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The activities at the preschool ministry are providing the children with many wonderful opportunities. Breakfast With Dad was a special time for the children to be with their fathers. It was great to see how excited they were to show their dads their school and classrooms. We are having an awesome October as we learn about the beautiful colors God has given to us in the autumn leaves and seeing and tasting apples and pumpkins. We had a field trip to a pumpkin patch and came back with our very own pumpkins! We are looking forward to our annual Halloween Parade which will take place on October 31st.

Our teachers are preparing for parent teacher conferences and will meet with each parent to discuss their child's individual strengths and set goals for the rest of the year. It has been said that it takes a village to raise a child. In Matthew 5:16 we are told to "Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."

Let us be ever mindful as parents, teachers, family members, and friends, of the responsibility we have to be the Light in the world, which is Jesus, for our children.

Laura Woodard, Director of Schools



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# The Window

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your cards of concern and queries about my illness with severe bronchitis over the past month. As most know, I was not able to preach a few weeks ago without coughing every sentence. I am grateful to our Associate Pastor, Paul Means, who was ready all week to step in and did so. I am still in disbelief that this happened to me! Don't we all say that when a surprise happens to us, especially in our health? I am getting better and I am also on record that I do not like surprises except if it is good news. How about you?

You will, I hope then, not be surprised to hear that all of us will need to consider increasing our giving and pledges for the coming year to Northwood. All of us need to begin thinking about this prayerfully. Our Stewardship Team will send out a letter, with a pledge card, this month asking you to make an increased gift which reflects your priorities for the coming year. We ask that you return a pledge card on **Dedication Sunday, November 13**, or as soon as you can thereafter.

I am also offering a sermon series based on the theme, "The Christian Wallet" as we consider our giving for 2017. I will offer statistics and examples that I hope will challenge us to consider our spending and what percentage of our income we give back to God. The theme is based on a book by the same name by the author, Mike Slaughter. He challenges us to consider how we spend what we earn and how we give back to God with a Christian conscience in our consumer-driven world. He writes, "We understand, for example, that all of us are called to love God with all our heart, mind, soul, and strength. But what about our wallets and purses?"

Thank you for your giving so far this year. If you want to make an over and above gift, please contact our church office. There are many areas of church life that need your support. Every gift counts to the glory of God as we seek to be a church that is healthy and faithful to God.

Chris Curvin, Pastor



# At-A-Glance

October 17, 2016

## This Month at Northwood

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

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

Wednesday, November 2:  
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 6:  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 9:  
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 13:  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 16:  
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 20:  
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

Tuesday, November 22:  
7:00 P.M. Community Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

The church office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 23 and will reopen Monday, November 28.

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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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org).

# Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

## Prayer Chain Ministry

The Deacons' Prayer Chain Ministry serves the church by lifting up prayers of concern through a network of volunteers. Our prayer chain is coordinated by Nancy Turner and Carol Rathmell. Prayer requests are referred to Nancy and Carol from the pastors and communicated to the volunteers via emails and phone calls. Members requesting prayers should complete the prayer request insert in the Sunday bulletin or notify one of the pastors. Members who would like to volunteer by praying should contact either Nancy or Carol. Nancy can be reached at 727-799-2054 or [nturn799@aol.com](mailto:nturn799@aol.com). Carol can be reached at 813-854-1470 or [csrathmell@aol.com](mailto:csrathmell@aol.com).

## NPC VITALS

Weather: Sunny  
Sunday, October 9, 2016

(8:15)	132
(9:30)	147
(11:00)	152
<b>Total:</b>	<b>431</b>

## Current Elders & Deacons

### The Session

Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Cindy Huffman	Loisanne Bilka	Bob Meier
Bailey Shields	Jerry Koski	Tracey Birch
Rich Spoenlein	Allen Hurst	Ray Spigarelli
Dawn Winder	Charlotte McQuown	Keith Nadig
	Doug Winder	Stephen Cantin

### The Deacons

Class of 2016	Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Linda O'Leary	Lindsey Childs-Kean	Cynthia Lawrence
Nancy Turner	Cindy Whiteside	Elaine Comillaud
Carol Rathmell	Carol Bushnell	
Linda Diamond	Carol Zieres	
Sue Miskiewicz	Cookie Roffey	

The Church Nominating Committee wishes to thank you for your nominations for electing Church Officers at our Annual Meeting in January. They already have a full slate of Elders and now only need four more Deacons of the six required to have a full slate of nominees. If you know someone you would like to nominate for the office of Deacon, please speak to them and confirm they are willing to serve and then contact Bailey Shields or Ray Spigarelli, current Ruling Elders moderating the work of the Committee.

### Hurricane Matthew Disaster Relief Gifts



If you would like to make a financial gift to Northwood that will assist those impacted by Hurricane Matthew, you are welcome to do so. Simply write "Disaster Relief"

in the memo line of your check, mark the outside envelope or include a note with cash contributions for "Disaster Relief" or visit our website to give online. There is a fund named "Disaster Relief" to easily direct online gifts. It is our hope that your gifts will be used for assistance on the East Coast of Florida as we connect with Deborah Musgrave Cox, Pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Palm Bay, Florida, near Melbourne. Deborah grew up attending Northwood and now lives/pastors in an area heavily impacted by this hurricane.



# 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.

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](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### 8:15 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 following the anthem.

### 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-2<sup>nd</sup> 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 following the anthem.

*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, 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.  
Wed, Nov 2: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.  
Fri, Nov 4: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.  
Sun, Nov 6: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.  
Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.  
Wed, Nov 9: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.  
Fri, Nov 11- Sun, Nov 13 CedarKirk Fusion Retreat  
Fri, Nov 11: NO GAME NIGHT  
Sun, Nov 13: NO YOUTH GROUP  
Wed, Nov 16: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.  
Fri, Nov 18: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.  
Sun, Nov 20: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.  
Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.  
Wed, Nov 23: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.  
Fri, Nov 25: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.  
Sun, Nov 27: 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](mailto:youthdirector@northwoodpc.org)  
(813) 624-2593

## Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

### King's Kids

King's Kids meets on Wednesdays through November 16<sup>th</sup> and then again January 25<sup>th</sup> – March 29<sup>th</sup>. 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  
[Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org)

## Adult Ministry

### Sunday Mornings

#### Serendipity Class

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Rooms 13 & 15

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

#### CI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Rooms 9&11

#### Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Room 15

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

## Women's Ministry

### 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](mailto:puson@aol.com)).

### Event Schedule

Monday, Oct. 17, 7:00 P.M. Lydia Circle rooms 5 & 7  
Tuesday, Nov. 1st 9:00 A.M. Bible Study room 5  
Friday, Nov. 4th 10:30 A.M. Fresh Brewed room 5  
Tuesday, Nov. 8th 9:30 A.M. Esther-Elizabeth Circle rooms 5 & 7  
Tuesday, Nov. 8th 1:00 P.M. Naomi Circle @ Member's Home  
Monday, Nov. 20th 7:00 P.M. Lydia Circle rooms 5 & 7  
Monday, Nov. 28th 10:00 A.M. Book Club rooms 13 & 15  
Tuesday, Nov. 29th 9:30 A.M. Project Day room 14

### Questions?

Contact Patty Martin  
(813) 855-0851 or  
[bill.martin2@verizon.net](mailto:bill.martin2@verizon.net)



# Around Northwood

## Blanket Sunday

It's that time of year again. Please be thinking about picking up new or setting aside gently used blankets and suitcases that we can give to help meet the needs of the migrant farmworkers this winter. Once again, the blankets and suitcases will be donated to Beth-El Ministries. Please contact Sue Miskiewicz with any questions or for pickup of these items at 727-799-6767 or [susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com). This is a wonderful ministry and is a blessing to the people supported by Beth-El. The workers and their families use the blankets in creative ways, such as; room dividers for privacy, along with the typical use of a blanket for providing warmth. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in this way!

## Sing the Christmas Cantata

Would you like to sing in the Christmas Cantata without the full Chancel Choir commitment right now? Consider singing the Christmas Cantata. We began rehearsals on Wednesday evening, October 12, but you are still welcome! The first half hour of choir rehearsal will be cantata rehearsal, so you stay from 7:30-8:00 and then you are free to go. We will do that each week until the cantata, which will be presented in worship, in both traditional services on Sunday, December 18. It is a beautiful cantata called "Morning Star". All voice parts wanted! Contact Stephanie Carson, [Stephanie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Stephanie@northwoodpc.org).

## PIPESCREAMS Concert

The annual spooky and fun concert of haunting music for organ and more will be Friday, October 28 at the First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin. The concert begins at 7:00 P.M. in the sanctuary and will be preceded by a potluck dinner in Hager Hall at 6:00 P.M. This is presented by the Clearwater Chapter of the American Guild of Organists and First Presbyterian Church. Tom Huffman will be among the performers.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

While the last Wednesday meal concludes on November 16th we want to remind everyone that on Tuesday, November 22nd we will gather at 7:00 PM for our **Community Thanksgiving Service** held this year at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church along with other local churches.



## 2016 Wonderful Wednesdays Series

October 12– November 16

Fall Series

"The Church in Mission"

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 Cent-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 orange First Time Guest side of the reservation form.



## Heralds of Harmony Concert

"The Heralds Live" concert is scheduled for Sunday, November 13, 2016. This Bay area group was recently ranked a

Top 10 chorus in the world! This is men's a cappella music at its finest. Northwood church has tickets available for \$20 from the music staff, choir members or at the church office. The concert is at 3:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, Dunedin. A plus for us, our music ministry keeps half the ticket cost!

## Fall Work Day

Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and blessing of sprucing up God's church and yours, both inside and out on Saturday, October 29th from 9:00 A.M.– Noon. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchen or call Chris Hurst in the church office at 796-8090.



# Caring for Our Church Family



## Memorial Gifts

**In Memory of:**  
*Francis Blaudow Jr.*

**Given by:**  
*Lorrie Janusik,  
Connie & Fred Roush*

*Ralph Wolf*

*Dr. Scott Anderson &  
Radiology Associates of  
FL*



## Welcome New Members!

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



Donna Bushman (9:30)



Mickey Stewart (11:00)



Lori Tietz (11:00)



Missy Turner (11:00)

Children:  
Alexander (4th)  
Hayden (1st)



Fleet & Gulden Wulf (9:30)

Children:  
Jeffrey (6th)  
Olivia (4th)  
Justin (1st)

## 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

## We extend our prayers and Christian sympathies to:



- Melanie Brown upon the news of the death of her mother, Inez Kramer, on Friday, September 30. There will be a memorial service held for Inez at First Presbyterian of Safety Harbor on Sunday, November 6 at 4:30 P.M.
- John Makal upon the news of the death of his father, Eugene "Genoa" Makal, on Friday, September 30.
- Joe and Mary Ellen Zeigler upon the news of the death of their daughter-in-law, Carol Ann Zeigler, on September 14.