

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 or download them online at www.northwoodpc.org. Applications must be received by June 1, 2014. 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.

Devotions for Lent

If you haven't already, be sure to pick up your copy of "Devotions for Lent" as prepared by your staff, Elders, Deacons and other leaders of the church. If you haven't started yet, don't worry! You can easily catch up! Devotions are short and can be read in five minutes or less! We hope you benefit from these insights it to scripture during your Lenten journey!

Musical Offering

Marty Haugen/Mark Hayes

"Shepherd Me, O God"
Westminster Youth Choir

*Shepherd me, O God, beyond my wants,
beyond my fears, from death into life.*

*God is my shepherd, so nothing shall I want;
I rest in the meadows of faithfulness and love;
I walk by the quiet waters of peace.*

*Gently you raise me and heal my weary soul;
you lead me by pathways of righteousness and truth;
my spirit shall sing the music of your name.*

*Though I should wander the valley of death,
I fear no evil, for you are at my side;
your rod and your staff, my comfort and my hope.*

*You have set me a banquet of love in the face of hatred,
Crowning me with love beyond my power to hold.*

*Surely your kindness and mercy follow me all the days of my life;
I will dwell in the house of my God forevermore.*



ANNOUNCEMENTS—March 16, 2014

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 is **TODAY 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 or Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana, at Katie@Northwoodpc.org. Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

Gifts of Women Sunday

Today we celebrate the Gifts of Women. During Worship we will have a number of women in the congregation take part in leading us. You will notice their names printed in the bulletin, the first name will lead during the 8:15 service and the second during the 11:00 service; the 9:30 service is listed separately. We thank those responsible for organizing and those participating!

Welcome, Rev. Ginny Simmons Ellis

Today we welcome Rev. Ginny Simmons Ellis who is serving as Stated Supply Pastor at First Presbyterian Church in Safety Harbor. She has been in ministry for 33 years, having served one long-term pastorate of 19 years, and as interim pastor in many churches, notably at Northwood as Interim Associate Pastor in 2008-2009. Living in Tampa, Ginny is married to Harry Ellis, professor of Physics at Eckerd College; they have three grown children as well as five grandchildren.

Welcome!

CONCERT NOTICE

The Clearwater Bach Choir, under the direction of Carol Skinner Alexander, will present works by Mozart, Pachelbel, Palestrina and Bach TODAY at 3:00 P.M. at the First United Methodist Church, 411 Turner Street, Clearwater, accompanied by members of the Florida Orchestra and organist Tom Huffman. For more info, contact Tom Huffman (hufftom@aol.com).



News About Our Children's Ministries

Sunday School Classes: Over the next 3 months your children will be learning about Jesus' teachings and parables. The stories continue to take us on a Road to Easter. And finally they learn about Peter and how he changes from being wishy washy to having a strong faith foundation.

Spring Bash 2014: We have 10, 3rd – 5th Grade boys going to Cedar-kirk's Spring Bash on April 4th-5th. Campers have 24 hours to swim, zip-line, climb the rock wall, worship, play large-group games, do an arts and crafts project, eat some fantastic meals with new friends, and spend an adventurous night in a Rustic Cabin! Experience God and grow closer to your group at Spring Bash. Please pray for the children and chaperons as we plan and prepare for this wonderful experience.

VBS Happenings: VBS teacher meeting/training will be Tuesday, March 18th from 7-8:30pm in rooms 5 & 7.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org, 796-8090/ Cell- 641-8140

Youth Events

- **Youth Group Sunday, March 16:**
4:15-5pm Middle School
5-6pm Combined Middle & High School
6-6:45pm High School
- **Friday, March 21:**
7-10pm Game Night

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 9:30am and 11:00am in the Youth Room. Join us before or after the service you worship!

Conyers Registration:

Registration will begin soon for our annual Conyers Mission trip. Keep an eye out for important information, including deposit amount and deadline! If you have questions, contact Troy.

Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults

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Confirmation

Please continue to pray for our 2014 Confirmation Class—Amy Kemerer, Brie Mattheus, Kayla McDermott, Josh Luther, Jon-Jon Luther, Andrew Booth, AJ Hatch, Mitchell Johnston, Sydney Blackmore and Grace Michalk.

W.A.Y. Dinners

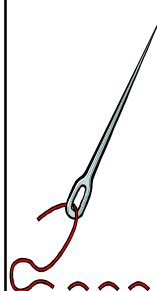
Remember to sign up for the next W.A.Y. Dinner on the friendship sheet, the board outside the Kitchen, or call the church office by noon on Monday to make your reservation!

Library

It's going to be Easter soon and you'll see books displayed to help prepare for Easter. Ask your parents about it. Check it out!



Do you sew?



The music ministry is in need of some sewing. Our robes are old and many are in need of zipper repair. The children and adult Biblical costumes are old and tattered. It would be wonderful to have some new ones. If someone would like to offer their services we would be very grateful! Please email or call Stephanie Carson. Thank you! (stephanie@northwoodpc.org ~ 727-796-8090)

Recycling

The proceeds from paper recycling via the blue dumpster at the church are still used to fund college scholarships. We welcome your newspapers for this worthwhile project!

Church Website

The staff would like to remind you to continually check back to the church website for information on upcoming events! The website is constantly changing and updating! Have something you'd like to put on the website? Contact Katie: Katie@northwoodpc.org.

Easter Lily Orders

We will begin accepting Easter Lily Orders in Honor of or in Memory of loved ones beginning Sunday, March 23rd. The last day to place orders will be Sunday, April 13. Information regarding cost will be available March 23rd.

COFFEE & COOKIE TIME BETWEEN SERVICES

We need your help! The Kitchen Krew is in need of volunteers to sign-up to serve coffee & cookies after the 8:15 service. It only takes about a ½ hour of your time. Thank you, Charlotte McQuown