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Presbyterian Women Welcomes New Honorary Lifetime Member

Congratulations to Patty Martin who was awarded the Honorary Lifetime Membership at the Gifts of Women Sunday service on March 5. She joins an esteemed group of women who have faithfully and generously served the church. She was presented with a certificate and pin and her name has been added to the plaque in the narthex.

The symbols on the pins and plaque represent and portray the qualities of persons deserving the honor and recognition of an Honorary Life Membership. The overall design is of a butterfly, a symbol of newness in Christ and the emergence of a new creation— Presbyterian Women. The caring, supportive hands represent women who seek to build an inclusive community of Presbyterian Women. The leaf represents growth of our personal and corporate response to Jesus Christ as we nurture our faith. The dove indicates our work for peace in our own lives and throughout the world, shown in the globe. At the center of the design is the cross, by which our sins are forgiven and we are freed to live in Christ who is at the center of our lives.



Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Palm Sunday weekend we welcomed our four Confirmands into Membership in the Presbyterian Church. These students, grades 7 and up, started classes on February 19 to learn about the History of the Church, Presbyterian Polity, Old Testament, New Testament, Worship and more. They also spent a fun weekend out at Cedarkirk and attended the February Session Meeting. On Saturday, April 8 they attended a Luncheon in their honor where they shared their faith statements. Palm Sunday we welcomed Hannah Fish, Lucas Johnston, and Emma Youngblood as brothers and sisters in Christ's Church! (Alyssa Tobiassen was not able to be present Sunday and will be introduced to the congregation at a later time.)

At-A-Glance

April 21, 2017

This Month at Northwood

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

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

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

Sunday, May 21:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:45 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

Sunday, June 4:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

Sunday, June 18:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 25:
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 emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to communications@northwoodpc.org.



March was a time for exploring new life and the world around us. We had a fabulous time exploring insects. We learned about the characteristics of different insects and had an opportunity to examine live worms and crickets! We also learned how insects help the environment. Some of the children even made butterflies and ladybugs.

As we moved into April we celebrated Palm Sunday in the Sanctuary. The children waved palm branches and sang "Holy, Holy, Holy Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" as a child who represented Jesus walked down the road to Jerusalem. We sang a joyful praise song "He is K-I-N-G Lord of Lord and King of Kings!" The children were

very excited to welcome Jesus and praise Him. We also talked about the wonderful miracle of Easter. Our Easter celebration and Easter Egg Hunt was great fun.

Kids' Corner is still registering new students for August. Please continue to invite people to call or stop by for a tour. We are also registering for summer camp for children who have completed kindergarten through grade five.

Also, if you or anyone you know, are looking for work and has experience working with children, we have an opening in the elementary school age children program before and /or after school for August. Thank you for your support of the Northwood Schools Ministry.

May the Peace of Christ be with you and your loved ones – Laura Woodard

A New Way to Give!

Access Church Directory and Give via Android or iPhone

Northwood uses ACS software and we'd like for you to know about the ACS Church Life™ mobile app. Those of us on staff have been using the app for a couple of years now and if you've given us the chance, we've probably downloaded it to your smartphone for you. The app provides instant access to the names, addresses, pictures and phone numbers of anyone who would normally appear in a printed Northwood church directory. Information is always as current as the church's data base and access is available to you anytime, anywhere, from your mobile phone. You can even map visits or sign up for events like Vacation Bible School all on the go. Also, with the new mobile giving feature, you can quickly and easily contribute to NPC's published funds...with just one click.



This easy-to-use app is free and available to all NPC members listed in our database using the same user name and password that you create for Access ACS™. If you don't already have a login and password, you can create one by visiting our website at www.northwoodpc.org and clicking on the LOGIN link at the top of the page. When the screen appears, just click where it says "Need a login?" Follow the steps to create the login and then visit the app store on your mobile device to search for and download the app called ACS Church Life. Once downloaded, tap on the new icon on your phone and login using the credentials you created via the website. It may sound a bit complicated if you aren't used to this exercise, but we're always available

to help in the church office. Call Chris Hurst in the church office and arrange a time to come by. We'll get you started!

Christian Education

Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning Classes

TCI Class— Sundays at 9:30 AM
(Today's Christian Issues)

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

Experiencing God Class—
Sundays at 11:00 AM

Meets in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

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 presentation 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.

Join us on **May 12** as Heather Villafranca presents on: 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.

Women's Ministry

Bible Studies

The Girl's Still Got It, by Liz Curtis Higgs

Chapters 9 and 10

Fresh Brewed: Friday, May 5, 10:30am, rooms 4-6

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

Lydia Circle: Monday, May 15, 7pm, rooms 5-7

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

Officer Installation and Annual Birthday Party

Tuesday, May 2, 11:30am

Please join us as we install our 2017-2018 leadership team, conclude our study of Who is Jesus? under Pastor Chris Curvin's leadership, and celebrate our birthday with a pot luck luncheon.

Alternative Gift for Father's Day

The women of Lydia Circle will offer the opportunity to donate to Church World Service's Tools of Hope program to honor the important men in your life for Father's Day. Watch church publications in May for more information.

2017-2018 Bible Study Preparation

Melissa Bane Sevier, the author of the Presbyterian Women's 2017-2018 Bible study, will preview this study at Maitland Presbyterian Church (Maitland, FL) on Saturday, August 12, 2017. A van will leave Northwood on Friday, August 11 and return following the preview. To make a reservation contact Patty Martin (813-855-0851 or bill.martin2@verizon.net).

Children's Ministry



Worship Preparation Class

This class is designed to help children feel more at home in the worship service. They will learn about the different parts of the worship service and their significance. This class is for children who are currently in 2nd grade or those who are 3rd-5th grade, that haven't been through the class yet. Please contact Justine Ruisz for more information. The class will be held on April 30th and May 7th at 10:30 A.M. in rooms 4 & 6. The children will be presented in service on May 14th.

2017 Vacation Bible School

From Monday, June 26 at 9:00 A.M. to Friday, June 30, 2017 at 12:00 P.M. "Hero Central: Discover your Strength in God!" Calling all Super Heroes! Children will discover their strength in God, explore God's mission for their lives, encounter epic adventures alongside biblical heroes, and realize qualities that make them truly heroes in God! Everyday at VBS children get to experience Bible, games, music, crafts and fun snacks. All children ages 4 (by 9/1/2017) through 5th Grade are invited to attend. Registration fee is \$15.00. Register at www.northwoodpc.org/vbs. Online registration closes at midnight on Friday, June 23rd. Come Monday, June 26th at 8:30 A.M. for walk-in registration.

Calling all VBS Heroes!

Seeking Super Leaders:

- 1 Bible Lead Teacher for the older children
- 1 Bible Assistant for the younger children
- 2 Snack Assistants
- 2 Craft Assistants
- 2 Registration Helpers (Monday only)

Contact Justine if you can help, even if it is for one or two days, all help is appreciated!

VBS Donation List

- 100 Adult Large/XL, solid color t-shirts, with no printing or printing on only 1 side
- 10 pool noodles, any color
- 600– 1 inch pom-poms, assorted colors
- 120– Quart-size ziplock bags
- 120– Gallon ziplock bags
- 20 rolls of patterned/colored Duct Tape
- 4 packs of multi-colored tissue paper

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

Youth & Young Adults

Weekly Events for our Youth:

Sundays: Sunday School 9:30 A.M.
Youth Group 5:30-6:00 P.M.

Wednesdays Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.

Fridays Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.
(Some weeks may differ, please see Sunday's bulletin and announcements for weekly information.)

Upcoming Youth Opportunities

Sunday, April 30: Youth Guide Training for VBS 10:30-12:00 for New Youth Guides
10:30-11:30 for Returning Guides

(Please sign up at www.northwoodpc.org/vbs)

Sunday, May 14: Mother's Day Bake Sale. We are accepting baked goods for sale on Friday evening, May 12, at 7:00P.M. and Sunday morning, May 14. We also appreciate all the purchases made that day with the proceeds going to support our summer spiritual growth retreat.

Sunday, May 21: Last Sunday School until school starts again in August. The evening will be the Youth Banquet to celebrate a successful year! This will be from 5:00-6:30 P.M. instead of Youth Group.

Volunteers are always needed for youth activities! Parents, please sign up for one of our exciting events or projects by emailing either Steve Cantin (scantin13@yahoo.com) or Andy Strelcheck (Strelcheckfamily@aol.com).

Youth Summer Trip: Life Rec Camp

*Second deposit of \$100 due Sunday, April 30

When: July 24th- July 28th
Where: Palm Beach Atlantic University
Cost: The cost is \$300. Reservations are being accepted, based on camp availability.

Questions? Please contact Marcy Kemerer or Stephanie Strelcheck: Marcy Kemerer, 727-455-2583, marcykem07@gmail.com, Stephanie Strelcheck, 727-417-9532, strelcheckfamily@aol.com



Get Involved

Northwood Scholarship Application

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 Bakkers, 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.

Summer Music Camp

When: July 17-21
Time: 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Monday-Friday
What: We learn a musical and perform it, play music games and have snack.
Who: All children rising into 3rd through those rising into 6th.
Cost: \$35 for the week
Performance: Friday, July 21, 6:45 P.M.
How: Stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090
Auditions for parts to be announced!
SIGN UP NOW!!!

Attention Graduating Seniors

Attention all graduates, please submit your graduation picture, a short write up of your accomplishments and plans after graduation. This information can be dropped off in the office or e-mailed to communications@northwoodpc.org by May 1.

Youth Bake Sale Donations

We are accepting baked goods donations on Friday evening, May 12, at 7:00P.M. and Sunday morning, May 14. We also appreciate all the purchases made at our Mother's Day Bake Sale on Sunday, May 14 with the proceeds going to support our summer spiritual growth retreat.

Presbyterian Women Installation Service

All women are invited to attend the Presbyterian Women Installation Service and Covered Dish Luncheon and Birthday Party on Tuesday, May 2 at 11:30 A.M. Questions? Please call Patty Martin (813) 855-0851 or Sue Miskiewicz at (727) 799-6767.

Christian Education Committee Pancake Breakfast

The Christian Education Committee will be hosting a church-wide Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, May 21 after all three church services. The purpose of this fundraiser is to provide scholarships for youth to attend summer camp programs at Cedarkirk. There will be information and application forms available at the breakfast. Please contact Bob Meier with any questions, (727) 725-3366.

2017 Church Music Workshop (Music Camp)

We are very excited about the plans for the upcoming annual Church Music Workshop (aka Music Camp) that will be happening from Sunday, June 11 through noon on Friday, June 16, 2017. The Workshop will be held at a beautiful location, The Life Enrichment Center, near Leesburg FL.

Northwood has a tradition of attending this week-long event—especially those involved in the music ministry at Northwood. There is a youth workshop separate from the adult workshop. (We eat and worship together.)

Remember the deadline for submitting a pre-registration fee of \$50.00 is April 30. Return your check and registration forms to Tom Huffman. Check out the Fellowship website for lots of information: www.floridafellowship.org. It also has pictures of Northwood folks at last year's event.



Caring for Our Church Family



Weather: Sunny
Sunday, April 16, 2017
Easter Sunday
(8:15) 167
(9:30) 285
(11:00) 228
Total: 680

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; 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; Al & Ethel Holden; Bill & Jane Sutton; Bonnie Beyer

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Michael and Sarah Jahosky on the birth of their daughter, Annabelle Marie Jahosky, on Friday, March 17, weighing 7 lbs, 12 oz and 20 inches long.

Our Sympathies and Prayers

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to Pastor Paul Means and his entire family upon the news of the death of his mother, Ruth Means, in Tulsa, Oklahoma on April 6.

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to Bob Holleman, upon the news of the death of his wife, Nancy Holleman on March 31.

Memorial Gifts

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Burt Benziger	Bill & Bunny Bitner
Ruth Means	Linda Ciokan
Ruth Means	Don & Polly Hamilton
<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Van Drivers	Emily McMullen

Thank You Northwood!

Bay Area Pregnancy Center

With your help, we served over 1,200 clients in 2016 and saved 51 babies from abortion. Also, your generous food donations allowed us to help over 36 families and your donations helped keep our food pantry shelves stocked. Again, please thank your generous congregation for us. We are truly feeling blessed to have Pastor Paul back on our executive board!

Sunday Bulletin Crew

Behind the scene "Thank You" to the Sunday Bulletin Crew. Diligently every Thursday around 12:30pm, a group organizes each pew, making sure it's books are in order, envelopes in place, pencils sharp and refuse removed. Then they collate our Sunday bulletins. A thank you to Shirley Bahner, Anna Colon, Mary Duffey, Sandi Fahy, Polly Hamilton, Nancy Potts, Lauren Meier and Sally Uhler. In the past we have had other angels help us keep up with this much needed weekly work. Please remember the people who write and print our bulletins too. It takes many busy hands to keep us in the know.

Easter Egg Hunt Thank You!

Our 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt was Egg-cellent! Thank you for the donation of goodies, egg fillers and prizes. Thank you to Susan Curry, Linda Ciokan, Sue Gavette, Marian Hill, Bob Meier, Lauren Meier, Nancy Stevens, Kay Scheuerman, Jane Winne and Gloria Whitfield for helping with the filling, counting and hiding the eggs, and for counting and stuffing the goodie bags. I could not have done it without their help! We had 50 kids and 50 adults attend this wonderful family event and we look forward to doing it again next year!

Stratford Court of Palm Harbor

"Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much!" Our residents and I want to thank you and your volunteers.

The Northwood Food Pantry

We would like to extend thanks to the TCI Sunday School class for their most generous support of food items. TCI has continued to contribute, each month, grocery carts loaded with food items that the pantry uses to fill food bags. Thank you again for your loyal support of this great mission.