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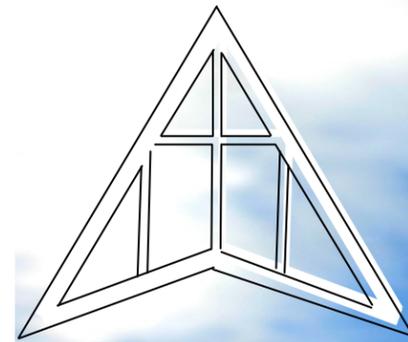
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BETH-EL SHOE SUNDAY

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. Types of shoes needed are tennis shoes, sandals, flip-flops and men's work boots. They are requesting specific sizes: Men's sizes 6 to 11, women's sizes 5-7 1/2, and all sizes for children. 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.



JOIN A MUSIC ENSEMBLE!

- Chancel Adult Choir- Wednesdays, 7:00-8:30pm
- Westminster Youth Choir (middle/high school)- Wednesdays, 4:45-5:30pm
- Jubilation Ringers (advanced handbells)- Sundays, 5:00-6:30pm
- Celebration Ringers (intermediate handbells)- Sundays, 12:00-1:00pm
- Hallelujah Ringers (advanced youth handbells)- Wednesdays, 5:30-6:15pm
- Revelation Ringers (intermediate youth handbells)- Tuesdays, 5:10-6:00pm
- Celestial Ringers (children's handbells)- Tuesdays, 4:00-5:00pm
- Pierced Praise Band- Sundays, 12:15-1:30pm
- Thrive Praise Band- Sundays, 1:30-2:30pm



Around the Church



UPKEEP Projects

As has become the summer routine, many repair/maintenance items have been addressed this summer while the school programs take a break. We thank you for your faithful giving through tithes and offerings that have made the following projects possible:

- Replaced the preschool air conditioning unit
- Replaced the main hallway air conditioning unit
- Repaired the preschool hallway ceiling that collapsed from a leak
- Touched up all painted surfaces in the children's areas
- Cleaned carpets in preschool rooms 1, 2, 3, the Director's office and the Nursery
- Cleaned carpets in after-care rooms 10, 12, 14, 16, 18 and the Family Life Center vestibule
- Cleaned all Sanctuary pews and carpeted walkways
- Received bids and awarded a contract for a new roof over the Chancel as well as on the shingled portion of the roof over the music rooms, toddler/infant areas (West side)
- Awarded a contract for security cameras to be installed in August

You probably wouldn't notice any one of these projects unless they weren't addressed. It's a blessing that God has provided everything we need to do so!

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

August 2019

Sunday, August 25:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, August 26:
 Kids Corner Preschool –First Day!

Sunday, September 1st:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, September 2:
 Office Closed-Labor Day

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

Wednesday, September 11:
 4:00 P.M. King’s Kids Kick-off Party

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

Wednesday, September 18:
 4:00-5:45 P.M. King’s Kids Resumes

Sunday, September 22:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 10:30 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, September 25:
 4:00-5:45 P.M. King’s Kids

Sunday, September 29:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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The Window

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 Edited by Emily Cantin

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.

Around Northwood



Stephen Ministry

Northwood’s Stephen Ministry consists of church members who have been equipped with 50 hours of training to provide confidential, emotional, spiritual, one-to-one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing struggles in their lives. These difficult circumstances include loss of a loved one, loss of a job, illness, aging, spiritual crisis, loneliness or discouragement, as well as many other life challenges. A Stephen Minister is a caring, Christian friend who will walk beside a person who is hurting and listen, pray, support and encourage them. Typically, a Stephen Minister will meet faithfully with his or her care receiver for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need. To learn more about how you, a family member or a friend can benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

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 upon us, 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/>.

Meal Ministry

When there is a new baby, serious illness, recent surgery or death in the family, a ready-to-serve meal can be welcome. The Northwood Presbyterian Church Board of Deacons Meal Ministry provides a helping hand in such circumstances by providing one or more meals for the entire family. The meals are made or purchased by one or more volunteers from the church. If you would like to serve the Lord by serving others, please contact June Arnold at 727-938-9802 or by email at jw366777@verizon.net.

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 for 2018 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!



Around Northwood

Caring for Our Church Family

All-Church Retreat



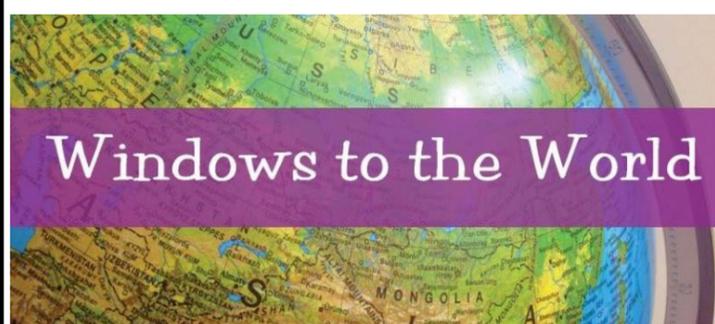
The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 18-20, 2019. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Poster and brochures can be found on the bulletin board directly across from the kitchen. There are only a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

Marriage Alive Kick-off Party

We will kick off the fall Marriage Alive class with a pool party September 7th from 5:00-8:00pm at the home of David and Cynthia Lawrence. This is a family get together so children are invited. We won't have a lesson this month, just a time to get to know each other's families and share a meal. A grilled ham will be provided so please bring a favorite side dish or dessert to share. We will begin our lesson starting in October at Northwood. Questions, please contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com and please RSVP to david@dlawrence.com

Youth Praise Bands Resume

"Pierced" and "Thrive" youth bands will resume rehearsals on Sundays beginning August 25th in the sanctuary. We will have the same rehearsal schedule as last year; Pierced from 12:15-1:30 and Thrive from 1:30-2:30pm. If you would like to join us but don't have any experience, please come join us at 1:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact Mark Johnston at 727-688-5123 or mjohnston1@tampabay.rr.com.



Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew is a group of adventuresome, young at heart 50+ adults that enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. We meet the second Friday of the month (September – May). We gather at the church from 10:30 to 11:30 for presentations and conversations that are entertaining, educational and inspiring. Following the presentation the group enjoys going to a different restaurant each month. Back by popular demand the theme for this year is, again, "Windows to the World." Listed below is an engaging slate of programs for the fall of 2019.

September 13th—Eleanor Cicerchi: "Castles, Cave Art and a Mighty River: A Stay in Southwest France"

October 11th—Earle & Jessie Lusk: "Reflections of Italy"

November 8th—David Lawrence: "An African Safari Across the Plains of Tanzania and the Serengeti"

December 13th—Associate Music Director and Organist, Tom Huffman: "Christmas Carols from Around the World"

All are welcome! Transportation is gladly provided for those needing a ride. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or email at paul@northwoodpc.org.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Beth-El

Thank you for your contribution of \$419 in support of our ministry. All summer long the mission collects back to school supplies. These supplies help fill over 500 backpacks that we distribute during our "Blessing of the Backpacks" Sunday. All of this is possible because of donors like you! 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 \$320. Your investment helps families in our community achieve what they thought was just a dream. More than 60 struggling families will receive keys to their new home this year! Nancy Ridenour, Chief Strategy Officer

Bay Area Pregnancy Center

Thank you for your continued support! Your financial gifts, items to our food pantry, and your prayers are in integral part of our ministry. Your support allows us to continue serving these precious unborn babies! Marsha Rimer, Executive Director & Staff

RCS

Thank you for your generous gift to RCS Pinellas of \$1295. We rely on supporters like you to help us make a difference in the lives of Pinellas residents who rely on RCS. We appreciate your ongoing support! Kirk Ray Smith, CEO

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, Ruth White.

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:

- Roland Watkins
- Mary Jane Redpath
- Scott Drew
- Scott Drew
- Louise Smith
- Doris Croasmun

Given by:

- Bill & Patty Martin
- Ian & Paige Haase
- Barbara Schlerf
- Bill & Patty Martin
- Bill & Patty Martin
- Loisanne & Bill Bilka
- Art & Jeanette Holloway
- Carol Zaffari
- Bill & Patty Martin
- Chapel Hill Carrboro City School
- Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler

In Honor of:

- Jean Swintek

Given by:

- Her Children & Grandchildren
- Till & Hammel Family
- Bill & Patty Martin
- Prescott & Sandy Seckel
- Bill & Louise Mylin
- Barbara Schlerf
- Jane Sweeney
- Nancy Christy

Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Dick Casper upon the news of the death of his wife Pat Casper on July 23.

Thank You

—The Croasmun/Huffman family is very grateful for all the love and support of our church family and friends in the recent death of our mother/grandmother, Doris Croasmun. The prayers, many cards, food from the Deacon ministry and others, and memorial gifts have been very meaningful to all of us. Special thanks to Pastors Chris and Paul for the many visits to Doris and for the very meaningful celebration of life memorial service.

—The Northwood Food Pantry extends a huge thanks to all those that participated in this year's Vacation Bible School Food drive. Over 150 canned items were donated to the pantry and we are deeply grateful for this outpouring of support and also many thanks to Justine Davis for organizing this wonderful project.

—Thank you to my church family for their constant prayers and expressions of sympathy at the loss of my mother, Louise Marie Smith. Cookie Roffey

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Classes

TCI Class (Today's Christian Issues)

9:30am, rooms 9&11

TCI will resume on Sundays starting September 8th. TCI provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives.

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00am, room 15, led by Vicki Krueger

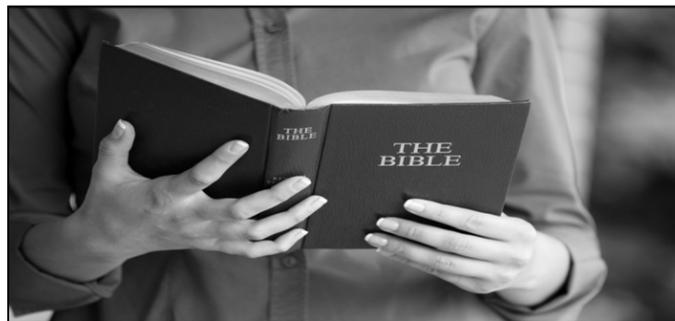
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

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!

"The Defenders"

A new Sunday School class called "The Defenders" will begin August 25th at Northwood. It will be taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. The class will focus on defending the Christian faith in a secular world, and will study the book "Christian Apologetics: Renewing the Christian Voice, Conscience, and Imagination in a Disenchanted World" by Dr. Paul Gould. He will be teaching the class at both 9:30 and 11:00 in rooms 5 & 7. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at Spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.



Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Women's Bible Study– This group gathers the first Friday of every month. Our date for this month is Friday, September 6th at 10:30am in room 5. We will begin our season with our annual September Super Salad Spectacular. Please bring a salad to share and we will eat while we make our plans for the year. The book to be discussed for the coming year is Fresh Brewed Life: A Stirring Invitation to Wake Up Your Soul. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin, lvnml@hotmail.com or Cindy Huffman at lucindy1@aol.com.

Presbyterian Women-Lydia Circle

Lydia Circle will be meeting on Monday, September 16th at 11:30 a.m. in the Christian Education building room 5. We meet on the third Monday of every month and everyone is welcome. We are studying the Horizon Bible study entitled, Love Carved in Stone, by Eugenia Gamble. It is a nine month study of the Ten Commandments and looks to be an enjoyable study. If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

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 11:30am 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!

Children's Ministry



Children's Sunday School

8:15 & 11:00 AM

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (19/20 School Year)

Children's worship will be taking 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

Sunday School Teachers and Helpers Needed

Beginning September 8th, Children's Sunday School will resume and we will need teachers and helpers during the 9:30am worship service. The curriculum is provided and training is available if needed. The Sunday school classes are for ages 3yr old-1st grade and 2nd-5th grade. If you are willing to help out at least one Sunday a month, please contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090. You may also sign up on the children's ministry bulletin board located in the church hallway.

Nursery Staff Openings

Northwood is in need of two adults to join our nursery staff. This position would require working on Sunday mornings as well as Wednesday afternoons and other monthly opportunities. If you are interested or would like more details please contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090.

CITYLIGHT

Sunday, August 25th, 9:30am: Worship

Sunday, August 25th, 10:45am: Sunday School

Friday, August 30th, 7-10pm: Game Night

Sunday, September 1st, 9:30am: Worship

Sunday, September 1st, 10:45am: Sunday School

Friday, September 6th, 7-10pm: Game Night

Sunday, September 8th, 9:30am: Worship

Sunday, September 8th, 10:45am: Sunday School

Saturday, September 14th, 12:00-5:00pm:

Feeding Tampa Bay

Sunday, September 15th, 9:30am: Worship

Sunday, September 15th, 10:45am: Sunday School

Friday, September 20th, 7-10pm: Game Night



Youth Week 2019

We celebrated the beginning of the school year with a Citylight Kick-off and Youth Week in the beginning of August. What a fantastic week we had at our Fiesta Fajita dinner, competing in a photo scavenger hunt at the mall, bowling with friends, sloshing through messy games night, and ending the week with a spectacular pool party at the Cromwell's home! Thank you to all our energetic volunteers who made this week happen!

