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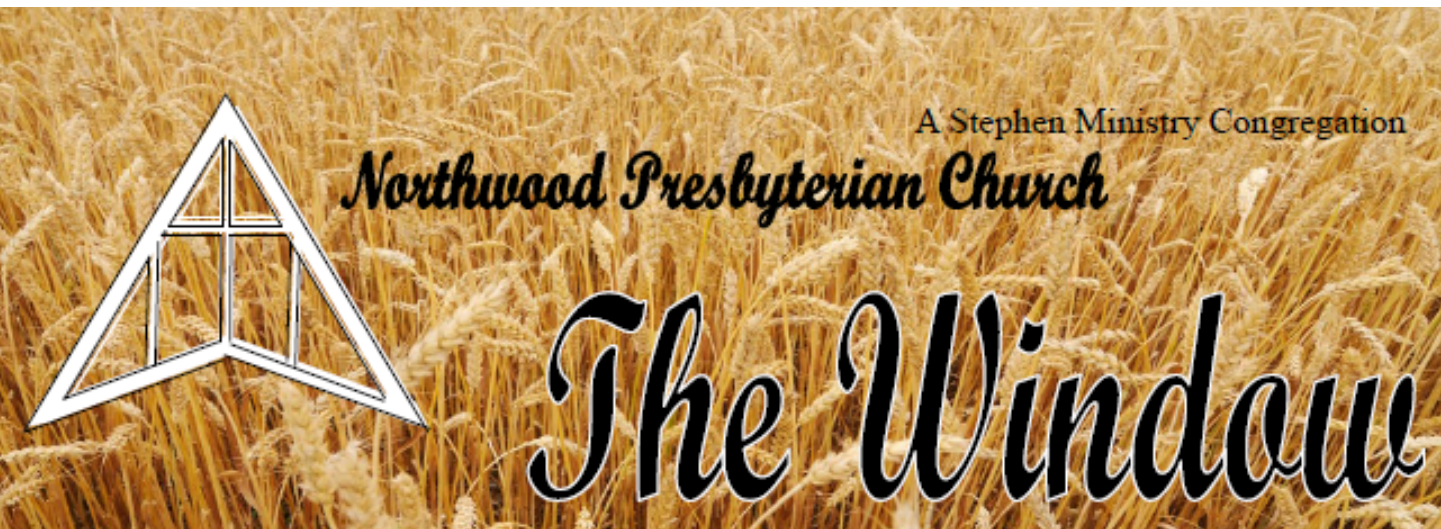
*The time has
 come for a new
 directory and we
 need you to make
 it complete!*

Sign up Sunday, October 1!

Scheduled photography dates are:
 October 5 (1:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M.)
 October 6 (10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.)
 October 7 (10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.)
 October 27 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)
 October 28 (10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.)
 January 24 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)
 January 25 (10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.)
 January 26 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)
 January 27 (10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.)
 February 6 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)

Before & After Hurricane Irma

As you prepared your homes for the coming storm, we were in preparation mode here at church. Most people don't realize that we have a written Hurricane Plan that details the way in which the church is to be secured prior to a named storm. Like all of you, we watched the storm; waiting to see how much of the plan to implement. Thank you to those of you that saw things to be done and did them. You beat us to the punch on a few of them. Please know they were part of the plan all along but we certainly appreciate the help. After the storm, we were equally blessed. Before a church-wide clean-up could be organized, the Youth volunteered to handle it all on Friday before their scheduled Game Night. Before they even got started, the Scouts had pitched in on Thursday evening and Bill and Patty Martin had done about 4 or more hours on Friday morning. We have a wonderful church family and we thank you all!



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Wonderful Wednesday Fall Dinner Menus 2017

October 11, 2017
October Fest

Rhine River Valley Salad with Deutschland Vinaigrette Dressing,
 Grilled Black Forest Ham Steaks, Warm German Potato Salad,
 Buttered Vegetable Medley, Fresh Rye Bread and Butter, Bavarian
 Apple Tartlet

October 18, 2017

Fresh Baby Lettuces with Mandarin Orange Sections with
 Vinaigrette Dressing, Swedish Style Meat Balls,
 Buttered Egg Noodles, Broccoli Spears, Fresh Baked Rolls and
 Butter, Northwood's Favorite Magnum Bars

October 25, 2017

Graveyard Weed Salad with Pumpkin Seeds,
 Black Cat Roast Loin of Pork, Monster Mash Potatoes,
 Goosey Chunky Cinnamon Apple Sauce, Creepy Orange Glazed
 Carrots, Broomstick Bread Sticks, Spooky Halloween Mini Cakes

November 1, 2017

Field Greens Salad with Crotons, Buttermilk Ranch Dressing,
 Mary Anne's Creamy Chicken Bake, Buttered Green Beans
 Almandine, Fresh Baked Rosemary Bread and Butter
 Black and White Pudding Parfaits

November 8, 2017

Spinach and Romaine Salad, Walnut Raspberry Vinaigrette
 Dressing, Tender Beef Burgundy served on a Bed of Egg Noodles,
 Buttered Green Peas and Carrots, Fresh Baked French Bread and
 Butter, Creamy Cheese Cake Drizzled with Melba Sauce

November 15, 2017

Garden Greens Salad with Creamy Parmesan Dressing,
 Roast Holiday Tom Turkey with Gravy, Old Fashion Bread Stuffing,
 Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Green Bean Casserole,
 Orange Cranberry Relish, Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls and Butter,
 Traditional Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

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



Come and get involved in a Wonderful Wednesday
 activity! It is a busy day at Northwood, filled with fel-
 lowship and friends. Here is some of what is going on
 each Wednesday.

- WAY Dinners**— October 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8 & 15(6:00–6:40 P.M.) Sign up using the pink reservation form by Noon on the Monday before the dinner. Be sure to invite a guest— a reserved, first-time guest's dinner is free!
- "What Makes Christianity, Christianity?"**
 Discussion led by our pastors (6:40-7:15 P.M.)
- King's Kids**, our weekly program for children ages 3 years old-5th grade. (4:00– 5:45 P.M.)
- High School Bible Study in the Parlor**
 (6:30-7:30 P.M.)
- Chancel Choir** rehearsal 7:20-9:00 pm.

For more information on any of our Wednesday
 programs contact the church office at (727) 796-8090.

At-A-Glance

September 25, 2017

This Month at Northwood

Wednesday, September 27:
4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

Sunday, October 1:
World Communion & Peacemaking Offering
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 4:
4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

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

Wednesday, October 11:
Wonderful Wednesdays Begin
4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner
6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

Friday, October 13:
10:30-11:30 A.M. Ren Crew

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

Wednesday, October 18:
4:00- 5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00- 6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner
6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

Friday, October 20– Sunday, October 22
Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat

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

Wednesday, October 25:
4:00- 5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00- 6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner
6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

Sunday, October 29:
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

Thank you Northwood Family!

Many thanks to my pastors and church family for their prayers, calls, visits, cards and treats!! They have made my illness and slow recovery so much easier and my heart glad to have such loving friends.
-Jane Urban

We are so very grateful for the overwhelming support from our church, family and friends, in the loss of our daughter, Ethan and Kylie's mother, Corinne. We are faithful she is at peace with our Father in heaven and feel lifted by your love, prayers and support.
With grateful and faithful hearts,
Steve, Dawn, Ethan and Kylie

Constant Contact Emails

If you have not been receiving the emails from Northwood please call or email Tracy Donovan in the church office so we can get you on the contact list. (727) 796-8090 or communications@northwoodpc.org

Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive will be on Sunday, October 8.

Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through October 31. Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them. Nomination forms may be placed in the mailbox of Ray Spigarelli or Gene Weitz in the church office or in the offering plate.

I have the permission of

_____ to nominate them for the office of

Elder or Deacon

(Please circle one)

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Doris Croasmun; Shirley Gleason; Howard Green; Fred Inkles; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Lois Marsh; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian Rather; David Smith; Gene Snyder; Al & Ethel Holden; Bill & Jane Sutton; Bonnie Beyer

Memorial Gifts

<i>In Memory of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
<i>Peach Richardson</i>	<i>Nick & Barbara De Marco</i>
<i>Margaret Mawhinney</i>	<i>Linda Ciokan</i>
<i>John George</i>	<i>Bill & Patty Martin</i>
<i>Corinne Winder</i>	<i>Jean Swintek</i>
<i>Bob Thygerson</i>	<i>Bill & Bunny Bitner</i>
<i>In Honor of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
<i>Art Holloway</i>	<i>Emily McMullen</i>

Our Sympathies and Prayers

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to the families upon the news of the deaths of the following members:

Thomas Colclough (August 14)
John George (August 29)
Corrine Winder (August 29)
Carmele Andrews (September 20)
Lois Marsh (September 21)



We also extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to:

- Ed and Mary Bunch upon the news of the death of Ed's uncle, Austin Bunch, on August 13.
- Jean Swintek and family upon the news of the death of Jean's brother, John Merelo, on August 17.
- Lynn Propst and family upon the news of the death of her mother, Beatrice Matthew, on September 6.
- Sally Uhler and family upon the news of the death of her mother, Julie Leduc, on September 16.

Discovery Day Shoes for Beth-El

Many thanks to the Northwood church family from the Beth-El farm worker's ministry and Northwood's Christian Education and Mission Teams. Through your generous participation in Beth-El Shoe Sunday, 391 pairs of shoes were donated, along with \$150, 3 suitcases and 14 travel bags. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with others in this way.

Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

Adult Ministry

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 going to a different restaurant each month.

The theme for this year is, again, "Windows to the World." Listed below is an educational, entertaining and inspiring slate of Ren Crew programs for the fall of 2017.

Oct. 13: Camille Lackey: Living in the Unique Culture of Saudi Arabia

Nov. 10: B. Englehart and N. Johnson: Barbara and Nancy's Incredible Journey—From Kuala Lumpur to Singapore, Vietnam, and Hawaii.

Dec. 9: Associate Music Director and Organist, Tom Huffman- Christmas Carols from around the World

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!

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 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 Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 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.

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 will meet this week! All youth are invited to attend worship together in the Sanctuary at 9:30 Ignite service for the first 20 minutes, then move to the Youth Room for Bible Study.



This Week in the Life of Our Youth:

Sundays: 9:30 Sunday School in youth room

5:00-6:30 P.M. Youth Group

Wednesdays: 6:15 High School Bible Study

Fridays: 7:00-10:00 P.M. Game Night

A big THANK YOU to our youth and families that came out to the church on Friday night to help clean up the parking lots, playground, and hallways of debris from Hurricane Irma!

We are always in need of any adult volunteers to help out on Friday Game Nights with our youth. They meet from 7-10:00pm here at Northwood. If this is something that you may be interested in, please contact Emily Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org. Thanks!!

· Matthew West/Jordan Feliz concert- October 7th at 7:00pm- Indian Rocks Baptist Church in Largo. Tickets are \$22. This is a family event and all are welcome.

· Cedarkirk Youth Fall Fusion Trip: November 10th-12th: Cost will be \$35 per youth and they will be staying in the Rustic Cabins. Please email if your youth has interest in attending. Payment will be due by September 24th.

Volunteers are always needed for youth activities! Parents, please sign up for one of our exciting events or projects by emailing Emily Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org.

Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

King's Kids

King's Kids is back in action and we are excited for the new session. If you are interested in volunteering and helping with this program you are welcome. We could use help with assisting in Music and with the transitions from one activity to the next. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-5:45 through Nov. 15th, come see what King's Kids is all about. King's Kids is open to all kids ages 3 (must be potty trained) – 5th grade. Questions? Contact Justine Ruisz at (727) 796-8090 or childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

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Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning Classes

9:30 TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

We have lively but respectful discussions of contemporary issues and their effect on our faith journey. As always, we'll have cookies and coffee. Rooms 9 & 11.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class

meets in room 15, led by Vicki Krueger.

Women's Ministry

Fresh Brewed Bible Study meets Friday, October 6 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 5.

Our Presbyterian Women Circles are continuing their study titled, "Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier.

- Pastor Curvin will teach Lesson 2 to the PW Council on Tuesday, October 3 in Rooms 5 & 7 at 9:00 A.M.
- Esther-Elizabeth Circle meets in rooms 5 & 7 on Tuesday, October 10 at 9:30 A.M.
- Naomi Circle meets in the home of a member on Tuesday, October 10 at 1:00 P.M.
- Lydia Circle meets in rooms 5 & 7 on Monday, October 16 at 7:00 P.M.

*Questions? Please contact
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Around Northwood



CELTIC ENCORE

Forty-two people excitedly gathered in Edinburgh, Scotland for the start of a musical excursion that will long be remembered. Thirteen folks from Northwood joined with composer Joseph Martin on September 2 to see the sights of Scotland, Northern Ireland and The Republic of Ireland as well as sing and play in significant cathedrals there. We had a knowledgeable Irish guide as well as some specialists to tell about the John



Celtic Encore Choir at St. Patrick's, Dublin

Knox House in Edinburgh and the city of Derry.

The sense of history in these centuries-old buildings and cities is awesome. We sang in St. Giles Cathedral where John Knox

preached Reformation sermons in the 16th century and at St. Patrick's Cathedral where Handel played the organ and conducted. Our concert in Derry (N. Ireland) was in the first cathedral built in the British Isles after the Reformation. Some of us heard the cathedral choir sing at Christ Cathedral in Dublin where Handel conducted the first performance of *Messiah*.

Some travelers arrived early and others took advantage of a three day extension to southern Ireland or took their own extended tour, but I think everyone would agree that it was a trip of a lifetime. Attending from Northwood were Jack and Claudia Alwood, Tom and Cindy Huffman, Earle and Jessie Lusk, Bill and Patty Martin, Vicki and Jon Mills, Mickey Stewart and Northwood friends Mary Garrison and Beth Trotter.

World Communion & Peacemaking Offering

On October 1st, we will collect the annual Peacemaking Offering. 80% of the offering will be divided between the Homeless Emergency Project and The Haven (domestic violence shelter of RCS), with the PCUSA receiving 20% of the offering. Let us give generously for Jesus' sake!



Think on These Things



*An Intelligent,
Imaginative, Hospitable
Reading Group*

A new monthly reading group, Think On These Things, led by Pastor Paul will begin on Monday, October 16 from noon to 1:15 in rooms 13 and 15. The theme for the group is "Engaging books a thoughtful Christian ought to read. Listed below is the reading list for the fall of 2017 –

October 16th *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen

November 20th *The Screwtape Letters* written by C. S. Lewis

December 18th *Handel's Messiah: Comfort for God's People* by Calvin R. Stapert

People are welcome to bring a lunch or snacks. Join us on the third Monday of the month for intelligent, imaginative, hospitable conversation. For more information, contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.



Composer Weekend-

March 17-18, 2018

With Joel Raney

Joel Raney is consistently one of the top selling church music composers working today. We are fortunate at Northwood to be able to secure him for the second of our Composer Weekends. Raney will share in our Sunday morning worship services as well as lead our choirs and perform on piano at a Sunday afternoon concert. Save the date. This is not to be missed!

Get Involved!

We Need Greeters!

Northwood Presbyterian Church has built a reputation for being a warm, friendly and welcoming church. Our Greeters play a very important part in creating and maintaining that reputation, because they are the first point of contact for our visitors.

So wouldn't you like to GREET and be blessed at the same time?



What does a Greeter Do?

- Arrive 15-20 minutes before start time.
- Be armed with a warm smile and a firm handshake (optional).
- Stand either at the southern entrance, near to the church office, or at the door near to the SR 580 entrance.
- Welcome persons as they arrive and even hold the doors open, if possible.

If you are interested in becoming involved in this very important ministry, please contact Polly Brown, the Deacon with responsibility for arranging the Greeters' Roster. You may reach her at (727) 648-4203 (home), (678) 425-8556 (cell) or email ivbrown45@yahoo.com.

"Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."

JOHN 4:35, NRSV



News From the Mission Field

Westchester Gardens

- Thank you so much for your recent donation of wraps, blankets and walker caddies. Everyone is also so appreciative of everything you all do for us.
- Thank you once again for your generous and much needed items for our residents. They appreciate receiving your gifts very much.

Shriners Hospitals

- We have received your kind contribution of 15 pounds of can tabs. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your gift. Your concern for the hospital and the many children we serve is appreciated.

Habitat for Humanity

- The Locke family has a lot to celebrate, a place to call home. You see, just this week, Ashley and her children received the keys to their new home. It's donors like you that make this possible! Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$960 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County.
- 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 59 struggling families by year's end and look forward to celebrating with them as they start their new lives.
- Thank you for your recent September gift of \$640 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County. To date, Habitat Pinellas has served 475 families 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.

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

- Thank you for your donation of \$511. We greatly appreciate your support. The mission of Beth-El is to promote the mind, spirit and body of farmworkers and our neighbors in need.
- Thanks for your donation of \$50 for scholarship support. Through donations such as yours we are able to assist the local Hispanic farmworker community. These are exciting days at the mission as we plan on opening the first phase of our Health & Wellness clinic later this year.

Clearwater Free Clinic

- We want to thank you for your recent gift of \$500 supporting our mission. Your donation will make a positive impact on the lives of the low-income, uninsured families the clinic is dedicated to serve. Thank you once again for Northwood Presbyterian's continued support of the clinic. We are very grateful!
- We'd like to extend our sincere thanks for your attendance at the Round-Table Meeting held at the Clearwater Free Clinic in July. We hope you enjoyed the tour of our facility and learned a bit more about how our organization works to serve low-income, uninsured families in our community.