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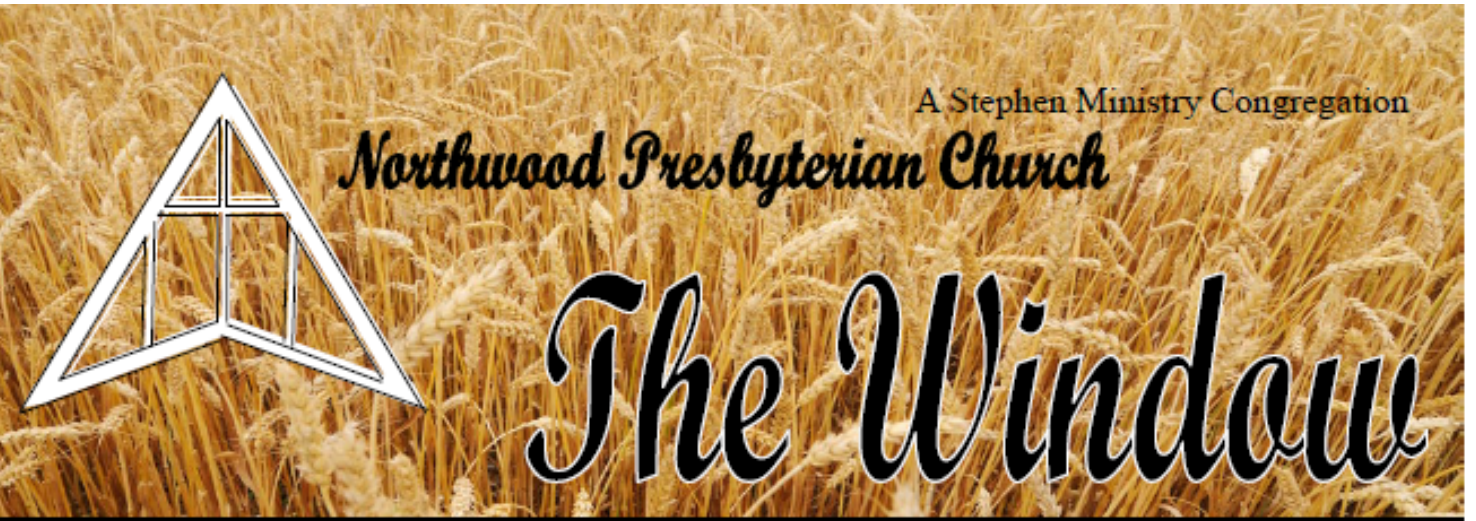


Northwood's Kids' Corner and NCC is off to a great start! The staff has worked hard preparing for the 112 children that are attending our schools this year. We've had a wonderful time getting to know each other. All of the children have settled into their daily routine.

At Kids' Corner we have reviewed our shapes and colors and discovered that people come in all shapes, sizes and colors! We discussed our families and how God has made each of us special and loves us just the way we are. We had a Breakfast with Dad morning, which gave the children some special time to share with their fathers. At NCC, the students have enjoyed playing games and sports after school and getting excellent assistance with their homework.

Heartfelt thanks to the many members of the congregation who have welcomed me and been so supportive in this time of transition. I look forward to continuing to provide the standard of excellence that Kids' Corner and NCC is known for in the community. "Whoever receives one such child in My name receives Me." Matthew 18:5. How blessed we are to welcome and receive 112 children from ages 2 to 11.

Laura Woodard, Director of Schools



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Wonderful Wednesday Fall Dinner Menus 2016

October 12, 2016

Field Green Salad with Crouton with Raspberry Vinaigrette,
Grilled Seasoned Pork Chop, Sweet Potato Pecan Casserole,
Buttered Green Beans, Fresh Baked Soft Dinner Rolls with Butter &
Caramel Drizzled Apple Tartlet

October 19, 2016

Spinach and Romaine Salad with Bacon Bits with Balsamic Vinaigrette,
Mary Anne's Creamy Chicken Bake, Buttered Green Peas
and Mushrooms, Fresh Baked Rosemary Bread with Butter & Dark
Rich Chocolate Fudge Cake

October 26, 2016

Trick or Treat Dinner

Graveyard Greens Salad with Pumpkin Seed with Green Slime
Dressing, Swedish Meat "Eye" Balls, Buttered Worm Egg Noodles,
Spooky Broccoli Spears, Broom Stick Bread & Heavenly Red
Velvet Cake

November 2, 2016

Baby Greens Salad with Mandarin Orange Vinaigrette Dressing,
Italian Style Chicken Parmesan with Spaghetti Marinara, Garden
Vegetable Medley, Fresh Baked Parmesan Garlic Baked & Black
and White Parfait

November 9, 2016

International Dinner

Caesar Salad, Chinese Egg Roll, Swedish Meatballs, Chicken &
Cheese Taquitos, Spanish Yellow Rice, Fresh Baked French Bread
with Butter & Italian Sfogliatella Pastry

November 16, 2016

Garden Salad with Choice of Dressings, Roast Holiday Tom Turkey
with Gravy, Old Fashioned Holiday Bread Stuffing,
Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Green Bean Casserole, Or-
ange Cranberry Relish, Fresh Dinner Rolls and Butter & Traditional
Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

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

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches
will be available at all dinners



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.

- **WAY Dinners**– October 12, 19, 26, November 2, 9 & 16(6:00–6:40 P.M.) Sign up using the pink reservation form by Noon on the Monday before the dinner. Be sure to invite a guest– a reserved, first-time guest's dinner is free!
- **"The Church in Mission" Program**- Led by our pastors and guest speakers (6:40-7:15 pm)
- **King's Kids**, our weekly program for children ages 3 years old-5th grade. (4:00– 5:45 pm)
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsal 7:30-9:00 pm.

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

At-A-Glance

September 19, 2016

This Month at
Northwood

Sunday, September 25:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:45 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, September 28:
4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

Sunday, October 2:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

Wednesday, October 12:
Wonderful Wednesdays Begin
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

Friday, October 14:
10:30-11:30 A.M. Ren Crew

Saturday, October 15:
7:00 P.M. Night on the Towne

Sunday, October 16:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 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
6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

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

Sunday, October 23:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 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
6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

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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 Tracy Donovan'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.

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Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Greeting Card Ministry

The Deacons' Greeting Card Ministry serves the church by sending greeting cards to members for special occasions and during times of hardship or loss. They also provide greeting cards for members' personal use. These cards for member's use are available to the congregation in a wall rack in the Narthex. Carol Zieres coordinates this ministry. Please feel free to pick up a card to send to a friend. If you have any questions about this ministry, you may contact Carol at 793-0568 or at carolzieres@yahoo.com.

NPC VITALS

Weather: Sunny & Warm
Sunday, September 11, 2016
(8:15) 117
(9:30) 165
(11:00) 116
Total: 398

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Burt Benziger; Doris Croasmun; Shirley Gleason; Howard Green; Fred Inkles; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Diane Luke; Lois Marsh; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian Rather; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot; Al & Ethel Holden; Bill & Jane Sutton; Bonnie Beyer; Nellie Elzerman



Please keep the following who are serving in the military in your prayers. Addresses have been included should you wish to send cards of support.

Benjamin Cernansky
11311 Pocket Brook Drive
Tampa, FL 33635-1507

Christopher Youngblood
8154 Washington Blvd.
Apt. 509
Jessup, MD 20794

Glen Nadig
HHB/ 1-320th FA
7034 Entrance Rd.
Ft. Campbell, KY 42223

Doris Croasmun has moved to Brookdale Pensacola, an assisted living facility. She is Cindy Huffman's mother and will celebrate her 88th birthday on September 24.

Her new address is:
8700 University Parkway, Apt. 135
Pensacola, FL 32514

Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

Adult Ministry

Fun! Friends! Friday!

Ren Crew

The Ren Crew is a group that delights in sharing fun with friends, old and new, 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.

The Ren Crew theme for the Fall of 2016 is "Windows to the World." The following presentations open "different windows to the world" as Northwood members share their fascinating travel experiences from here in the U.S. and from around the world.

Oct. 14-Pastor Paul:

Experience Beauty and Grandeur in the Grant Tetons and Yellowstone National Parks

Nov. 11- Bob Meier:

Exploring Ancient Ephesus

Dec. 9- 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, contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship class when directed.

9:30 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds- Kindergarten, Room 3

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

1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

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

3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

11:00 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship class when directed.

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion, please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM Middle & High School

Christian Education

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.



Wed, Sep 28: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.

Fri, Sep 30: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.

Sun, Oct 2: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.

Wed, Oct 5: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.

Fri, Oct 7: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.

Sun, Oct 9: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.

Wed, Oct 12: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.

Fri, Oct 14: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.

Sun, Oct 16: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.

Wed, Oct 19: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.

No Youth Events Friday, October 21 or Sunday, October 23 due to CedarKirk All-Church Retreat.

Wed, Oct 26: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.

Fri, Oct 28: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.

Sun, Oct 30: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.

*Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
youthdirector@northwoodpc.org
(813) 624-2593*

Women's Ministry

Bible Study:

The Girl's Still Got It, by Liz Curtis Higgs

Friday, October 7, 10:30am, rooms 4-6

Who Is Jesus?, by Judy Yates Siker, the Presbyterian

Women's Bible study for 2016 – 2017.

Tuesday, October 4, 9am, rooms 5-7

Monday, October 10, 1pm, member home

Tuesday, October 11, 9:30am, rooms 5-7

Monday, October 17, 7pm, rooms 5-7

Questions? Contact Patty Martin

(813-855-0851 or bill.martin2@verizon.net).

Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

King's Kids

King's Kids starts back on September 21st – November 16th and then Jan. 25th – March 29th. This is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. It runs from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. throughout the school year. This is a mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment, and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God.

*Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
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(727)796-8090 Cell/text- (727)641-8140*

Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning

Serendipity Class

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Rooms 13 & 15

Our Fall Series is "Reconfirming the Faith, What it Means to be a Presbyterian."

TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Rooms 9&11

October 2: When we hear or read bad news do we think, "That could have been me!" Do we feel "safe?" Do we live as though faith matters? We'll use Scripture and our own experiences and perspectives as Barbara Englehart leads our discussion on these and related questions. Plan to join the conversation while enjoying coffee and cookies.

October 9: How do we pray? Do we recite well-known Scripture? Do we have a conversation? Out-loud? In our hearts? We'll look at our experiences and Scripture with Barbara Englehart as we talk about how we pray. This may be an opportunity to learn ways to make prayer life more meaningful while enjoying coffee and cookies.

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Meets in room 15 with Vicki Krueger. All are welcome!



Beth-El Shoe Sunday



Many thanks to the Northwood church family from the Beth-El farm workers ministry and Northwood Presbyterian Church's Beth-El Shoes Leadership Team. Through your generous participation in Beth-El Shoe Sunday, **440 pairs of shoes were donated, along with \$50 in donations.** Once again, Northwood has embraced the biblical understanding that God blesses us in many wonderful ways, so that we may in turn glorify our Lord and experience the joy of sharing those blessings with others. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in this way!

Night on the Towne is back!

Yes, it's true. Northwood's version of a talent show is coming back on **Saturday, October 15th.** Mark your calendars and plan on being amazed at the sheer talent of your fellow Northwoodians. The show will start at 7 PM and run till about 9 PM. During intermission there will be a delectable assortment of desserts and drinks provided by the Kitchen Krew. There is no cost to attend and you don't need to sign up. Just show up and have a great time. If you have any questions, contact Jim Warren at 727-215-0733.



A number of folks from Northwood have registered for next year's 9-day trip to Scotland/Ireland with Joseph Martin. There is not a firm deadline to register, but there are certain benefits for signing up this month including a \$100 discount. There will be opportunity to sing in St. Giles Cathedral (Edinburgh), St. Patrick's Cathedral (Dublin) and in Derry in Northern Ireland. (Know that you don't have to be in the choir to go on the trip.) We will visit Edinburgh, Belfast, Derry and Dublin September 2-10, 2017 with an optional 4-day extension to Killarney, Shannon and the Ring of Kerry September 10-13, 2017. See Tom Huffman for a flyer and paperwork with all the details.

Sunday Bible Study



The Sunday Bible Study group will be studying Paul's life and teachings, to see how his call and his decision to accept the call can help us as we grow in Christ. The study book we will use is, "Paul: His Life and Teachings," by Jack Kuhatschek. This is a discussion-based class facilitated by Cindy Huffman. We meet in Rooms 12 & 14 on Sunday evenings, 6:30 - 7:30. All are welcome to join: males and females, singles and couples. Please contact Cindy at (727) 409-8727 if you have any questions or would like to order a book at \$9 each.

World Communion & Peacemaking Offering

On **October 5th**, we will collect the annual Peacemaking Offering. 80% of the offering will be divided between the Homeless Emergency Project and The Haven (domestic violence shelter of RCS), with the PCUSA receiving 20% of the offering. Let us give generously for Jesus' sake!



Calling All Crafters!

Do you crochet, knit or sew? We need you! Do you have yarn, fabric, notions? We need your stuff! The Women of Northwood make prayer shawls, lap robes, baby caps, dresses for Haiti, walker caddies, and just about anything. If you want to help, or if you know people who would benefit from these articles, stop by on October 25 at 9:30am in room 14. Questions? Contact Evelyn Towns (785-3743 or puson@aol.com).



We extend our prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Ginny Courtney, upon the news of the death of her dear daughter, Sally Lasley on August 6.
- The Wolf Family, upon the news of the death of Ralph Wolf, Jr. on Tuesday, September 6.
- Donna Elwood upon the news of the death of her father.



Get Involved!

Office Angels Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the church office during the week. Weekdays are split into two shifts: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.. We have openings for Monday afternoons, Wednesday mornings and substitutes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact: Tracy Donovan at (727) 796-8090 or communications@northwoodpc.org.

Bulletin Crew

Looking for a way to get involved? Join the bulletin assembling team, Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. This wonderful group helps assemble the bulletin each week and clean up the sanctuary. For more information or to get involved please contact Sally Uhler, (727) 796-7563.

Collecting Pop Tabs

Please collect and donate your pop tabs from cans of soda, soup, etc. Place your tabs in the marked basket at the south entrance. In the past we have delivered several 8-10 lb bags in a year! The donations are used to support the children recovering in Shriners hospitals across the country.

Volunteer Opportunity

Would you love to be a blessing by greeting those who enter Northwood Presbyterian Church on Sunday? Volunteering to be greeter will bless you too! Please call Elaine Cornillaud at (727) 726-3441, if you would love to greet at 8:15 or 11:00 A.M. Thank you!

News From the Mission Field

Clearwater Free Clinic

- Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$250 to the Clearwater Free Clinic. Every donation received at the clinic has a direct impact on the health of our uninsured neighbors. Because of the generosity of our community partners, every dollar of your gift will provide five dollars of medical care to our patients. With your continued support we are able to do so much for so many!

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

- Thanks for your donation of \$50. Through donations such as yours, we are able to assist the local Hispanic farmworker community. On November 5th, the mission will celebrate its 40th anniversary. Northwood Presbyterian Church, once again, thank you for your donation. We couldn't do all that we do without your support.

Habitat for Humanity

- Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$640 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County. Your investment helps families in our community achieve what they thought was just a dream. To date, Habitat Pinellas has completed 377 safe, affordable homes in our community. Your support allows us to remain focused on our mission to promote family stability through innovative housing solutions. Our overarching goal is to eliminate substandard housing throughout the county.

Home Communion For You!

If you or someone you know is unable to attend church, either short-term or long-term, to receive communion, Northwood's Home Communion Ministry Team would be happy to bring Home Communion to you. We want everyone to know that the church cares and we are glad to provide this connection of love and care through the sacrament of Holy Communion with Jesus. No preparation on your part is needed, we bring everything. We visit homes, rehab centers, hospitals, etc. For more information or an appointment, please call Barbara Moler at (727) 734-3331 or Sandy Gibson at (727) 791-4265.