Important Calendar Information

Many meetings have gone to an online platform. However, if your team/ committee wishes to meet in person (with physical distance and masks), please check the church calendar online at www.northwoodpc.org to be sure your event/meeting is still listed. Many meeting spaces have been expanded to meet physical distance requirements and a room previously reserved might have been reassigned to a group that has made a new request for in person meeting space.

Email Scam Alert

You may be aware that some of our members, and even our church staff, have received scam emails, that appear to be from Pastor Chris and others by email. The emails scams of financial help often come in the request for you to purchase gift cards. Our pastors do NOT send these emails. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches across the nation at this point. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner. Simply forward the message of such a request to the church office so that we can collect them for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm but especially when they prey on the kindness and Christ-like hearts of our members. Be aware of scams by email and phone calls!

Hurricane Ministry

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are in need of emergency housing during or after a storm – or if you are able to share your home with members-in-need – please contact Eleanor Cicerchi at <u>ecicerchi@gmail.com</u> or 607-382-1781. You may also contact Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

<u>Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at</u> <u>Communications@northwoodpc.org.</u>

- Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.
- Publications for the *Window* newsletter must be received by the 3rd Monday of the month. (Please limit all announcements to 4 lines.)







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NPC Guest Wi-Fi Now live streaming our 9:30 & 11:00 services on northwoodpc.org.



Announcements– October 25, 2020 WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to worship through our livestreaming while we are not gathering in public worship! We are all learning how to be a new church in this unprecedented time. Let us know of prayer requests through the church website, and seek to give online, by text and by mail. We are offering ways to meet on the computer or smart phones through existing programs called **Zoom** and **Microsoft Teams**. Contact our church office- communications@northwoodpc.org if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. WELCOME!

<u>Worship Service Time Change</u> <u>for Contemporary Service—Nov. 1</u>

Next Sunday, November 1st, the livestreaming service time of the "Ignite" contemporary worship service will change from 9:30am to **9:00am**. The traditional service will continue at **11:00am**. This is in anticipation of our beginning in-person worship at a date announced in the future and the need for additional time to clean the sanctuary between services.



Beth-El Blanket Drive and Drop

This Saturday, October 31st, Mission and Outreach Ministry members will be collecting blankets and light jackets for the Beth-El farm workers. The Mission and

Outreach Ministry members will be masked and ready to accept your donations from 9:00 a.m. until noon at the church. All CDC safety protocols will be in place and there will be no need to exit your vehicle as this will be a "drop and drive" event. Donations can also be dropped off at the church prior to this event from 9:00 to 1:00 Monday through Thursday during the month of October. If you would like to give online, please follow the prompts and select Beth-El Mission. Thank you Northwood for your continued generosity!!

Discovering Northwood Class/New Members

A Discovering Northwood Class will be held in Room 4 on Sunday, **November 8th** from 10:15 to 11:00 AM for those wishing to learn more about Northwood and consider church membership. (Even when we are not meeting for in-person worship, small groups have begun to meet practicing social distance and wearing masks). Please know you are welcome to attend if you have been visiting us online in worship. You may also join the class through Zoom by contacting Pastor Chris Curvin and letting him know of your interest with an email address for him to send you a link to the meeting.

Virtual Online Attendance for 10/18/2020

Livestream from the church website: Contemporary Service—84 Traditional Service—61

Facebook Live: 277 views between both services. **Total Views**: 422 If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well. You can call the church office and ask for help you if you are having trouble viewing. We encourage you to ask for help!

Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study On Livestream and Facebook Live

Thursday, October 29th at noon, Pastor Paul will continue a study on the thought-provoking Book of Job. This Old Testament book wrestles with the ongoing, unchanging human realities of deep suffering and sorrow and over-whelming pain and loss. "It is the story of one man who held on to his life in God with a faith that survived the torments of utter loss and expanded into new realms of wonder and delight." Join us as we seek, by God's grace, to grow in faith, hope and love in the midst of life's unpredictable and varied circumstances.

<u>Livestreaming of the Memorial Service</u> for Nancy Johnson—Saturday, November 7 – 1 PM

There will be a Memorial Service for Nancy Johnson on Saturday, November 7th at 1:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. This memorial service is limited to her immediate family ONLY. There will be no reception. All others are invited to view the service on Northwood's website Livestream at http://northwoodpc.org/resources/watch-livestream/ or on our Facebook Page at https://northwoodpc.org/resources/watch-livestream/ or on our Facebook Page at https://www.facebook.com/npc.clearwater. If you are unable to watch it Livestream, the service will be posted on Northwood's website at https://northwoodpc.org/ under the "watch services" in the archives. Nancy's obituary is listed here - https://www.hollowayfuneralhomefl.com/obituary/Nancy-Johnson.

Volunteer Opportunity

Meals on Wheels has received a grant that will allow them to serve all remaining 500 clients on their waiting list through 2020. As a result, Meals on Wheels is looking for volunteers who might have a couple of hours each week to help with the tremendous increase in meals that need to be delivered. If you would like to consider volunteering, please contact Pastor Paul at paul@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090.



Your Giving Matters

Even when we can't be together, your giving matters. We want to continue being the church in our community and to each and every one of you in the days ahead. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

- 1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
- 2. Visit <u>www.northwoodpc.org</u> and click on the giving tab.
- 3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options

Kid's Corner Preschool Registration

Registration is currently open for the 2020-2021 school year! We have openings in our 2's, 3's, and VPK. Please share the news! If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact the school 727-723-7679 or email at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.