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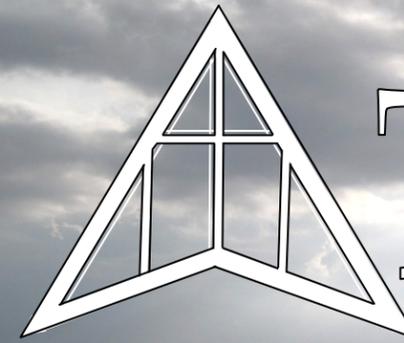
Hello again Northwood Family,
 I wanted to share with you just a few of the things that have been completed this past month. In talking with Pastor Chris, we realized that there were a lot of "Dark Areas" or areas that were not properly lit for night usage. So with the help of modern technology, and the grace of God, I was able to change out some of the old "Can Lights" to L.E.D. fixtures. Not only are these fixtures brighter but they use less than 25% of the power.

Along with the outside, the sanctuary lights down both sides were acting up when they were dimmed. Again, modern technology and God's grace came through and all twelve fixtures, six a side, have been changed to L.E.D. bulbs which are dimmable. Along with lower power costs, these bulbs come with a ten year replacement or money back warranty.

In addition to the new lighting, all exit signs and emergency lights have been checked. Batteries have been replaced where needed and all twenty-one of our extinguishers are due for re-certification this month and we are awaiting All Florida Fire Equipment to come and do their re-certification for us. This will bring us up to snuff with building Fire Safety.

In closing, I just want to say that my door is always open and if you see something wrong on the premises, please don't hesitate to tell me or write the issues on a maintenance request slip outside my office door.

~Jeff Mossolle



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W.A.Y. Dinner Menus 2014

**February 26, 2014
 Mardi Gras Night**

Mardi Gras Salad, New Orleans Blackened Pork Loin, Bayou Dirty Rice, "Big Easy" Vegetables, French Baguettes & Butter, Bourbon Street Praline Cheese Cake

**March 5, 2014
 Ash Wednesday Dinner before Worship**
 Hearty Potato Chowder with Smoked Ham, Baked Ham and Smoked Turkey Hoagie Sandwich, Baked Potato Chips, Lenten Cakes

**March 12, 2014
 St. Patrick's Day Dinner**
 Dublin Greens, Green Goddess Dressing, Traditional Corned Beef with Boiled Potatoes, Boiled Cabbage, Buttered Baby Carrots, Fresh Rye Bread and Butter, Murphy's Pistachio Fruit Pudding

March 19, 2014
 Traditional Caesar Salad, Mary Ann's Creamy Chicken Bake, Green Peas with Mushrooms, Fresh Baked Rosemary Bread and Butter, Plant City Fresh Strawberry Shortcake with Whipped Cream

March 26, 2014
 Romaine and Spinach Salad with Mandarin Oranges and Vinaigrette Dressing, Tender Cubes of Beef Stroganoff, Buttered Egg Noodles, Broccoli Florets Polonaise, Focaccia Bread and Butter, Black Russian Chocolate Torte

April 2, 2014
 Hawaiian Pineapple Cole Slaw, Baked Black Forest Ham, Creamy Scalloped Potatoes, Buttered Green Beans Almandine, Fresh Baked Soft Rolls and Butter, Florida Key Lime Pie with Melba Sauce

**Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches
 will be available at all Dinners**

2014 W.A.Y. Series

(Wednesdays And You)
 February 26th through March 2nd

Lenten Bible Study
"Reflections on the Beatitudes"

Meal: 6:00-6:40 P.M.

Lenten Series: 6:40-7:15 P.M.

**Ash Wednesday Service: 6:45 P.M.
 In the Sanctuary on March 5th**

The Lenten devotions will be "Reflections on the Beatitudes" from Luke 6:20-26. In Luke Jesus teaches four beatitudes similar to the list of nine found in Matthew 5:1-12. Jesus' teaching from Luke has sometimes been referred to as the "Sermon on the Plain." Join us in these four gatherings as we reflect on the good news of the Beatitudes.

The first WAY dinner begins on February 26th with a wonderful Mardi Gras meal. The Lenten study begins with worship in the Sanctuary on March 5th following the Ash Wednesday meal.

While the W.A.Y. series and dinners end on Wednesday, April 2nd, we will still gather for worship during Holy Week with our Heritage United Methodist Church neighbors for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on the following dates and times:

April 17th, 7:00 P.M.—Maundy Thursday at Heritage
April 18th, Noon—Good Friday at Northwood

Easter Sunday at Northwood
 8:15 and 11:00 A.M.—Traditional Services
 9:30 A.M.—Contemporary Service

At A Glance

February 18, 2014

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, February 23rd:

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

Wednesday, February 26th:

6:00 P.M. W.A.Y. Mardi Gras Dinner

Sunday, March 2nd:

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

Wednesday, March 5th:

6:00 P.M. W.A.Y. Dinner
6:45 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, March 9th:

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

Wednesday, March 12th:

6:00 P.M. W.A.Y. Dinner
6:40 P.M. Study Series

Sunday, March 16th:

Gifts of Women Sunday
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, March 18th:

6:00 P.M. W.A.Y. Dinner
6:40 P.M. Study Series

Sunday, March 23rd:

Gifts of Women Sunday
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 katie@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Katie Pacana's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

E-News:

If you are interested in receiving the bi-weekly Monitor via our e-news system, please send an email with your name and request to katie@northwoodpc.org.

From the PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Happy Valentine's Day!

I'm writing these words to you as Valentine's Day approaches this coming Friday. Some of you will get this letter from my desk electronically on Valentine's Day and others will get it by bulk mail sometime next week. Regardless when you receive this Valentine's letter from me, I want to say, "Happy Valentine's Day to you!" By the way, along with some stacks of papers and books, I have a crystal candy jar on my desk always filled with wonderful chocolates if you will accept chocolate from me for Valentine's Day or when you visit the church office. (*Just ask Bill Sutton on Sundays or any of our church staff during the week where to find it if I'm away from my desk*).

I'm keenly aware how important it is for me to give dark chocolate to my wife, Joyce, on Valentine's Day! (Which I did!) I also enjoyed hearing about the importance of love recently while watching the Beatle's special 50th anniversary salute. I heard the words of their song, "*All we need is love. Love, love, love. All we need is love.*" Isn't that just a terrific message! The message from that song sounds a lot like what the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 13, "the greatest thing of all is love."

Many years ago, the Scottish Presbyterian Minister, Henry Drummond, wrote a short pamphlet that became a classic. It was entitled, "The Greatest Thing in the World." Drummond of course wrote about Christian love as the greatest thing.

In my readings some time ago I came across the confession of a Congregational minister, Dale Turner, as he told of his romantic feelings he had for his second grade teacher. He wrote that his feelings came not because she was a "good looker" but because she was an *overlooker*. This is what he wrote:

She steadily refused to see my bad points even though they were many—dirty face, tousled hair, a nose that usually needed plumbing, and a behavior record that would not have won a good conduct medal. Miss McClure was a teacher who knew how to affirm her students. She was not blind to any students' inadequacies, but she chose to see beneath the soil to the seeds of promise. When criticism did come, it came from her as a summer rain... Miss McClure, the grasses over your grave have been growing for many years, but ever fresh in my mind will be the memory of you. You were the first 'overlooker' I had ever met outside my family. Happily, I have met many others since—other teachers and friends, my wife, and family members. They have been very kind to my virtues and a little blind to my faults. But Miss McClure, you were the first, and without knowing it, or perhaps even intending it, you gave me one of my first glimpses of what God is like. For God is the greatest overlooker of all who says—"I will blot out your sins, and remember your transgressions no more."

I preached a sermon not too long ago about the final words from the little New Testament letter of Jude. The final words of Jude are a benediction that I memorized while in church as a youth and words I've grown to cherish more and more over the years. I remember our pastor saying this benediction often: "And now unto Him who is able to keep you from failing, and to present you faultless before the throne of grace and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of His glory with rejoicing."

How do we do that? How do we stand before God on the last day faultless or without blemish and rejoice? Let me tell you: "God's steadfast love!"

Finally, we use an expression sometimes that goes, "what goes around comes around." We use this expression in a negative way. It can however also be expressed positively. What we send out into life which is gracious and loving will come around to us! On this Valentine's Day let's celebrate that we love others because God first loved us. What God sends around, goes around, if we accept Him, invite Him into our hearts and minds and commit to GROW and learn about him more and more.

I hope to see you at our Wednesday (W.A.Y.) dinners and devotions as we reflect on the teachings of Jesus. Make your reservations today for the dinners!

Your pastor and valentine!

Chris

Christian Education

Susan Curry, Christian Education Team Chair

Membership Matters

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. Our Discovering Northwood class is for newcomers as well as those of us who have been around awhile to simply learn more about us or to become a member of our church family.

The next Discovering Northwood class is **March 16 in room 4** of the Christian Education Building from **10:45 A.M.-12:00 P.M.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin, at chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org, or Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana by e-mailing Katie@northwoodpc.org. Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

Confirmation

Please join us in praying for our 2014 Confirmation Class. They meet each Sunday from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. until Easter with a weekend retreat to Cedarkirk and participation at the February Session Meeting. Please keep them in your prayers—Sydney Blackmore, Andrew Booth, AJ Hatch, Mitchell Johnston, Amy Kemerer, Jon-Jon Luther, Josh Luther, Brie Mattheus, Kayla McDermott and Grace Michalk.

Worship Prep Class

Congratulations to our Worship Preparation Class who will be presented to the congregation in Worship on Sunday, February 23rd. Our participants include Adam Booth, Alexis Cole, Kayla Dabbs, Bryce Fulford, Caysen Patel, Grant Pelham, Josh Pursley, Zack Pursley, Nadia Rodewald, Grace Thompson, Graham Thompson and Pearce Turner.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

9:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 Schl Yr) Room 3

1st & 2nd Grades

Room 16

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 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

Please plan ahead and prepare for the celebration of the Sacrament of Communion on the first Sunday of the month. It is a prayerful time for giving thanks and confessing our sins, renewing our commitment to God, and hearing the Word proclaimed. 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 this process, please contact elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of the Worship Team.

9:30 A.M. ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

As we continue to move through the book of John, we see more and more examples of how those who should recognize the Savior compare Him to the devil. Study John with us and see our gentle Savior, our Shepherd, who guides us today. Led by Bob Meier.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

The TCI Class discusses current topics and issues. Classes are led by a group of rotating teachers and are filled with great discussion. We invite you to join us. The class meets at 9:30 in Rooms 9 & 11.

11:00 A.M. ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

"Christian." Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you'll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history. Led by Vicki Krueger.

Youth & Young Adults

Ken Andreassen, Team Chair ~ Gene Weitz, Elder
Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults

Conyers Mission Trip Meeting, March 2, 12-12:30 P.M.

Learn everything you ever wanted to know about the Mission Trip to Conyers, Sunday, 3/2 from 12:00-12:30 P.M. in Rooms 4&6.

Northwood Scholarship Application Time

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Katie Pacana and in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2014. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. 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. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament.

Youth Calendar

- **Friday, February 21:**
7-10 P.M. Game Night
- **Youth Group Sunday, February 23:**
4:15-5 P.M. Middle School
5-6 P.M. Combined Middle & High School
6-6:45 P.M. High School
- **Friday, February 28:**
7-10 P.M. Game Night
- **Youth Group Sunday, March 2:**
4:15-5 P.M. Middle School
5-6 P.M. Combined Middle & High School
6-6:45 P.M. High School
- **Friday, March 7:**
7-10 P.M. Game Night
- **Youth Group Sunday, March 9:**
4:15-5 P.M. Middle School
5-6 P.M. Combined Middle & High School
6-6:45 P.M. High School

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 9:30 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. in the Youth Room. Join us before or after the service you worship!

Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults
troyharris1962@yahoo.com, 366-7762



Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

King's Kids: King's Kids is back in session. Every Wednesday from 4:00-6:00 P.M., the children are learning about Jesus' Life. As of now we are full.

Worship Preparation Class: For the past two weeks, February 9 & 16, a group of 12 children learned what worship is about and how they can be a part of it.

If your child missed the class, do not worry, we will offer it again next year!

Worship Preparation Class is designed to help children feel more at home in the worship service. They are taught the different parts of the worship service and its significance. We want our children to take an active role in our worship, and this class gives them the information and confidence they need to fully participate.

On February 23, the children will be recognized and presented to the congregation for completing the Class.

VBS News: Start thinking of ways you can get involved and be a part of this amazing week!

At this year's VBS the children and adults will get to imagine and build with God! The adventure includes music that will wow your ears, interactive Bible fun, super science, cool crafts, hands-on mission work, delicious snacks, great games, and more. To be a part of all the excitement, call or email Justine Ruisz.

Cedarkirk Spring Bash: Children in grades 3rd-5th are invited to spend 1 night at Cedarkirk for a Spring Bash.

This event is April 4-5. Spring Bash campers have 24 hours to swim, zip-line, climb the rock wall, worship, play large-group games, do an arts and crafts project, eat some fantastic meals with new friends, and spend an adventurous night in a Rustic Cabin! Experience God and grow closer to your group at Spring Bash. The event begins Friday with registration at 6:00 P.M. (dinner is at 7:00 P.M.) and concludes after dinner on Saturday at 6:15 P.M.. If you are interested please email Justine.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org 796-8090

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Around Northwood

Bake Sale, Sunday, March 2

The bake sale will be after all 3 services! This is sponsored by the Youth Group (Sales help fund the Youth Programs and the summer Mission Trip to Conyers).

Collect Pull Tabs

We have a free and easy job for everyone who comes to Northwood. When you drink a can of soda or open a can of soup, or anything else that has a tab opening, please pull off the tab! Collect all the tabs you can and bring them to Northwood. There's a basket on the shelves by the south double doors where you can deposit them. Esther-Elizabeth Circle of PW collects all the tabs and delivers them to the Shriners in Tampa.

Please help us help the children! It only takes a minute to pull a tab and the children benefit far longer than it takes to pull tabs. Please accept this job and thanks for your efforts.

For Online Giving Users

If you use online giving, please login and check your set-up for the new calendar year. We are not able to access or change that information for you in the church office. If there has been any change to your pledge, you will need to make the necessary changes online. Also, if you set your giving up for one year only, you will need to login and set the giving up for the new calendar year.

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 2014 will be \$24.22 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. Per capita envelopes can also be found in the pews. Thank you for your gift.

Kid's Corner News

It is with great pleasure I announce that Kid's Corner is the grateful recipient of a new classroom. We will be able to have a five day three-year-old program now, which has been requested for so many years. To that end I am looking for a Certified Teacher and a Classroom Assistant. The hours for the teacher are 8:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M., with the occasional event and/or training which you are paid for. I am looking for someone with a B.A. degree in either Early Childhood Education or Elementary Education. Any degree in Education can be a possibility but additional classes would be necessary to learn how to adjust to working with younger children. The Classroom Assistant would need to be at least 21, with a high school diploma. Classes would need to be taken to meet the requirements for Pinellas County License Board. The Classroom Assistant's hours would be 8:30 A.M. to 12:30 or 1 P.M., depending on our needs, with the occasional event and/or training as well. Please contact Vicki Conolly at 727-723-7679 or at vickic@northwoodpc.org.

SING THE EASTER CANTATA, 4/13, 4 P.M.

The cantata is a wonderful work by Craig Courtney. In addition, we will be doing "Worthy Is the Lamb/Amen" from the "Messiah." We will be rehearsing the first 1/2 hour of every choir practice beginning **February 26** at 7:30 P.M. We will also be having a Cantata rehearsal on Saturday, 3/1 at 9:30 A.M. We hope you will consider joining us! ~Stephanie Carson

stephanie@northwoodpc.org ~ 727-796-8090.

Do you sew?

The music ministry is in need of some sewing. Our robes are old and many are in need of zipper repair. The children and adult Biblical costumes are old and tattered. It would be wonderful to have some new ones. If someone would like to offer their services we would be very grateful! Please email or call Stephanie Carson. Thank you!

stephanie@northwoodpc.org ~ 727-796-8090.

Dinner for 6, 7, 8

It's time to form new groups to begin meeting in March. We are going to try to include our SNOWBIRDS as well. Those who are in groups of 6, but would like to host for 8, please call on our subs! The list this time will also include our winter visitors. Enjoy good food, fellowship and fun with your church family, and get to know some of them better. For information call Martha Tobiassen (727) 669-5517. Sign up today! Visitors: please list the months you will be available...including next fall. The host family provides the main entree and guests are requested to bring salad, dessert or appetizers as designated by the host.

NPC VITALS

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Larry Cornillaud; Doris Croasmun; Jean Dayes; Dorothy Dykstra; Shirley Gleason; Hugh Gott; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Barbara Hunt; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Bea Kimball; Diane Luke; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Bert McCormick; Annie McElveen; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Pamela Peters; Norman Phillips; Marian & Walter Rather; Barbara Smith; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot; Alice Wilson.

Please keep the following who are serving in the military in your prayers. Addresses have been included should you wish to send cards of support.

Capt. Daniel Doverspike
2044 Pratt Court
Evanston, Illinois 60201-3116

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of:
Myrtle Janusik

Given by:
Lorrie Janusik

Our prayers and sympathy go out to:

- The friends of Babs Avery on the news of her death on January 9, 2014.
- Terry and Elizabeth Curkan and family on the news of the death of their nephew, Nicholas Curkan, on February 1, 2014.
- Gary Justice and family on the news of the death of his brother-in-law, Jack Griffith of Tallahassee, FL, on February 4, 2014

VITALS

Weather: Sunny
Sunday, February 9, 2014

(8:15) 152

(9:30) 114

(11:00) 137

(Hymn Festival) 153

Total: 556

THANK YOU'S FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Alliance for International Reforestation, Inc.

Dear Northwood Presbyterian,

Thank you sincerely for your **gifts in 2013 totaling \$1,400** (including \$900.00 from the "alternate giving market" and \$500.00 special gift toward the purchase of a motorcycle) to The Alliance for International Reforestation, Inc. (AIR-Guatemala). In addition to these gifts, members of the TCI Sunday School class are currently sponsoring *three* Guatemalan teenagers through AIR scholarships. Your generous donations are tax-deductible and will be wired directly to Guatemala to support AIR's education and hunger ministries there—the new motorcycle is "mission-critical" for AIR technicians to reach the mountain villages!

In His Service, Anne M. Hallum (Founding President)

<p>Beth-El</p> <p>Dear Northwood, Thank you for your donation of \$247.00, Angel tree gifts, furniture, television, two new bicycles, construction material and various household appliances. We are blessed to have supporters like you to assist those in need. Blessings, Dave Moore Executive Director</p>	<p>FFIM</p> <p>Dear friends, Thank you for your gift of \$950.00 towards the upkeep and maintenance of the Missionary Guesthouse in San Francisco related to your 2013 mission trip. Sincerely, Beth A. Houghton Treasurer</p>	<p>PDA</p> <p>Dear Friends, Thank you for your recent \$100.00 gift to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. Thank you for partnering with us to bear the hope of Christ as we offer practical assistance for those in need. With prayers for our unity in mission, Rev. Dr. Laurie A. Kraus PDA Coordinator</p>
<p>Isaiah's Inn, Inc.</p> <p>Dear Northwood, Thank you for your generous donation of \$250.00, clothing and food. Without such support, we would not exist. Again, thank you for your support. Very truly yours, Robert E. Crown President</p>	<p>Duvall Home</p> <p>Dear Northwood, Thank you for the stamps and Labels. Cookie</p> <p>For Haiti with Love Dear Northwood, Thank you so much for your yearend gift to Haiti! God Bless, Eva</p>	<p>The Antioch Partners (TAP)</p> <p>Dear Ministry Partners, I want to thank you for your partnership in ministry over this past year. By God's grace, 2013 was another year of growth for TAP. None of this could have happened without the faithful, generous support of ministry partners like you. So on behalf of the entire TAP family, know we praise and thank God for you and your commitment to God's mission in the world! Gratefully in Christ, W. Andrew Adair Executive Director</p>