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**Maternity Leave Information for Katie Pacana,
Director of Communications and Membership Coordinator**

In about a month, Eric and I will be welcoming the newest addition to our family! God has blessed us with this little miracle and we have felt nothing but love and support from our Northwood family! For that we are thankful!

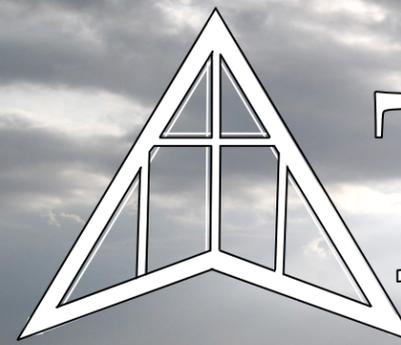
This, of course, means I will be taking some time away from the office. Many of you have been wondering who will temporarily assume my role. Human Resources has met to discuss possible arrangements and, having talked to those involved, have worked out a wonderful solution. Tom Huffman will be taking care of the weekly Bulletin and Announcements. Chris Hurst will be assembling the bi-weekly Monitor and monthly Window as well as uploading them to the website. Mark Johnston will be editing the weekly sermons for Chris Hurst to upload, as well. Cindy Whiteside, long-time member, has volunteered to work in the office on a daily basis to provide consistency and to assist with projects, oversee the volunteers, and help with anything else that may arise. I am so grateful for each of them! I'm sure you will join me in thanking them for their added responsibilities during this busy seasonal time.

Another popular question—Where do I send announcements?
All information for any publication will still come directly to my e-mail: katie@northwoodpc.org. Everyone will have access to this e-mail to gather the information needed for their particular publication. **Again, DO NOT SEND TO THESE PERSONS DIRECTLY.** If you do, we can not guarantee the information will get in the appropriate publications. There are a few things you can do to help in this process:

- When sending an e-mail, please place which publication(s) the information is for in the subject line as well as the beginning and ending dates for which you would like it to run. For example: "Subject: Bulletin, Monitor 9/21-10/5"
- Be gracious and understanding as they will be working to complete not only their responsibilities, but these additional ones as well!

I will miss you all during my time away but look forward to seeing you all again in January, if not before in worship!

Blessings,
Katie Pacana



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2014 Fall WAY Dinners

October 15th—November 19th
Meal: 6:00—6:35 PM
W.A.Y. Series: 6:35—7:20 PM

Our Wednesday meal gatherings are back! They provide a happy harvest of friendship and opportunity for the whole family. On the tables at each meal will be our 3 Cent-a-Meal Jars which benefit the hungry locally and worldwide. This Fall we will hear presentations about "The Mission and Ministry of Northwood."

While the last Wednesday meal concludes on November 19th we want to remind everyone that on Tuesday, November 25th we will gather at 7:00 PM for our community Thanksgiving Service held this year at Heritage United Methodist Church, along with other local churches.

Invite a friend to join you for our evening meals and then invite them to join us for our Sunday worship services:

8:15 & 11:00 AM-Traditional Services
9:30 AM-IGNITE Service

- October 15, 2014**
Garden Fresh Vegetable Soup
Carolina Pulled Pork Sandwich
Crispy Cole Slaw
Potato Chips
Infinity Magnum Ice Cream Bars
- October 22, 2014**
Cuban Style Salad
Traditional Chicken and Yellow Rice
Buttered Green Peas
Fresh Cuban Bread and Butter
Black and White Tarts
- October 29, 2014**
Field Green Salad with Tortilla Strips
Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing
Grilled Ham Steak
Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Green Beans Almandine
Fresh Baked Focaccia Bread and Butter
Spooky Halloween Mini Cakes
- November 5, 2014**
Traditional Caesar Salad
Stuffed Pasta Shelled
Hearty Marinara Meat Sauce
Italian Vegetable Blend
Fresh Baked Parmesan Garlic Baked
Melba Drizzled Key Lime Pie
- November 12, 2014**
Baby Lettuces with Mandarin Orange and
Chopped Nuts with Vinaigrette Dressing
Eastern European Beef Stroganoff
Buttered Egg Noodles
Glazed Baby Carrots
Fresh Baked Rosemary Bread with Butter
Carmel Embellished Apple Tartlets
- November 19, 2014**
Garden Salad with Choice of Dressings
Roast Holiday Tom Turkey with Gravy
Old Fashion Holiday Bread Stuffing
Sweet Potato Casserole
Homemade Green Bean Casserole
Orange Cranberry Relish
Fresh Dinner Rolls and Butter
Traditional Pumpkin Pie with Whipped
Cream

At A Glance

September 16, 2014

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, September 21st:
 8:15 AM Traditional Service
 9:30 AM IGNITE Service
 10:30 AM Discovering Northwood Class
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, September 28th:
 8:15 AM Traditional Service
 9:30 AM IGNITE Service
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

Saturday, October 4th:
 Craft & Vendor Market

Sunday, October 5th:
 World Communion Sunday
 8:15 AM Traditional Service
 9:30 AM IGNITE Service
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, October 12th:
 8:15 AM Traditional Service
 9:30 AM IGNITE Service
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 15th:
 6:00 pm W.A.Y. Dinner
 6:30 pm W.A.Y. Program

Saturday, October 18th:
 Night on the Towne

Sunday, October 19th:
 8:15 AM Traditional Service
 9:30 AM IGNITE Service
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 22nd:
 6:00 pm W.A.Y. Dinner
 6:30 pm W.A.Y. Program

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The Window

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 Edited by Katie Pacana

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

"Let's Take The Next Step In Our Faith"

Dear Members and Friends of Northwood,

The beginning of September heralded our Fall Kickoff to begin a new and exciting program year at Northwood. In every area of church life and ministry, from education to music, from multiple worship offerings to our annual church Cedarkirk Retreat, from our WAY dinners to the small group fellowship in the Dinners for 6,7 & 8, I hope you are looking forward to experiencing the many plans that have been made for a wonderful year of Christian fellowship and spiritual growth.

If you have not been involved in the past in some of these planned activities, I hope you consider taking the next step of faith and becoming more active in your church's life and ministry. We have a need for volunteers to step forward in Children's Sunday School, especially in light of Mr. Bill Sutton's retirement after 62 years of teaching! You will want to be in touch with Justine Ruisz, our Director of Children's Ministry, to let her know of your willingness to step forward to help out with Sunday School and/or King's Kids if needed. Parents, make sure you also stay in touch with Troy Harris, Director of Youth and Young Adults, about game nights for students and many other planned activities.

Along with the Presbyterian Women's Study on Paul's letters to the Corinthians, there are Sunday morning classes for Christian Education that are listed in the bulletin each and every week. We also have a new Tuesday evening study group led by Pam Means that starts September 30 which you will find highlighted in this newsletter as well. Why not take the next step of faith by joining one of these study groups?

But wait, there's more! We have Northwood's first craft fair the first Saturday in October, Night on the Towne takes place on third Saturday and then the Cedarkirk Retreat for all ages takes place the last weekend in October this year! You will find all the details and dates in all our publications.

As you read through this newsletter, consider all the ways that you can renew and re-engage your faith by being more active in your church. And don't forget that the key activity for all of us starts with worship. There are also so many ways to become involved in the music ministry of this church! Just the other day a long-time member told me she had decided to join the choir! It's never too late to take a new step of faith and make a new commitment for Jesus Christ and His church.

During October we move from our worship series on the Psalms to a series of stewardship sermons I will offer on the theme, "Taking the Next Step In Your Faith." These sermons are based on 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, with other scripture readings as well. A stewardship letter and pledge card for 2015 will be mailed out in the next month asking all of us to consider taking the next step of faith in our giving. As the scripture reading for our stewardship theme reminds us, "Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Please read the stewardship materials and pray about taking the next step in your giving before completing your pledge card.

I look forward to seeing you in worship and the many other programs we have to enjoy and share with others at Northwood.

Your pastor and friend,
 Chris Curvin

Save the date:

Stewardship Dedication Sunday and Loyalty Luncheon Covered Dish
 November 9th, Noon

Christian Education

Joan Baker, Christian Education Team Chair

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat October 24-26, 2014

Don't forget that NOW is the time to register you and/or your family for the All-Church Retreat. This annual event is open to young, old, single, married and families.

Mornings begin with a group devotion and the days are spent in leisure. You'll have the opportunity to canoe or kayak down the Alafia River, as well as join the group for the traditional campfire where you can roast marshmallows and make s'mores.

We hope that you will consider joining us for an exciting weekend filled with joy, laughter, rest and rejuvenation of the body and heart! Sign up forms are located in the church hall on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

FALL WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY!

Please join us on Tuesday nights this fall as we study about Discerning the Voice of God (Priscilla Shirer, author). Beginning **September 30th**, we will meet for seven weeks from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Workbooks are \$12.00 each. Contact Pam Means to sign up: 386-0747 (call or text) or email at psm260@gmail.com. Come grow in your faith and enjoy new/old friends!

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-K (14/15 School Year) 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 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school at both 9:30 and 11:00. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room

11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

Join our class as we focus on Bible Personalities starting with Nehemiah. If you are interested in leading a discussion of your favorite Bible Personality, please stop by our table at Rally Day or contact Bailey Shields at 727-723-1351 or at bshields4@tampabay.rr.com.

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

Georgianna Winder is leading three classes, September 14, 21 & 28, on the video/book God's Story, Your Story: When His Becomes Yours by Max Lucado. This series will inspire us to see how our day-to-day story intersects with God's epic of everlasting redemption. In this video Lucado gives us a fresh perspective on how daily life relates to God's grand story and we will discover how the Bible reveals God's plans for us today. All are welcome, please plan to attend and join in on our discussion. Don't forget, we have cookies and coffee.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15



Sunday School Classes:

- **8:15 & 11:00** - Children's worship will be in room 3, after the children's time in church.
- **9:30** – Sunday School
 - Preschool ages 3 year olds-Kindergarten: Meet in room 3.
 - 1st & 2nd Grade: Meet in the Sanctuary and then go to room 16.
 - 3rd – 5th Grade: Meet in the Sanctuary and then go to room 8.

We are in need of more men or women to teach these children once a month throughout the school year. If you can help, please sign up on the Children's Ministry Bulletin Board, or contact Justine Ruisz at 796-8090.

King's Kids:

King's Kids has started back. We are looking forward to teaching your children from the "Witness" curriculum this session. If you have not registered your child(ren) please contact Justine Ruisz to do so. King's Kids runs September 17-November 19 and resumes January 21. Join us!

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

Children's Ministry

Rally Day "Thank You"

We want to thank the many folks who made this year's Rally Day Program and Luncheon such a wonderful event.

- Our ever-faithful Kitchen Krew for providing the delicious hamburgers and hot dogs, and for the hours you spent in setup and cleanup! We are so blessed to have you!
- Mark Johnston for providing and setting up the sound system.
- All those who helped clean up the Family Life Center and take down tables and chairs after lunch.
- Eric and Gemma Briggs for helping with the craft and setting up the games for the kids.
- Susan Curry for providing the decorations and skit.
- Our Sunday School Teachers for their faithful ministry to kids of all ages.
- Bill Sutton's present and former Sunday School & VBS students who came and helped with the skit to honor him for 62 years of faithfully teaching God's Word to children.

With gratitude
The CE Ministry Team

Youth & Young Adults

Ken Andreassen, Team Chair ~ Gene Weitz, Elder

YOUTH MUSIC

Youth vocal and bell choirs are meeting on Wednesdays.
Youth Choir 4:50-5:30 Handbells 5:30-6:15
Call or text Tom Huffman at (727) 409-8726.

Are you in College?

Make sure to e-mail your college address to Carl Corrello, Deacon for College Ministry, to receive notes and cards throughout the year: cgorrello@yahoo.com

Dates to Remember:

- Sunday, October 26- Pumpkin Carving Contest 4:15-6:45 (Middle-High School combined)
- Sunday, December 14, Youth Christmas Party following "Ring, Sing, Mingle"

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

Youth Events

Friday, September 19:

Game Night 7-10pm

Sunday, September 21:

Youth Group (MS 4:15-6pm, HS 5-6:45pm)

Friday, September 26:

Game Night 7-10pm

Sunday, September 28:

Youth Group (MS 4:15-6pm, HS 5-6:45pm)

Sunday School starts today!

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school at both 9:30 and 11:00. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.



Why Not Get Involved?



Caring for Our Church Family

Teachers Needed

The Children's Ministry is still in need of 4 more teachers and 5 more assistants for Sunday School at 9:30. Please help by choosing one Sunday to teach. The schedule is on the Children's Bulletin Board across from the kitchen or you can contact Justine Ruisz at 727-796-8090.

Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Fresh Brewed meets the first Friday of the month. We are studying a new book [A Million Little Ways: Uncover the Art You Were Made to Live](#) by Emily P. Freeman. All are welcome. Contact: Sally Uhler, 727-795-7563.

Van Driver Needed!

We are in need of a van driver for the 4th Sunday of each month. If you are interested, please contact Ed Puschmann, Deacon for Transportation, at 773-0764.

Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Come and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit! Join us at the Thursday Morning Prayer Group. We meet at 10:00 am in the Parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Holloway at 727-786-9440.

Thank You, Northwood!

Thanks to your support, we collected 397 pairs of shoes! The success of this mission is a result of your faithful support, and we thank you!

Mark your Calendar

NPC's 1st Annual Craft & Vendor Market

Saturday, **October 4, 2014**, 10-3pm, NPC Family Life Center
Are you a crafter? Do you have a Small Business? Would you like to display your work or product? Rent a Booth! Space is limited. Contact us soon! Contact: Dianna Hatch @ 813-814-5811 or dianna@techgecko.com for more details or for an application.

World Communion & Peacemaking Offering

On **October 5th**, 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!

A NIGHT ON THE TOWNE IS COMING BACK!

Saturday, October 18, 7-9:30 pm

Yes fellow Northwoodian's, it's been 2 long years but A Night On The Towne (our version of a talent show) is coming back. It's a knee slapping good time that will leave you amazed at the talent of your fellow pew warmers. There will be a variety of performers (we hope) to entertain you, and delicious pastries and beverages are served during intermission. As usual there is no cost to attend, but if you want you can make a donation to the MC to support his Starbucks habit. Have you priced a non-fat, decaf, sugar free, mocha latte with whip lately? Want to perform? Then "get your act together" and call or text Jim Warren at 727-215-0733 or sign up online www.northwoodpc.org/nightontowne

All-Church Fall Workday and Weiner Roast!

Come enjoy the fun, fellowship and blessing of sprucing up God's church and yours both inside and out on Saturday, **November 1** from 8:30am-Noon. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchen or online: www.northwoodpc.org/workday

Blanket Sunday is November 2, 2014

It's that time of year again. Please be thinking about picking up new or setting aside gently used blankets that we can give to those in need this winter. Blankets will be donated to Beth El Ministries. Questions? Contact Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com or 727-799-6767.

Dedication Sunday & Loyalty Luncheon is November 9, 2014

Mark your calendar for our annual Covered Dish Loyalty Luncheon to take place at Noon that day. This tradition follows a meaningful morning worship in which we dedicate and re-dedicate our time, talents, and offerings to God! More information to come!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Burt & Dottie Benziger; Larry Cornillaud; Kimberly Corrello; Doris Croasmun; Jean Dayes; Dorothy Dykstra; Shirley Gleason; Hugh Gott; Fred Inkles; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Diane Luke; Lois Marsh; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Major Brendan McEvoy; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian & Walter Rather; Barbara Smith; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot, Barbara Yontek.

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

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Justin and Mollie Davis, proud new parents of infant daughter Haley Jane Davis, who was born August 24, 2014 weighing 7 lbs, 4 oz and measuring 20 inches long!

Congratulations to Tim & Jessica Jones, proud new parents of infant son Mitchell Curtis Jones, Tyler & Ben Jones, brothers, and Greg and Beth Brinkman, grandparents. Mitchell was born September 10, 2014 weighing 6 lbs 14 oz and measuring 21 1/2 inches.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of:

*Kent Janusik
Ruth Teal*

Given by:

*Lorrie Janusik
Barbara Englehart
Lorrie Janusik
Linda Ciokan
Nyal & Karen Laird
Anonymous
Anonymous*

Bea Kimball

Our prayers and sympathies go out to:

- Joe Nelson and family on the death of his mother, Christine Nelson, on August 15, 2014 in MA.
- Wayne Brown and family on the death of his mother, Mary Lee Brown, on September 4, 2014 in New Port Richey.

VITALS

**Weather: Sunny
September 7, 2014**

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| (8:15) | 98 |
| (9:30) | 78 |
| (Rally Day) | 130 |
| (11:00) | <u>113</u> |
| Total: | 419 |

Thanks From the Mission Field

Cedarkirk

Dear friends,
On behalf of the Cedarkirk Board and our staff, thank you for sending campers, staff, and volunteers, for your financial support, and for your prayers.
Rev. John Reiter, Executive Director

Beth-El

Thanks to all at NPC for making it possible for Crystal to attend Cedarkirk this summer! Your donation paid for her expenses and part of those for another camper.
Dave Moore, Executive Director

Dear Northwood,
Thank you for your donation of \$545.40 and \$250. The Hispanic farmworker community that we serve appreciates your donation!
Dave Moore, Executive Director

Habitat

Thank you for your recent gift of \$727.52 and for all the work you do to raise these funds.
Mike Sutton, CEO

For Haiti with Love

This letter acknowledges the receipt of 14 beautiful pillow case dresses for the little girls of Haiti.
Eva DeHart

Thank you very much for your support!
God bless,
Roseline

Isaiah's Inn, Inc.

Dear Northwood,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$250. During August, we housed 43 families. Additionally we provided 179 of our children with new shoes, clothes, bookbags and school supplies.
Robert E. Crown, President

RCS

Dear Northwood,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$1066. Your commitment to helping feed hungry people here in Pinellas County is deeply appreciated.
Caitlin Higgins Joy, President/CEO

Clearwater Free Clinic

Dear Northwood,
Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$250. Your contribution will help local uninsured families receive essential, quality health care.
Jeannie Shapiro, Executive Director

CFC Shout Out (in the CFC Newlster)
We are so appreciative of NPC for their outstanding support of the CFC. We appreciate the meticulously cleaned medicine bottles you give us as well as the financial contributions that help us continue to help the uninsured families in our area.

First Presbyterian Church, Pensacola, FL

Dear Northwood,
Words hardly convey our grateful thanks in your generous donation to our church following our loss from the flooding of April 2014. Your call and thoughtful contribution to our recovery certainly came as a welcomed blessing to our church and to our community. Again, thank you.
Randon Jackson, Senior Pastor & Brenda Robinson, Clerk

FFIM

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your generous donation of \$250 for the New Hope Clinic in Honduras.
Beth A Houghton, Treasurer

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