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Kirkin' o' the Tartan

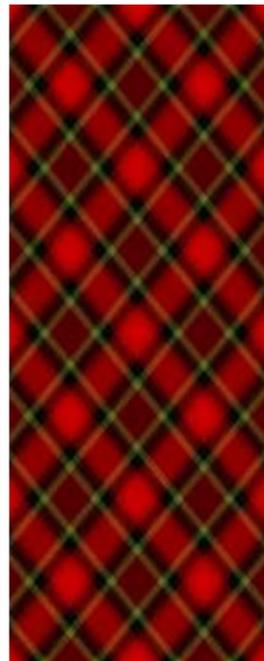
Northwood Presbyterian Church
 Sunday, February 16, 2020

Three exceptional worship services of celebration
 8:15, 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

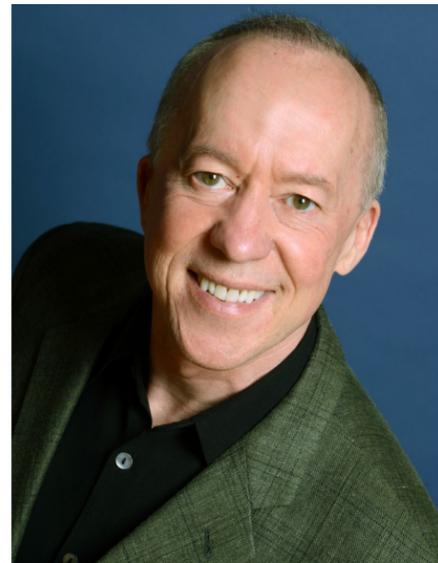
Featuring Dunedin High School Pipers and Drummers
 There will be music for the pipe and drum along with hymns and anthems of our Scottish heritage.

If you would like the honor of carrying a tartan in procession at one of the services, contact Justine Davis at the church office (727)796-8090 or email childrensministry@northwoodpc.org

In 1745, Scottish clansmen were forbidden by the British Crown to wear the tartans, play the bagpipes or to acknowledge their traditional clans in any way. This prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartans in their pockets as they went to church (kirk). On an appointed Sunday, the minister would slip into the service a blessing, or "kirkin," for the tartans and clans which the tartans represented. Our Kirkin' will be a celebration of the Scottish reformers as well as all those who have gone before us in the faith.



Composer Weekend with Mark Hayes!



Mark Hayes was raised in a creative musical environment, beginning piano lessons at age ten and developing his improvisational skills at an early age. He earned a B.M. in piano performance, magna cum laude, from Baylor University. During his college years his dream of becoming a composer and arranger was born and nurtured. Now an internationally known writer, conductor, and concert pianist, his career has blossomed into international tours to Europe, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, Brazil, South Africa and Canada.

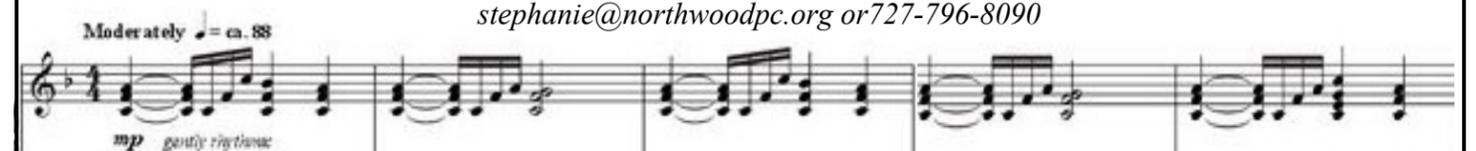
Hayes' music is found in the music libraries of churches and universities around the world. His compositions and arrangements are known for their unique American sound, drawing from such diverse musical styles such as gospel, jazz, pop, folk and classical. Mr. Hayes' personal catalog, totaling over 1,500 published works, includes works for solo voice, solo piano, multiple pianos, orchestra, jazz combo, small instrumental ensembles and choruses of all kinds. He is honored to have his music regularly featured at ACDA, MENC and Chorus America conventions. Hayes is regularly commissioned by churches, universities, children's choruses and community choruses to write original choral works.

**Mark Hayes will be at all three worship services,
 Sunday, March 1, 2020 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00am**

The concert is at 4:00pm with Mark Hayes piano solos and Chancel choir, Youth Choir and Children's Choir.

No charge for the afternoon concert—free will offering.

For additional information, please contact Stephanie Carson:
stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090



At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

February 2020

Sunday, January 26:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
 12:00 P.M. Annual Congregational Meeting

February 2:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Friday-Sunday, February 7-9:
 Women's Retreat, Cedarkirk

Sunday, February 9:
Scout Sunday/Pancake Breakfast
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, February 16:
Kirkin o' the Tartan
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Christmas Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, February 23:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service Meeting

Wednesday, February 26:
 4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids Resumes
 6:00 P.M. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
 6:45 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

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The Window

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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.

Around Northwood



Wonderful Wednesdays at Northwood

Save the dates on your calendar! WAY Dinners are scheduled for February 26, March 4, 11, 18, and 25. Come and get involved in a Wonderful Wednesday activity! It is a busy day at Northwood filled with fellowship and friends! Here is some of what is going on each Wednesday.

WAY Dinners—February 26, March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

The Ash Wednesday Service takes place on February 26 after the first dinner at 6:45 in the sanctuary. A Lenten Bible Study will take place on March, 4, 11, 18, and 25 following each meal in the Education Building from 6:40 to 7:15.

King's Kids, our weekly program for children ages 3 years old-5th grade. (4:00– 5:45 pm)

Chancel Choir rehearsal 7:30-9:00 pm.

For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at (727) 796-8090.



Kids' Corner Preschool/ Before and After Care

Registration for current students, siblings and for the public has now begun for the 2020-2021 school year! You may stop in the church office and pick up your registration forms any time between the hours of 9:00am-2:30pm. If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact Justine Davis at 727-723-7679 or schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

Food Pantry—Thank You!

During the Christmas holidays, Kim Petersen organized a food drive at her office which was to benefit RCS and also Northwood's Food Pantry. The NPC food pantry received hundreds of canned food items that were donated by employees of Dasun Zhone Solutions and we are grateful to them for their generosity and also to Kim for spearheading this project. Thank you!!



On Sunday, December 15th, the Girl Scouts in Safety Harbor donated canned goods that they had collected and they also volunteered in the NPC food pantry. Eight girls marked out bar codes on the cans, helped stock the shelves and made up food bags. Thank you for your contributions and help in our pantry!!!

The Northwood Food Pantry again this year extends a huge thank you to David and Linda Feller for their donation of hundreds of canned goods. This generous donation comes at a time where we have already given out 335 bags of food for 2019. Thank you again for your continued support.

Many thanks to the TCI Sunday school class for their monthly contributions of canned items and also monetary gifts to the Food Pantry. As our pantry relies entirely on contributions from the congregation, this monthly gift keeps our shelves stocked so that we can provide help to those that are hungry in our own community.

A huge thank you goes out to the Presbyterian Women for their donation of food to the Northwood Pantry. The canned goods that were donated are helping to fill the many bags that we are giving out each week. You are a true blessing to this wonderful mission.

Garage Sale Thank You!



WOW! We are amazed and humbled by your generosity to the Garage Sale. Because of YOU and the outpouring from friends, neighbors and family members, we broke another garage sale record. The total right now exceeds \$17,000. This is a true blessing to the music program.

We would love to individually thank each person who spent countless hours setting up, sorting, pricing, picking up furniture, cashiering, arranging, bagging and wrapping, fixing meals, cleaning up, boxing up and doing all the other many tasks necessary for success. Our appreciation is heartfelt and although we don't mention you by name, we could not be successful without you.

A very special thank you to Susan Curry for chairing this event with joy, and the joy was contagious!

Thank you, **God is SO Good!** Stephanie Carson, Director of Music



Around Northwood



Scout Sunday

Northwood Celebrates Scouting Programs in our Community! On Sunday, **February 9th**, Northwood invites all scouts, leaders and family members to all 3 worship services for Scout Sunday. This church hosts close to 150 scouts and their families on this campus each week as a part of Northwood's commitment to ministering to the youth of our community. On this special Sunday, those involved in Scouting programs within Northwood and our community will assist and lead parts of each worship service. All Scouts are encouraged to come in full uniform. Plan to be a part of this time on Sunday, February 9th, as we highlight the impact of scouting in our community. Northwood's own Boy Scout Troop 413 will be offering a Pancake Breakfast on this Sunday after all 3 services. Donations for the breakfast are welcome. Make plans now to come hungry for warm pancakes, eggs and sausage!

Northwood Photo Group

Please join us for the regular monthly meeting of Northwood Photo Group on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00pm in rooms 13 & 15 of the Christian Education building. If you're interested in photography, you're invited whether you are a beginner or expert! If you have questions you may contact David Lawrence at david@primeimagesinc.com or Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 26th**. The Meeting will begin as soon as the 11 AM service concludes at noon. Annual Reports will be distributed with information from the Session, Deacons, Ministry Teams, church staff and others. The Nominating Committee will present the following for election at the Annual Meeting:

Elders

(class of 2022)
Polly Brown
Raymond Linville
Keith Nadig
Bailey Shields
Susan Curry (Class of 2021)

Deacons

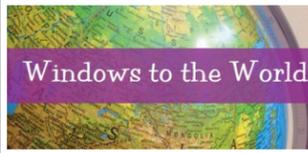
(class of 2022)
Claudia Alwood
Faye Mackie
Sue Miskiewicz

2020 Nominating Committee:

Vicki Krueger
Vicki Parker
Ed Puschmann
Nancy Rodewald

The members of the 2019 nominating committee are:

Carl Corello, Jackie Koski, Vickie Mills, Barbara Moler, Ray Spigarelli, Gene Weitz



Fun! Friends! Friday!

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 on the second Friday of the month from 10:30-11:30am. We will meet in rooms 9 & 11 on February 14th where Major Steve Kirtley will present "444 Days as a Hostage in Iran." Following the presentation the group will enjoy having a delicious lunch at a popular restaurant. For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796- 8090 or email at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Transportation Ministry

This ministry provides transportation for the 11:00am service. It is for members and friends who are unable to drive themselves to church. There are several volunteers who drive our church van covering a radius of 5 miles. At present, residents of Stratford Court and St. Marks Village are among the riders. Fleet Wulf is the Deacon heading this ministry. Volunteer drivers are always welcome. If you need the service of this ministry, please call the church office at 727-796-8090 by 12 noon on Thursdays.



Caring for Our Church Family

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Beth El

Thank you for your contribution of \$50. Our goal is to help meet our families' immediate needs while working toward long term steps out of poverty. We cannot carry out this work without your financial support!
Blessings, Kathy Dain

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your generous gift of \$640 given to help families achieve their dream of homeownership. Thanks to donors like you, we are able to continue building safe, affordable homes for hard working members of our community.
Mike Sutton, President & CEO

Clearwater Free Clinic

Thank you for your donation to the Clearwater Free Clinic! Please know that your contribution makes a lasting impact on the health of our community, furthering the clinic's mission to deliver comprehensive medical services to uninsured families through volunteerism and community partnerships.
Yours in Health, Jeannie Shapiro CEO

Thornwell

Thank you for your contribution of \$578 that is providing food, clean clothes, warm beds and caring, safe homes to children in need. Your gift will positively change lives!
Yours in Christ, Rev. Elliot M. Smith

Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP)

On behalf of HEP, we graciously acknowledge your generous gift of \$500. Your donation will help change the lives of homeless and very low income individuals and families who turn to us for assistance. Ashley Lowery, Pres.& CEO

The Outreach Foundation

The Outreach Foundation would like to thank you for your gift of \$500. Your generosity enables us to equip the global church in its efforts to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. Blessings, Rob Weingartner, Exec. Director

Special Offerings

Thank you for your support of \$134 to Special Offerings, our collective witness to the love of Jesus Christ. Your congregation's giving will share the love of Christ with those in need. With Gratitude, Bryce Wiebe

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Fred Drew
Theodore Hollcomb III
Sara Kenfield
Ann Drake
Fred Drew
Sara Kenfield
Fred Drew
Sharon Helms

Given by:

Bill & Bunny Bitner
Claudia & Jack Alwood
Bill & Patty Martin
Conrad & Carol Trunzo
Mary Torrisi
Polly & Don Hamilton
Bill & Patty Martin
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Prayer Ministry

Bill Allen, Ken Andreassen, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Shirley Gleason, Sharon Helms, Fred Inkles, Carol Justice, Jane Kaempfer, Joyce Klotz, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Charlotte McQuown, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Al & Ethel Holden, Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond, Jane Urban, Ruth White.

Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- The Voss Family upon the news of the death of Renee's mother, Sarah Flournoy on December 12.

Thank You—Westchester Gardens

Dear Members of Northwood, Our residents at Westchester Gardens thank you very much for the beautiful warm blankets. They very much came in handy and help keep our residents nice and cozy. Thank you for thinking of us!

Thank You—Bridging Freedom

Thank you so much for your donation. What a blessing you are to us! This week, two new girls have come to Bridging Freedom to find refuge. Please keep them in your prayers during their time of transition. Thank you for your support and passion for this project and for your faith in us to bring healing.

Angel Tree Thank You

Thank you to everyone who contributed generously to the Beth-El Angel Tree. The gifts are very much appreciated by the recipients at Beth-El.

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Classes



TCI Class (Today's Christian Issues) 9:30am, rooms 9&11

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 minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God's message of hope and reconciliation to God's people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies- Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah* by Bruce Epperly. 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 Project Group

We're women of all ages who sew, knit and crochet items with a mission purpose. We sew little dresses for Haiti or walker bags, make lap robes or knit caps for newborns. We need new members! Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in Room 13. We share ideas, get encouragement to finish projects, sort through donated material and enjoy Christian fellowship. Questions? Call Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 or join us on Tuesday, January 28th and February 25th at 9:30 in Room 13.



Presbyterian Women Women's Circles

Presbyterian Women are using a Bible study called "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Gamble. This is a 9-month study of the Ten Commandments. Come and join one of our study sessions, everyone is welcome!

—Esther/Elizabeth Circle; Tuesday, February 11th at 9:30am, room 5 and will continue to meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

—Lydia/Naomi Circle; Monday, February 17th at 11:30am, room 5 and will continue to meet the 3rd Monday of every month.

Study books are available for purchase at each session. If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Women's Bible Study— This group gathers the first Friday of every month. Our date for this month is Friday, February 7th at 10:30am in room 5 and will celebrate with a Valentine Tea! ALL ladies are welcome and we invite you to bring a special tea cup as well as a dish to share. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin, lvm1@hotmail.com.



Children's Ministry



Children's Sunday School

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3

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

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

King's Kids

King's Kids will resume Wednesday, **January 29th**. This is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. It runs from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. throughout the school year. This is a mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment, strengthen faith and bring children closer to God. If you have questions, please contact Justine Davis at 727-796-8090 or email at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org



Confirmation

Interested in Confirmation? If you're in the 7th grade or older and have not been through the classes, we'd love for you to join us. Confirmation classes begin on February 9th and run until Confirmation on April 5th. If you're interested in joining the 2020 Confirmation class or would just like more information, please contact Rosalie Bradford at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org.

Sunday, February 2, Confirmation Interest Meeting 10:45-11:15
Wed., February 5, Citynight, 6:30pm-8:15pm (dinner provided)
Friday, February 7, Game Night, 7:00pm-10:00pm
Sunday, February 9, Confirmation Class #1, 10:45-11:30am, Rm 5
Sunday, February 9, Amplify Sunday School, 10:45am-11:30am
Wed., February 12, Citynight, 6:30pm-8:15pm (dinner provided)
Friday, February 14, Game Night from 7:00pm-10:00pm
Sunday, February 16, Confirmation Class #2, 10:45-11:30, Rm 5
Sunday, February 16, Amplify Sunday School, 10:45-11:30am
Wed., February 19, Citynight, 6:30pm-8:15pm (dinner provided)
Friday, February 21, Game Night, 7:00pm-10:00pm
Sunday, February 23, Confirmation Class #3, 10:45-11:30, Rm 5
Sunday, February 23, Amplify Sunday School, 10:45-11:30am
Wed., February 26, WAY Dinner and Ash Wed, Service
Friday, February 28, Game Night, 7:00pm-10:00pm

What's going on in Citylight

Youth ministry at Northwood had an amazing holiday season and kicked off the new year with so many faith-building experiences. In January we went back to our three ongoing programs a week: Citynight on Wednesdays, Game Night on Fridays, and Sunday School. Citynight is from 6:30pm to 8:15pm where students will meet in the youth room to experience fellowship, eat dinner, play games and experience God through activities and a lesson. Our Sunday school class is exploring a series called Amplify where students focus on building their faith foundation. In January, we also spent a weekend at Universal Studios joining thousands of Christian students across the US to devote ourselves to worship and fellowship at Rock the Universe. We are preparing for our confirmation journey, taking time each day to let God in and feel the Holy Spirit at work. We are in the midst of preparing for our summer mission trip to Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry and our high school retreat to Montreat Conference Center. We love all of our volunteers who help make events like this happen! Please pray for us and our volunteers as we approach confirmation and prepare for our summer trips. We can always use more help and would love to make new friends. There is always a way to support this thriving ministry!

Ways for adults to serve this month:

- Chaperone at Citynight
- Chaperone at Game Night
- Bring in items from our grocery list posted on our bulletin board

If you would like to support this thriving ministry, contact Rosalie Bradford at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org