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.

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 walkey1a@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 <u>http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/</u>.

<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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Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching online! Let us know of prayer requests by filling out the friendship sheet or through the church website, and seek to give online, by text, by mail or through offering boxes located in the narthex. Contact our church office at 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. Mark your calendar for our next Discovering Northwood Class, November 21st at 10:00am. WELCOME!

Peace and Global Witness Offering—TODAY

Today, Sunday, **October 3rd**, we are receiving the annual Peacemaking Offering. Eighty per cent of the offering will be divided between Bridging Free-

dom and Samaritan Village, both organizations fighting against the sex trafficking of women and providing victims safety, healing and hope. The PCUSA will receive 20% of the offering. Let us give generously for Jesus' sake!



Sunday School for Children begins TODAY!

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 if you have any questions. We hope you will join us on Sundays!



Brown Bag Bible Study—Thursday, Sept. 30, Noon

The Brown Bag Bible Study is back and livestreaming for the Fall! Pastor Paul continues a study of The Book of Acts. Acts provides us with an invaluable bridge between the four gospels and the 22 New Testament letters and offers inspiration, guidance and examples for us today. Join as we seek to grow in faith, hope and love!

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

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!

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 <u>cjal-wood@msn.com</u> for questions.

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Northwood's 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.

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshiping online, your giving matters too. 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