

### Blood Drive, May 4, 2014

Mark your calendars for the next blood drive. Donate blood and save lives! And remember, May the Fourth be with you!

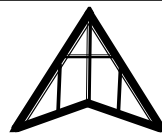
### Scholarship Application Time

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](http://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.

**Renaissance Crew 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Fellowship** will meet on **April 11 at 10:30 a.m. in rooms 9 & 11**. Back by popular demand for our April program is Northwood's organist extraordinaire, Tom Huffman. During this time of Lent, Tom will lead the group in looking at the background and meaning of some of the most frequently sung Lenten hymns and how they have encouraged the faith of people in the church down through the ages. Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Roadie's Restaurant. Come join us as we share fellowship, faith and inspiration together. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### We Have A New Tree!

Some of you noticed the dead tree on the pre-school playground. We had been watching it for more than a year with the hope that the downward trend it appeared to be on would reverse itself. But as our winter began to turn to spring it was apparent that even the smallest sign of life was gone. Since licensing for the school requires a certain amount of shade, either another tree or something manmade was required. This week, while the children have been on Spring Break, the dead tree was removed, a hole was dug and a new 24 foot, 10 inch caliper tree with a fourteen foot spread has been planted. The entire process has been fun to watch with special equipment being brought on campus for each of the steps. Now the time of care and nurturing for the tree that started at the nursery will be continued with us. Be sure you take a look at our beautiful new tree when you pass by the playground. Thank you for your generous support of the ministry and mission of our church. Your gifts make projects like this possible.



Loyal to His Church  
"Count on Me!"

### ANNOUNCEMENTS—March 23, 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 **May 18 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 Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana, at [Katie@Northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@Northwoodpc.org). Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

### One Great Hour of Sharing, Easter Sunday

For more than 50 years through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, the refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter, those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding, and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. This year 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries RCS and Isaiah's Inn, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. The hundreds of millions given over the last half century have enabled a powerful witness to the love of the One who came that all might have life more abundantly.

### Summer Music Camp for Rising 3rd-Rising 6th Graders

Reserve your spot for Summer Music Camp! It takes place the week before school resumes, August 11-15, 9-12:00. The cost is \$25 for the entire week! We learn a Christian Musical and perform it, play music games, have snack and fellowship. There will be auditions for parts as we get closer and the cast is limited to 25 children, so sign up now by emailing Stephanie Carson.

[stephanie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:stephanie@northwoodpc.org).

### ORDER EASTER LILIES NOW—\$9.00 EACH

Purchase an Easter lily to decorate for the Easter worship services on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one. Then take your lily home after the 11:00 service. The cost is \$9. Please place your check (designated "Easter Lily") in the offering plate or drop off in the church office by Palm Sunday, April 13, with the following form completed:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Ph. # \_\_\_\_\_

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

## 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 12, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade boys going to Cedarkirk's Spring Bash on April 4<sup>th</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. 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 Donations:

Items to be collected:

- Fruit and soup cans- emptied, cleaned and wrappers off.
- Tuna cans – emptied, cleaned and wrappers off.
- 70 Paper towel rolls
- Duct Tape – decorative and colorful
- Old hardware- nuts, wing nuts, electrical wire (multicolored), metal shower rings and wire nuts.

Donated items can be placed in the collection box by the robot in front of the Noah's Ark table.

**Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry**

[Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org), 796-8090/ Cell- 641-8140

## 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](mailto:Katie@northwoodpc.org).

## Youth Events

- **Youth Group Sunday, March 30:**  
NO YOUTH GROUP
- **Friday, April 4:**  
NO GAME NIGHT
- **Youth Group Sunday, April 6:**  
4:15-5pm Middle School  
5-6pm Combined Middle & High School  
6-6:45pm High School

**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 forms are now available in the youth room and on the youth bulletin board. The cost is \$200 per person. Sign up and place your deposit TODAY!

**Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults**

[troyharris1962@yahoo.com](mailto:troyharris1962@yahoo.com), 366-7762

## 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.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

**LENTEN CANTATA, APRIL 13, 4 PM**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 7 PM**

Joint service at Heritage UMC with Northwood PC

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18, 12:00 NOON**

Joint service at Northwood PC with Heritage UMC

**EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 20** (Nursery available)

8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Services—Sanctuary

9:30 AM Contemporary Service

(Outside, weather permitting; bring lawn chairs or a blanket)

The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering will be received

**Remember to bring your flowers for the cross.  
Photos Available at Floral Cross after services.**

