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Wonderful Wednesday Dinner Menus Lent 2016

February 10, 2016 Lenten Dinner

Loaded Baked Potato Soup with Bacon, Baked Ham and Smoked Turkey Hoagie Sandwich, Cape Cod Potato Chips, Assortment of Cookies

February 17, 2016

Fresh Garden Greens with Vinaigrette Dressing, Homemade Meatloaf with Savory Brown Gravy, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Farmland Vegetable Medley, Fresh Baked Rosemary Bread and Butter, Black and White Parfaits

February 24, 2016

Traditional Caesar Salad, Char-grilled Creamy Chicken Alfredo, Buttered Broccoli Florets, Parmesan Garlic Bread, Plant City Strawberry Shortcake

March 2, 2016

Creamy Cole Slaw, Northwood Barbecue Pulled Pork, Bush's Baked Beans, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots, Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls, Fresh Baked Green Apple Pie

March 9, 2016

Spinach and Romaine Salad, Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing, Mary Ann's Creamy Chicken Bake, Buttered Green Peas and Mushrooms, Fresh Baked French Bread, Creamy Cheese Cake with Strawberry Sauce.

March 16, 2016

Shades of Green Salad, Green Goddess Dressing, Traditional Corned Beef and Cabbage, Boiled Potatoes, Buttered Baby Carrots, Fresh Rye Bread, Leprechaun Cakes.

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

2016 Wonderful Wednesday Series "Living with the Mind of Christ"

Meal: 6:00- 6:40 P.M.
Study: 6:41-7:15 P.M.

Note: Except for the Ash Wednesday Service, which takes place at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary on February 10th, the study series will be held in the Education Building following the Wednesday meal.

The study for this Lenten Series will utilize the book, "Living with the Mind of Christ", by James A. Hamish. The biblical basis for the study comes from one of the most eloquent passages of the entire New Testament written by the Apostle Paul and recorded in Philippians 2:1-11. Paul challenged the people in Philippi and he challenges us in this study to change our minds to, "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus" (verse 5). If you would like a study book, used copies can be purchased for literally pennies online at Amazon.com from various used book dealers. The book can also be downloaded to your computer or Kindle.

The first meal together for this Lenten season is on Ash Wednesday, February 10.

While the Wonderful Wednesday study series and dinners end on Wednesday, March 16th, we will still gather for worship during Holy Week with our Heritage United Methodist Church neighbors for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on the following dates and times:

March 24th, 7:00 P.M.— Maundy Thursday at Heritage United Methodist

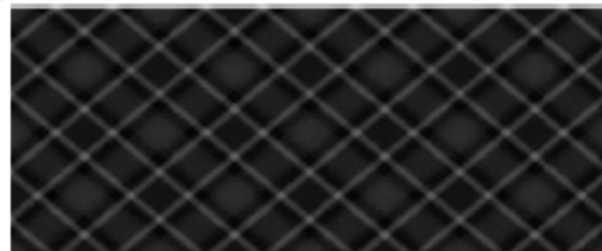
March 25th, Noon— Good Friday at Northwood

Easter Sunday at Northwood
8:15 & 11:00 A.M.— Traditional Services
9:30 A.M.— Contemporary Service

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Sunday, January 24

Northwood will celebrate our Scottish Presbyterian heritage at all three worship services on Sunday, January 24 in a service known as *Kirkin' o' the Tartan*. The Tampa Bay Pipe Band will join us in a procession of tartans with music for the pipe and drum along with hymns and anthems of our Scottish heritage.



In 1745, Scottish clansmen were forbidden by the British Crown to wear the tartans, and to play the bagpipes, and to acknowledge in any way their traditional clans. This prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartans in their pockets as they went to church (kirk). On an appointed Sunday, the minister would slip into the service a blessing, or "kirkin'" for the tartans and clans which the tartans represented.

Our Kirkin' will be a celebration of the Scottish reformers as well as all those who have gone before us in the faith.

At-A-Glance

January 18, 2016

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, January 24:
Kirkin' o' the Tartan
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, January 31:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
12:00 P.M. Congregational Meeting & Lunch

Sunday, February 7:
Scout Sunday
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, February 10:
6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:45 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 14:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, February 17:
6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:40 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Study

Sunday, February 21:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, February 24:
6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:40 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Study

Sunday, February 28:
Composer Weekend
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, March 2:
6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:40 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Study

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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 the bi-weekly Monitor via our e-news system, please send an email with your name and request to communications@northwoodpc.org.

Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Greeters

The Deacons' Greeters Ministry serves the church by providing two greeters at each 8:15 and 11:00 service to welcome members and guests at both of the main entrances. Serving as a greeter is a great way to get to know your fellow worshipers. When the service begins, the greeters are off-duty and free to join the service. We would also love to have worshipers from the 9:30 service stay to greet before the 11:00 service, when they would be free to leave. If you are interested in learning more or serving as a greeter, please contact Cookie Roffey at 789-1801 or clearwater70@live.com.

Kid's Corner News

Hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday. We here at Kid's Corner are getting ready to hold registration for the 2016-2017 school year. In-house registration (currently enrolled students and siblings and church members) will begin February 8th. Public registration will begin February 15th. The registration fee is waived for church members, but they must be active church members. There is also a \$15.00 supply fee for all 2 and 3 yr. old classes. VPK (4 yr. olds) tuition is paid for by the



state, but we are asking for a \$15.00 donation for these children as well. The updated prices are posted on our website. Kid's Corner will be celebrating its 30-year anniversary in the Fall of 2016. This is quite a remarkable feat to have been in the community this long and still enjoy such an excellent reputation. Thank you Northwood for your support of the preschool. It has made a difference in so many, many children's lives and will continue to do so for as long as we can.

In His Name,
Vicki Conolly, Director of Northwood Schools Programs

Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

Confirmation Schedule

Sunday, Jan 24- 1st class
(Troy Harris-Introduction/
Membership/Church History)

Sunday, Jan 31- 2nd class
(Paul Means-Reformed Theology/
Apostles Creed/ Trinity)

Sunday, Feb 7- 3rd class
(Jim Youngblood- Being Presbyterian)

Sunday, Feb 14- 4th class
(Troy Harris- Old Testament)

Sunday, Feb 21- 5th class
(Chris Curvin- Worship and Sacra-
ments)

Monday, Feb 22-
Session Meeting / Faith Statements

Sunday, Feb 28- 6th class
(Denise Cernansky-New Testament)

Fri-Sun, March 11-13
Confirmation Retreat at Cedarkirk

Saturday, March 19
Confirmation Breakfast Celebration
with Session and Families

Sunday, March 27- Easter Sunday
(announce class to the congregation)

Troy Harris

Director of Youth & Young Adults
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CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3.

Join us in room 3 for a time of worship or you may remain in service with your parents.

9:30 AM Children's Christian Education

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

Kindergarten- 2nd Grades, Room 4

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

3rd- 4th Grades, Room 8

Students are welcome to start in the classroom for Sunday school or they can gather in the beginning of the worship service with the 5th graders. After the Prayers and Concerns, they will join their class in room 8 with Mr. Bill Sutton.

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-5th Grade (15/16 School Year), Room 3.

Join us in room 3 for a time of worship or you may remain in service with your parents.

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.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Serendipity Class- Sundays at 9:30 AM

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

TCI Class- Sundays at 9:30 AM

(Today's Christian Issues)

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

Experiencing God Class- Sundays at 11:00 AM

Will meet in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry



Upcoming Events

Kings Kids 2016- Will Resume January 20th

This is a mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God. Wednesdays, 4:00-5:45 for children ages 3 through 5th grade.

Easter Egg Hunt

Children and families are invited to Northwood for an egg hunt on Saturday, March 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Cedarkirk Spring Bash 2016

Children grades 3rd-5th are invited to this overnight camp at Cedarkirk on April 15th-16th. If you are interested in sending your child, please contact Justine no later than January 31st.

VBS June 20-24

Parents, save the date for Vacation Bible School. More details to come.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
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Youth & Young Adults

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults

Upcoming Events

Friday, January 22
Game Night from 7-10 (youth room/gym)

Sunday, January 24
Youth Group from 5:00-6:30 in youth room

Friday, January 29
Game Night from 7-10 (youth room/gym)

Sunday, January 31
5th Sunday (Youth to cover all of the greeting and ushering for all 3 services)

Sunday, January 31
Youth Group from 5:00-6:30 in youth room

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults
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Crafts - Project Day

Our crafty women are grateful to everyone who has given time, money and materials to this ministry! In 2015 these ladies sent 127 dresses to For Haiti with Love. They have also distributed adult bibs, prayer shawls and walker caddies to area nursing homes. If you need any of these items - or if you want to help - see them on Thursday, January 28, at 9:30am in room 14. If you want to contribute materials and/or money, please contact Evelyn Towns (785-3743 or puson@aol.com).

Annual Gathering

The Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay will be held on Saturday, February 20, at St. Andrew's in Dunedin. For more information or to make a reservation to attend, contact Patty Martin (813-855-0851 or bill.martin@verizon.net).

One Simple Act, Discovering the Power of Generosity.

by Debbie Macomber

Fri, February 5, 10:30am, rms 4-6

Valentine's Day Tea will follow study

Women's Ministry

Events



Get Involved



Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon

Sunday, January 31 at Noon

At the Annual Meeting we will hear reports from the Session, the Deacons and their Ministry Teams. We will be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings its nominations, and consider changes in the pastors' terms of call. We will also elect members to the Nominating Committee and the Memorial Garden Board.

Elders

(Class of 2018)
Bob Meier
Tracey Birch
Ray Spigarelli
Keith Nadig
Stephen Cantin

Deacons

(Class of 2018)
Cynthia Lawrence

Nominating Committee

David Hamilton

A Covered Dish Luncheon follows: Please bring a covered dish to share and join us for an afternoon of food and fellowship!

Bring the following:

A-F- Dessert
G-K- Salad
L-Q- Side Dish
R-Z- Entrée

Annual Pancake Breakfast



It's that time of year again— Sunday, February 7th is Scout Sunday. Northwood's own Boy Scout Troop 413 will be preparing and serving our delicious Annual Pancake Breakfast. Come hungry for food and fellowship! Donations will be accepted to benefit the troop. Troop 413 thanks Northwood Presbyterian for their support.

Pretzel Sunday

Pretzel Sunday is coming the first Sunday of Lent, February 14, at Northwood. Hot baked pretzels will be served from the kitchen during the fellowship time between services!

In about 610 A.D. a very creative Alpine Monk decided to make use of the pieces of dough left over from baking bread. The monk formed them into thin strips folded into a looped twist to represent the folded arms of children in prayer. This scrumptious treat was given to the children as they learned their prayers. They began calling the treat "Pretiola", which is Latin for "little reward". Soon it was known the world over as a pretzel.

Many churches still practice the tradition of a Pretzel Sunday, some the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and some on the first Sunday in Lent to remind people to be in prayer as we journey through Lent to Easter. So, every time you see a pretzel, remember prayer.



Composer Weekend— February 27-28



Composer, pianist, and extraordinary musician, Joseph M. Martin, will be with us here at Northwood the last weekend of February. Our singers will have the privilege of working with Mr. Martin on Saturday as we prepare anthems for Sunday morning and a Sunday afternoon concert of his music. It would be safe to say that his music can be heard in hundreds of churches every Sunday morning as he is the most prolific composer of sacred music in the world—writing under many pseudonyms. Joseph is a world-class pianist and brings humor and wit to the stage as he presents his music. Mark your calendars—you will not want to miss this!

Caring for Our Church Family



Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Drew Carathanasis
Jonathan Stevens
Larry Cornillaud
Lora Drummond
Betty Smith
Betty Smith
Larry Cornillaud

In Honor of:
Karen & Tim Dickson
Charlotte & Bill Douglas
Amy & John Guthrie
Diane Musto & Doris Petersen

Given by:

Janet Hewlett
Art & Jeanette Holloway
Art & Jeanette Holloway
Art & Jeanette Holloway
Geer Girls
Charles Matko Family
Bill & Loisanne Bilka

Given by:

Lorrie Janusik
Lorrie Janusik
Lorrie Janusik
Sandra Nelson

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Burt & Dottie Benziger; Doris Croasmun; Shirley Gleason; Hugh Gott; Howard Green; Fred Inkle; 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: Cloudy & Cool
Sunday, January 10, 2016
(8:15) 153
(9:30) 108
(11:00) 197
Total: 458

Our Sympathies and Prayers

- Sharon Brown on the news of the death of her sister-in-law, Ann Shaw.
- David Nelson on the news of the death of his brother-in-law, Randy Waniger.
- Diane Musto on the news of the death of her husband, Dan Musto.
- Elaine Cornillaud and her family on the news of the death of her husband, Larry Cornillaud.
- Bob Beck and his family on the news of the death of his wife, Alice Beck.

Dear Anonymous,

To my anonymous Christmas Angel who gave so generously to me this Christmas, it was the most amazing thing anyone has ever done for me. I don't feel I deserve it, but you will never know how wonderful it was, and how the timing could not have been better.

I am so blessed to have found this wonderful church family. I want to thank my Christmas miracle person that showed me so much love from the bottom of my heart. God bless you whoever you are. I have been truly blessed by your gift and generosity.

Gale Dufresne

News From the Mission Field

For Haiti with Love

Thank you all so very much for your support of the Lord's work in Haiti. God bless you!

RCS

Thank you for your donation of \$250.00 to RCS. We could not help so many people in Pinellas County without donors like you—thank you! Your generosity is deeply appreciated by RCS staff, board members, volunteers and individuals and families served by RCS.

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your generous gift of \$3,200 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County. Your investment helps families in our community achieve what they thought was just a dream. Thanks to you, we will hand the keys to 45 struggling families by year end and look forward to celebrating with them as they start their new lives. To date, Habitat Pinellas has completed 344 safe, affordable homes in our community. Your support allows us to remain focused on our mission to promote family stability through innovative housing solutions. Thank you and God bless!

Isaiah's Inn

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250. We typically provide Christmas gifts for the families in excess of 400 individuals.

Presbyterian Mission Agency

Please allow me to express our appreciation to you, your pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support of our mission personnel. Your contribution changes lives for the sake of the gospel around the world.

Ministry Funds for Donald & Martha Wehmer

We received the \$500 gift you sent, and thank you for your support. Truly, we could not do our work without partners like you.

Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry

-We would like to thank our Cub Scout troop for collecting and donating needed food items for our pantry. This time of year many more families throughout our community come to the church for assistance. With these donations, we are able to provide food for them. Thank you so much for thinking of others that are less fortunate.

-We would like to thank Linda and David Feller for their generous donation of over 166 food items to our pantry. They provided 32 hams, 78 canned fruits, 20 jars of jelly and 36 spaghetti sauces! This was a true Christmas blessing. Thank you so much for this outpouring of love and compassion.