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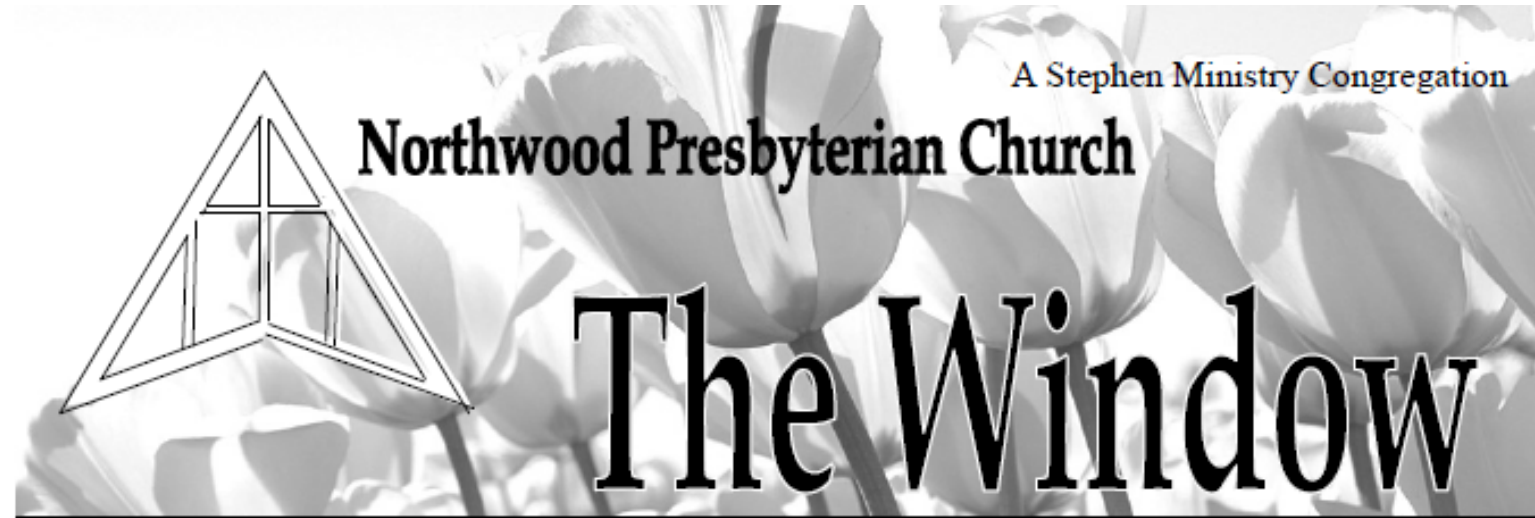
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**VBS Donations- Items to be collected:**

- 50 wooden clothes pins
- 19 boxes Rigatoni dry noodles
- Glow in the dark stickers of bugs or shapes
- 40 Paper towel tubes
- Glow in the dark paint— all colors
- **Non-perishables:**
- 10 cases of bottled water
- 7 2L Diet Soda, mixed flavors
- 8 2L Regular Soda, mixed flavors
- 6 Large bags of potato chips, variety
- 6 Large bags of corn chips (Doritos, etc)
- 2 Large bags of M&M's, Costco-size
- 8 Bags of snack-size chocolate candy
- 8 Gallon boxes of Goldfish crackers
- 6 Boxes of Chex Cereal, variety of flavors
- 75 Individual pkgs cookies
- 75 Individual pkgs chips
- 4 bags of pretzel sticks
- 3 bags of pretzel rods (Aldi— round container of 45)
- 10 Cans of vanilla frosting
- 10 boxes of ice cream cones
- 6 packages of Peel n Pull Twizzlers, fruit flavor
- 10 bags of campfire size marshmallows
- 3 Large containers of raisins
- **Non-Food Items:**
- 15 rolls of paper towels
- 1500 Paper or Styrofoam plates
- 1000 snack-size paper plates
- 200 portion cups
- 1050 paper cups
- 1050 napkins
- 1 large box of mixed plastic cutlery (Costco— for lounge)

*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  
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# The Window

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## Congratulations Graduates!



**Kyle Cody**

Kyle is graduating from Walter L. Sickles High School in Tampa. He will be attending Florida State University in the fall to study cybersecurity.



**Robert Wood**

Robert is graduating from Hillsborough High School International Baccalaureate (IB) Program on June 2, 2016. His plan is to attend the University of South Florida, majoring in biomedical sciences/pre-medical studies. He would like to thank his church family for all the support he has been given.



**Erik Paul Johansen**

Erik is graduating from Calvary Christian High School with a 4.45 weighted GPA. He has been selected as a Fellow in the University Honors Program at Samford University in Birmingham, Alabama.



**Gemma Briggs**

Gemma is graduating from the IB Program at Palm Harbor University High School. She will be attending the College of Wooster in Wooster, Ohio, a college affiliated with the Presbyterian Church U.S.A. She is interested in Neuroscience and will play in the bagpipe band.



**Alec Harris**

Alec is graduating from Palm Harbor University High School where he spent 4 years in the Medical Magnet Program and soccer team. Alec plans to attend Florida State University this summer and will be studying Engineering.



**Haley Stark**

Haley is graduating from Countryside High School and will attend Georgia Southwestern State University for electrical engineering. She will complete her first two years a Georgia Southwestern and then be transferred to Georgia Tech. After that she hopes to have the privilege of doing civilian military work or perhaps even join the Coast Guard.

# At-A-Glance

May 16, 2016

## This Month at Northwood

**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

**Monday, June 20- Friday, June 24:**  
 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. Vacation Bible School

**Sunday, June 26:**  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, July 3:**  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Monday, July 5:**  
 Office is closed.

**Sunday, July 10:**  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, July 17:**  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, July 24:**  
 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](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:

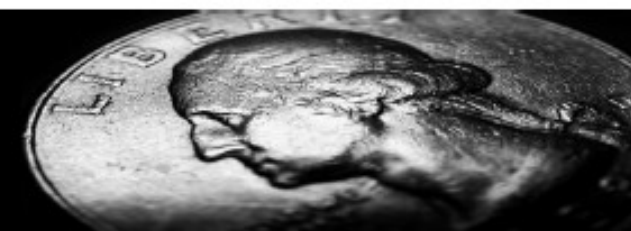
If you are interested in receiving emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org).

## Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

### Hospital Visitation Ministry

The Deacons Hospital Visitation Ministry serves the church by having a Deacon visit members who have been hospitalized, at the direction of one of the church's pastors. This is a ministry that most members may not be aware of, but can be a great comfort to those in need. If you are interested in learning more about this ministry, please contact Cindy Whiteside at 612-7987 or at [cindy.whiteside49@yahoo.com](mailto:cindy.whiteside49@yahoo.com).

### Financial Matters



#### Northwood Presbyterian 2015 Audit

From the Session Clerk, Ellen Stoup. So that the congregation is aware, Northwood conducts a financial audit every year. Below is the report for the review of this past year.

We have conducted a full financial review of all the books and records relating to the finances of Northwood Presbyterian Church for the year 2015. We are pleased to report that the financial records are in excellent condition, that good financial procedures are being followed and the congregation can have confidence and trust in the stewardship of their contributions.

#### Online Giving

If you are interested in setting up online giving, visit the "Giving" link to the secure portal at [www.northwoodpc.org](http://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.

# 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. The last class will be combining with TCI on May 22 but will begin a summer study following that.

#### TCI Class- Sundays at 9:30 AM

(Today's Christian Issues)

The last class of the school year will be May 22, we will resume on Sunday, September 11.

#### Experiencing God Class-

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Meets in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger. The last class will be Sunday, May 22 and then resume on Sunday, September 11.

### Sunday Evening Bible Study

Join us for a Bible Study Sunday evenings, 6:30-7:30 p.m. in Room 12, every Sunday through July. 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-

#### Date Change

Our new Wednesday evening class led by Michael Jahosky has been cancelled due to illness. The class will not take place during the month of May but will be re-scheduled for different month in the near future.

## 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.

3<sup>rd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

5<sup>th</sup> 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 teach Sunday school. We need help with 3s - 5, Kindergarten - 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades.

#### VBS is going to be a Rock Solid Adventure with Cave Quest

VPK - 5th grade (15/16) children 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!

- 2 Crafts Assistants
- 1 Pre-School Assistant

#### VBS Donations

Donated items (see what is needed on page 8) can be placed in the collection box in front of the Noah's Ark table. If you wish to make a monetary donation for the perishable food items please put your donation in an envelope marked VBS and place in the collection plate. (The donation will be used to purchase sugar cookie dough, vanilla yogurt, grapes, fresh fruit daily, 150 tortillas, Publix pre-popped popcorn, apples, and shredded cheese.) Thank you for your support!

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### King's Kids

King's Kids will resume September 14 with our kick-off party and will go through November 16th. We will then take a break for the holidays and resume January 25-March 29, 2017.

### 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.

## Youth & Young Adults

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults

### Upcoming Youth Ministry Events

No Game Night on Friday, May 20

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

Friday, May 27: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M. in the youth room. High School hang out at mini-golf

Sunday, May 29: Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M. in youth room

Friday, June 3: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M. in gym

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

Friday, June 10: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M. in gym

No Youth Group on Sunday, June 12

No Game Night on Friday, June 17

June 12-17: Music Camp

Sunday, June 19: Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M. in youth room

June 20-24: VBS Youth Guides

Friday, June 24: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M. in gym

No Youth Group on Sunday, June 26

June 27-July 1: Middle School Mission Week (Daily local missions with one overnight at Cedarkirk while working at Beth-El)

No Game Night on Friday, July 1

No Youth Group on Sunday, July 3

Friday, July 8: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M. in gym

Sunday, July 10: Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M. in youth room

No Game Night on Friday, July 15

No Youth Group on Sunday, July 17

July 16-22: High School/College Mission Week at Baytreat in Mobile, AL

Friday, July 22: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M. in gym

Sunday, July 24: Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M. in youth room

No Game Night on Friday, July 29

Sunday, July 31: Kick-Off to Youth Week- Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M. in youth room

August 1-5: Youth Week

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults  
trovharris1962@yahoo.com, (727)366-7762



# Get Involved

## Women's Ministries

### Bible Study

One Simple Act, Discovering the Power of Generosity,  
by Debbie Macomber

Friday, June 3, 10:30am, rooms 4-6

NOTE: This group will not meet in July

The Presbyterian Women's Bible study groups are on summer hiatus. Watch church publications for information about the 2016-2017 study of Who Is Jesus? By Judy Yates Siker. These studies will start in September. Questions? Contact Patty Martin (813-855-0851 or bill.martin2@verizon.net).

### Alternative Gift for Father's Day

Father's Day is June 19. Are you challenged to find the perfect gift for a very special guy? Consider an Alternative Gift! The women of Lydia Circle will be in the narthex before and after each worship service on June 5 and June 12 with the opportunity to honor a great guy with a contribution to Church World Service. For as little as \$5 Church World Service will send a blanket, tools, seeds, or water purifying equipment to someone in need. What a wonderful way to celebrate dad! Questions? Contact Barbara Englehart. (791-4648 or waspfifinella@yahoo.com).

### God Bless America

The Chancel Choir will be singing Joseph Martin's arrangement of "God Bless America" as the anthem Sunday morning, May 29, 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](mailto:Stephanie@northwoodpc.org)

### Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat-

#### Sign up TODAY!

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 can be found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.



### Is a Night On The Towne coming back?

The answer is "Maybe". For those members not familiar with A Night On The Towne, it is basically Northwood's version of a talent show. It's been about 4 years since we last held it, and in the past we have had singers, dancers, musicians, crazy skits, and it was HUGE fun. So back to the "Maybe" answer. We have reserved Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> for A Night On The Towne. This event only works if we have at least 15 acts. The acts can be serious or funny, can be performed by an individual or a group, and should be no more than 5 minutes long. If we can get FIRM commitments for 15 acts by September 15<sup>th</sup>, the show will go on! If you would like to perform at A Night On The Towne, or would like more information about the event, call or text Jim Warren at 727-215-0733.



# Caring for Our Church Family

### 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



**Weather: Sunny & Warm**  
**Sunday, May 1, 2016**  
(8:15) 135  
(9:30) 124  
(11:00) 160  
Total: 419

### Our Sympathies and Prayers

- We extend our prayers and sympathies to Dee and Chris Bryant upon the news of the death of Dee's mother, Charlotte Ann Martin Weis, on April 25.
- We extend our prayers and sympathies to Georgianna Winder upon the news of the death of her mother, Dianna Wardrit, on May 7.

### Deacons' Hurricane Ministry

Hurricane Season begins June 1. Go to [www.baynews9.com](http://www.baynews9.com), click on "Weather," and under "Hurricane Center" find all the information you need to prepare. If evacuation is necessary, we need volunteers to share their homes. If you are willing, please contact Sue Miskiewicz at (727) 799-6767 or email her at [susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com), and type in the subject "Hurricane Request." Please include your name, address, phone number and how many you can accommodate.

### Church Office Schedule for June and July

During the months of June and July, the Church Office will be open Monday-Thursday from 8:30-4:00 p.m. Regular office hours will resume in August. Calls to the office on Fridays will be handled by the voicemail system and returned on Monday. If there is a pastoral emergency, the system will provide the phone number needed to reach Pastor Chris or Pastor Paul. We thank you for your cooperation as we adopt this temporary schedule.

## News From the Mission Field

### Westchester Gardens

Just want to thank you for the walker bags, lap robes, apron and healing shawl. The walker bags came at a good time. I have had residents asking for them all the time. That is one item that is in such demand. The workmanship is beautiful on all of the items. Thank you for always thinking of us. We also love the items you make for our tables at the holidays. Thank you again.

### The Outreach Foundation

Thank you for the support of The Outreach Foundation and for joining with us to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to others. May God bless you to continue being a blessing to others. -Rob Weingartner, Executive Director

### Isaiah's Inn

Thank you for your generous donation of two checks in April totaling \$1,319.06 to Isaiah's Inn. We are currently housing 36 families. We appreciate and need your support. -Robert E. Crown, President

### RCS

Thank you so much, dear friends. Your gift of \$250 can help provide 250 meals through our food bank, 14 nights of safety for a child at our Grace House or 5 nights of security for a domestic violence survivor. -Suzanne Ruley, Director of Development

### Mease Countryside NICU

Thank you very much for the adorable hats and blankets you made for our babies in the NICU at Mease Hospital. Your thoughtfulness is so much appreciated. -The staff in the NICU

### Countryside Health Care Center

Thank you so very much for the beautiful handmade items that you made for our residents. They are perfect for the residents here at Countryside H.C. We can't thank you enough for your thoughtfulness. -Evelyn Frank, Activities Director