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**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.



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



Our December ended with a beautiful evening Christmas Pageant, which packed the church with families and friends. Several children from King's Kids participated in the pageant. Lindsey Peterson, a member of NPC youth group sang the opening song and narrated the pageant. Stephanie Carson did a fantastic job playing the piano for the pageant. We enjoyed fellowship, Christmas cookies and punch after the pageant. What a wonderful example of church ministries working together for the Lord!

Registration Information:
Registration for current students and their siblings for the 2017-2018 school year will begin on Monday, February 6th starting at 8:00 a.m. Returning families and church members who are not currently registered can register beginning Thursday, February 8th. Open enrollment will begin for the public on Monday, February 13th. If you are interested in a tour of the school please contact Laura Woodard at 727-723-7679 or email her at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

We would appreciate your assistance in letting people know about us and when we are registering. If you know someone who is interested in enrolling in an excellent school please let them know about us. If you have a business or a place where you can display our brochures please come into the school office and we will provide you with them. For more information on our school please visit the website at www.northwoodpc.org and click on schools.

Thank you for your service and care for all the ministries here at Northwood. I am blessed to be a part of the body of Christ at your wonderful Church. On behalf of the staff of Kids' Corner and NCC – Have a blessed New Year!

Laura Woodard, Director of Schools, Kids' Corner

At-A-Glance

January 16, 2017

This Month at Northwood

Friday, January 20– Monday, January 23:
CedarKirk Women's Retreat

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

Sunday, January 29:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
12:00 P.M. Annual Congregational Meeting

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

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

Sunday, February 19:
Kirkin' o' the Tartan
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

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. Meal
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. Meal
6:41-7:15 P.M. 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 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, NRSV

News From the Mission Field

Thank you to everyone who donated to **Isaiah's Inn Angel Tree**. They received **55 presents** from Northwood this year, for an estimated amount of **\$1237.50** donated. Thank you for your generosity!

Thank you for your generous donation of **\$800** to **RCS**. Your congregation's gift provides a week of safe and secure shelter for a mother and child fleeing domestic violence. Thank you for your gift! RCS would be proud to show you how your generous gift is being used. Please do not hesitate to call Suzanne Ruley at (727) 584-3528 x409 to schedule your tour of our program sites or learn more about RCS.

Thank you for your donation of **\$50** to **Beth-El Ministries**. Our needs are many, but your donation is helping to change lives of the people we serve.

Thank you for your recent generous gift of **\$640** 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 54 struggling families by year's end and look forward to celebrating with them as they start their new lives.

Please allow me to express **Presbyterian World Mission's** appreciation to you, your pastor, session, and congregation for your gracious and faithful support of our mission personnel. We thank you for your **\$500** contribution to change lives for the sake of the gospel around the world.

Dear friends of **Missionary Ventures**, thank you for your support in 2016. We are grateful for **Threads of Hope** and your **TCI Class**.

On behalf of **HEP** staff and Board of Directors, we gratefully acknowledge your generous gift of **\$500**. Thank you for providing invaluable assistance to HEP residents. With the kindness of donors like you, we celebrate thirty years of 'helping people help themselves' and look forward to many more.

What would the **Clearwater Free Clinic** do without your faithful support? I have been with the clinic less than two years, but your church's quiet gifts are legend here. Every single day, as our volunteer pharmacists reach for clean prescription bottles, we are reminded of your commitment to the needy and uninsured population we serve. Last year, you helped us to fill over **32,000 prescriptions** for our patients. Northwood Presbyterian has also donated regularly to the clinic for years; your monetary gifts help to keep our doors open and our services available to neighbors here in Pinellas County who otherwise would not be able to access medical care. We are so grateful for your financial support that helped to provide over **13,500 patient visits** last year. Thank you for being a faithful partner as we serve our patients!

Thank you so much for your continued support with this gracious **Alternative Gift** donation of **\$425** to the **St. Petersburg College, Women on the Way Program**. We extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generosity with the regard to the **Women on the Way** students, who will unquestionably benefit from your kindness.

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, February 3,
10:30am, rooms 4-6

Valentine's Day pot luck tea will follow.

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

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

Naomi Circle:

Tuesday, February 14,
1pm, member home

Esther-Elizabeth Circle:

Tuesday, February 14, 9:30am, rooms 5-7

Lydia Circle:

Monday, February 20, 7pm, rooms 5-7

Tampa Bay Annual Gathering

The Annual Gathering of Presbyterian Women in the Presbytery of Tampa Bay will be held on Saturday, February 18, at First Presbyterian Church, Lakeland. If you have questions or plan to attend, please contact Patty Martin (813-855-0851 or bill.martin2@verizon.net).

Questions?

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

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

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 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 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.

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 following the anthem.

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 & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.



Wed, Jan. 18: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.
Fri, Jan. 20: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.
Sun, Jan. 22: Youth Group 5:00-6:00 P.M.
Wed, Jan. 25: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.
Fri, Jan. 27: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.
Sun, Jan. 29: Youth Group 5:00-6:00 P.M.

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

Adult Ministry

TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

Sundays at 9:30 AM, Rooms 9&11

Serendipity Class

Sundays at 9:30 AM

The "New Serendipity" Class is combining youth and adults for a study of Job. Come check it out!

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM, Room 15

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.

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.

February 10 Jenny Hamilton (granddaughter of Dean and Pat Rabenstein):
Living and Teaching English in the Marshall Islands
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.

Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

King's Kids

King's Kids will resume on Wednesday, January 25th and then 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.

Cedarkirk Spring Bash 2017

Children grades 3rd-5th are invited to this overnight camp at Cedarkirk on April 21-22nd. If you are interested in sending your child, please contact Justine. More info to come!

VBS June 26-30

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

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(727)796-8090 Cell/text- (727)641-8140

Around Northwood

Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch January 29th at Noon

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 29th. It's the Annual Congregational Meeting and Church-wide Potluck. The meeting starts at 12:00 pm and the potluck lunch will follow. At the meeting we will hear reports from the Session, the Deacons and their Ministry Teams. We will also be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings it's nominations. Look for luncheon sign-up in upcoming bulletins & on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

WAY Dinners

Mark your calendars! WAY Dinners are scheduled for February 22, March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. See front cover for the menu and description of the series.



SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday

Northwood will be celebrating all Scouting Programs in our community on Sunday, February 5th. On this special Sunday of the year, the church will honor the dedication of scouts and leadership at all 3 services. Please join us as we recognize the impact scouting programs create through training and development of leadership skills and support provided to youth and families of our community. All scouts are encouraged wear their uniform on Scout Sunday.

Troop 413 is pleased to serve their Annual Pancake Breakfast before and after each service. Join us for some warm and delicious pancakes, eggs and sausage – and show your support for the scouts!

Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Sunday, February 19

Northwood will celebrate our Scottish Presbyterian heritage at all three worship services on Sunday, February 19 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. If you would like to carry a tartan in procession at one of the Services, contact Melanie Brown at (727) 515-4947 or email melanieb49@verizon.net.

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. This is also the Sunday closest to the 39th anniversary of Northwood's founding.



Caring for Our Church Family

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

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Rees Heycock
Rees Heycock
Rees Heycock
Rees Heycock
Rees Heycock
Julian Mawhinney

In Honor of:

Amy & John Guthrie
Charlotte & Bill Douglas
Karen & Tim Dickson

Given by:

John & Lynn Washburn
Jerome & Elaine Blumenthal
Ruth Williamson
Dennis & Sandra Rasmussen
Debbie Mallory
Naomi Circle

Given by:

Lorrie Jamusik
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Lorrie Jamusik

NPC VITALS

Weather: Sunny & Cold (36°)
Sunday, January 8, 2017

(8:15) 135
(9:30) 150
(11:00) 176
Total: 461

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- The friends and family of Barbara McCausland upon the news of her death on December 14.
- Margaret Mawhinney and her family upon the news of the death of her husband, Julian Mawhinney on December 30.
- The friends and family of Katherine Flanery upon the news of her death on January 5.



Home Communion Training

Elder and Deacon Home Communion Information and Training session will be held on Sunday, January 22 from 12:15 to 12:45 in room 8 - This is an excellent opportunity for Elders and Deacons to learn more and become involved in this important ministry of care and compassion to Northwood members who are homebound and unable to attend church. We need officers to serve on home teams or who would be willing to serve as a substitute. This training is needed to serve communion in the home, beyond any information received for serving communion during worship on Sunday morning. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.



Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Monday, January 23 and continuing through Monday, February 27, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to death, a life-threatening illness or other traumatic life circumstances. The time of the seminar is from 1:30 P.M. to 3:30 P.M. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. The cost for materials is \$15. Scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.