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### Northwood Food Pantry

The Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry is a mission that is supported totally by monetary gifts and donated non-perishable food from the congregation. Dedicated volunteers purchase food and also fill bags that are then given out to those less fortunate residents that come to the church for help.

The need in our own community is overwhelming now during this Covid-19 pandemic. Northwood depends on the generous support from all of us in order to sustain this ever growing demand. Please help us continue this important mission by donating whatever you can and as a caring congregation we together can feed the multitudes as Christ did.

Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church.

#### Food Pantry items needed:

Canned Meat	Peanut Butter
Pasta Sauce	Jelly
Beef Stew	Tuna
Chili	Soup
Beef Ravioli	Canned Vegetables
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Fruit



## CHILDREN'S Sunday School

### Sunday School for Children begins October 3rd

Children's Sunday School for age 3 to 5th grade will be held weekly during the 11:00am church service beginning October 3rd in classroom 16. We will be learning about young people who served God in the Old and New Testaments. We look forward to working with your children. Please contact the church office or send an email to [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) if you have any questions. We hope you will join us on Sundays!

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# The Window

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### **“DO NOT GROW WEARY!” Dedication Sunday November 14<sup>th</sup>**

Dear Members and Friends of Northwood,

Thank you to all of those who currently give so very faithfully by using online giving, the giving stations in the Narthex, or by mailing and dropping off your gifts to the church office. Every gift has counted tremendously during this past year!

As we seek to prepare a budget for the coming year, our prayer is that with continued concerns over the pandemic, that you will not grow weary in your generous giving and in seeking to do good through Northwood. We are partners in spreading the good news of Jesus Christ more than ever now, even if you have felt somewhat disconnected and are unable to attend worship in-person.

Together we have made great strides in returning to a number of church activities as we follow the good guidelines from our Session's Commission on In-Person Worship. A big thank you to all our volunteers and church staff who have done so much to bring us where we are so far. This leads me to share with you our stewardship campaign theme for the coming year as we continue to need the commitments of your time, talents and resources.

Our stewardship theme for 2022, *Do Not Grow Weary*, comes from Galatians 6:9. The Apostle Paul wrote to those early Christians: *“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”* We need everyone on board in making their giving plans for the coming year. We ask you to prayerfully consider, if possible, making an increased financial gift for next year from your current level of giving.

Finally, when you receive the Stewardship letter in the next week or so, please return the enclosed pledge card on or before Dedication Sunday, November 14th. You can return your pledge card by mail or drop it by the office. If you have returned to worship in-person, you may also drop off your pledge card in the giving stations located in the narthex. Should your financial circumstances change in the coming year, you may contact the church's financial office and it will be handled with the utmost confidentiality.

Do not grow weary! I can assure you, all of us are looking forward to our church life returning to normal. Our commitments to Northwood for 2022 are needed more than ever at this time. Let us not grow weary as we seek to never give up!

Your pastor and friend,  
Chris Curvin

# At-A-Glance

## October 2021

### This Month at Northwood

**Sunday, October 3:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, October 10:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, October 17:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**October 22-24**  
Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat

**Sunday, October 24:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, October 31:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs.**

Chris Curvin, Pastor  
Paul Means, Associate Pastor  
Stephanie Carson, Music  
Nathanael Leonard, Organist  
Rosalie Bradford, Youth and Families  
Chris Hurst, Business Administrator  
Linda O'Leary, Bookkeeper  
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications

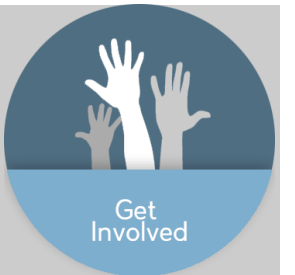
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### Congratulations to Linda O'Leary on Her Retirement!

After 13 years of faithful and exemplary service to Northwood, Linda is retiring this month! Linda has assured us that she will never be far away when we need her, and we know we will, but she's especially looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and pursuing interests outside of our office. We will be honoring Linda with a staff luncheon and a retirement gift given by the Session on behalf of the congregation. Additionally, we invite you to reach out to Linda personally with cards and letters directly to her, care of the Church Office. We will miss Linda! She has been a tremendous asset to Northwood and a wonderful colleague and friend! We pray God's abundant blessing and care for her in her next chapter!



# Around Northwood



### Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon and 2022 nominating committee? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 7. Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them. Nomination forms may be returned to the church office.

I have the permission of

\_\_\_\_\_

to nominate him/her for the office of

Elder or Deacon or Nominating Committee 2022

(Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: Jackie Koski, Keith Nadig, Babs Bailey, Bunny Bitner, Bill Martin, Jim Warren

### Sing the Christmas Cantata

Here is a chance to sing in the choir without the full commitment. Beginning Wednesday, October 13, we will be spending the first 30+ minutes of our choir rehearsal to learn our Christmas Cantata which will be presented in worship Sunday morning, December 19. From 7-7:35 we will sing through the cantata and then you are free to leave as the choir continues with their rehearsal. There will be a rehearsal with instruments Saturday morning, December 18. I hope you can join us! Contact Stephanie Carson 727-796-8090 or call 727-796-8090.

### Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday is November 7, 2021. Please start thinking about donating new and gently used blankets to be given to the migrant workers' families at Beth El. Every year we collect blankets and money donations for these families who live in such poor and challenging conditions.. They use the blankets for more than warmth. They use them as room dividers and other means of privacy. This year we are also collecting new and gently used, clean light jackets and hoodies. Please, no large size jackets and hoodies. Jacket sizes needed are small and medium for children and women and medium for men. Also, please note, for this outreach we are not collecting suitcases for Beth-El. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to such a worthwhile cause. Please call Pastor Paul @ 727-796-8090 if you have any questions.

### Welcome Nathanael Leonard Associate Director of Music & Organist



Nathanael Leonard is a recent transplant to the St. Petersburg and Tampa area. Hailing originally from Williams-town, WV, Nate completed his Masters Degree in piano performance and concentration in vocal collaboration at the University of Toledo. Active in both sacred and secular music, Nate has enjoyed serving as the director of church music programs, directing and accompanying musical theater production, collegiate instructing and accompanying in all musical genres.

In addition to musical pursuits, Nate owns and manages commercial and residential property in Toledo, Ohio and is in the Tampa area working for The Willow Center, a counseling company providing perspective and wisdom in order to rediscover peace and restore relationships. Nate is passionate about building relationships in order to cultivate joy, harmony and belief in common goals and aspiration.

Nate is excited to return to worship at Northwood Presbyterian Church, believing that fresh expressions of faith have become evident through a global pandemic. While there is much work to do, there is also much joy to be experienced as we, albeit slowly, return to "normal," realizing that normal can include the silver linings from struggles we all faced together. It is his hope that this pandemic has invited us to open our hearts to change and allowed us to more fully appreciate and celebrate each others' differences.

### Cedarkirk All Church Retreat-Oct. 22-24



The annual All-Church Retreat at Cedarkirk will be held on October 22-24, 2021. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges! If you'd like to register, please turn in a registration form located in the church hallway.

### 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 3rd Monday of the month.



# Around Northwood



# Caring for Our Church Family

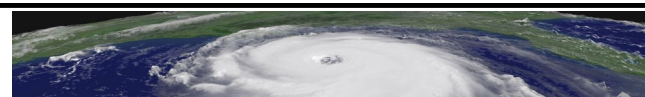
## Pledge Cards and Recurring Online Transactions

Since the pandemic, many more of you are using the church's online portal to process your giving. We are thankful for this technology, your willingness to use it and your faithfulness in giving. Relative to that, you may be wondering as we approach Stewardship season if you still need to complete a pledge card if you have a recurring gift set up online. The answer is "Yes!" Pledge cards guide the creation of the church budget and the physical card is documentation, if you will, of your prayerful commitment and financial response to God for the year. Pledge cards for 2022 will be mailed in the upcoming Stewardship mailing and cards are always available in the church office.

If you aren't using online giving and you are interested, you'll find a giving link on our website's home page or you can text NPCHURCH to 73256 on your smartphone for the link.

## Memorial Gifts

If you wish to make a gift to the church in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to attach the blue Memorial Gift form to your contribution. Completing the form ensures that we have all the information necessary to properly direct the gift and acknowledge it to both you and the recipient. Forms are located near the memorial book in the Narthex or in the Church Office. Thank you for your assistance.



## 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 Mickey Stewart at walkeyla@outlook.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/>.

## Shoes for Beth-El —Thank You!



Many thanks to the Northwood church family from the Beth-El farm worker's ministry and Northwood's Mission Team. Through your generous participation in Beth-El Shoe Sunday, 300 pairs of shoes were donated, along with a number of pairs of socks, 10 suitcases and \$225. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with others in this way!

## Dinner for 6-7-8—October 9

Want to meet and socialize with members of your Northwood Church Family? Dinner for 6-7-8 is meeting outside for a picnic Saturday, Oct. 9 at Philippe Park at 12 noon, Shelter 01. Bring your own picnic and drinks, and maybe lawn chairs as we eat together and talk about Dinner for 6-7-8. There are three possibilities for dinners:

- Group will continue to meet at local Pinellas County parks and enjoy those beautiful parks with picnics.
- Group will meet at local restaurants for dinner.
- Group will meet at members' homes for potluck dinners.

Sign up for which group interests you. Claudia Alwood will organize groups and send out lists and suggestions. You can contact her at [cjalwood@msn.com](mailto:cjalwood@msn.com) for questions.

## Northwood Photo Group



The Photo Group has been meeting remotely on the second Tuesday of every month via Zoom since the pandemic and will have its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in "attending" our monthly discussion on photography, please contact [david@primeimagesinc.com](mailto:david@primeimagesinc.com) or [curtis.krueger@gmail.com](mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com) and we'll send you the Zoom

## Guidelines for In-Person Worship

Wearing a mask for worship remains optional for those who have been vaccinated and the Commission encourages everyone to make an informed decision based upon current guidelines as established by the CDC and the Florida Department of Health. Northwood's in-person worship practices and precautions are also available for review on the church website.

## NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### Thornwell

Enormous thanks for your continued giving! We are so grateful for your continued partnership in ministry and for your generous support and contribution of \$392.00. Your prayers and advocacy truly make a difference in the lives of so many. Bonnie Thompson

### Beth-El

Thank you for shining your light bright in our direction! We are preparing children to head back to school equipped to succeed in school through our back-pack distribution and your support of \$1,250.00 is a ray of sunshine that feeds the mind, body & spirit of our farmworkers and neighbors in need. Teresita Matos-Post, Executive Director

### Heifer

Thank you for your contribution of healthy animals and training in their care to help struggling families overcome a life of hunger and poverty. With Gratitude, Pierre Ferrari, President & CEO

### HEP

We would like to personally thank you for your quarterly gift of \$250.00 in support of HEP's mission to end the cycle of homelessness. Because of you, HEP is able to continue to provide necessary support services to the rising number of men, women, children and Veterans who turn to us for help each day. Best Regards, Ashley Lowery, President & CEO

### Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your generous gift of \$160.00 to continue helping families achieve their dream of home ownership. Thanks to donors like you, we are able to continue building safe, affordable homes for hard working members of our community. Sincerely, Nancy Ridenour, Chief Strategy Officer

### Clearwater Free Clinic

On behalf of the Clearwater Free Clinic, we want to sincerely thank you for your generous donation of \$250 to support our mission. Because of you and others, the Clinic provides access to a wide-range of mental and medical services for thousands of local families. Yours in Health, Jeannie Shapiro, CEO

## Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Bonnie Beyer, Darrough Diamond, Linda Diamond, Don Drummond, Sue GaVette, Shirley Gleason, Jeri Heycock, Al & Ethel Holden, Fred & Joanne Inkles, Lloyd Kimball, Joyce Klotz, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Marge Vander Slik.

## Memorial Gifts

### In Memory of:

David Glaser  
Terry McNay  
Terry & Brian McNay  
Mark O'Leary  
Mark O'Leary  
Terry McNay  
Virginia Cromwell  
Virginia Cromwell  
Virginia Cromwell  
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### Given by:

Dan & Anna Hyden  
Russell Redding  
Wilai McNay & Thai Assoc.  
Janet George  
Bill & Patty Martin  
Art & Jeanette Holloway  
Jim & Betsy Wisler  
Lynn Tucker  
Esther Zissimopulos  
Leslie McHale  
Mary Torrisi  
Linda Ciokan  
Art & Jeanette Holloway  
Jean Swintek  
Bill & Patty Martin  
Ray & Joanne Spigarelli  
Linda Ciokan  
Jean Swintek  
Archie & Sharon Elwood  
Pete & Evelyn Towns  
Jane Sumwalt  
Carol Rathmell  
Claudia & Jack Alwood  
Richard Fueyo  
Stephanie Carson  
Ray & Joanne Spigarelli  
Family of Fred McQuown  
Darrough & Linda Diamond

## Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Parents Mike & Linda O'Leary, siblings Kevin, Kathleen & David and grandparents Pete & Evelyn Towns and extended family upon the news of the death of Mark O'Leary on August 6.
- Michael Cromwell and family upon the news of the death of his mother, Virginia Cromwell on August 9.
- Rita Jackson upon the news of the death of her father Roy Jackson on August 11.
- The Family of Dick Casper upon the news of his death on August 29.
- Susan Curry & Linda Earl upon the news of the death of their sister, Melissa Jetmore on August 31.
- The Family of Pete Judd upon the news of his death on September 9.
- Linda Granata and family upon the news of the death of her mother, Norma Wasmuth on September 12.



## Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study on Livestream and Facebook Live

The **Brown Bag Bible Study** is back and livestreaming for the Fall! This Thursday, August 5<sup>th</sup>, at noon, Pastor Paul will begin a new study of **The Book of Acts**. This New Testament document is the sequel to the Gospel of Luke, both of which were written by Luke, a Gentile physician. Acts provides us with an invaluable bridge between the four gospels and the 22 New Testament letters. It gives us a window into understanding the early Christian church – the dynamic birth of the church, the intense persecution of the church, the explosive growth of church and the transformative impact of the gospel of Jesus Christ on a variety of cultures. The early church in Acts offers inspiration, guidance and examples for us today in being a church and Christians who are faithful to Jesus Christ in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Join as we seek to grow in faith, hope and love!



## Presbyterian Men's Group—October 17

On Sunday, October 17th at 10:15 AM (between the Contemporary and Traditional services) in rooms 4 and 6, we will be having a brief meeting to explore meeting as **Presbyterian Men**. We will talk about a time and place, activities, study options, and how we can serve the Lord. We'll be putting together details, with your input, and trying to answer questions you might have about this revitalization of Presbyterian Men of Northwood. Come join us!

## Presbyterian Women



The Presbyterian Women unified circle will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in rooms 4-8. We will be starting a new 9 month Bible study entitled *What my Grandmothers Taught Me* by Meryll Blair. Chris Curvin will be teaching each lesson via Livestream, and our circle will have a follow-up discussion of the lesson. The second lesson is Thursday, October 7th at 11AM. If you'd like a book, or more information regarding the multiple activities that Presbyterian Women engage in, please contact Patty Martin at [bill.martin2@verizon.net](mailto:bill.martin2@verizon.net) or Sue Miskiewicz at [susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com).

## Experiencing God Class

Experiencing God Class has started! 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. Join us on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. We will be meeting online using Zoom. Email Vicki Krueger at [vickilee33@aol.com](mailto:vickilee33@aol.com) for the link and for any technical help or questions.

## Wednesday Bible Study

Cindy Huffman will be leading a study of the prophet, Jeremiah, featuring the book by Matthew S. Harmon. If you'd like to join the Wednesday Bible Study or need a study book, please email Cindy Huffman at [lucindy1@aol.com](mailto:lucindy1@aol.com) and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!



## Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, October 1st at 10:30am at Philippe Park (shelter 5). The book we are studying is *From Daughters to Disciples* by Lynn Japinga. If you need a book, please contact Marti Huff at [marti.huff.np@gmail.com](mailto:marti.huff.np@gmail.com). If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at (727) 787-9868 or [LVNM1@hotmail.com](mailto:LVNM1@hotmail.com).

## What's Going on in Citylight

We have almost made it through fall! We are headed into the last couple months of our fall semester with gratitude and faith filled energy! In the month of September, we went back to a "normal" youth and families schedule, continuing our 3 programs a week: Sunday School, Youth Group on Wednesdays and Friday Game Night! We have also been offering plenty of mission projects and special events to be a part of like our sunset beach devotion, cooking for Feeding the Fosters, Football Games, and more. After adjusting to the school, work, and extracurricular activities that September brings, we are ready to have some fun. There are a lot of Fall Dates to get excited for, Winter and Summer plans are rolling! In October we have a Busch Gardens Trip, Tauren Wells Concert, Fishing Outing, Sunset Beach Devotion, Foodie Group, and in November we have our Fall Fusion Retreat, Metropolitan Ministries Thanksgiving Drive, and more fall events! Look at the schedule below to check out our upcoming dates.

Our College Group is getting bigger! We welcome our newest graduates and currently have about 10 college students in our group. We have met regularly online and plan to meet quarterly in person. We are hoping to offer a Mission Trip for the group in 2022! Our Youth and Families team is devoted to providing a space for our young adults to remain connected to their church during and after this new transition in their lives.

Please continue to follow our Safe Citylight Guidelines that are in our Weekly Emails and on our social media pages. Even though life is seeming to feel "normal" again, we need to continue to do our part in keeping our community safe. Please continue to take personal ownership and do your part. Try to see the silver lining and try to hear how God is speaking to you specifically during this time. Please continue to participate in our ministry, providing ideas, prayers and good spirits. Invite friends, reach out to people you haven't heard from in awhile and remember that you are loved! As your Director of Youth & Families, my job is to always support you, especially during times like these.

Please reach out with your prayers, needs and concerns.

*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." - Matthew 22:37*

**Rosalie Bradford,** Director of Youth & Family Ministries



## FALL 2021 DATES

- 9/19 - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM - SUNSET DEVOTION ON THE BEACH
- 9/23 - GAME NIGHT AT PHU VS. COUNTRY-SIDE FOOTBALL GAME
- 10/1 - GAME NIGHT AT PHU VS. EASTLAKE FOOTBALL GAME
- 10/3 - WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
- 10/8 - BUSCH GARDENS (PINELLAS COUNTY OUT OF SCHOOL)
- 10/28 - 4:30 PM - 9:30 PM TAUREN WELLS CONCERT
- 11/12 - 11/14 - FALL FUSION RETREAT AT CEDARKIRK
- 11/19 - 11/28-THANKSGIVING BREAK
- 11/21 - 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM FRIENDSGIVING POTLUCK
- 11/22 - METROPOLITAN MIN. VOLUNTEERING AM SHIFT

## WINTER 2021 DATES

- 12/12 - RING SING & MINGLE & CHRISTMAS PARTY
- 12/18 - 1/4 - CHRISTMAS BREAK
- 12/22 - METROPOLITAN MINISTRY VOLUNTEERING AM SHIFT
- 12/29 - CHRISTMAS BREAK LOCK-IN

## SPRING 2022 DATES

- 1/28 - 1/30 - ROCK THE UNIVERSE
- 2/20 - 4/17 - CONFIRMATION CLASS
- 2/13 - GALENTINE'S DAY & DUDES DAY
- 3/13 - 3/16 SPRING BREAK MISSION
- 4/10 - PALM SUNDAY
- 4/17 - EASTER SUNDAY

## TENTATIVE SUMMER 2022 DATES

- MONTREAT - 6/4 - 6/11
- MUSIC CAMP - 6/12 - 6/17
- BACKYARD MISSION - 7/11 - 7/15
- YOUTH WEEK - 7/30 - 8/5