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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>.

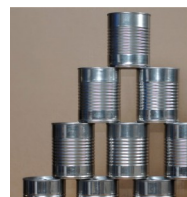
This guide has valuable information for Pinellas County:
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/>.

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.

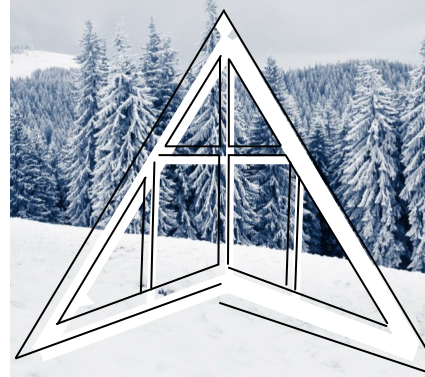
Food Pantry items needed:

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



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**“Called to Live Upside Down”
 Stewardship Dedication Sunday is November 13th**

Dear Members and Friends of Northwood,

It is our belief that God calls us to practice generosity. Each Fall, and at other times of the year, we emphasize the importance of our financial giving to the church. Giving has always been a hallmark of the Christian commitment. Our stewardship theme to help us consider our giving for the coming year is *“Called to Live Life Upside Down.”*

I have prepared a series of stewardship sermons on this theme for you to consider before you make your financial commitment to Northwood for the coming year. Consider that the Christians of the early church were called “to turn the world upside down!” Jesus called them to follow Him in this way. When it came to being selfless and generous, Jesus taught that the givers in this world are the real receivers. He reminded us of this in Luke 6:38: **“Give and it will be given to you.”**

Our Stewardship Team prays that for 2023 you will take the next step of faith by increasing your pledge/gift to the church. The wonderful things done in and through Northwood in the name of Jesus Christ are not accomplished without significant volunteer and financial commitments by so many of you.

As we plan a budget for the coming year, **we need everyone to consider turning in a pledge card for 2023 on Sunday, November 13th or soon thereafter.** Your pledge can be adjusted at any point by contacting the church office and speaking to Mark Fettke, our Bookkeeper. Every gift counts!

Finally, there are a growing number of people who give regularly to Northwood by utilizing our electronic online giving. When you make a gift using the online giving through the church's website, you will receive an electronic notice of your donation each week. All you have to do to take advantage of this method of giving is to go to the church website, www.northwoodpc.org, click on the tab “About Us” and choose the option entitled “Giving.” There are very good instructions to lead you through making a gift online once you get to the website page.

As we all plan our giving to Christ's church for the coming year, let me say on behalf of our Session and Stewardship Team, thank you for your generosity. For truly, the givers are the receivers!

Your pastor and friend,
 Chris Curvin

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

November 2022

Sunday, November 6:
All Saint's Day/Blanket Sunday
 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 9:
 4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

Sunday, November 13:
Stewardship/Dedication Sunday
 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 16:
 4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

Sunday, November 20:
 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
 10:00 A.M. Discovering Northwood Presentation
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 23:
 4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

Thursday, November 24:
 The church office will be closed in observance of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 27
First Sunday of Advent:
 9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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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, Dir. of Communications x2001
 Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
 Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

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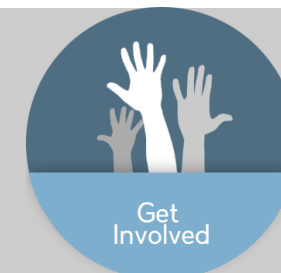
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Submissions:
 If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

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



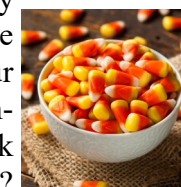
Presbyterian Women Gathering

"Plug in and recharge!" was the theme of the 12th Triennial Gathering of Presbyterian Women, Synod of South Atlantic held at Epworth by the Sea in St. Simons Island GA. Four PW members from Northwood attended and enjoyed Christian fellowship with members from four states. We were relaxed, yet recharged on the last day when this photo was taken.



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 bikin-gringer@gmail.com.



Annual Garage Sale

Hard to believe but our annual Garage Sale is almost here again. The sale will take place on January 13 and 14, 2023. Your donations and the donations you request from family and friends is so important to the success of the sale. Your generosity continues to amaze us and the Music Program benefits greatly.

More information will be coming about the drop-off times and pick-up opportunities in December's publications.

As always, we cannot accept older electronics, tvs, or entertainment centers. Gently used furniture is accepted. Everything else is most welcome – clothes, jewelry, furniture, household, linens, fine collectibles, holiday, books, tools, outdoor, etc.

We also need more help this year as some of our faithful workers will not be able to be with us. Contact Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 or e-mail susankcurry@verizon.net if you can help or if you have any questions

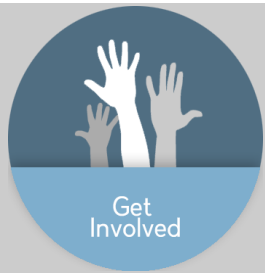
Women's Retreat-Save the Date

Join the women of Northwood at the annual Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, and canoeing. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. Register Now! Deposits are due November 21st. Registration forms can be found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen!



Office Angels Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the church office during the week. We have openings for Wednesday Mornings 9:30-noon and substitutes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Emily Cantin at communications@northwoodpc.org.



Around Northwood



Caring for Our Church Family

Beth-El Angel Tree



It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help our adopted families with Christmas! Again this year, we will have "angels" on our Christmas tree in the narthex starting **November 20th** so that you can choose a gift to provide for a family in need. This year we are working with families from the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry. The following Sunday, **November 27th** there will be angels on the tree with general items that are helpful to the farmworker families. Dates of when all gifts will need to be returned to the church will be coordinated with Beth-El.

Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon and 2023 nominating committee? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 13. 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 2023 (Please circle Elder or Deacon)

Or contact the Chair of the Nominating Committee, Keith Nadig. Members of the Nominating Committee elected by the congregation are June Arnold, Aimee McDermott, Barbara Moler and Ellen Stoup.

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 make little dresses for Haiti, lap robes, walker bags, and stuffed teddy bears. The latter go to the ER at Countryside. New members are always welcome. Contact Marti Huff 727-503-3783 or Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 with any questions. Thanks!

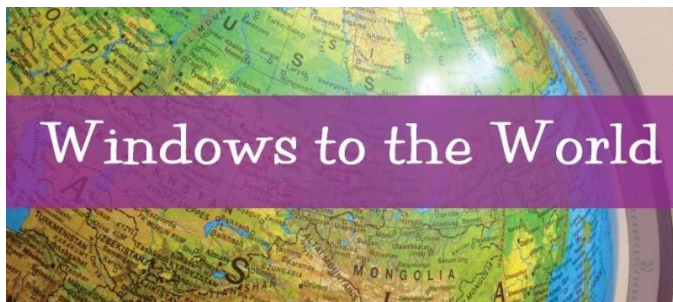
Northwood Photo Group

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.



Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday is November 6, 2022. 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.



Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on **Friday, November 11th at 10:30** in rooms 11 & 13. 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," Linda and Mike O'Leary will provide the program sharing sights and experiences from their recent trip to southern Italy. 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 paul@northwoodpc.org.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Beth-El

Thank you, Northwood Presbyterian Church, for your gift of 310 pairs of shoes. This is evidence of a strong community coming together to ensure all of us make it through the storms. Our prayer is that you too feel the embrace of the community surrounding you and yours. May this blessing be upon you, Teresita Matos-Post, Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your generous gift of \$640! Thanks to you, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco can continue building safe, affordable homes for hard working members of our community. Your support has provided over 969 families a home to call their own.

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:

Linda Earl
Dot Chronister
Kurt Penney

Given by:

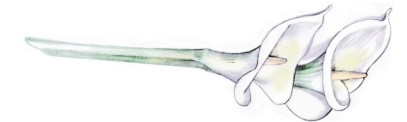
Stephanie Carson
Tim Beaver
Lorrie Janusik

Prayer Ministry

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

Prayers and Christian Sympathies to:

- Linda Howard and Family upon the news of the death of her sister, Carolyn Henderson on September 20.



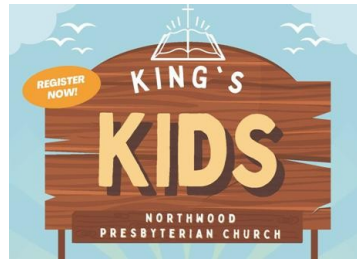
Memorial Gifts

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.

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. If interested in volunteering for this quick and easy opportunity to serve, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

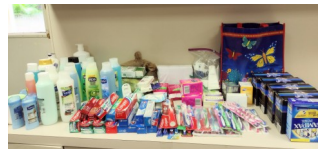




Kings' Kids is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. This is an intentional mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God. The program includes rotations through Bible lessons, music/choir and guided recreational activities with additional children and family events throughout the year. Kings Kids will meet every Wednesday through November. For more information, contact Karlee Wright at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

Presbyterian Women

We will resume our monthly meetings on the second Tuesday of the month starting November 8th 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.



This month the Presbyterian Women group collected toiletries and feminine products for women who have experienced domestic abuse and are in a shelter. The shelter is administered by Hope Villages in Dunedin. The PW donations are pictured.

Brown Bag Bible Study IN-PERSON and Livestream

The Brown Bag Bible Study is back for the Fall! We will continue meeting on Wednesdays at noon, looking at a seven week study on the 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!



Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed will meet Friday, November 4th 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!



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

As we approach the holidays, we look back on a great 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 this month. We have been getting our plans for spring & 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, Backyard Mission Week & VBS. Sign ups will be available soon.

In October we participated in our All Church Retreat October 21st-23rd. Families, high school students and college students were invited to spend the weekend at Cedarkirk as one church family. It was such a great weekend out in nature and spending time together.

Thanksgiving & Christmas Break Events - Mark your calendars for November 20th for our Friendsgiving, 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.

Rock the Universe will take place January 27-29 at Universal Studios in Orlando, Florida. Middle school age through college students, as well as families, are invited to join in on this amazing weekend of fun and faith! Sign up for this amazing weekend in our Youth & Families 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 and are always welcome home.

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*

