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Sing the Lenten Cantata!

Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 P.M.

Our Lenten cantata this year will be on Palm Sunday, April 9 at 4:00 P.M. We will celebrate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem that Sunday morning and move into Holy Week on Sunday afternoon. There will be extra instruments, handbells and youth and children singing. It is based around familiar folk songs and will be a very moving event. What will make it even better is extra voices in our Chancel Choir. We welcome all voice parts! Your commitment is only 6 Wednesdays for 45 minutes and two extra rehearsals, in addition to the performance. There will be a sing-thru of the cantata Saturday morning, February 25 from 9:30-11:00 A.M. Wednesday evening rehearsals begin Ash Wednesday, March 1 (after the worship service) from 7:30-8:15 P.M., and each Wednesday after that until the cantata. Dress rehearsal is Saturday morning, April 8 from 10:00-11:30 A.M. Please consider joining us, as singing in a choir is very rewarding – both musically and spiritually – and we have a lot of fun.

For additional information please contact Stephanie Carson:
Stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090

Kids' Corner News



January has been a great month. The children have enjoyed learning about winter weather, animals, and activities. They even experienced a little bit of cool weather here in Florida!

All of us at Northwood Schools are amazed that it is February already! We had a "whole lot of love" being shared in the preschool ministry during the month of February. We celebrated our love for our family and friends, our love for Jesus, and Jesus' love for us. We had a visit from the Clearwater Fire Department and learned about fire safety. Our VPK classes had a

"blast" learning about space, rockets, and the solar system!

Registration has begun for the 2017-2018 school year. If you or anyone you know has children who are preschool age and are interested in attending a quality preschool, please invite them to call me for a tour of the school.

May the peace of Christ be with you - Laura Woodard (727-723-7679)

At-A-Glance

February 20, 2017

This Month at Northwood

Wednesday, February 22:
Wonderful Wednesday Mardi Gras Dinner
6:00- 6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner

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

Wednesday, March 1: Ash Wednesday
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Service
6:00- 6:40 P.M. Dinner
6:45-7:15 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

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

Wednesday, March 8:
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Series
6:00- 6:40 P.M. Dinner
6:41-7:15 P.M. Study

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

Wednesday, March 15:
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Series
6:00- 6:40 P.M. Dinner
6:41-7:15 P.M. Study

Sunday, March 19:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, March 22:
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Series
6:00- 6:40 P.M. Dinner
6:41-7:15 P.M. Study

Sunday, March 26:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
10:45-12:00 P.M. Discovering Northwood Class

Wednesday, March 29:
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Series
6:00- 6:40 P.M. Dinner
6:41-7:15 P.M. Study

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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 emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to communications@northwoodpc.org.

"Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."
JOHN 4:35, NKJV

News From the Mission Field

Thank you so very much for the beautiful blankets, shawl and walker bags. Our residents here at Countryside Rehab and Healthcare Center will love them. Thank you again for always thinking of our residents, you all are wonderful.

On behalf of all of us at Beth-El, I wanted to thank your congregation for the donation of your Ford Passenger van. Your continued support of our ministry means a great deal, and we feel blessed by the abundance of your generosity.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff of Bay Area Pregnancy Center, we sincerely thank you for your continued support. Through your faithful prayers and generous donations we have had another awesome year at BAPC! While maintaining four full service centers, we fulfilled our mission of *Serving Mothers, Saving Babies, and Sharing Truth* on a daily basis! During the year of 2016, with the help of your \$1,030 in donations, we served over 1,205 clients while saving 53 babies.

Thank you so very much for your recent donation of booties, blankets, shoulder covers and wheelchair bags for Westchester Gardens. They are always appreciated and always needed. We appreciate you and everyone's hard work in making these items.

Thank you for your generous gift of \$275 to Heifer International. Your desire to help others will build hope for future generations. Families in countries where we work, like Bangladesh, Guatemala and Malawi, families who once struggled with hunger and poverty, now have the livestock and training they need to improve their farms. In Malawi, the Mchinji Livelihood Project has distributed 80 cows, 2,343 goats and almost 1 ton of seeds. As a result, our project families' average income increased from about \$66 to \$231— 250%! With your commitment and their hard work, they are on their way to building lives of self-reliance and dignity, uplifting entire communities in the process. Thank you for choosing Heifer International and helping us make a better world, one family at a time.

The Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry would like to thank Pat Cheek for her tremendous contribution of an entire shopping cart of canned goods. We are so grateful to have such caring people, such as Pat, who see a great need and come to the rescue by helping those that might otherwise go hungry. Thank you so much for thinking of others.

The Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry wants to thank all the girl scouts that came to the church to celebrate "World Thinking Day" on Saturday, February 4th, as they donated over 60 cans of much needed food to our food pantry. What a nice surprise and it was wonderful to see so many Scout troops celebrating this great event. Thank you Janis Elliott for reaching out to help the food pantry and for coordinating this wonderful celebration!

Thank you for your gift of \$100 to financially support of Missionary Ventures International, Threads of Hope. Opportunities to spread the Good News of Jesus to the world abound. In 2017, we anticipate growth in the number of our missionaries, as well as with the development of global national leaders. Your continued financial support will enable us to increase our gospel impact in more than 100 countries this year!

Thank you! You are the reason we had another successful Garage Sale benefiting our Music Ministry. Pastor Curvin calls it the "Annual Miracle." The quality and quantity of the items donated was amazing. The amount of time and effort put into it by so many workers was astounding. The over \$13,000 raised will benefit the entire church through the music ministry. Your families, friends and neighbors were a big part of the success this year. So many of you reached out and it made a big difference. A special thanks to the Department Chairpersons and all those involved with moving, sorting, pricing, selling, preparing meals, buying and cleaning-up. We are especially proud of our youth, their parents and workers who packed everything up. The church that took the donations wanted to hire them. Besides being told by many who attended the sale that it was well organized, our favorite message was that our workers were extremely friendly and helpful. It's not too early to start packing away next year's donations. It takes a lot to keep breaking our own record for sales. Thank you again for your generosity! Stephanie Carson - Director of Music, Susan Curry and Carol Rathmell - Co-Chairs

Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

Women's Ministry Events



Bible Study

The Girl's Still Got It

by Liz Curtis Higgs

Fresh Brewed: Friday, March 3,
10:30am, room 5

Who Is Jesus?, by Judy Yates Siker,
the Presbyterian Women's Bible study
for 2016 – 2017.

Bible Study with Chris Curvin:
Tuesday, March 7, 9:00 am, room 5

Naomi Circle:
Tuesday, March 14, 1pm, member home

Esther-Elizabeth Circle:
Tuesday, March 14, 9:30am, room 5

Lydia Circle:
Monday, March 20, 7:00 pm, rooms 5

Gifts of Women Sunday:
Sunday, March 19, All Services

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

Summer Dates for Music Camp

June 11- 16: Music Camp in Leesburg, FL
(rising 6th grade through adult)

Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
youthdirector@northwoodpc.org
(813) 624-2593

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 a different restaurant each month.

The Ren Crew programs continue the theme of "Windows to the World" for the spring of 2017. 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.

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| March 10 | Art Holloway: Seeing China and the Great Wall |
| April 14 | Good Friday: Joint worship service at Heritage Methodist Church (UMC) at noon |
| May 12 | Heather Villafranca: Exploring the Beauty and History of Western Europe |

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! Questions? Contact Paul Means: paul@northwoodpc.org or (727) 796-8090.

For more information, contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Adult Ministry

TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)
Sundays at 9:30 AM, Rooms 9&11

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM, Room 15

Serendipity Class

Sundays at 9:30 AM, Youth Room
The "New Serendipity" Class is combining youth and adults for a study of Job. Come check it out!

Sunday Bible Study

6:30-7:30 P.M. in rooms 4 & 6
Please contact Cindy at (727) 409-8727 if you have any questions.

Dinner for 6-7-8

Sunday, February 26 is the deadline to sign up for Dinner for 6-7-8. We are about to re-form groups and we would really like YOU to join us. If you enjoy good food, good fellowship and getting to know your church family better, then sign up today! If you have any questions, call Martha Tobiassen (727) 669-5517.

Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

King's Kids

King's Kids will run through Wednesday, March 29th. 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.

VBS June 26-30

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

Spring Bash- DATE CHANGE

Spring Bash at Cedarkirk, for children 3rd-5th grade, has been changed to May 5-6. Please contact Justine for more information or to reserve your spot.

3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Children, ages birth – 5th grade, are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8th at 10:00 A.M.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry



Sunday Children's Ministry Schedule

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd 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 worship 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 10

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 10.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd 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 worship following the anthem.

Childcare for children 3yrs-5th grade who attended Sunday school at 9:30 will be in room 2.

9:30 AM MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet for the New Serendipity Class with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.

Around Northwood

2017 Wonderful Wednesday Series

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

The first dinner will be February 22, this Mardi Gras meal will have no study afterward. Following the Lenten Dinner on March 1st, we will have an Ash Wednesday Service at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary. The rest of the study series will be held in the Christian Education Building following the Wednesday meal.

The Wonderful Wednesday Study Series topic will be, "Who Is Jesus?" Our Pastor, Chris Curvin, will lead us in this series, giving us a startling look at who Jesus is through the lens of Gospel writers, Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.

While the Wonderful Wednesday study series and dinners end on Wednesday, March 29th, 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:

Maundy Thursday at Heritage United Methodist
April 13th, 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday at Northwood
April 14th, Noon

Easter Sunday at Northwood
April 16th, 8:15 & 11:00 A.M.— Traditional Services
9:30 A.M.—Contemporary Service



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner Menus Lent 2017

February 22, 2017

Mardi Gras Night
Mardi Gras Salad, New Orleans Blackened Pork Loin, Bayou Dirty Rice, "Big Easy" Vegetables, French Baguettes and Butter, Traditional Bananas Foster Cheese Cake

March 1, 2017

Lenten Dinner
Hearty Potato Chowder with Smoked Ham, Baked Virginia Ham and Smoked Turkey Breast Hoagie Sandwich, Cape Cod Potato Chips, Lenten Cakes

March 8, 2017

Crisp Romaine Salad, Chipotle Ranch Dressing, Mary Ann's Creamy Chicken Bake, Buttered Green Peas and Carrots, Fresh Multi-Grain Bread and Butter, All-American Double Crusted Apple Pie

March 15, 2017

Dublin Greens, Green Goddess Dressing, Grandma Flanagan's Traditional Irish Beef Stew With Potatoes and Carrots, Irish Soda Bread & Butter, Killarney Parfait

March 22, 2017

Marzetti Cole Slaw, Grilled Black Forest Ham Steak, Creamy Scalloped Potatoes, Buttered Green Beans Almandine, Fresh Baked Parmesan Rosemary Bread and Butter, Plant City Strawberry Shortcake

March 29, 2017

Baby Garden Greens, Raspberry Vinaigrette, Julienne Chicken Breast Alfredo, Al Dente Fettuccine Pasta, Broccoli Spears Polonaise, Fresh Baked French Bread and Butter, Northwood's Favorite "Magnum Bars"

Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assorted Herbal Teas, Lemonade, and Fresh Brewed Ice Tea and Sweet Tea are available at all dinners.



Hello Northwood Family,

Just a quick note. We are doing well. I've spent the better part of the past year mourning the fact that there is no Northwood in the North. We visited a HUGE church on Christmas Eve, that may just be our new "home" although I use the word lightly at this time.

So hopefully 2017 will be the year for Shawn & I to commit to a new church home. BUT— Northwood will always be our #1. I'm hoping to be a snowbird one day soon! Take care, love to everyone!

Christine & Shawn Wolf
499 Meadowbrook Dr.
N. Tonawanda, NY 14120

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Burt Benziger; Doris Croasmun; Shirley Gleason; Howard Green; Fred Inkles; Lou Hortobagyi; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Diane Luke; Lois Marsh; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian Rather; David Smith; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot; Al & Ethel Holden; Bill & Jane Sutton; Bonnie Beyer

NPC VITALS

Weather: Cloudy
Sunday, February 5, 2017
Scout Sunday
(8:15) 190
(9:30) 150
(11:00) 188
Total: 528

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Bobbi Hunt upon the news of the death of her husband, Jim, who died on January 27.
- Norm Phillips and his family upon the news of the death of Norm's sister, Betty Sweetland on February 11.

Northwood Scholarship

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Tracy Donovan, online, or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2017. 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 Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity 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.

Thanks for a Terrific Scout Sunday

This past Scout Sunday, Northwood Presbyterian Church welcomed 63 scouts and their families to worship together. It is a joy to see the support and encouragement of this church, by allowing the scouts to actively participate in all 3 services. Families felt welcomed and uplifted by the church members and staff. Scouts made comments about the beautiful music. In this ministry of developing leadership skills of our young people within the Scouting Programs, it is vital to have the church's nurturance and active involvement. Northwood does this exceedingly well!

Troop 413 also wants to thank Northwood for their support of the Pancake Breakfast. Donations received during the breakfast totaled \$711.65. These donations go directly to summer camp expenses for the Troop. Thank you Northwood for your ministry to Scouts and their families of our community.

Debby Johnston
Pack/Troop 413, Charter Organization Representative
Northwood Presbyterian Church

2017 Women's Events



Fresh Brewed Bible Study's Valentine Tea