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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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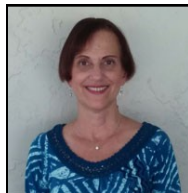
Laura Woodard, Director of Schools

Laura Woodard is from New York City. She has a Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts from Brooklyn College, a minor in Early Childhood Education and an Advanced Level Director's Credential. She has been working with children for over thirty years as a teacher and administrator. She is an active member at St. Jerome's in Largo where she has been a parishioner for the past 29 years. Laura has worked at St. Jerome's Pre-School as a Pre-K teacher and a music teacher. She has also taught as an adjunct instructor at Gibbs High School for the Performing Arts.

Laura is the founding director of Sonrise Early Childhood Learning Center at Pasadena Presbyterian Church in St. Petersburg, where she has worked for the past 14 years. She obtained National Accreditation status for the school and has maintained it since 2004.

Laura's professional contributions to the Early Childhood community have included serving on the Early Childhood Advisory Board at St. Petersburg College for 6 years, reviewing Early Childhood curriculum for the State of Florida Department of Education and presenting at Early Childhood Conferences.

Laura is married to Bill and has two adult children.



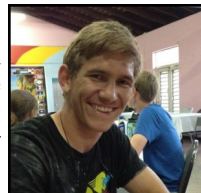
Jon Drawdy

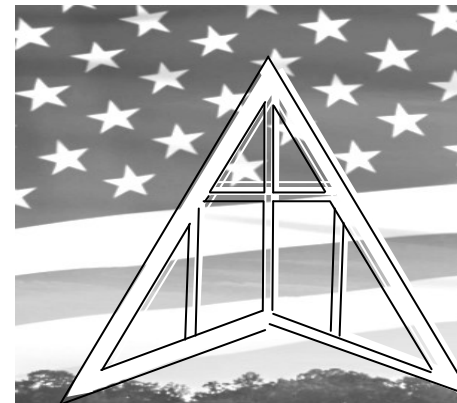
Director of Youth and Family Ministries

Jonathan Drawdy was born in Tampa and grew up in Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church. While there he was part of both the choir and the youth group at the church. Jon attended college at Mercer University in Macon, Georgia. He graduated with a Degree in Economics and a minor in Christianity. He is an Eagle Scout from Troop 4 in Tampa and a Service Scholar, a service-based honors program at Mercer University.

Jon has spent the past two summers working with the youth group at Palma Ceia Presbyterian Church. While working there he led mission trips for both the middle and high school youth groups. He has also been on a mission trip in Europe working to build houses in both Armenia and Georgia.

Jon is excited to work with the Middle School and High School students at Northwood Presbyterian Church. He hopes to create an environment in which we can foster trust, respect, and kindness while developing relationships and having fun. Jon desires to center his teaching of youth upon the bible, and on a love for Christ. He believes in preparing youth for the challenges that they face on a daily basis by giving them a spiritual foundation on which to grow their faith.





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From the PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

This month I wanted to share a letter which I read during worship this summer. I wanted everyone to have a chance to read it as well. As I have shared before, I'm so glad I get to worship here!

-Pastor Chris

Dear Pastor Curvin,

I had the great joy of once again working with Stephanie Bates Carson and Tom Huffman this week at the Florida Chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts summer camp. I have enjoyed working with both of them in the past and have even visited your church for a day as Stephanie, Tom and I took time to discuss some shared successes and concerns about our music ministries.

What I what witnessed at the summer workshop has led me to take a moment to affirm their incredible ministry with you. I am so impressed with the level of musicianship, spiritual commitment and personal commitment they demonstrate. The number of youth and adults who attend this workshop from your congregation is quite impressive, and a sign of Stephanie's and Tom's commitment to them. The students are so impressive in how they carry themselves as young Christians and their musical ability. One of the highlights of the week was a brief testimony given by Robert Wood. Equally impressive were performances by both the 6th grade singers and the youth singers from your church.

Their attitude as team players, doing whatever is asked of them, and doing it to the glory of God is a true blessing to our summer workshop. The students and adults who attend are remarkable, and have made a significant impact on the success of the week. I know it takes a great deal of time and effort for them to provide this opportunity to their music ministry members. So many directors do not take the time, effort or love required to seek out these opportunities. Your congregation is truly blessed to count them among your staff. I am sure you are aware of how fortunate your congregation is, I just wanted you to know the kind of impact they are having on so many of us outside your church.

In Christ,
Jeff Faux
Director of Sacred Arts
First Presbyterian Church, Bonita Springs

President
Florida Chapter of the Fellowship of United Methodists in Music and Worship Arts

At-A-Glance

This Month at
Northwood

July 18, 2016

Sunday, July 24:

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

Sunday, July 31:

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

Sunday, August 7:

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

Sunday, August 14:

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

Sunday, August 21:

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

Sunday, August 28:

Discovery Day
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, September 4:

Children's Sunday School Resumes
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, September 11:

Adult Education Classes Resume
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, September 18:

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

Sunday, September 25:

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

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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.

Caring for Our Church Family

Our Sympathies and Prayers

- Longtime Northwood member, Henrietta Cooke, who had relocated to New York, passed away on May 14 at the age of 100. She had been an active member in Presbyterian Women and in the Esther Circle. Her memorial service has already been held in New York. We extend our prayers and sympathies to all of her friends and family.
- We extend our prayers and sympathies to Burt Benziger and his family upon the news of the death of his wife, Dottie Benziger on June 8. The memorial service for Dottie was held at Northwood on Saturday, June 25.
- We extend our prayers and sympathies to the friends and family of Linda Yegerlehner upon the news of her death on June 8. Her service was held in Ohio, where she had been residing.

News From the Mission Field

Beth-El

- Many, many thanks for the \$50 check from Presbyterian Women for scholarships. We appreciate your support of our ministry and the farmworkers that we serve.

Habitat for Humanity

- Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$320 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 years end and look forward to celebrating with them as they start their new lives. –Mike Sutton, CEO
- Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$640 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County. To date, Habitat Pinellas has completed 352 safe, affordable homes in our community. Your support allows us to remain focused on our mission to promote family stability through innovative housing solutions. Our overarching goal is to eliminate substandard housing throughout the county. –Mike Sutton, CEO

Thornwell

- Thank you for your sponsorship contribution of \$60. Thank you for reflecting the love of God through your prayers and your gifts. You are enabling children to feel safe, secure, and loved. –Chandra Coleman, Director of Mission Advancement

HEP

- On behalf of the HEP staff and Board of Directors, we gratefully acknowledge your generous gift of \$250 as a recurring gift. Your donation will help provide support services to thousands of homeless and very low-income individuals and families in 2016. With kindness of donors like you, we celebrate thirty years of 'helping people help themselves' and look forward to many more.

For Haiti With Love

- Your support is truly a blessing to Haiti and the Lord's work in the North. God bless you all.

RCS

- Thank you so much for your generous gift to RCS and the people we serve! As you know, your support will be used to provide nutritional groceries to children and adults who are hungry, help families facing homelessness return to self-sufficiency, and empower victims of domestic violence to become survivors. RCS is so blessed to have the support of congregations like Northwood who do such an amazing job of providing help and hope to people in need throughout our community.
- Thank you for your generous donation of \$1,069 to RCS. Your commitment to helping people right here in Pinellas County is sincerely appreciated. –Jeff Muller, RCS Board of Directors

Beth-El

- We are very appreciative of the \$504 check you recently donated. Your support for our ministry and the farmworkers that we serve is extremely important. Please keep Beth-El in your prayers!
- Thank you for your donation of \$180. We certainly appreciate your donation as it assists Beth-El and our community members. Thanks once again for your donation.
- We are very appreciative of the \$250 donation. Your support for our ministry and farmworkers that we serve is extremely important.

Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry

- The Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry would like to thank the Vacation Bible School participants that donated over 150 cans of food to the church. The donations came at a time when we were extremely low on meats, vegetables, fruit, and other canned items. We would also like to thank Justine Ruisz for being the champion of this effort as she is such a great inspiration to all the children that participated in this project. Thank you again, as your giving makes such a difference in our community.

Around Northwood

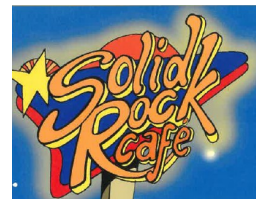
Discovery Day Mission Opportunity

Sunday, August 28 Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or used shoes in good condition for the children, youth & adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL. Our goal this year is to collect 400 pairs of shoes! Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in this way!



Pierced Youth Band Auditions

Our Youth Band 'Pierced' will be holding auditions for new band and vocal members on August 14th, in the sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 service. No experience is necessary and if you would like to learn how to play bass, guitar, keys, drums, etc. we will train you (free music lessons!). Contact Mark Johnston at 727-688-5123 to reserve your audition time.



Show & Dinner

You are cordially invited to see our Summer Music Camp musical, "Solid Rock Café". After a week of rehearsals, twenty-three rising 3rd-6th graders will be presenting this fun musical on Friday evening, July 29 at 6:45 in our sanctuary. **No admission fee!!** Before the show, at 6:00, there will be a spaghetti dinner put on by our fabulous kitchen crew at our normal dinner costs: \$5/adult, \$4/child, \$18 maximum/family. Come and support your Northwood kids and sign up for the dinner on the kitchen bulletin board or on the 'skinny' attendance slips in your bulletin.

Thank you Northwood!

Foundation for International Missions

Thank you so much for your recent support of the New Hope Clinic in the amount of \$250. Your support will provide critical medical care for those who are remote from any care they could afford. Your contributions are quite simply live-saving and tell our Honduran brothers and sisters in Christ that "we love because He first loved us".

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat



Thanks to those who signed up for the All-Church Retreat. We are now completely booked up! For those still interested, a waiting list will be started in case there are any cancellations. Full payment is due by Sept. 18. All other pertinent information will be sent out a week or so prior to arrival. See you in October!

☐ YES

☐ NO

Is a Night On The Towne coming back?

The answer is "Maybe". For those members not familiar with A Night On The Towne, it is basically Northwood's version of a talent show. It's been about 4 years since we last held it, and in the past we have had singers, dancers, musicians, crazy skits, and it was HUGE fun. So back to the "Maybe" answer. We have reserved **Saturday, October 15th** for A Night On The Towne. This event only works if we have at least 15 acts. The acts can be serious or funny, can be performed by an individual or a group, and should be no more than 5 minutes long. If we can get FIRM commitments for 15 acts by **September 15th** the show will go on! If you would like to perform at A Night On The Towne, or would like more information about the event, call or text Jim Warren at 727-215-0733.

Missionary Ventures

As a valued financial/prayer partner in spreading the gospel around the world, I want to thank you for your recent donation of \$250. With your help, we have provided relief in response to the earthquake in Ecuador, while at the same time supporting ongoing efforts around the world through planting churches, equipping indigenous pastors and leaders, supporting medical clinics, feeding the hungry, leading many to Christ, establishing Bible schools, and providing education.

Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

College & Military Ministry

The Deacons' College/ Military Ministry serves the church by corresponding through greeting cards and letters with members who are away at college or serving in the military. Cindy Whiteside is currently coordinating the college ministry and Nancy Turner is coordinating the military ministry. If you or a member of your family are in college, please contact Cindy at 612-7987 or at cindy.whiteside49@yahoo.com to provide the college address. If you or a family member are in the military, please contact Nancy at 799-2054 or at nturn799@aol.com to provide the military address.

NPC VITALS

Weather: Warm & Sunny

Sunday, July 17, 2016

(8:15) 88

(9:30) 101

(11:00) 111

Total: 300

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Kent Janusik
Lois Cornillaud

Given by:

Lorrie Janusik
Elaine Cornillaud

In Honor of:

Robert Wood
Zac Guthrie
St. Mark's Church
Van Drivers

Given by:

Levne Jung
Lorrie Janusik
Emily McMullen

A letter from our previous
Northwood Presbyterian Pastor,
Raymond Guterman:

Hi NPC Friends!

Our new address is:

2116 Jenette St
Tallahassee, FL 32308-0714.

We have moved closer/very close to our daughters, son-in-law and two grandchildren (Andrew (4) and Mary (almost 2). Donna and I enjoy getting "The Window" each month. A part of us will always be at NPC, blessings on all staff and your fine ministries and mission.
-Raymond

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Burt 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

Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning Classes

Serendipity Class-

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Class will resume on Sunday, September 4.

TCI Class- Sundays at 9:30 AM

(Today's Christian Issues)

Class will resume on Sunday, September 11.

Experiencing God Class-

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Meets in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger. The class will resume on Sunday, September 11.



What Programs are Available for Kids? When are Sunday School Classes Scheduled? How do I become involved with Presbyterian Women? Why do we need help in our Committees? Where can I sign up to teach? Find out the answers to these and a lot more questions during Discovery Day scheduled for Sunday, August 28 from 9:15 am to 12:30 pm. Mark your calendar now for a fun-filled time of discovery for everyone.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM Children's Christian Education

Children's Church is taking a break through September. Children over three should remain with their parents in worship. Nursery is available all services for children 3 and under.

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- 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

Children's Church is taking a break through September. Children over three should remain with their parents in worship. Nursery is available all services for children 3 and under.

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

Please meet in the Ignite service (9:30 am) to enjoy worship together. During the summer, there will be no Sunday School for the Middle and High School Youth. Sunday School will resume during the school year.

Children's Sunday School resumes September 4th:

8:15 & 11:00 Services- children's worship will be in room 3.

9:30 Service- 3 yrs - 5yrs - room 3

K - 2nd grade - room 2

3rd - 5th grade - room 8 - Kids will start in service and then move to their class after the prayers.

Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry



Children's Ministry Events

King's Kids Resumes

King's kids kickoff party is on September 14th at 4:30. Parents and children, come and learn what King's kids is all about and what the children will be learning during this session. King's kids starts back on September 21st - November 16th and then Jan. 25th - March 29th.

Discovery Day

Save the date for August 28th. All the ministries that are happening at Northwood will have information and displays for you to see in the Christian Education Building. Make sure to stop by after you worship together as a family at one of our 3 services. There will be no children's Sunday school but there will be activities for the children at the children's ministry table when you come to Discovery Day.

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

Youth & Young Adults

Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries

Youth Ministry Events

Friday, July 22: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M. in gym

Sunday, July 24: Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.
in youth room

No Game Night on Friday, July 29

Sunday, July 31: Kick-Off to Youth Week-
Ice Cream Social for all
Youth Families 6:30-8:00 P.M.

Youth Week Schedule (August 1-5)

Monday: Honeymoon Island Beach,
10:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M., bring your lunch.

Tuesday: Messy Game Night, 7:00 P.M.-8:30 P.M. Wear old clothes- you will be stained!

Wednesday: Mall Scavenger Hunt, 6:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M.
Bring money for food court dinner.

Thursday: Celebration Station, 1:00 P.M.- 4:00 P.M. Cost TBD

Friday: Lock-in from 7:00 P.M.- 7:00 A.M.
Pending chaperone confirmations by July 29.

*Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
youthdirector@northwoodpc.org*

Women's Ministry

Bible Study:

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

Friday, August 5, 10:30am, rooms 4-6

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

Beginning Friday, September 2, 10:30am, rooms 4-6
Followed by Summer Salad pot luck lunch

Who Is Jesus?

the Presbyterian Women's Bible study for 2016 - 2017.

Tuesday, September 6, 9am, rooms 5-7

Monday, September 12, 1pm, member home

Tuesday, September 13, 9:30am, rooms 5-7

Monday, September 19, 7pm, rooms 5-7

Questions? Contact Patty Martin

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

Discovery Day:

Be sure to stop by the Women's Ministries table on Sunday, August 28. Learn about the many opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship.

Congrats Northwood Scholarship Recipients

Funds Provided by: Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship, Walter and Catherine Gordon Scholarship, Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship, Monies received from other sources
The Scholarship team met on Tuesday, June 14, 2016.

The following students were awarded scholarships:

First time applicants: Gemma Briggs, Alec Harris, Erik Johansen, Robert Wood.

Second year recipients are: Alyssa Bates, Claire Hamilton.

Robert Wood was selected as the Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship recipient.