

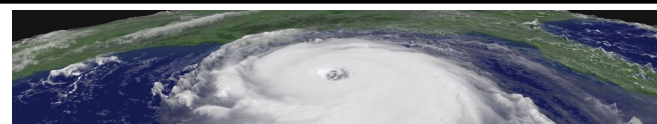


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Hurricane Ministry

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. 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/>.



ONLINE Directory on your Iphone or Android Download NOW before it's no longer available!

This easy-to-use app is free and available to all NPC members listed in our database using the same user name and password that you create for Access ACST™. **THIS APP WILL NO LONGER BE AVAILABLE AFTER NOVEMBER 1ST!** If you don't already have a login and password, you can create one by visiting our website at www.northwoodpc.org and clicking on the LOGIN link at the top of the page. When the screen appears, just click where it says "Need a login?" Follow the steps to create the login and then visit the app store on your mobile device to search for and download the app called ACS Church Life. Once downloaded, tap on the new icon on your phone and login using the credentials you created via the website. It may sound a bit complicated if you aren't used to this exercise, but we're always available to help. Call Emily Cantin in the church office and arrange a time to come by. We'll get you started!

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WAY Dinners Are Back! Save the Dates!

WAY Dinners are **October 5, 12, 19 & 26**. The dinner begins at 6:00pm. Reservation forms are located on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen. See reservation form for more information. Don't forget to invite a friend. For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at (727) 796-8090.



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.

- **King's Kids**, our weekly program for children ages 3 years old-5th grade. (4:00- 6:00 P.M.)
- **High School Bible Study** in the Youth Room (following the dinner)
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsal 7:00-8:30 pm.

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

Wonderful Wednesday Fall Dinner Menus 2022

October 5, 2022

Field Green Salad, Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing
Mary Ann's Creamy Chicken Bake
Honey Glazed Carrots
Fresh Baked Bread and Butter
New York Style Cheese Cake with Chocolate Sauce

October 12, 2022

Creamy Cole Slaw
Herb Crusted Roast Loin of Pork
Creamy Mashed Potatoes with Butter
Green Beans Almandine, Fresh Rolls and Butter
All American Apple Pie

October 19, 2022

Romaine and Spinach Salad, Balsamic Vinaigrette Dressing
Beef Burgundy
Buttered Egg Noodles
Buttered Vegetable Medley
Fresh Baked Bread and Butter
Black and White Pudding Parfait

October 26, 2022

Traditional Caesar Salad with Croutons
Breaded Chicken Parmesan, Roasted Seasoned Potatoes
Green Peas and Carrots
Sliced Fresh Bread and Butter
Decadent Chocolate Fudge Cake

Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assorted Herbal Teas, Lemonade, and Fresh Brewed Ice Tea and Sweet Tea are available at all dinners.

At-A-Glance

October 2022

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, October 2:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 5:
5:30 P.M. King's Kids Kick-off Party
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner

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

Wednesday, October 12:
4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner

Sunday, October 16:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 19:
4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner

Friday, October 21- Sunday, October 23:
All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk

Sunday, October 23:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 26:
4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner

Sunday, October 30:
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 x2007
Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006
Stephanie Carson, Music x2009
David Furr, Organist
Rosalie Bradford, Youth and Families x2008
Karlee Wright, Children's Ministry x2002
Emily Cantin, Director of Communications x2001
Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

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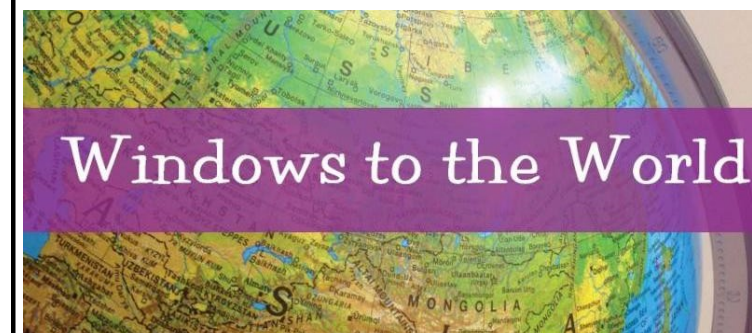
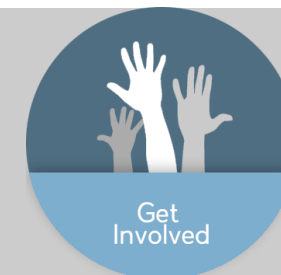
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Submissions:
If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

Church Office Hours

We will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30am to 3:00pm and closed on Friday. All staff members continue to be available via email or phone regardless of the office schedule.

Around Northwood



Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, October 14th at 10:30 in rooms 9 & 11. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme "Windows to the World," Wally Ericson will provide the program sharing about his life of boat building, fishing, dredging and some of the travels he has experienced. Following the program we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. All are welcome! Transportation is gladly provided for those needing a ride. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or email at paul@northwoodpc.org.

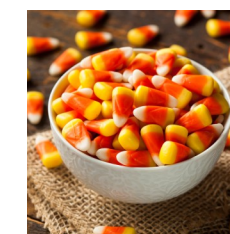
Sing the Christmas Cantata-- "Festival of Christmas"

Wednesdays beginning October 12, 7-7:35 we will rehearse our wonderful new Christmas Cantata. You can join the choir just for this. It is a short commitment and an opportunity to sing with a large choir and orchestra. Please contact Stephanie Carson and we will reserve a cantata book for you.
stephanie@northwoodpc.org; 727-796-8090



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 choirs. Thank you for your generosity! Questions? Contact Stephanie Carson, 727-796-8090.

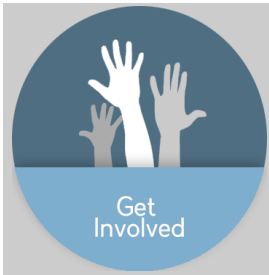


Advent Wreath Lighting

Lighting the Advent Wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way for us to honor our Christian tradition of preparing for the Christ child. Would you like to take part in this meaningful Northwood tradition? The Worship Team needs groups of two or more (friends, family members, Sunday School classes, etc) to light the candles of the Advent Wreath during each worship service of Advent.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 or email her at bikingringer@gmail.com.





Around Northwood



Men's Bible Study & Fellowship Survey

The Christian Education Team is hoping to sponsor a Men's Bible Study and Fellowship. We need your input in completing the following survey. Please be sure to hit the button at the end marked "DONE" in order to have the survey completed and returned to the Christian Education Team. Click on the link below or type in the web address in your search browser.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NorthwoodMen>

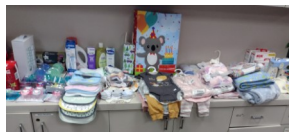
NPC Fellowship Groups

These groups have met over the last eight months and word is everyone enjoyed meeting for dinner in homes or in restaurants. A new round of NPC Fellowship groups will start in October with new groups formed. If you would like to join a Fellowship Group, please email Claudia Alwood at cjalwood@msn.com. If you have been in a recent NPC Fellowship Group, we will contact you to see if you would like to continue.

Presbyterian Women

Baby Shower

Thank you to all of the Presbyterian Women who donated baby items. The Presbyterian Women participated in the "virtual baby shower" event for The Bay Area Pregnancy Center, supporting women and children in need or in crisis.



All-Church Retreat

The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 21-23, 2022. Brochures can be found on the bulletin board directly across from the kitchen. There are only a few spots left! Deposits with room requests are being accepted. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne Stephen at Jeanneestphen@gmail.com.

The Project Group

If you sew, knit, crochet or craft with a mission purpose (e.g. make greeting cards), you are invited! The project group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in room 13. We could use the following items: 100% Cotton material (large enough to make a little girl's dress), Bias tape (double fold only), Stuffing for teddy bears (for children in Morton Plant ER), and yarn for wheelchair lap robes. Please no curtain, decor, or upholstery material. Contact Marti Huff 727-503-3783 or Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 re: your donations. Thanks!

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, 310 pairs of shoes were donated, along with 75 pairs of socks, and 15 backpacks! Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with others in this way!

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. 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.



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.

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 11th at 7:00pm. If you are interested in "attending" our monthly discussion on photography, please contact curtis.krueger@gmail.com or david@primeimagesinc.com and we'll send you the Zoom link for the meeting.

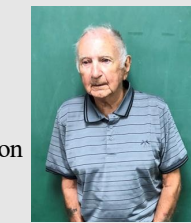
Welcome New Members!



9:00am
Susan & John Stover



11:00am
Marjory & Peter Gibson



Per-Capita Apportionment

Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per-capita assessment is \$33.48 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift.

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed; however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping 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 www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options.

Flower Arrangements

The flowers that are placed in the sanctuary are assembled into smaller arrangements to be distributed to those who are ill or in need of encouragement. The congregation is welcome to take one of these arrangements if needed. They can be picked up between 12:15-12:30 on Sunday in the kitchen.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Ken Andreassen
Ken Andreassen
Linda Earl
Linda Earl
Linda Earl
Linda Earl
Bonnie Beyer
Linda Ciokan
Linda Earl
Linda Earl
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Ken Andreassen
Linda Earl

Given by:

Sheila Mathisen
Art & Jeanette Holloway
Dee Rivers
Art & Jeanette Holloway
Jean Swintek
Bill & Patty Martin
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Art & Jeanette Holloway
Mary Alice Bankert
Mary Ellen Zeigler
Earle & Jessie Lusk
Dennis & Betty O'Shea
Bill & Bunny Bitner

Prayer Ministry

Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Darrough Diamond, Linda Diamond, Sue GaVette, Shirley Gleason, Jeri Heycock, Fred Inkles, Lloyd Kimball, Joyce Klotz, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder.

Peace & Global Witness Offering



Next Sunday, October 2nd, we will receive the annual Peacemaking Offering. Eighty percent of the offering will be divided between Bridging Freedom 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!

Coffee and Cookies are Back!

On the 4th Sunday of each month, we will once again be serving coffee, juice and cookies between services. This coffee hour is a wonderful opportunity to enjoy fellowship and good food and drink. Gathering will take place in the hallways and coffee service will be from the kitchen windows. **Our next coffee hour will be on Sunday, September 25 from 10:00-10:55.** We hope to see you there! If interested in volunteering for this quick and easy opportunity to serve, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.



Thank you for the amazing donation of 2 crochet blankets, 5 beautiful quilts and 7 wheelchair bags. We are so grateful for your donation. The residents enjoy them daily! Westchester Gardens, Life Enrichment Dept.



Brown Bag Bible Study

IN-PERSON and Livestream

The Brown Bag Bible Study is back for the Fall! On **October 6th** at noon, we will begin a new seven week study looking at seven stories in the Gospel of John. John refers to these stories as signs which reveal and point to Jesus as the Messiah. John tells us "But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name." (John 20:31) Come join us as we grow in faith, hope and love!

Presbyterian Women

We will resume our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month starting October 11th at 10am in rooms 4,6&8 of the Christian Education Building. We will begin a new 9 month study titled "Celebrating Sabbath". If you need a book, they are available for purchase in the church office.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, October 7th at 10:30am. We will meet in rooms 5&7 of the Christian Education building. The book we are studying is *The Relationship Principles of Jesus* by Tom Holladay. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at (727) 787-9868 or LVNM1@hotmail.com. For help getting a book, contact Marti Huff at marti.huff.np@gmail.com.

Biblical TakeAways

"Biblical TakeAways" is an adult Sunday School study class which is nestled between the two Northwood Sunday morning services. This allows worshipers from both services to attend. The study and discussion will offer key "takeaways" based upon central Biblical truths and principles which are relevant for class participants to apply in their daily lives. The Study meets on Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m. in Rooms 5 & 7. We are studying the two letters of Peter. Please bring Bible and Wright commentary book. Led by Claudia Alwood & Garry Justice. Join us as we study God's word! New members are welcome!



Kings' Kids is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. This is an intentional mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God. The program includes rotations through Bible lessons, music/choir and guided recreational activities with additional children and family events throughout the year.

Kick-off party- Wed., October 5th
5:30-6:00pm

First Day Kings' Kids- Wed., October 12
4:00-6:00pm

Kings Kids will meet every Wednesday through November. For more information, contact Karlee Wright childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.



If you have children ages 4 years old—5th grade that would like to attend Sunday School, please email Karlee Wright at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org if you have any questions.

Nursery Care Available

Infants and toddlers ages 3 and under are provided care in our excellent nursery during the entire Worship Service and during the Sunday School hour. Please contact Karlee Wright at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org with any questions.

What's Going on in Citylight

We are currently in the midst of our fall semester! We have enjoyed Citynight on Wednesday nights, Game Night on Friday, and Church on Sunday. We're excited for some awesome Holiday events come November! We have been getting our plans for Summer 2023 ready as well. We already know that we are going to be going back to Montreat Youth Conference June 3 - 10, 2023 as well as our annual Music Camp next summer. Sign up will be available soon.

For the fall, we plan to go to Cedarkirk to participate in the All Church Retreat October 21st - 23rd. Families are invited to sign up through the church website, and individual high school or college students can sign up through our Citylight Email. This year, high school and college students that are looking to attend individually can stay in Pine Lodge, under the care of Rosalie and Andy Pareja.

Our College group has met online this Semester, and there are plans being made to get together over the holidays. As we approach the holidays, mark your calendars for November 21st & December 22nd for our Annual Metropolitan Ministries Holiday Drive Event, as well as December 11th for our Christmas Party, and December 28th for our Christmas Break Lock-In! Sign up in our Citylight weekly email.

We are off to a great start this year with awesome attendance at Citynight and Game Night. We have a middle school growing which is such a blessing! However, we would love to see more students and families in the pews on Sunday morning. You have been missed by your NPC family.

Ephesians 4:12

"For the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ."

Rosalie Bradford, *Director of Youth & Family Ministries*

