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Kids' Corner Preschool News



The end of October is packed with fall fun and excitement!
 On Wednesday, October 27th, the children will enjoy picking pumpkins at our
 2nd annual Kid' Corner Pumpkin Patch.

Each class will visit our pumpkin patch during their scheduled playground time
 and search for well-hidden pumpkins. They will also enjoy outdoor story time with their teachers.
 Every child will go home with a pumpkin!

Our Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 29th.
 The children will come dressed in their costumes and parade around the church/school campus
 and fill their treat bags with candy and treats handed out by our staff and parent volunteers.
 After the parade, the children will return to their classrooms for a Halloween party!



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The Window

Chartering Organization of Boy Scout Troop 413

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Welcome New Members!



Jim & Kay Ferguson
 (11:00)



Ritchie & Leslie Henley
 (11:00)



*We welcome the following new members
 who were introduced to our church family
 in the worship services on
 Sunday, September 19, 2021 as part of the
 Discovering Northwood Class.*



Betty Spoerl
 (11:00)



Lauren and Anne Preston
 (11:00)



At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, November 7:

All Saints Day/Blanket Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, November 14:

Stewardship/Dedication Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

November 12-14

Youth Fall-Fusion Trip to Cedarkirk

Sunday, November 21:

9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:00 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Thursday, November 25:

Office will be closed for Thanksgiving

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
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications

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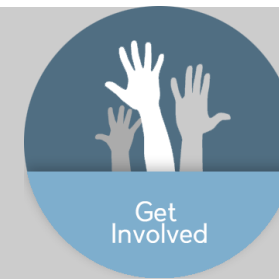
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Submissions:

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.

November 2021

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

Women's Retreat-Save the Date!

Cedarkirk Women's retreat will be **January 21-23, 2022!**
Any questions, please contact Jeanneestephen@gmail.com

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.



PW Charity Event

At their 2021/2022 annual kick-off meeting held on Tuesday, August 17, the Northwood Presbyterian Women Unified Circle collected and donated much needed underwear for local children.

Each year, Clothes to Kids, a local charity, conducts a "Drop Your Drawers" campaign in which they strive to collect and distribute more than 65,000 pairs of underwear to needy families just in time for the new school year.

As one of their stated purposes, Presbyterian Women strive to support the mission of the Presbyterian Church, USA. One of our goals this year is to support a local charity with in-kind gifts at each monthly meeting.

Interested in getting involved or knowing more? Please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net, or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.



CHILDREN'S Sunday School

Children's Sunday School for age 3 to 5th grade is held weekly during the 11:00am church service 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!



Around Northwood

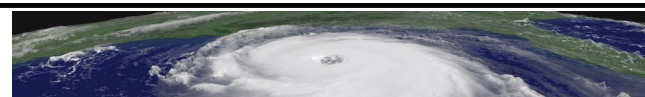


Pledge Cards and Recurring Online Transactions

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 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 <http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/>.

Discovering Northwood Class

A Discovering Northwood Class will be held Sunday, November 21st from 10:00am to 11:00am in Room 4 for those wishing to learn more about Northwood and consider church membership. Please know you are welcome to attend if you have been visiting us online in worship.

Dinner for 6-7-8—November 12th

Want to meet and socialize with members of your Northwood Church Family? If you enjoy good food, good company, meeting new people and greeting familiar friends then come and join us at our next picnic! We will meet at John Chesnut Park in Palm Harbor on November 12th at 1:30pm. Bring your own picnic and drinks. All are welcome. If you have any questions, contact Claudia Alwood at cjalwood@msn.com.

Halloween Candy for Music Ministry

If you have leftover Halloween candy or find some good BOGO deals, the music ministry will gladly accept your donations. We use the candy as incentives in our children's and youth choirs. Thank you for your generosity! Questions? Contact Stephanie Carson, 727-796-8090.

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, November 9th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in "attending" our monthly discussion on photography, please contact david@primeimagesinc.com or curtis.krueger@gmail.com and we'll send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

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

Bay Area Pregnancy Center

With your help, we continue to serve young women and families that are in need. With Pastor Paul's help, we have also referred those in need to your food pantry. Covid brought many challenges for everyone—we remained open, not missing a day! We have helped over a thousand women this year. Thanks for your support and continued prayers. Blessings, Marsha

Foundation for International Missions

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250 given in support of our mission at the New Hope Clinic in rural Honduras. Each gift makes it possible for Dr. Davila and his staff to provide life-saving medical care to those who would otherwise have no access. Thank you! We are continuously reminded that we love because HE first loved us. Sincerely, Frances M. Mikuta

Mission Engagement & Support

On behalf of Presbyterian Mission, we thank you for your gracious and faithful support of \$905.00 for One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. The support of your congregation makes a difference in sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ locally, nationally and around the world. Your in Christ, Sy Hughes, Mission Engagement Advisor

HOPE Villages of America

Thank you for your gift of \$1,250.00 to benefit the Food Distribution & Basic Needs Services, and Home Mission of Hope Villages of America, formerly RCS Pinellas. Because of you, we can continue providing hope restoration with dignity to those in need through innovative programs and services. Thank you for making a difference! Kirk Ray Smith, President & CEO

Boley Centers

The support of Boley Centers through the gifts in memory of Mark O'Leary is already making a difference in the lives of the people served by Boley Centers. With funding being an ongoing challenge, gifts like yours help us to touch more lives of vulnerable people in our community. With Gratitude and Best Wishes, Gary MacMath, President/CEO

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Bonnie Beyer, Darrough Diamond, Linda Diamond, Don Drummond, Sue GaVette, Shirley Gleason, Jeri Heycock, 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:

Virginia Cromwell
Virginia Cromwell
Bill Bilka
Joe Zeigler
Joe Zeigler
Joe Zeigler
Joe Zeigler
Joe Zeigler
Nancy Johnson
Roy Jackson
Mark O'Leary
Joe Zeigler
Becky Sharp
Mimi Judd
Pete Judd
Nancy Johnson
Joe Zeigler
Mark O'Leary
Nancy Johnson
Nancy Ericson
Pete Judd
Norma Wasmuth
Dick Casper

Given by:

Claudia & Jack Alwood
Stephanie Carson
Joanne & Ray Spigarelli
Joanne & Ray Spigarelli
Elizabeth & Chris Kosta
Brenda McNeill
Dewey & Blanche Parsons
Claudia & Jack Alwood
Claudia & Jack Alwood
Stephanie Carson
Robert & Susan Stern
Michael Ezza
Blanche Marshall
Blanche Marshall
Blanche Marshall
Jean Swintek
Earle & Jessie Lusk
Sue & Steve Miskiewicz
Sue & Steve Miskiewicz
Sue & Steve Miskiewicz
Art & Jeanette Holloway
Bill & Patty Martin
Bill & Patty Martin

In Honor of:

Art & Jeanette Holloway

Given by:

Mary Ellen Zeigler

Prayers and Christian Sympathies to:

- Ethel and Family of Al Holden upon the news of his death on October 6.

Prayers for our Military Families



If you have an immediate family member in the military that you would like added to our prayer list, please contact the church office, 727-796-8090.

Medicine Bottles

If you have medicine bottles you'd like to drop off at the church to be recycled, please be sure that the bottles are prescription medicine bottles, clean and without labels. Please no vitamin bottles.



Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study on Livestream and Facebook Live

The **Brown Bag Bible Study** is back and livestreaming. Thursdays at noon, Pastor Paul will continue the 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 the 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 21st century. Join as we seek to grow in faith, hope and love!



Presbyterian Women



The Presbyterian Women unified circle will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in rooms 4-8. This month we will meet November 9th. We will be starting a new 9 month Bible study entitled *What my Grandmothers Taught Me* by Merryl Blair. Chris Curvin will be teaching each lesson via Livestream and our circle will have a follow-up discussion of the lesson. 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 or Sue Miskiewicz at 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 for the link and for any technical help or questions.

Wednesday Bible Study

Cindy Huffman is 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 and she will forward you the Zoom link. All are welcome!



Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, November 5th at 10:30am at Philippe Park (shelter 8). 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. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at (727) 787-9868 or LVNM1@hotmail.com.

What's Going on in Citylight

We are headed into the holidays with gratitude and faith filled energy! In the month of October we continued our "normal" youth and families schedule with 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 take part in such as our sunset beach devotion, cooking for Feeding the Fosters, Football Games, Busch Gardens, Fishing, Crafting and more. After adjusting to the school, work and extracurricular activities that the fall brings, we are ready to have some fun during our Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks. There are a lot of holiday dates to get excited for and Spring Semester and Summer plans are rolling! In November we have our Fall Fusion Retreat, Metropolitan Ministries Thanksgiving Drive and more fall events! Look at the schedule to check out our upcoming dates.

We are ready for Summer 2022! We are headed to Montreat, NC for the Annual Montreat Youth Conference! Sign up is now open! This conference is open to entering 9th graders through 12th completed as well as college freshman and sophomores. Sign up by contacting Rosalie. \$100 check made out to NPC with memo Montreat to lock in your spot. Visit the link below or in our weekly email to learn more about our trip:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QfNPiyVSqNx8WFwgEyNmcnPCZjC2f7RuP6w6CCtoII/edit?usp=sharing>

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 experience 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

- 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

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

