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New Acting Director of Schools

My wife, Joyce, and I recently attended our youngest son's graduation from Tarpon Springs High School. One of the graduation speakers joked that their Class of 2017 would certainly be prepared to go out into world and face change because they had three different principals in four years of High School. Everyone laughed! The speaker continued by thanking her parents and teachers that prepared her with all she needed to know for the

future. Of all the teachers she remembered, the most treasured was her kindergarten teacher! Her speech reminded me of our Preschool and the importance of always lifting up all those who teach and inspire our children.

I am glad to be able to report that with the exception of Terri Youngblood, who is relocating, all of our preschool teachers will be returning this Fall. We have, like Tarpon High, however, had a change of "principal" as Laura Woodward will not be returning as the Director of Schools. We wish Ms. Laura the best and thank her for her contributions this past year.

I am pleased to share that Mrs. Angie Surowiec has agreed to serve as the Acting Director of Schools. Angie has all of the credentials required by the Early Learning Coalition of Pinellas County to serve as a Director and since she has been and will continue to be one of our VPK teachers, she knows Northwood and our School very well. Between Angie and Emily Cantin, the School's Office Assistant, we will have great continuity in our Preschool and Before/After program.

As we prepare for Fall, there are a few openings in the Two Year Old classes and in the Three Day Three Year Old class. If you have friends or neighbors who are looking for a fine preschool for children of these ages, please refer them to us.

Rest assured that we will continue, as we have for over 37 years, to provide a preschool which offers excellence in education in a caring and loving environment.

Sincerely yours,

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Pardon Our Dust

Thank you for your patience while we take steps to improve the Children's areas and the Christian Education Building. When all is complete, each of the Preschool Class/Sunday School rooms, the School Director's Office, the Infant Nursery, Room 16 and Room 18 will have fresh paint. Additionally, several of the school rooms will have new wet areas that are not carpeted for snack time and messy projects. All of these same rooms will be re-carpeted along with the Christian Education Building.

Part of the process of painting and re-carpeting is to remove the cove molding that runs along the base of the walls in these areas. This will not be replaced until the carpet is laid the week of July 10. In the meantime, it looks a bit unsightly, but please know that a new and better environment is on the way. Anytime you have a project like this taking place, some things are out of place and special care must be taken to be sure the area is safe to be used. Know that we are watching all of this very closely and that soon all will be even better than before!

At-A-Glance


June 19, 2017

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, June 25:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, June 26– Friday, June 30:
 Vacation Bible School

Sunday, July 2:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

 Church office will be closed Monday, July 3 & Tuesday, July 4. Hope Everyone has a happy and safe 4th of July!

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

Sunday, July 16:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, July 24:
 6:00 P.M. Missionary Event (Rooms 9 & 11)

Sunday, July 23:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, July 30:
 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:

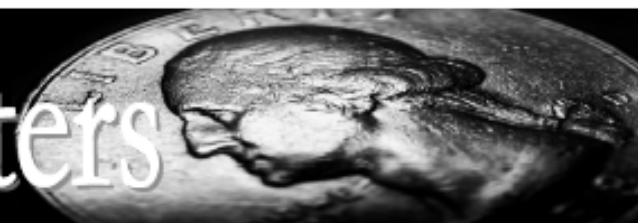
If you are interested in receiving emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to communications@northwoodpc.org.

Church Office Schedule

Church office hours are currently Monday-Thursday, 8:30– 4:00 P.M. Regular Friday office hours will resume the week of August 7. Calls to the office on Fridays will be handled by the voicemail system and returned on Monday. If there is a pastoral emergency, the system will provide the phone number needed to reach Pastor Chris or Pastor Paul. We thank you for your cooperation as we adopt this temporary schedule.

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Financial Matters



Per Capita Apportionment

Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per capita assessment for 2017 is \$30.75 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift.

Another New Way to Give!



Northwood's administrative software now allows us to receive giving by text. It is a quick and easy way to give that is especially convenient for those who may have forgotten to bring their gift. To give \$10 to the church's general fund, simply text Npchurch 10 to the number 73256. (Any dollar amount over \$3.00 can be substituted.) A first-time donation takes about two minutes to set up the payment method, which is then saved for future gifts. If you have questions about text giving, call Linda O'Leary in the church office.

Online Giving

If you are interested in setting up online giving, visit the "Giving" link to the secure portal at www.northwoodpc.org or call the Church Office. For your convenience, gifts can be processed as credit card or e-check transactions. Additionally, you may make a one-time gift or set your contributions up for automated processing on a schedule that you select. Participation in the offering on Sunday morning is an act of worship and we wish to include those who choose to give online. If you so choose, you will find laminated cards in the Narthex that can be placed in the offering plate to say "My gift this week was made online." Thank you for your continued and faithful support of the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church.

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.

Volunteers Needed!

We are looking for volunteers to help us in the sound booth to get our live streaming up and running. No technical experience necessary, just a willing person who is able to learn the camera. Please contact Mark Johnston at (727) 688-5123.

Christian Education

Adult Ministry

Sunday Morning Classes

9:30 TCI (Today's Christian Issues) Class – TCI Class is on hiatus. Have a joyful and restful summer and plan to return with 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 is on break and will resume on Sunday, September 10.

6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 4 & 6 is currently on a break. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at 727-733-8726.

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 starting again in September. 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.

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

Sunday Evening

Is currently on a break. Any questions? Please call Cindy Huffman at (727) 733-8726.

Women's Ministry

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).

July Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Fresh Brewed does not meet in July. We will meet again August 4th, 10:30am-Noon and have a special discussion or DVD, to be announced later. Then September 1st we will have our "End of Summer September Spectacular Salad Luncheon." Please bring a salad to share during that study. In September, we will also start our new book: A Woman of Wisdom - Proverbs, by Dee Brestin.

Children's Ministry

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.

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Youth & Young Adults

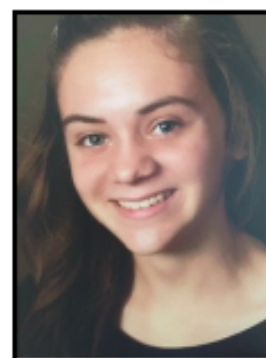


Youth Mission Outreach

The youth group (17 youth & 3 adults) were at Metropolitan Ministries in Pasco on June 1 helping out with facility maintenance, working the clothing shop, re-creating donated food and cleaning the cafeteria. They worked super hard and had a fantastic morning serving together.

Congrats Grads

Congratulations to these additional graduates!



Anna Hamilton graduated from Palm Harbor University High School Medical Magnet Program. This fall, she will be attending Stetson University in DeLand, FL and will be entering their College of Arts and Sciences, majoring in Mathematics and minoring in Gender Studies.



Claire Hamilton graduated from Rollins College in Winter Park, FL with a degree in Elementary Education. This fall, she will begin teaching fourth grade at Ivey Lane Elementary in Orlando and continue to reside in Winter Park.

Weekly Events for our Youth:

Sundays: No Sunday School for the summer. We will all worship in service together at 9:30 A.M.
Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M. (will resume again in August.)
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

VBS Youth Guides

Help needed for table, furniture and room set up on Friday, June 23, 4:00 P.M.

Weeki Wachee and Buccaneer Bay

Tuesday, July 11 (7:30-5:00) This combines mission and fun in an exciting day! If you plan on attending, PLEASE sign your name on the waiver on the youth bulletin board in the church hallway! We are in need of 3 parent/adult volunteers for this trip!

Student Life Trip

July 24-28 at Palm Beach Atlantic. You still have the opportunity to register for this trip. Please let us know if you are interested. The cost is \$300, reservations are being accepted based on camp availability.

Metropolitan Ministries

Monday, August 1 (8:00-2:00) - A fabulous mission opportunity! We are once again traveling to Metropolitan Ministries location in Pasco County where the kids will work in various jobs such as the food pantry, the clothing closet, and cleaning the facilities. We will have a picnic lunch on site then travel home. If you attended the trip in June, you will not have to fill out the online waiver again! We will need 2 parent/volunteers for this trip!

Back to School Youth Week

July 31-August 6th - Messy Game Night, Beach, Bowling, etc. More details to come!

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



Caring for Our Church Family

Seeking bass player and guitar player for ignite service!

Our bassist, Gary Granata, is not giving up his position, but is now retired and will be traveling more. We need a good substitute to fill in when Gary is absent, which could be frequent.

Also, there are many times when one or both of our guitarists are absent and we could use a third to rotate in the mix. If you have gifts in these areas, or know someone who does, please contact me Stephanie Carson, 727-458-9749; Stephanie@northwoodpc.org



All-Church Retreat

Join us at the annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat on Oct. 20-22, 2017. Look for the poster and brochures on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Deposits with room requests will be accepted at this time. Sign up early for best choice of rooms!

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!!!

Discovery Day- Save the Date

"You're Part of the Picture, Where Do You Fit?" Join us Sunday, August 27, 9:15 A.M.- 12:30 P.M. to learn more about all our groups and events here at Northwood.

Hurricane Season 2017 Began June 1

The NPC Hurricane Ministry exists to assist members in need of temporary housing during the 2017 hurricane season. If you are able to share space with members in need - please contact Cassondra Fredriksen at (727) 278 - 4212 or sonna.fredriksen@gmail.com. All members are encouraged to plan in advance for potential emergencies especially hurricanes between June and November. For helpful resources visit baynews9.com's Hurricane Center for information including advisories, maps, and checklists.

9:30 Summer Sunday School Teachers Needed

The Children's Ministry needs teachers to help cover Sunday School for the summer months, so the regular teachers can have a break. If you are willing to help teach one Sunday with children ages 1st-5th grade, please sign up on the children's bulletin board or contact Justine Ruisz, childrensministry@northwoodpc.org or (727) 796-8090.



Music Need!



We are looking for two handbell ringers for our intermediate handbell group. If you have never rung, but read music, the basics are easy to teach you. We are taking a break for the summer. When we return, our rehearsals are on Sunday at noon. We play in worship and for our annual Christmas concert "Ring, Sing & Mingle". We fellowship, have fun and learn and make beautiful music together. It's a great way to plug yourself into a small group here at NPC. Please consider it and email or call Stephanie Carson, stephanie@northwoodpc.org 727-796-8090.

Thank You Northwood!

To the Northwood Presbyterian Church PW Circle
 We at The Calvary Presbyterian Church of Calvary Caring Hands Circle (Bible Study) wish to thank you for being field testers for the "Who is Jesus?" bible study.

From Family of Etoile Morey

I recently got your card for my mother. It is with a sad heart that I let you and her Northwood Church friends she has passed away. Your cards meant a lot to her. Thank you for being wonderful friends with our mother and father.

Habitat for Humanity

The Miller family has a lot to celebrate, a place to call home. You see, just this week, Karen and Edward received the keys to their new home. It's donors like you that make this possible! Thank you for your recent gift of \$1,280 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County on May 25. 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.

RCS

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,204.37 to RCS. Your gift helps us to celebrate 50 years of service to Pinellas County. We are able to reach this milestone because of difference-makers like you!

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.



Weather: Sunny
 Sunday, June 11, 2017
 (8:15) 131
 (9:30) 125
 (11:00) 132
 Total: 388

There is a solution.

Alcoholics Anonymous
 (727) 530-0415
centraloffice@aapinellas.org
www.aapinellas.org

Our Sympathies and Prayers

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to the families upon the news of the deaths of the following:
 Steve Sturdevant (May 21)
 Larry Grennan (May 27)
 Peach Richardson (May 31)

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Doris Croasmun; Shirley Gleason; Howard Green; Fred Inkes; 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

Middle East Mission Event

Presbyterian mission co-workers who serve in the Middle East that we help support will be with us again, speaking on Monday, July 24 in rooms 9 & 11 at 6:30 P.M. Because they live so close to the frontlines with ISIS and deal with issues daily that make headline news, you won't want to miss hearing from them. They are serving in the Middle East at the invitation of a national Presbyterian Church. Yes, there are Presbyterians in the Middle East! (The oldest Protestant church of the Middle East is Presbyterian.) The couple we support have a ministry focused on one of the largest "unreached" people groups, meaning that there are few followers of Christ among them. Our church has supported this couple for more than 10 years. For reasons of security, we don't mention this couple's name or location in what gets on our website or social media. Pizza, drinks and dessert will be provided for a small donation. To determine how much food will be needed, please RSVP to the church office at (727) 796-8090.