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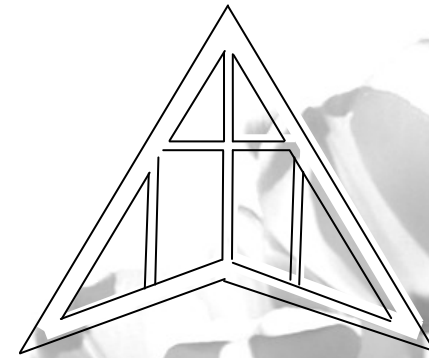
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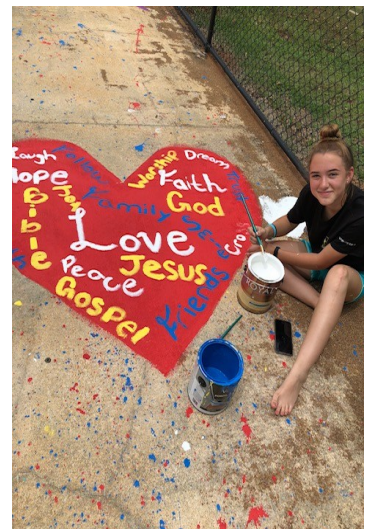
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Citylight High School Youth Mission Trip

June 23rd-27th, our high school students and chaperones spent the week worshipping with 1000 other youth at Student Life's Shocco Springs Mission Camp in Talladega, AL. They worked daily at the Presbyterian Home for Children, painting the playground walkway with bright colors. Our artistic kids were incredible!



Presbyterian Women Welcome New Honorary Life Member



Congratulations to Sue Miskiewicz who was awarded an Honorary Life Membership at the Annual Presbyterian Women's Installation Service held on May 7th.

Sue was recognized for her many contributions to Northwood including leadership of Blanket Sunday and Presbyterian Women; participation in home communion and meals on wheels delivery; leadership as a deacon and worship minister at monthly Palm Gardens Services. Sue joins an esteemed group of women who have faithfully and generously served our church. Sue received a certificate and pin and her name has been added to the plaque in the narthex.

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

July 2019

Sunday, July 14:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, July 21:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, July 28:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 4:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 11:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, August 14:
Public School Resumes

Sunday, August 18:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service (outside)
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Church Office Schedule

For the summer, the church office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 8:30– 4:00 P.M. Regular Friday office hours will resume the week of August 12. Calls to the office on Fridays will be handled by the voicemail system and returned on Monday. If there is a pastoral emergency, the system will provide the phone number needed to reach Pastor Chris or Pastor Paul. We thank you for your cooperation as we adopt this temporary schedule.

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Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.



Thank You Music Volunteers!

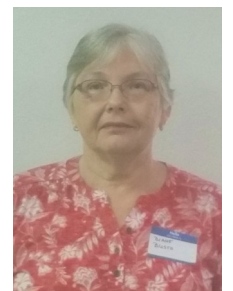
The Chancel Choir will be taking a few weeks break during the summer while the congregation enjoys the gifts of many soloists through July and mid-August. Some have inquired why the choir leaves after they sing at the 11:00 service. It is because many of them have been at church since 7:45 AM singing at both the 8:15 and 11:00 services. It is a long morning and we are very grateful for their time and talents. The bell choirs also take a summer break after rehearsing weekly and, when playing in worship, also play at all 3 services. The praise band, Voices In Praise, is the one group that continues through the summer with individual vacations being taken. God calls us to sing praise to the Lord. Paul urged the Ephesians, and us, to "Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord." Ephesians 5:18-20. Without you we wouldn't worship as well. With you we express our love to God through melody that visits us throughout the week. I thank God for you and for your gifts and willingness to share them!
Stephanie Carson

Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our new members that joined us for our June 2019
Discovering Northwood Class!



11:00
Barb Bozinski
Re-Affirmation of Faith



11:00
Diane Busto
Re-Affirmation of Faith

Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Hurricane Ministry

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during or after hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are able to share your home with members-in-need, please contact Cassandra Fredriksen at sonna.fredriksen@gmail.com or the church office at 727-796-8090. If emailing, please use the subject "Hurricane Volunteer." Please include your name, address, phone number, email address, number of people you can accommodate and whether you have pets.

With hurricane season approaching, we are all encouraged to prepare for a possible storm. A source for weather advisories is <https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/weather>.

This guide has valuable information for Pinellas County <http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/>.

Greeter Ministry

Northwood Presbyterian has a reputation for being a warm, friendly and welcoming church. Our Greeter Ministry plays a very important role in this reputation. Our greeters are volunteers who are the first point of contact for our visitors and members. Wouldn't you like to greet and be blessed as well? If you are interested in becoming involved in this very important ministry, please contact Polly Brown, the deacon responsible for greeters. She can be reached at 727 648- 4203 at home, 678 425-8556 cell or email ivbrown45@yahoo.com.

All-Church Retreat

The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 18-20, 2019. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Poster and brochures can be found on the bulletin board directly across from the kitchen. Deposits with room requests are being accepted. Sign up early for best choice of rooms! If you have any questions, contact Jeanne Stephen at Jeanneestephen@gmail.com.



Housing for Beth-El Student

Beth-El has a housing need for Lizseth, who is a Step Up for Success candidate. Liz will be starting at Aveda in late August for their 10 month master's program in cosmetology. Liz is 19, the oldest of three children. Her dad, Jesus, is Beth-El's property foreman, and her mom Caritina, frequently helps out with distributions to farm-workers in the fields and at the mission. They are a good Christian family with a strong sense of family values. Liz would be looking for housing Tuesday through Friday night beginning in August. She will be able to provide her own transportation to and from the salon. This is a big step for her family and knowing she has a safe place to stay would be a true blessing. If you are able to provide housing for one month or more, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or email at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients!

The Scholarship team met on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships:

First time applicants: Sydney Blackmore, Andrew Booth, Mitchell Johnston, Amy Kemerer, Jonathan Luther, Grace Michalk

Second year recipients: Joshua Luther
Grace Michalk was selected as the Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship recipient.

Funds Provided by: Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship, Walter and Catherine Gordon Scholarship, Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship, Monies received from other sources.

Beth-El Shoe Sunday

On Sunday, August 25th, Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or gently used shoes for the children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL. Beginning July 28th, there will be tubs in the church hallway to drop off your shoes. These shoes will be extremely helpful and appreciated as the kids and youth get ready to go back to school and for the farm workers as they prepare to continue their work in the fields this fall. Last time we collected over 400 pairs of shoes, plus a \$100 donation! Our goal this year is to be able to distribute at least 400 pairs of shoes to the families in the Beth-El community. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday.



Thank You for Collecting Pop Tabs



Northwood is collecting Pop Tabs from aluminum drinking cans to help raise money for the Shriners Children's Hospital. The Shriners maintain their hospitals by providing excellent loving caring for children with all expenses paid. They sell the Pop Tabs collected and use the funds to buy wheelchairs, crutches, etc as well as for crafts to keep the children busy as they recover from surgery, etc. You can help by bringing in your Pop Tabs to Northwood and placing them in one of the baskets on the bookshelf located inside the hallway closest to the glass doors by the playground. If you have any questions, please contact Loisanne Bilka at billb5143@aol.com. Every tab helps!

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Beth-El

Thank you for your support of our ministry. Your contribution to our scholarship fund helps Beth-El continue to provide the services so many in our community depend on.
Sincerely, Kathy Dain, Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for supporting Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties with your generous gift of \$640. To date, we have served 721 families in our community. Your support allows us to promote family stability through innovative housing solutions and helps us to create positive changes as we work toward our goal of eliminating sub-standard housing throughout the counties.
Mike Sutton, CEO

Countryside Rehab & Healthcare

Thank you so much for the beautiful lap robes, our residents will really appreciate them!
Evelyn Frank, Activities Director

Special Offerings

Thank you for your support to Special Offerings. Your congregation's giving, when combined with that of others, will share the love of Christ with those in need through ministries of compassion, advocacy, development, peacemaking, education and witness. With Gratitude, Bryce Weibe

Prayer Ministry

Bill Allen, Ken Andreassen, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Sue GaVette, Shirley Gleason, Fred Inkles, Carol Justice, Jane Kaempfer, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Al & Ethel Holden, Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond, Jane Urban.

Prayers for our Military Families

- SrA Benjamin A. Cernansky, MacDill AFB, FL.
- SPC Glen Nadig, Ft. Campbell, KY.

If you have an immediate family member in the military that you would like added to our prayer list, please contact us.



Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Allison Gibson
Scott Drew
Paul Dobbert
Roland Watkins
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In Honor of:

Jean Swintek
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Jean Swintek
Jean Swintek
Bill Mylin
Jean Swintek
Jean Swintek
Jean Swintek

Given by:

Jean Swintek
David & Suzanne Hamilton
Jane Urban
Bill & Bunny Bitner
Blanche Marshall
Constance Fisher
Donald Graham
Margaret & David Erdman
Charle & Esther Gustafson
Bill & Loisanne Bilka
Lorrie Janusik

Given by:

David & Suzanne Hamilton
Linda Ciokan
Sally Uhler
Roberta Witheral
Louise Mylin
Stan & Susan Wilson
Polly & Don Hamilton
Sue & Steve Miskiewicz

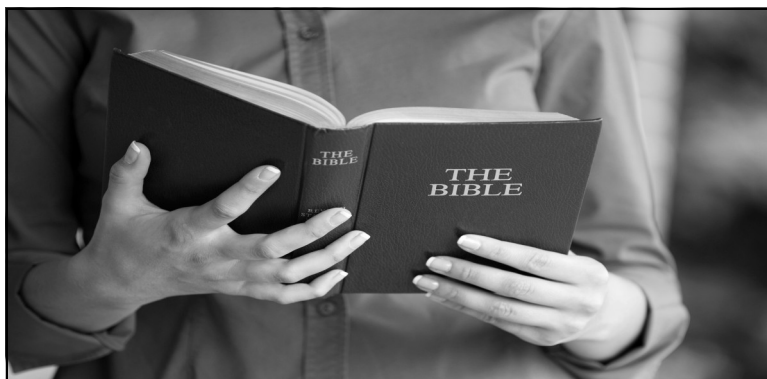
Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Eleanor Cicerchi upon the news of the death of her brother Richard Tomb on June 14. A memorial service will be held in Corning, NY.
- Cindy and Tom Huffman upon the news of the death of Cindy's mom Doris Croasmun on June 8. A memorial service will be held at Northwood on July 20, 11:00am.
- Brenda Shirer upon the news of the death of her mother Juanita Preslar Shirer on July 10.

Per-Capita Apportionment

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 is \$32.20 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift.

Christian Education



Sunday Morning Classes

TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

TCI will be on summer hiatus through September. Have a joyful and rejuvenating summer and return with us in September for new discussions of contemporary issues and their affects on our faith journey.

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Meets in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

This class is not meeting during the summer months and will resume in the fall.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8. We are studying the Book of Hebrews, using the study guide: *Hebrews: Christ-Perfect Sacrifice, Perfect Priest* by John MacArthur. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

Presbyterian Women

Women's Circles

Esther/Elizabeth Circle meets the 2nd

Tuesday of every month at 9:30am in rooms 5 & 7.

Lydia Circle meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm in room 5.

Naomi Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm in members homes.

Please come and try out one of our circles! Everyone is welcome!



Fresh Brewed Bible Study

The women of Fresh Brewed current and past would like to thank Sally Uhler for her 14 years of devotion as our group leader. Sally will still be part of Fresh Brewed, but is stepping down as leader. The group will take the summer off, July and August and will resume September 6, for our Fabulous Salad Lunch. At that time the group will discuss a plan where our next study adventure will take us. Thank you Sally! Your leadership will be missed!



Children's Ministry



Children's Sunday School

8:15 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)

Children's worship will be talking a break for the summer. Nursery is for children ages birth-5 years old, during the worship service. Children's bulletins are available in the narthex.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

1st-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8 for the Sunday school hour.

King's Kids

King's Kids will resume with the kick off party on September 11th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Children ages 3 years (must be potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to come from 4:00-6:00 p.m. to experience a fun Christian environment where they learn songs, a Bible story and get time to hang out with friends and play games. King's Kids will continue September 18th-November 14th, then we break and start back on January 30th-April 20th. Parents, we ask that you or a family member volunteer once per month to help with the kids. For more information, please contact Justine Davis at 727-796-8090 or you may email her at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

Puppet Ministry

Thanks to generous donations from the pancake breakfast, the Puppet Ministry Team attended the Regional Creative Ministries Festival May 17-18 in Winter Garden, FL. The youth and directors had an amazing time attending workshops to enhance their skills and bring new ideas back to the church. They also performed in the Puppet Song Competition, along with 7 other teams from across the state, and received the Silver Award as well as The Award for Best Portrayal of Festival Theme with their song, "I'm Not Ashamed" by Jeremy Camp. The puppeteers will be performing this song on July 21st at all 3 services!

The Puppet Ministry is on a short break for the summer, but will begin again Friday, September 6th from 5pm -7pm. All youth 6th-12th grade are invited to join. No puppetry skills necessary. We not only need puppeteers, but youth interested in creating and working with props. Please contact Kelly Tighe with any questions at kmakal86@gmail.com.



Sunday, July 14th, 9:30am: Worship

Sunday, July 14th, 10:45am: Sunday School

Friday, July 19th, 7-10pm: Game Night

Sunday, July 21st, 9:30am: Worship

Sunday, July 21st, 10:45am: Sunday School

Wednesday, July 24th, 9:00am-4:00pm:

Weeki Wachee Service Trip

Friday, July 26th, 7-10pm: Game Night

Sunday, July 28th, 9:30am: Worship

Sunday, July 28th, 10:45am: Sunday School

Sunday, August 4th, 6:00-7:30pm:

Citylight Kick-off Dinner at Northwood

Monday, August 5th-9th: Youth Week, Details TBA

Citylight Summer Mission Trips

This summer, our youth have been on mission trips where they came together with other youth ministries, to broaden perspectives, challenge comfort zones, be empowered, empower others and create a sacred space where God can work in and through their lives.

Middle School Trip:

On July 7th-12th, our middle school students went on a mission trip to Vero Beach, Florida where they were able to broaden their perspectives, challenge their comfort zones, be empowered, and empower others. God did amazing work in and through their lives as they worked together to lead VBS at another church, served at a food bank, visited the elderly, and worked with at risk youth in the area. Our group had a huge impact on the Vero Beach community by showing the love of Christ to the people that they served.

Looking for Outdated & Expired Pantry Items!

The Youth are having their *Annual Messy Game Night*. We use all kinds of canned goods & liquids/syrups in our competitive games. We don't eat it – we step, slide, squish and slime each other with it. If you have any **outdated or expired pantry items** to donate (not obviously spoiled or rotten), we will collect items on Sundays, and during game nights in the City (youth room) through August 4th. Thank you!

