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 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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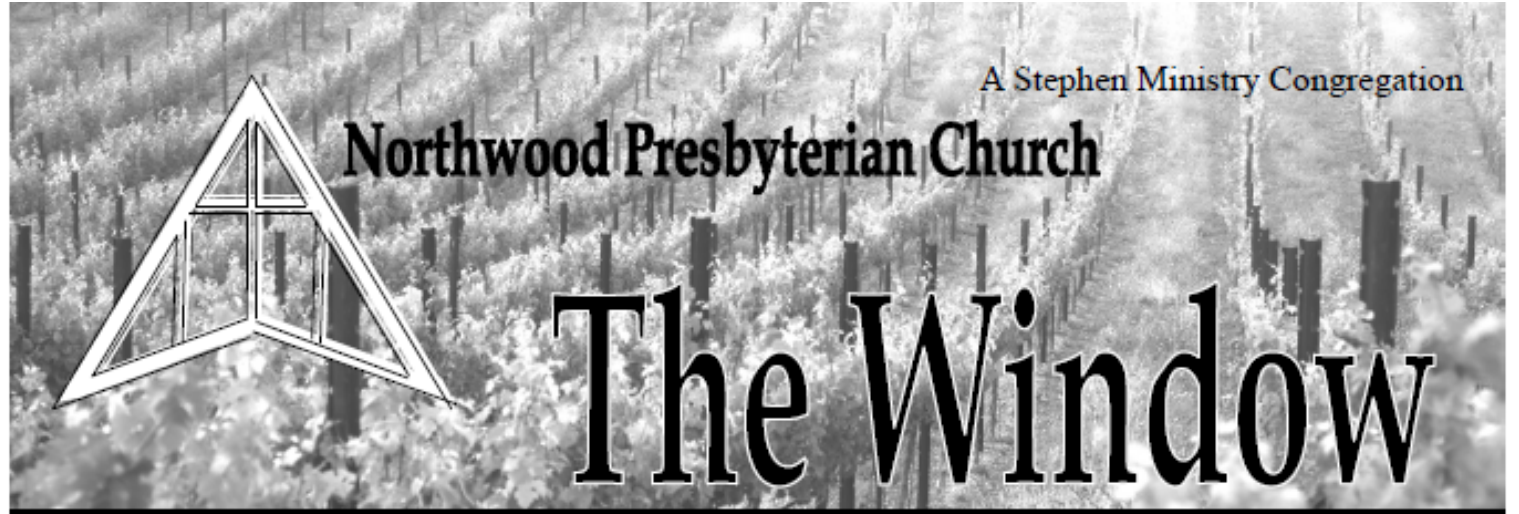
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**Presbyterian Women
 Welcomes New Honorary
 Lifetime Members**

Congratulations to Martha Tobiassen and Geraldine (Gerry) Krause who were awarded Honorary Lifetime Memberships at the Gifts of Women Sunday service on April 10. They join an esteemed group of women who have faithfully and generously served the church. Each woman was presented with a certificate and pin and their names have been added to the plaque in the narthex.

The symbols on the pins and plaque represent and portray the qualities of persons deserving the honor and recognition of an Honorary Life Membership. The overall design is of a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation— Presbyterian Women. The caring, supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives.



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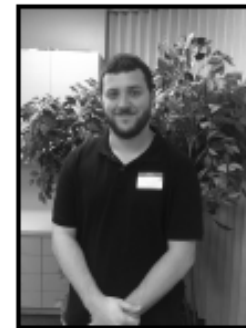
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Welcome to Northwood!

We welcome the following new members who were introduced to our church family in the worship services on Sunday, March 20 as part of the March 2016 Discovering Northwood Class.



Bob Lewis (9:30)



Drew Wassmuth (9:30)



Joan & Robert Fehringer (11:00)



Pat Neely (11:00)



Polly Brown (11:00)



Terry & Peggy Steele (11:00)

Not Pictured

Brian, Faye, Phillip & Lauren Mackie (9:30)

Patrick & Ginny Courtney (11:00)

Our next Discovering Northwood Class is Sunday, May 15 at 10:45 in room 4.

At-A-Glance

April 18, 2016

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, April 24:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, May 1:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

Sunday, May 15:
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

Sunday, May 22:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, May 29:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 5:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 12:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 19:
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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Edited by Tracy Donovan

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:

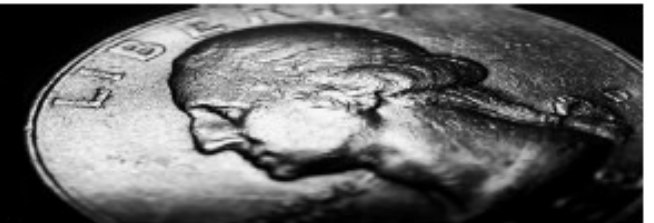
If you are interested in receiving emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to communications@northwoodpc.org.

Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Hurricane Ministry

The Deacons' Hurricane Ministry, currently coordinated by Sue Miskiewicz, serves the church by tracking storms and keeping members updated on storm activity and evacuation plans. Sue is also recruiting volunteers to host church members in their homes who may become displaced during an evacuation. Likewise, members who live in evacuation zones are encouraged to contact Sue if they anticipate needing shelter during a storm. Sue can be reached at 799-6767 or susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

Financial Matters



Online Giving

If you are interested in setting up online giving, visit the "Giving" link to the secure portal at www.northwoodpc.org or call the Church Office. For your convenience, gifts can be processed as credit card or e-check transactions. Additionally, you may make a one-time gift or set your contributions up for automated processing on a schedule that you select. Participation in the offering on Sunday morning is an act of worship and we wish to include those who choose to give online. If you so choose, you will find laminated cards in the Narthex that can be placed in the offering plate to say "My gift this week was made online." Thank you for your continued and faithful support of the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church.

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 for 2016 is \$28.62 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.

Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning Classes

Serendipity Class-

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Meets in rooms 13 and 15. Led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

TCI Class- Sundays at 9:30 AM

(Today's Christian Issues)

Meets in rooms 9 and 11. As always, we will have coffee and cookies.

Experiencing God Class-

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Meets in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

Sunday Evening Bible Study

Join us for a Bible Study Sunday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 12, every Sunday through June 19. We will look at the thread of God's love that runs through the Bible and how the stories relate to us today. The study book we will use is "The Story of Scripture" by Robbie F. Castleman. If you have any questions contact Cindy Huffman, leader of the class at 727-733-8726.

Wednesday Evening Class

All are welcome and encouraged to come to a new four-week Wednesday evening class beginning May 4. The class will be led by Professor Michael Jahosky and is titled, "Surprised by Hope: Rethinking Heaven, Hell, and the Resurrection." Class will meet 6:00-7:00 p.m. in rooms 5 & 7. Questions? Contact Michael Jahosky at mjahosky@gmail.com.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3.

Children are welcome to continue in worship with their parents or join us in room 3 for children's worship.

9:30 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-VPK (15/16 School Year), Room 3

Kindergarten- 2nd Grades, Room 2

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

3rd- 4th 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.

5th Grade, Room 12

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 12

11:00 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3.

Children are welcome to continue in worship with their parents or join us in room 3 for children's worship.

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 and High Sunday School will be in the Youth Room on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays. On the 1st Sunday we will meet in the Ignite service to enjoy worship and communion together.

Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry



Upcoming Children's Ministry Events

Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed:

Please contact Justine if you can help one Sunday during the summer months to help teach Sunday school. We need help with three to five-year-olds, Kindergarten to 2nd grade and 3rd-5th grades.

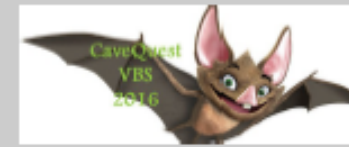
VBS is going to be a Rock

Solid Adventure

with Cave Quest

Children VPK - 5th grade

(15/16) are invited on this awesome adventure June 20-24 from 9:00-12:00. Registration is open for all!



Re"Questing" a Few Great Volunteers

- Crafts Assistants
- 3 Preschool Assistants
- 1 Elementary Teacher
- 2 Elementary Assistants

VBS Donations:

- Clothespins- wooden (200)
- Rigatoni dry noodles- 20 boxes
- Duct tape- red, yellow, orange and black
- Paper towel tubes (100)

Donated items can be placed in the collection box in front of the Noah's Ark table. More donation lists to come.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org
(727)796-8090 Cell/text- (727)641-8140



Children's Summer Music Camp, July 25-29

Children rising into 3rd-6th grade are invited to take part in our Summer Music Camp July 25-29. This Monday-Friday camp will run 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. with the performance being Friday, 7/29. The cost is \$35 and is limited to the first 25 children who sign up. If you have any questions or to hold a spot, please contact Stephanie Carson (stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090).

Attention Graduating Seniors

Attention all graduates, please submit your graduation picture, a short write up of your accomplishments and plans after graduation. This information can be dropped off in the office or e-mailed to communications@northwoodpc.org.

Youth & Young Adults

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

Sunday, April 24: Youth Sunday

Friday, April 29: Game Night 7-10 P.M. & High School Hangout 10 P.M.-Midnight

Sunday, May 1: 9:30 A.M. Ignite Service- Youth gather to enjoy worship and communion together

Sunday, May 1: Youth Group 5:00-6:30 in the youth room

Friday, May 6: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M. in the youth room and gym. Marcy will be baking cookies for the bake sale.

Sunday, May 8: Bake sale during services to support youth mission trips

Sunday, May 8: Youth Group 5:00-6:30 in the youth room

Friday, May 13: Lock-in 7:00 P.M.- 7:00 A.M. in the youth room and gym

Sunday, May 15: Recognize graduates during service

Sunday, May 15: End of the year Youth Banquet in the fellowship hall 5:00- 7:00 P.M.

Friday, May 20: NO GAME NIGHT

Sunday, May 22: Youth Group 5:00- 6:30 P.M. in the youth room

Middle School Mission Trip - local daily trips with one overnight (June 27 - July 1, 2016)

* Monday-Friday, 9am to 5pm, with one overnight adventure

* Possible places for mission work: Beth-El, Cedarkirk, Humane Society, Weeki Wachee State Park.

* \$150 for the week due on April 24.

* Registration will begin in April; information will be emailed.

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults
troyharris1962@yahoo.com, (727)366-7762

Northwood Scholarship Application

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications on www.northwoodpc.org or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice.



Get Involved

Women's Ministries

Bible Study

Spring into Spring by studying God's Word!

One Simple Act,

Discovering the Power of Generosity,

by Debbie Macomber

Friday, May 6, 10:30am, rooms 4-6

Come to the Waters,

2015 - 2016 Presbyterian Women's Bible Study

Monday, May 16, 7pm, rooms 5-7

Questions? Contact Patty Martin (813-855-0851 or bill.martin2@verizon.net).

Officer Installation and Birthday Party

All women in the church are invited to the PW installation service, covered dish luncheon and annual birthday party on Tuesday, May 3. The service starts at 11:30 in the sanctuary and the luncheon follows in rooms 5 & 7. Pastor Chris Curvin will conclude our study of Come to the Waters. Bring a dish to share. Drinks and birthday cake are provided. We look forward to seeing you there! Questions? Contact Patty Martin (813) 855-0851 or bill.martin2@verizon.net.

Buddy, can you spare a dime?

The women of Fresh Brewed, who are currently studying One Simple Act, Discovering the Power of Generosity, collect dimes in a 16.9oz water bottle. When the bottle is full, it contains about \$90...and it's VERY heavy. These ladies donated their most recent full bottle of dimes to Northwood's youth group to help with the cost of their upcoming mission trip. If you find yourself with a spare dime, the Fresh Brewed ladies will gladly add it to the bottle! Questions? Contact Sally Uhler (796-7563 or sallycats@verizon.net).

Congratulations!

As we celebrated the Gifts of Women on April 10 we recognized two Northwood women with lifetime memberships in Presbyterian Women. We congratulate Gerry Krause and Martha Tobiassen! Thank you for sharing your gifts and leading lives which inspire us!

Save the Date!

The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be **October 21-23, 2016.**

You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges! Info coming soon!



Bulletin Crew

Looking for a way to get involved? Join the bulletin assembling team at a new time, 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.

God Bless America

The Chancel Choir will be singing Joseph Martin's arrangement of "God Bless America" as the anthem Sunday morning, May 30, Memorial Day weekend. If you would like to join us to sing that song that morning, please come to our choir rehearsal on Wednesday evening, May 25 from 7:00-7:30 P.M. Joseph Martin performed this piece at Carnegie Hall the week before he came and led our concert of his music at Northwood. It is an excellent arrangement. There is something about singing in a choir that is so joyful and challenging and fun. Please come and give it a try!

Stephanie@northwoodpc.org



Caring for Our Church Family



Weather: Sunny & Cool

Sunday, April 10, 2016

(8:15) 155

(9:30) 131


(11:00) 138

Total: 424

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Burt & Dottie 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

Congratulations!

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- Gene and Lisa Weitz on the birth of their grandson, Declan William McMannus. He was born on Thursday, March 10, 2016 and weighed 9 lbs, 11 oz.
 - Kristen and Ryan Williamson on the birth of their son, Maddox Brogan Williamson. He was born on Saturday, March 19, 2016 and weighed 9 lbs, 15 oz.
 - Jim and Rina McGrath on the birth of their grandson, Nico Nortje. He was born on Saturday, March 19, 2016 and weighed 9 lbs, 11 oz.
 - Vicki and Marc Conolly on the birth of their grandchildren, Owen and Olivia on Monday, April 4, 2016. Owen weighed 6 lbs, 1 oz and Olivia weighed 5 lbs, 7 oz.
 - Lindsey Childs-Kean and Joe Kean on the birth of their daughter, Layna Marie Kean. She was born on Thursday, April 7 and weighed 8 lbs, 3 oz.

Our Sympathies and Prayers

- Elaine Cornillaud and her family upon the news of the death of her mother-in-law, Lois Cornillaud.
- Jack and Susan Curry upon the news of the death of Jack's son, John B. Curry.



Memorial Gifts

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Bob Grubbs	Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler
Bob Grubbs	Jean Swintek
Bob Grubbs	Elaine Cornillaud
Hugh Gott	Jean Swintek
Bob Grubbs	Ann De Prisco & Family

News From the Mission Field

2015 Christmas Joy Offering

Thank you! On behalf of The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), I am deeply grateful to you, your session, and your congregation for receiving the 2015 Christmas Joy Offering. Through this offering, you extend a lifeline to PC(USA) retired pastors and other church workers with income and housing needs, and to current teaching elders, educators, and other church workers who find themselves in financial crisis.

Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry

The Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry would like to extend a huge thank you to the TCI Sunday School class for their most generous donation of an overflowing shopping cart of much needed food items. This donation was so helpful as we were running out of canned meats, fruits, soup, chili and vegetables. Our food pantry has given out 79 bags since January 1st and it is extremely difficult to continue a worthwhile mission like this without the help of caring, compassionate, generous people such as you. The Pantry is so grateful for your continued commitment and outpouring of love to this important mission. Thank you again as you are a true blessing to those less fortunate that come to our church doors for help.