

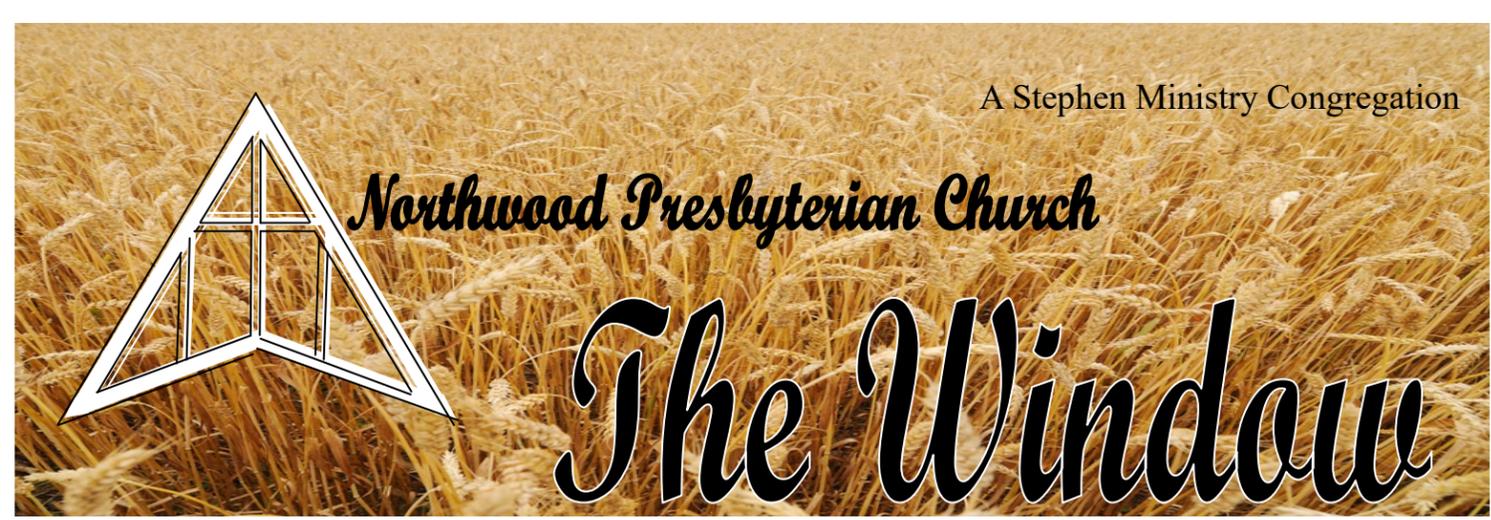


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Dear Members and Friends of Northwood,

It is our belief that God calls us to practice the Christian virtue of 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 and this is why our stewardship theme for the coming year is ***"A Generous Undertaking."***

As you prayerfully consider your level of giving for the coming year, please read and reflect on 2 Corinthians 8: 1-12. The specific Bible verse for this year's stewardship campaign is from verse 7. In the verses leading up to this the Apostle Paul reminds the Corinthian Christians of the need to give worthily to the offering being collected for the Church in Jerusalem. He writes:

(Verse 7) "... ***We want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.***"

Paul's challenge to us is this, "With that tremendous example of generosity before you in Jesus who laid his glory by and consented to come to earth for our sake, how can you hold back?"

Our Stewardship Team hopes that for 2019 you will take the next step of faith by increasing your pledge/gift to the church. Together, by committing a percentage of our income to God, we affirm that God has blessed us but calls us to be a blessing to others.

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 the Session seeks to plan an effective budget we need everyone to consider turning in a pledge card for 2019. Your pledge can be adjusted at any point in the year simply by contacting the church office and speaking to Linda O'Leary, our Bookkeeper. Thank you to all of those who currently give so very faithfully. 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.

Stewardship in its fullest dimension always includes making a decision to serve God in the giving of our time, talent and treasure. As we plan our giving to Christ's church for coming year let us excel in this generous undertaking!

Your pastor and friend,
 Chris Curvin

NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THE SESSION		
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Tracey Birch Ray Spigarelli Keith Nadig Stephen Cantin	Patty Martin Gene Weitz Nancy Johnson Pete Towns Andy Strelcheck	Cookie Roffey Louise Mylin Vickie Mills Mike O'Leary Will Parker
Moderator: Chris Curvin Clerk: Ellen Stoup Treasurer: Lou Weislogel		
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Class of 2018	Class of 2019	Class of 2020
Cynthia Lawrence Lynn Propst Melanie Brown Earle Lusk Elaine Cornillaud	Curtis Krueger Polly Brown Troy Harris	Jay Basinger Eleanor Cicerchi Dennis Rasmussen Kim Blackmore

Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 6th. Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them. Nomination forms may be placed in the mailbox of Ray Spigarelli or in the offering plate. Members of the nominating committee are Ray Spigarelli, Gene Weitz, Vickie Mills, Dick Evans, Bill Martin, and Bailey Shields.

I have the permission of _____
 to nominate them for the office of _____
 Elder or Deacon (Please circle one)

At-A-Glance

October 2018

This Month at Northwood

Friday, October 19-21:

All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk

Sunday, October 21 :

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 24:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner

6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

Sunday, October 28:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 31:

No King's Kids

No WAY Dinner-Happy Halloween!

Sunday, November 4:

All Saints Day

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 7:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner

6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

Sunday, November 11:

Stewardship/Dedication Sunday

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 14:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner

6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

Sunday, November 18:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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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 2nd Monday of the month.

E-News:

If you are interested in receiving emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to communications@northwoodpc.org.



Around Northwood

Beth-El Angel Tree

Northwood will be supporting the Beth-El Farm-workers Ministry in Hillsborough County again this year. The gift requests will be on multicolored angels on the Christmas tree starting November 25th. Gifts range from \$1.00 up. Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 10th. For information contact Evelyn Towns (727) 785-3743.



Lighting the Advent Wreath

It's time once again to start thinking about Advent and what you will do to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Has it become a family tradition for you to light the Advent wreath at Northwood? Call Linda now to schedule your time for this year! Never done it before? That's ok! We'll spend time with you showing you what to do and providing you with the accompanying scripture several days in advance so you can practice reading it. Are you a single? No problem...invite a friend to join you for this meaningful act of worship! Don't delay, Advent begins December 2nd this year! You can reach Linda Feller at (727) 385-5629 or bikingringer@gmail.com.



Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Hurricane Season 2018

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are in an evacuation zone and would need housing or if you are able to share your home with members-in-need, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi at ecicerchi@gmail.com or 607-382-1781 or Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org. 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 upon us, we are all encouraged to prepare for a possible storm. One helpful resource is baynews9.com. Click on "Weather," then "Hurricane Center." There you will find weather advisories, maps of evacuation zones and checklists for your family and pets.



CareNotes Ministry

Are you struggling to cope with grief or chronic illness? Are you overwhelmed with the challenges of care giving? CareNotes offer strength, help and healing for those who are hurting and provide a wealth of emotional, health, grief and eldercare support and information. CareNotes are also available for teens and children addressing such topics as bullying, social media safety and forgiveness. You will also find greeting cards if needed. These free resources are found in the racks in the narthex. They are supplied by the Deacons and refreshed by Deacon Cynthia Lawrence.



Around Northwood

PIPESCREAMS Concert

The annual spooky and fun concert of haunting music for organ and more will be Friday, October 27th at the First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin. The concert begins at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary and will be followed by a reception in Hager Hall. This is presented by the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and First Presbyterian Church. Tom Huffman will be among the performers.

Sing the Christmas Cantata

Want to sing in the choir without the full commitment? Join us for the Christmas Cantata! This year we are singing John Rutter's arrangements of Christmas Carols and, in addition, his stunning composition "Angels' Carol." Wonderful choral music. We need all voice parts. Every Wednesday evening the cantata choir rehearses for 30 minutes before regular choir rehearsal from 7:30-8:00pm. Please give me a call or email me so I can reserve music for you! We need you! If you have any questions, contact. stephanie@northwoodpc.org



Marriage Alive



Marriage Alive is a Christian based marriage support group for couples that meets the first Saturday of every month from 6:00-8:00pm in rooms 4&6 of the Christian Education building. For the month of November, the date has been moved to **November 10th**. Married couples of all ages are invited to attend. We will watch the video "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman before starting the book in December. Each family please bring a heavy appetizer to share and child care is always provided. Sharing the seasons of a marriage between families and couples has been proven to strengthen marriages and lead to lifelong friendships. This is also open to couples who may not be members of Northwood. All are invited. Any questions, contact Spencer Briggs at 727-776-9295.



2018 Wonderful Wednesdays Series

October 10– November 14
Fall Series- "Northwood Is..."
Meal: 6:00-6:40 P.M.
Study Series: 6:40-7:15 P.M.

Our Wednesday And You (WAY) meal gatherings are back! They provide a happy harvest of friendship and opportunity for the whole family. On the tables at each meal will be our 3 Cents-a-Meal Jars which benefit the hungry locally and worldwide. Please remember to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you. Your first-time guest's meal (with a reservation) is complimentary. **Please use the pink First Time Guest side of the reservation form. PLEASE NOTE**, there will be **NO** dinner or program on October 31st.

Women's Retreat-Save the Date

Cedarkirk Women's retreat will be February 8-10, 2019! Join the women of Northwood for an amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and nature walks. Enjoy the peaceful beauty of Cedarkirk while staying in a heated lodge, complete with fireplace and kitchen. More info coming soon! Any questions, please contact Jeanneestephen@gmail.com.



Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday is **November 4, 2018**. Please start thinking about donating new and gently used blankets to be given to the migrant worker's families at Beth El. Every year we collect blankets, suitcases and cash donations for these families who live in such poor and deplorable conditions. They use the blankets for more than warmth. They use them as room dividers and other means of privacy. It is such a worthwhile cause for our church to support. Call Sue Miskiewicz @ 727-799-6767 if you have any questions.



Welcome New Members!

Please welcome our new members that joined us for our September Discovering Northwood Class!



Steve & Marilou Foemmel
(11:00)
(608) 492-2076
stevefoemmel64@gmail.com



Mary Kreuziger
(8:15)
(727) 733-6318



Audrey Nower
(11:00)
(727) 483-9668



Brenda Williams
(8:15)
(727) 743-8794
bkwilliamsfl@gmail.com



Katie Williams
(8:15)
(727) 743-5404
kawilliams1600@gmail.com

Palm Garden Health Center Visitation

Faithfully, for many years on the second Sunday of every month, a team from Northwood has been visiting Palm Garden Health Center to lead participating residents in hymns, prayers, scripture, and a short devotional. Assisting this very faithful group of three (Sue Miskiewicz, Muriel Antonakes, and Marie Purcell) is a volunteer from the Board of Deacons. This is an inspiration to behold, and a great blessing is in store for you if you would like to participate! (Contact Sue Miskiewicz for details.) This trio of dedicated servants of Jesus should be praised for their loyal, unselfish service to God, Northwood, and our community!

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Ashley and JR Rounding on the birth of Benjamin Tyler Rounding on October 10th weighing 7lbs 7oz. And 20 inches long. And to Georgia Rounding for becoming a grandmother for a second time!

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

*Ted Holcomb
Bill Sutton
Jan Hewlett
Jan Hewlett
Ted Holcomb
John Guthrie
Bill Sutton
Jim Hunt
Edna Bechtold
Bill Sutton
Bill Sutton
Ted Holcomb
Janet Hewlett
Bill Sutton
Ted Holcomb*

Given by:

*Bill & Patty Martin
Bill & Patty Martin
Jean Swintek
Bill & Patty Martin
Jay Brown
Lorrie Janusik
Jean Swintek
Barbara Hunt
Bonnie Kissling
Joanne Inkles
Anonymous
Anonymous
Joanne Inkles
Loisanne & Bill Blika
Claudia Alwood*

In Honor of:

Justine Ruisz & Family

Given by:

Bill & Patty Martin

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen, Doris Croasmun, Shirley Gleason, Howard Green, Fred Inkles, Kelly Jordan, Jane Kaempfer, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Helen Meier, Norman Phillips, Marian Rather, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Al & Ethel Holden, Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond, Connie Zaccari.

Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Lou Weislogel on the news of the death of Lou's wife, Gail on October 2, 2018. Gail's memorial service will be held at Regency Oaks on Saturday, November 3rd at 11:00am.
- Helene Zalay on the news of the death of her husband, Cliff Zalay on October 14th.

Congratulations!

Cambia and James Woodford, on the birth of Rella Constance Woodford born on October 5th weighing 7lbs 3oz and 19 1/2 inches long. And to Stephanie Carson for becoming a Grandmother for the first time!



Christian Education

TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

TCI provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives. TCI chooses topics from suggestions by participants and our leadership team. We fuel our always-lively conversations with coffee and cookies.

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Every day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

Sunday Evening Bible Study "Isaiah"

This Sunday evening Bible study meets at 6:30pm in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

Fresh Brewed

Women's Bible Study— Fresh Brewed meets the First Friday of each month at 10:30am in room 5, except July. Our Nov. 2nd meeting is from the book: *Woman of Wisdom - Proverbs* by Dee Brestin, Chapter Seven. Cindy Huffman will lead the group in November. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Sally Uhler, 727-796-7563.

"Journey Through"

"Journey Through" is an adult Sunday school class that meets from 11:00-11:45am in room 4 of the Christian Education building led by Vanessa Celotto. This class coincides with the youth Sunday school class. It's an awesome opportunity for your family to study the Bible cover to cover and grow together especially since you and your youth will be studying the same topics each week, but in a way that's relevant to each of your lives. Don't have a child in the Youth Ministry program? That's okay! The class is open to everyone and it's the perfect place to study the Bible while building relationships with other members of Northwood.

Fun! Friends! Friday!

The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew is a group of adventuresome, young at heart 50+ adults that enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. We meet on the second Friday of the month (September – May). We gather at the church from 10:30 to 11:30 for presentations and conversations that are entertaining, educational and inspiring. Following the presentation the group enjoys going to a different restaurant each month.

Back by popular demand the theme for this year is, again, "Windows to the World." Listed below is an engaging slate of programs for the fall of 2018.

November 9th— Barbara Englehart and Nancy Johnson: Our Cuban Experience.

December 14th— Associate Music director and Organist, Tom Huffman: Christmas Carols from around the world.

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.

Presbyterian Women

Women's Circles



Esther/Elizabeth Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9:30am in rooms 5 & 7.

Lydia Circle meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm in room 5.

Naomi Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm in members homes.

Please come and try out one of our circles! Everyone is welcome!

Kids' Corner Preschool Openings!

Please share the news! Kids' Corner Preschool still has openings in our two's/three's program. If you know anyone looking for an accredited and nurturing preschool, please contact the school director, Michelle Episcopo at 727-723-7679 or schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

Children's Ministry



Children's Sunday School

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

King's Kids

King's Kids is back in action and we are excited for the new session. If you are interested in volunteering and helping with this program you are welcome. We could use help with assisting in Music and with the transitions from one activity to the next. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-5:45 through Nov. 14th. King's Kids is open to all kids ages 3 (must be potty trained) – 5th grade. Questions? Contact Justine Ruisz at (727) 796-8090 or childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.



Acolytes Needed

Parents, Northwood is in need of acolytes for the 8:15 & 11:00 services. Children must be 2nd grade and up. Training and instruction will be provided as will learning the importance of bringing God's light into our worship services and then taking it out into the world. Please contact Justine Ruisz if your child is available and interested. childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

Justine Ruisz,

Director of Children's Ministry
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org
796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140

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! Any questions? Contact Stephanie Carson, (727) 796-8090.



- **Friday, October 19th-21st: All Church Retreat**
- **Wednesday, October 24th from 6:30-7:30pm: H.S. Bible Game Night**
- **Friday, October 26th from 5:30-6:30pm: M.S. Bible Game Night**
- **Friday, October 26th from 7-10pm: Game Night**
- **Saturday, October 27th from 10-2: Beach Cleanup**
- **Sunday, October 28th at 9:30am: Worship**
- **Sunday, October 28th at 11:00am: Youth Sunday School**
- **Sunday, October 28th at 11:00am: Journey Through Bible Study**
- **Sunday, October 28th from 5-6:30pm: Pumpkin Carving Party**
- **Wednesday, October 31st from 6:30-7:30pm: H.S. Bible Study Halloween Party**
- **Friday, November 3rd from 5:30-6:30pm: M.S. Bible Study**
- **Sunday, November 4th at 9:30am: Worship**
- **Sunday, November 4th at 11:00am: Sunday School**
- **Sunday, November 4th at 11:00am: Journey Through Bible Study**
- **Sunday, November 4th from 5-6:30pm: Youth Night**
- **Wednesday, November 7th from 6:30-7:30pm: H.S. Bible Study**
- **Friday, November 9th - 11th: Fall Fusion**
- **Friday, November 16th from 7-10pm: Game Night**

Thank you!

We are so very thankful to those that came out on Saturday, Sept. 29th for our All Church Work Day! We had over 50 people come together to bless our church with their hard work and dedication with the help of our Boy Scouts, Youth and church members of all ages. They cleaned up the breezeway, polished the sanctuary, cleaned the Christian Education tables, trimmed trees, and washed and detailed the church vehicles.