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Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE 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 15. Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them. Nomination forms may be placed in the mailbox of Gene Weitz in the church office or in the offering plate.

I have the permission of _____

to nominate him/her for the office of _____

Elder or Deacon (Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: Gene Weitz (chair), Carl Corello, Barbara Moler, Ray Spigarelli, Vickie Mills, Jackie Koski

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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 **“Give Freely and Wholeheartedly!”**

As you prayerfully consider your level of giving for the coming year, please read and reflect on First Chronicles, chapter 29 and note as you read verse 14, where David, in awe of all God has provided, states:

“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given You only what comes from Your hand.”

The call to us is go give freely and wholeheartedly in response to all God has provided us. With the tremendous example of generosity by God’s people before us in the book of Chronicles the question becomes for us, “How can we hold back from giving more freely and wholeheartedly?”

Our Stewardship Team hopes that for 2020 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 increased budget for next year, we need everyone to consider turning in a pledge card for 2020. Your pledge can be adjusted at any point in the year simply by contacting the church office and speaking to Linda O’Leary, our Full Charge 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 the coming year, let us do so generously!

Your pastor and friend,
Chris Curvin

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

Wednesday, October 30:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner
6:40-7:15 P.M. WAY Program

Sunday, November 3:

All Saints Day/Blanket Sunday

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 6:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner
6:40-7:15 P.M. WAY Program

Sunday, November 10:

Stewardship/Dedication Sunday

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 13:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner
6:40-7:15 P.M. WAY Program

Friday, November 15-17:

Youth Fall Fusion Trip to Cedarkirk

Sunday, November 17:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:30 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 20:

4:00-5:45 P.M. Last day of King's Kids
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner
6:40-7:15 P.M. WAY Program

Sunday, November 24:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27 and will reopen Monday, December 2.

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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.

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.

Around Northwood



Annual Garage Sale

Our 2020 Music Ministry Annual Garage Sale is approaching quickly. The sale is **January 10-11, 2020**. Last year's sale was the biggest ever and that was only because of your generosity. We sell almost everything – select furniture, jewelry, kitchen items, clothes, shoes, toys, holiday items, tools, collectibles, books, linens, outdoor items and decorations. Please no older TV's, older electronics or entertainment centers. We could use some medium and large plastic bags from department stores if you could save them or ask for extra when you are shopping. We also need hangers, specifically the metal ones given with dry cleaning. If you think you would like to donate some of your time and talent to the garage sale, there will be a sign-up sheet on the music bulletin board across from the kitchen. Please ask your family, neighbors and friends if they would like to donate items. Tax deductible receipts are available. We will have space at the church to start collecting on December 27th. Pick-up of furniture and other items you need help with will be available. More details about times will be coming in the next *Window* and in the Sunday bulletins. Thank you for your awesome support of this very special event! If you have any questions, please call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237.

Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP) Angel Tree

It's fast approaching 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 24th, so that you can choose a gift to provide for a family in need. This year we have chosen Homeless Empowerment Project families to support (Gifts should cost \$25-\$30). For information contact Pam Means at (727) 386-0747 or Nancy Johnson at (727) 366-7705.

Beth-El Angel Tree

Northwood will be supporting the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry in Hillsborough County again this year. The gift requests will be on multicolored angels on the Christmas tree starting December 1st. Gifts range from \$1.00 up. Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 15th. For information contact Evelyn Towns (727) 785-3743.

2019 Wonderful Wednesdays Series

October 23– November 20

Fall Program-

"Northwood in Mission & Ministry"

Meal: 6:00-6:40 P.M.

Program: 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. Reservation forms are located on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen. 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.

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Lighting the candles of the Advent wreath is a great way for us to keep Christ at the center of Christmas and for parents to teach their children the true meaning of Christmas. How would you like to take part in what has become a meaningful Northwood tradition? We are looking for two or more friends or family members to light the candles of the Advent wreath during each worship service in December, up to and including Christmas Eve. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 or email her at bikingringer@gmail.com.

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 Eleanor Cicerchi.



Around Northwood



Caring for Our Church Family

Blanket Sunday

Blanket Sunday is November 3, 2019. 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 deplorable 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, we are no longer collecting suitcases for Beth-El. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to such a worthwhile cause. Call Sue Miskiewicz @ 727-799-6767 if you have any questions.

Pipescreams

The annual *Pipescreams* concert will be Monday, October 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Dunedin (455 Scotland Street). This fun Halloween themed concert of mostly organ music is sponsored by The Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists. The program will be followed by a reception in Hager Hall—a hauntingly boo-ti-ful program of music.

Marriage Alive

Marriage Alive is a Christian based marriage support group for couples that meet the first Saturday of every month. Our next meeting is November 2nd from 6:00-8:00pm in rooms 5 & 7 of the Christian Education building. Married couples of all ages are invited to attend and don't need to be members of Northwood. This month we will begin a new video series "A Marriage Built to Last" by Chip Ingram. Each lesson has a 30 min. video and discussion. Each family please bring a heavy appetizer to share. Child care will be provided, if needed, and we ask that you reserve by October 31st. Questions, please contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

Reminder from the Worship Team

The Worship Team would like to remind everyone that our worship is meant to glorify God and is not a performance. Therefore if you feel moved by a moment in worship, such as a musical offering to God, instead of applauding, please seek instead to speak to those involved directly following worship to let them know personally of your enjoyment.

Need Van Drivers

We're looking for a few good drivers to drive Northwood's van on Sunday mornings. This helps some of our members who need a ride to and from the 11 a.m. service. We're looking for good, safe drivers, and we'll train you on driving the route and the van. If you are interested in doing this once a month, or if you know someone else who might be interested, please contact Fleet Wulf at f_wulf@hotmail.com.

Women's Retreat-Save the Date

Join the women of Northwood for an amazing week-end of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and nature walks. Cedarkirk Women's retreat will be February 7-9, 2020! Any questions, please contact Jeanneestephens@gmail.com.

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 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 2019.

November 8th—David Lawrence: "An African Safari Across the Plains of Tanzania and the Serengeti"

December 13th—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.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for supporting Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties with your generous gift of \$320. Your investment and support helps us to promote family stability through innovative housing solutions and create positive change in our community. Mike Sutton, CEO

Beth-El

Thank you for your contribution of \$350. Your support helps Beth-El to continue to provide the services so many in our community depend on such as food, clothing, and many other immediate needs including help through our dental clinic. Thank you!

Kathy Dain, Executive Director

Home Communion Training

Elder and Deacon Home Communion Information and Training session on Sunday, November 17th from 12:30 to 1:15 in room 10. This is an excellent opportunity for Elders and Deacons to learn more and become involved in this important ministry of care and compassion to Northwood members who are homebound and unable to attend church. We need officers to serve on home teams or who would be willing to serve as a substitute. This training is needed to serve communion in the home, beyond any information received for serving communion during worship on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Brendan & Kelly Tighe and family upon the news of the death of Brendan's grandmother, Mary Shelley on September 27th.
- The Cline family upon the news of the death of Naomi Cline on October 14th.

Prayer Ministry

Bill Allen, Ken Andreassen, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Shirley Gleason, Fred Inkles, Carol Justice, Jane Kaempfer, Joyce Klotz, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Al & Ethel Holden, Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond, Jane Urban, Ruth White.

All-Church Work Day Postponed

The All-Church Work Day which was scheduled for November 2nd has been postponed and will be re-scheduled. Please watch our publications for the updated information.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Harriet McGrath
Edna Bechtold
Harriet McGrath
Roland Watkins

Given by:

Bill & Loisanne Bilka
Bonnie Kissling
Bill & Patty Martin
Jane Urban

Welcome New Members!



Kat & Mark Bonfiglio
(Nikki)
(9:30)
(727) 742-8219 /
(813) 997-7130
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Tina & Josh Walker
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Cl.kimball@gmail.com
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Nancy Holleman
(Bob)
(11:00)
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Bob & Kay Rath
(11:00)
(Re-Affirmation of Faith)

Christian Education



Sunday Morning Classes

TCI Class (Today's Christian Issues)

9:30am, rooms 9&11

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.

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00am, room 15, led by Vicki Krueger

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. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God's message of hope and reconciliation to God's people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies- Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah* by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

"Defenders"

This group meets on Sunday mornings at both 9:30am & 11:00am in rooms 5 & 7. It is being taught by Michael Jahosky, a humanities professor at St. Petersburg College. The class focuses on defending the Christian faith in a secular world and is studying the book "Christian Apologetics: Renewing the Christian Voice, Conscience, and Imagination in a Disenchanted World" by Dr. Paul Gould. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com

Presbyterian Women Women's Circles



Presbyterian Women are using a Bible study called "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Gamble. This is a 9 month study of the Ten Commandments. Come and join one of our study sessions, everyone is welcome!

—Session led by Chris Curvin; Tuesday, Nov. 5th at 9:00am, room 5

—Esther/Elizabeth Circle; Tuesday, November 12th at 9:30am, room 5 and will continue to meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

—Lydia/Naomi Circle; Monday, November 18th at 11:30am, room 5 and will continue to meet the 3rd Monday of every month.

Study books are available for purchase at each session. If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Women's Bible Study— This group gathers the first Friday of every month. Our date for this month is Friday, November 1st at 10:30am in room 5. The book we are working from this year is Fresh Brewed Life: A Stirring Invitation to Wake Up Your Soul by Nicole Johnson. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin, lvnml@hotmail.com .

The Project Group

We're women of all ages who sew, knit, and crochet items with a mission purpose. We sew little dresses for Haiti or walker bags, make lap robes, or knit caps for newborns. We need new members! Meetings are on the **4th Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in Room 13**. We share ideas, get encouragement to finish projects, sort through donated material and enjoy Christian fellowship. Questions? Call Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 or join us on Tues., Oct. 22 at 9:30 in Room 13.

What's going on in Citylight

Youth ministry at Northwood is having a great start to this school year. We have three ongoing programs a week: Citynight on Wednesdays, Game Night on Fridays, and Sunday School. Citynight is from 6:30pm to 8:15pm where students will meet in the youth room to experience fellowship, eat dinner, play games and experience God through activities and a lesson. Our Sunday school class is exploring a series called Amplify, where students focus on building their faith foundation. November 20th we will be sharing our mission experiences at the WAY dinner, and we welcome you to join us! November 25th we will be going to Metropolitan Ministries to serve in the food pantry and would love for you to chaperone. We will be going to Cedarkirk this month for the Fusion Youth Retreat, so keep us in your prayers.

Check out our calendar for all of the activities planned for November and make sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram page!

If you would like to support this thriving ministry, contact Rosalie Bradford at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org

Children's Ministry



King's Kids

King's Kids is back in action and we are well into the new session. If you are interested in volunteering, we welcome you! We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-5:45pm and will continue through November 20th. King's Kids is open to kids ages 3 years (must be potty trained) through 5th grade. For more information, please contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090.



Sunday, October 27th , 9:30am: Worship
Sunday, October 27th , 10:45am: Sunday School
Wednesday, October 30th, 6:15pm-8:15pm: Youth Group
Friday, November 1st, 7:00pm-10:00pm: Game Night
Sunday, November 3rd, 10:45am: Sunday School
Wednesday, November 6th, 6:30pm-8:15pm: Citynight
Friday, November 8th, 7:00pm-10:00pm: Game Night
Sunday, November 10th, 10:35am-11:30am: Sunday School
Wednesday, November 13th, 6:30pm-8:15pm: Citynight
November 15th-17th: Fusion Retreat at Cedarkirk
Friday, November 15th, *No Game Night*
Sunday, November 17th, 11:00am: Defenders class in rooms 5 & 7
Wednesday, November 20th, *No Citynight*
Friday, November 22nd, 7:00pm-10:00pm: Game Night
Sunday, November 24th, 10:35am-11:30am: Sunday School
Monday, November 25th, 11:00am-5:30pm: Metropolitan Ministries
Wednesday, November 27th, *No Citynight*
Friday, November 29th, 6:00pm-8:00pm: Friendsgiving



Ways for adults to serve youth this month:

- Chaperone at Citynight
- Chaperone at Game Night
- Chaperone Trip to Metropolitan Ministries
- Bring in items from our grocery list posted on our bulletin board