

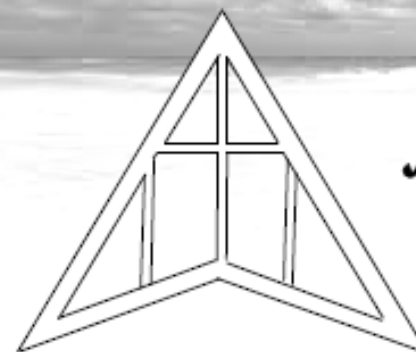


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Discovery Day 2017

Sunday, August 27

9:15 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

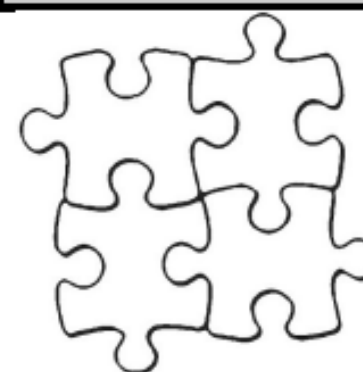
You're Part of the Picture, Where Do You Fit?

Northwood Is Now Live Streaming!



How to Watch

Join our 11:00 Sunday service, now live streaming on our website! From our website (www.northwoodpc.org), click on the top right tab labeled "Watch Live". You will be directed to a page that will automatically show the service beginning at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday. If you want to see previous live streamed services, simply click on the "Watch Live" tab and then on the "Archives" tab.



- Home Communion
- Stewardship & Finance Ministry Team
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- Christian Education Ministry Team
- Youth & Family Ministry Team
- Deacons Ministry
- Pierced Band
- Serendipity Bible Study
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- Boy Scouts/Cub Scouts
- Mission & Outreach Ministry Team
- Today's Christian Issues
- Ren Crew
- Schools Ministry Team
- Stephen Ministry
- Discovering God Class
- Presbyterian Women
- Cedarkirk Retreat
- Directory Sign-Ups
- Membership & Evangelism Ministry Team
- Human Resources Ministry Team
- Think on These Things Reading Group
- Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Join us in the Christian Education Building on August 27 for Northwood's 3rd Annual Discovery Day!
Get information about all the groups and events going on here at Northwood and find out how to get involved!

At-A-Glance

August 14, 2017

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, August 20:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 27:
Discovery Day 9:15-12:30
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, September 3:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Church office will be closed Monday, September 4 in observance of Labor Day

Sunday, September 10:
Sunday morning Adult Education classes resume today.
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, September 17:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

10:45 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
Discovering Northwood Class

Sunday, September 24:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, October 1:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, October 8:
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 Tracy Donovan at communications@northwoodpc.org.



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>Dr. & Mrs. Pete Fedelem</i>
	<i>Fred Kenfield</i>	<i>Jane Kaempfer</i>
	<i>In Honor of:</i>	<i>Given by:</i>
	<i>Sara Kenfield</i>	<i>Jim Kenfield</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:

Leota Ecker (June 19)
Elinore Geer (June 23)
Harriet Jackson (July 8)
Bob Thygerson (July 11)
Eugene Ecker (July 27)
Margaret Mawhinney (August 5)

We also extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to:

- Elizabeth Curkan and family upon the news of the death of Elizabeth's mother, Barbara Erickson, on July 27.
- Jim Warren and family upon the news of the death of Jim's father, Alexander Warren, July 30.



Thank You Northwood!

Bay Area Pregnancy Center
Thank you so very much for sharing your talent— the baby caps and blankets are so precious! Our clients will truly enjoy these. It is so kind of you to deliver them to us also, thank you so much for your many years of support.

Church World Service
Thank you for your generous gift of \$385 to the CWS Blankets program. As families and communities around the world recover from emergencies and struggle in the face of challenges, you are standing with them. You are providing relief and hope. Your contribution provides hope to neighbors near and far, from migrant families facing cold and wet conditions to refugees who have just arrived in the United States to build a new future to guests at homeless shelters. Around the world, your support of this program means vital supplies and support for those in need.

RCS
Thank you for your generous gift of \$500. Your gift helps us to celebrate 50 years of service to Pinellas County. RCS was founded in 1967. Every day we meet the challenges of hunger, homelessness and domestic violence in our community. We meet these challenges with compassion, collaboration and innovation; because of support from amazing donors, just like you. Your gift makes a difference.

Beth-El
Thank you for your donation of \$500. 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. One way we live into this mission is by promoting healthy living. Adequate health care, especially for adults, is a huge problem among farmworkers. Our mission's goal is to improve availability of vital services to our community through the creation of a Health and Wellness Center on our campus. The first step in achieving our objective is a new dental clinic that will open later this year. Thank you again for your donation!

HEP (Helping People Help Themselves)
On behalf of the HEP staff and Board of Directors, we gratefully acknowledge your generous gift of \$500. Your donation will help provide food, shelter, clothing and support services to homeless and very low-income individuals and families in 2017 and for years to come.

The Outreach Foundation
On behalf of The Outreach Foundation and our global partners, I thank you for your recent gift of \$500. You help to keep the light of Christ shining around the world. We are honored to be your partner.

Christian Education

Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning Classes

9:30 TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Class
Plan on joining us on September 10. We'll have more lively but respectful discussions of contemporary issues and their effect on our faith journey. As always, we'll have cookies and coffee.

11:00 A.M. Experiencing God Class will resume on Sunday, September 10.

Women's Ministry

Fresh Brewed Bible Study meets September 1 at 10:30 A.M. in Room 5.

Our Presbyterian Women Circles are starting a new study in September titled, "Cloud of Witnesses, The Community of Christ in Hebrews" by Melissa Bane Sevier.

- Pastor Curvin will teach Lesson 1 to the PW Council on Tuesday, September 5 in Rooms 5 & 7 at 9:00 A.M.
- Esther-Elizabeth Circle meets in rooms 5 & 7 on Tuesday, September 12 at 9:30 A.M.
- Naomi Circle meets in the home of a member on Tuesday, September 12 at 1:00 P.M.
- Lydia Circle meets in rooms 5 & 7 on Monday, September 18 at 7:00 P.M.

Questions? Please contact Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com or (727) 799-6767



Children's Ministry

Discovery Day

We are excited and looking forward to Discovery Day on August 27th, 2017. As a reminder there will not be Sunday school that morning, we encourage you to attend church as a family and then stop by Discovery Day. You're a part of the picture, come discover where you fit in! While you walk around enjoy some coffee and goodies from the Kitchen Krew. Then send your children to the Children's Ministry area to do a craft and spend time with their peers. We hope to see you there! *The nursery will be available for the little ones birth - 3yrs.*

King's Kids

Mark your fall calendar! The King's Kids kick-off party is 4:00-5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 13. The fall session of King's Kids starts September 20 and runs through November 15, meeting 4:00-5:45 each Wednesday. King's Kids is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. The program helps build friendships in a Christian environment, and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God. The program includes rotations through Bible lessons, music/choir, guided activities (crafts, organized games) and free playtime. The success of the ministry is based on our volunteer teachers and assistants. We ask parents to volunteer monthly to help sustain this wonderful program. Questions? Contact Justine Ruisz at (727) 796-8090 or childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

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Student Life Trip 2017



Weekly Events for our Youth:

Sundays: Sunday School in the Youth Room at 9:30 A.M.
Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.
Wednesdays: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.
Fridays: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.
(Some weeks schedule may differ, please see Sunday's bulletin and announcements for weekly information.)

Upcoming Youth Opportunities

Rock the Universe: September 9th & 10th. We will depart by church bus from Northwood at 1pm on Saturday and attend the concerts at Universal Studios that evening. We will be staying at the Royale Parc Suites in Kissimmee minutes from the theme park. Tickets for this event are \$63. The youth committee will be covering the cost of the hotel and also the cost of chaperones. We will need 1 chaperone for every 4 middle school youth and 1 chaperone for every 7 high school youth. We will be arriving back to Northwood on Sunday around 1pm.

Matthew West-All In Tour: Matthew West along with Jordan Feliz will be in concert at the First Baptist Church Indian Rocks on October 7th. Tickets are \$22 per person if we get ten or more people attending. Please contact Emily Cantin to let her know if any youth or adults are interested and we will compile a list. This is in the planning stages and need to see if the interest is there to move forward. I will need to know by September 16th.

Cedarkirk Youth Fall Fusion Trip: November 10th-12th. Bring your youth group to Cedarkirk for a weekend of worship, outdoor exploration, and fellowship with other youth groups! This event is open to both middle- and high-school students and will incorporate large-group worship, small-group break-outs, and plenty of your youth's favorite camp activities. Join us for either exciting weekend as we deepen our relationships with God and build community with new friends! Cost will be determined by the youth committee TBA as well as more details. Please let me know via email if your youth has interest in attending.

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.



Get Involved

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat— Just few rooms left!

Don't miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges! Info can be found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Join us on Oct. 20-22, 2017 – sign up today!

Do You Love to Sing?

Our Chancel Choir needs you! We are in need of all voice parts and in dire need of basses. The commitment is small— Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 and Sunday mornings when you are here anyway! We have choir members who attend both traditional and contemporary worship. We can make it fit your schedule. In the next few weeks you will hear why our members come to choir rehearsals. Speaking as a singer, anytime I get a chance to sing in a good choir, I jump at it – it's fun, it is challenging, voices joining together to make a beautiful sound to God – there is nothing better. Please consider giving it a try. We begin Wednesday night August 23 for our new season. Choir reception of 'Strawberries and Cream' at 6:15 followed by choir rehearsal at 7:00.



Composer Weekend— March 17-18, 2018

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!



Need Van Drivers

We're looking for a few good drivers -- to drive Northwood's van on Sunday mornings. This helps some of our members who need a ride to and from the 11 a.m. service. We're looking for good, safe drivers, and we'll train you on driving the route and the van. If you are interested in doing this once a month, or if you know someone else who might be interested, please contact Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com or call him (after 5 p.m. weekdays) at (727) 580-1813

Stephen Ministry: An Active Caring Ministry

Beginning in September on Thursday evenings from 6:30pm to 9:00pm, the Northwood Stephen Ministry will be offering training to members who would like to become involved with this ministry of caring and compassion. A Stephen Minister is a caring, Christian friend who will walk beside a person who is going through significant struggles or loss in their life and listen, pray, support and encourage them. Typically, a Stephen Minister will meet faithfully with his or her care receiver for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need. To learn more about becoming a Stephen Minister, please contact Jackie Koski at 727-726-5359 or Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090.

Discovery Day Mission Opportunity

On Sunday, August 27, as part of Discovery Day, Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or gently used shoes for the children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL. These shoes will be extremely helpful and appreciated as the kids and youth get ready to go back to school and for the farm workers as they prepare to continue their work in the fields this fall. Last time we collected over 400 pairs of shoes, plus a \$50 donation! Our goal this year is to be able to distribute at least 400 pairs of shoes to the families in the Beth-El community. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday and sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way.



Hearing Assistance Devices

Having trouble hearing during the worship service? Hearing assistance devices are available at the sound booth in the sanctuary. The person in the sound booth will be glad to provide you with one upon request. Please return them to the sound booth following the service.

NEW Photo Directory!

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

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.)

Sign-ups begin soon, so start planning your family photo session.

We want you to be included in our new church directory!



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, September 18 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 –

September 18th *The Return of the Prodigal Son: A Story of Homecoming* by Henri Nouwen.

October 16th *The Screwtape Letters* written by C. S. Lewis

November 20th *Basic Christianity* by John R. W. Stott

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



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.

Fun! Friends! Friday! The 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.

Sept. 8: B. Englehart and N. Johnson: Barbara and Nancy's Incredible Journey – From Kuala Lumpur to Singapore, Vietnam, and Hawaii

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

Nov. 10: David Lawrence: Travels of a World Wanderer

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.