & High School Christian Education: Sundays 9:30 & 11:00

CONYERS IS JUNE 9th-15th! TODAY is the last day to sign up by filling out the information form on the Youth Bulletin Board and turning it in to Troy. We could use 1 more male and 1 more female adult chaperone.

VBS Youth Guide Registration Has Begun! Look for forms on the Bulletin Board or sign up online: www.northwoodpc.org. Training will be May 5th (12-1:30pm) or May 17th (6-7:30). Contact: Pam Wood.

*Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults
YouthMinistry@Northwoodpc.org, 796-8090*



Library Good News!!! We're preparing new books & DVD's for you to borrow. If you still have books and DVD's out, please return them as soon as possible. Check it out!!