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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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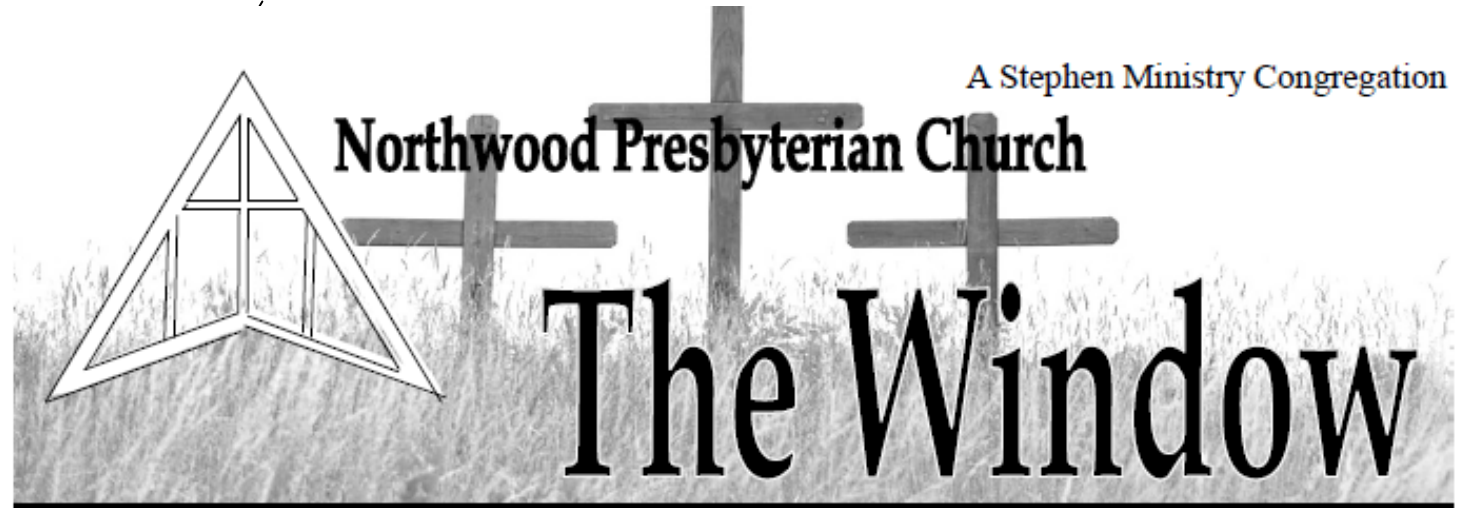
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Northwood Scholarship Application

Northwood Presbyterian Church members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Tracy Donovan, download from our website, or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2016. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bak-ers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose gener-osity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.



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Dear Parents of Northwood's Kids' Corner Preschool and Church Family,

By now many of you may have already heard that Vicki Conolly, our Director of Schools, has announced her retirement. Her intention is to retire by August 1st unless a new director is in place sooner.

When I shared her decision at a recent Session meeting I heard nothing but affirmations for her leadership and appreciation for her 21 years with the Kids' Corner Preschool. Her work with children has been her passion. She has consistently illustrated her faithfulness in training and caring for your children and many others over the years. She has encouraged their learning, growing and enjoyment, all in the light of God's love. Because of her love for the church, many of the parents and children have also become and continue to become members of our congregation. It is our great joy when this happens.

Through this letter I want to assure you that the next steps are already being put in place to insure that a new Director of Schools, committed to the excellence we strive for, will be selected in the near future. Since 1984, this church has been committed in its mission to provide a caring, Christian school, dedicated to the development and advancement of the whole child. That commitment has not changed. We will continue to be a Florida Department of Education Gold Seal School, as well as a VPK provider. I will write to you again to announce when a new Director of Schools is selected.

We are planning to put together a scrapbook filled with cards, letters and photographs. If you would like to contribute to this project, we encourage you to send those to our church office as soon as possible to the attention of Tracy Donovan, our Director of Communications.

We will miss Vicki, but we rejoice for her as she enters this new phase of life. Together we give thanks for Vicki Conolly with our whole heart!

E. Chris Curvin
Pastor, Northwood Presbyterian Church

At-A-Glance

March 14, 2016

This Month at Northwood

Wednesday, March 16:
6:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:40 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Study

Sunday, March 20:
Palm Sunday
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Thursday, March 24:
Maundy Thursday
7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Joint Service at Heritage United Methodist Church

Friday, March 25:
Good Friday
12:00 P.M. Good Friday Joint Service at Northwood Presbyterian

Easter Sunday, March 27:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, March 28:
Church office is closed

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

Sunday, April 10:
Blood Drive
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

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

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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

Flower Ministry

The Deacons' Flower Ministry serves the church by taking the flowers displayed in the sanctuary each Sunday and dividing them into smaller arrangements that the pastors give to members on visits in their homes or the hospital. Members may also stop in the church office Monday through Friday to pick up a vase of flowers for a loved one. Thanks to Cookie Roffey, who is currently the deacon responsible for our flower ministry.



Dear Parents,

It is with very mixed emotions that I wrote this letter, but write it I must. I will be retiring at the end of Summer. With the coming of twin grandchildren and some health concerns, it is time for me to go. Kids' Corner has been my passion, my joy and my love for 21 years and it will be very hard to say good-bye.

I must also tell you that Ms. Stephanie and Ms. Tiffany M. will also be leaving us. They are moving on to other opportunities and I wish them well. They have been a source of great pride and affection.

I know you all are probably reeling by now, but take a few breaths and relax. We have had new staff before and we have always found the best. I will continue with that in hiring of new staff and with the assistance of finding my replacement Northwood has always stood for excellence and that will never change. Kids' Corner will continue to be a place for children to grow and learn in the light of God's love.

Lovingly,
Ms. Vicki, Director of Schools, Kids' Corner

Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair



Saturday, March 19, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
Confirmation Breakfast Celebration with Session and Families

Sunday, March 27,
8:15, 9:30 or 11:00 a.m.- Easter Sunday
(Present class to the congregation.)

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

New Adult Bible Study

Are you interested in a Bible Study that will help you see the whole story of God's Word in the Bible? A new study will begin Sunday, April 3 from 6:30-7:30 P.M. in Room 12. 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. Those attending will need to purchase their own book which is available at Christian bookstores for \$9.00. Used books are also available online at a lower cost.

If you have questions or would like a book ordered for you, please contact Cindy Huffman, leader of the class, at 727-733-8726. This will be a discussion-oriented class and all are invited.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-5th 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 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.
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 Events

Teacher and Assistant Needed

We are looking for a teacher and assistant for the 1st Sunday of the month during the 9:30 hour, with the Kindergarten - 2nd grade Sunday school class. Curriculum is provided and training is available if needed. Please contact Justine Ruisz if you can help.

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.

VBS Leaders and Assistants Needed

VBS leaders and assistants are needed for snacks, crafts and to be upper Elementary Bible teachers. Please let Justine Ruisz know how you can help!

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

Youth & Young Adults

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults

Upcoming Events

Friday, March 18- Game Night, 7:00-10:00pm
in youth room/gym

Saturday, March 19- Confirmation Breakfast,
9:00-10:30am in fellowship hall (RSVP)

Sunday, March 20- Youth Group, 5:00-6:30pm

March 21-25- Youth Week- Events to be announced

Easter Sunday, March 27- NO YOUTH GROUP

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults
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Adult Education

Sunday Morning Classes

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.

Wednesday Night Class

The CE Ministry Team is starting a class, "Is Truth a Matter of Opinion" to be held after the Wednesday dinners at 6:30 p.m. on **March 16** and a final class with potluck on **March 23**. The classes will be led by Professor Michael Jahosky.





Get Involved

Women's Ministries

Bible Study

Enrich your experience of Lent by spending time in God's Word!

Come to the Waters

2015-2016 Presbyterian Women's Bible Study:

Monday, March 21, 7:00pm, rooms 5-7

Tuesday, April 5, 9am, rooms 5-7

Monday, April 11, 1:00pm, member home

Tuesday, April 12, 9:30am, rooms 5-7

Monday, April 18, 7:00pm, rooms 5-7

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

Friday, April 1, 10:30am, rooms 4-6

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

Celebrate the Gifts of Women

Join us in worship on Sunday, April 10, as we celebrate the gifts of women. Rev. Kathleen Dain, Executive Director of Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry, will lead our traditional services at 8:15am and 11:00am. Our own Cindy Huffman of the Chancel Choir and Voices in Praise will lead the Ignite service at 9:30am. This promises to be a special and exciting day! Questions? Contact Sue Miskiewicz (799-6767 or susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com).

Baby Shower

The women of Esther-Elizabeth Circle are having a Baby Shower to support the Bay Area Pregnancy Center. Please see the Presbyterian Women's bulletin board in the Narthex for suggested items. Questions? Contact Heather Villafranca (474-7463 or granana4@gmail.com).

Palm Sunday- March 20

Join us at one of our three services (8:15, 9:30 & 11:00).

Maundy Thursday- March 24

We have a joint service at Heritage United Methodist Church at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday- March 25

We are hosting a joint service with Heritage United Methodist Church at Noon.

Easter Sunday- March 27

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service

9:30 A.M. Contemporary Service

(Outside, weather permitting)

11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

(Child care is available at all services.)

One Great Hour of Sharing

For more than 50 years through the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering, the refugee and the stranger have found food and safe shelter, those stunned by the aftermath of disasters have found relief and help rebuilding, and communities seeking to take control of their future have found partners in development. This year 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries, RCS and Isaiah's Inn and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay.



Blood

Blood Drive

Mark your calendars! Our next blood drive is scheduled for Sunday, April 10.

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.



Caring for Our Church Family

Our Sympathies and Prayers

- The family and friends of Phyllis Pette on the news of her death.
- Barbara McCausland on the news of the death of her husband, Roger McCausland.



Weather: Sunny & Cool

Sunday, March 6, 2016

(8:15) 170

(9:30) 167

(11:00) 190

Total: 527

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

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Hugh Gott

Hugh Gott

Hugh Gott

Larry Cornillaud

Larry Cornillaud

Larry Cornillaud

Dan Musto

Alice Beck

Bob Grubbs

Given by:

Walter & Jo Dart

Barbara Moler

Steven & Linda Tilley

Barbara Moler

Jan & Pete Crawford

John & Diane Chittenden

Art & Jeanette Holloway

Art & Jeanette Holloway

Janet Hewlett

Alice Beck

Larry Cornillaud

Larry Cornillaud

Hugh Gott

Hugh Gott

Hugh Gott

In Honor of:

Cecelia Turner's Baptism

Carmele Andrews

Dean & Pat Rabenstine

Darrough & Linda Diamond

Mary Carrigan

Tampa Bay Jr Lightning

Isabelle Taylor

Given by:

Nancy Turner

News From the Mission Field

Heifer International

Thank you for your generosity and gift of \$240 to Heifer International. Because of your contributions, families struggling with hunger and poverty will receive the gift of healthy animals and training in their care. Thanks for making a meaningful difference in the world.

-Pierre Ferrari, President and CEO

Presbyterian World Mission

Thank you for the \$250 donation to Presbyterian World Mission for missionary support. Your contribution changes lives for the sake of the gospel around the world. -Chris Roseland, Church Support Associate

RCS

Thank you so much to the generous members of Northwood Presbyterian church. Your donation of \$360 will be used to feed hungry people, help families facing homelessness return to self-sufficiency and empower the survivors of domestic violence. Your are so good to our community, thank you! -Suzanne Ruley, Jeff Muller

Beth-El

Thank you for your donation of \$50 for the Presbyterian Women Scholarship. Your donation is quite important to those we serve! -Kathleen Dain, Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your recent gift of \$960 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 349 safe, affordable homes in our community. Your support allows us to remain focused on our mission to promote family stability through innovative housing solutions. -Mike Sutton, CEO

Suncoast Haven

Thank you all for your generous gifts during 2015 of \$1,250. God bless you! -Rev. Lionel Cabral, Executive Director

For Haiti with Love

Thank you for your contributions in 2015 totaling \$1,130. Thank you for your support.