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W.A.Y. DINNERS

The W.A.Y. Dinners are here! Remember to sign you and your family up for 6 weeks of amazing food and interesting presentations. If you have questions, please contact the church office. Here's a re-cap of all the delicious dinners to come:

October 16th:
 Northwood Barbeque Pulled Pork

October 23rd:
 Mary Ann's Creamy Chicken Bake

October 30th:
 Oven Baked Black Forest Ham

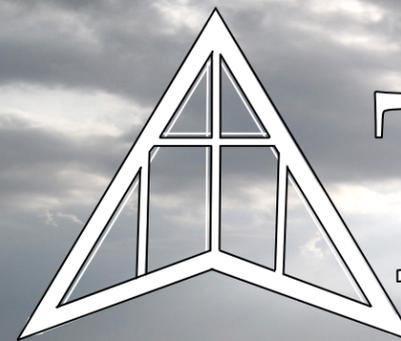
November 6th:
 Italian Style Chicken Parmesan

November 13th:
 Gourmet Beef Bourguignon with Noodles

November 20th:
 Roast Holiday Tom Turkey with Gravy

Community Thanksgiving Service

Mark your calendar for Tuesday, November 24th at 7 PM. We'll join together with other churches in the area for our annual Community Thanksgiving Service. We hope you'll join us there!



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New Members Class

Are You New to Northwood?

Join us for our Discovering Northwood Class on Sunday, November 17th at 11:00 AM in room 4. We meet one Sunday and discuss what it means to be a Presbyterian, the diversity of our Church, the role of membership, and more.

If you have any questions or would like to talk more about becoming a member of Northwood, please contact Pastor Chris Curvin at chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org or the Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana at katie@northwoodpc.org. Both Pastor Chris and Katie can be reached at the church office, 796-8090.

We hope to see you there!



We are excited to announce that Northwood Presbyterian Church has received the new hymnal *Glory to God!* Over 1,000 PC(USA) congregations and institutions have already received the new book.

The work on this hymnal has taken almost a decade to complete. In 2004, the 216th General Assembly initiated the hymnal project by authorizing research into a new denominational songbook. The Presbyterian Committee On Congregational Song (PCOCS) formed in 2008 under the leadership of hymnal editor, David Eicher, and committee chair, Mary Louise "Mel" Bringle. PPC presented the complete list of contents to the 220th General Assembly (2012) in Pittsburgh, which commended *Glory to God* for use in congregational worship.

Glory to God will replace our nearly 50 year old hymnals and include many favorites as well as new hymns that are not in our current book. Several events are scheduled to help us all get to know the new hymnal and for initialing its use.

The plan is to first use the new hymnals in worship on Sunday, October 27th. The Sunday before, the old 1955 hymnals will be offered to everyone who would like to take one to keep. We will also explore what is in the new book with a time of informal singing at the W.A.Y. Dinners on November 6th and November 13th.

On November 17th in worship, we will formally dedicate the new hymnal to the glory of God and recognize all who contributed to purchase them. Then on Sunday, February 9, 2014 we will gather at 4:00 PM for a Hymn Festival with choirs and instruments.

October 20, 2013
 Take an old hymnal home

October 27, 2013
 First use of *Glory to God* in worship.

November 6, 2013
 WAY dinner program of informal singing.

November 17, 2013
 Dedication of new hymnals

February 9, 2014
 Hymn Festival—4:00 PM

At A Glance

October 15, 2013

This Month at Northwood

Friday, October 18th–Sunday, October 20th:
Cedarkirk All Church Retreat

Sunday, October 20th:
8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 23rd:
6:00 PM W.A.Y. Dinner
6:30 PM W.A.Y. Program

Sunday, October 27th:
8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

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

Sunday, November 3rd:
8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 6th:
6:00 PM W.A.Y. Dinner
6:30 PM W.A.Y. Program

Sunday, November 10th:
Stewardship Dedication Sunday
8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service
12:00 PM Loyalty Luncheon

Wednesday, November 13th:
6:00 PM W.A.Y. Dinner
6:30 PM W.A.Y. Program

Sunday, November 17th:
8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM 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.



"Opening the Door!"

2014 Stewardship Campaign

“OPENING THE DOOR TO JESUS CHRIST”

Dear Church Members and Friends of Northwood,

I write to you on behalf of our Stewardship Team to introduce you to the theme for the 2014 Stewardship Campaign, “Opening the Doors to Jesus Christ.” Across the years there have been so many celebrations and joys in the history and ministry of Northwood and the doors have been faithfully kept open to Christ because of the high commitments of so many of you. Our stewardship theme for this year reminds us all that today God is calling us not to the past but to the future to affirm together that... *The best days are before us, not behind us!* It is the sincere hope and prayer of the Stewardship Team that each one of us will open the door wide in our plans for giving in the coming year.

The Biblical foundation for our Stewardship Campaign comes from the words of Scripture found in Revelation 3:20,

“Behold, I stand at the door and knock, if anyone hears my voice and opens the door I will come in and eat with him and he with me.”

This is the great invitation of Jesus Christ to each one of us as we consider completing our pledge cards for 2014. Isn’t it interesting that the last description we have of Christ in the Bible is the picture of him standing at the door knocking, knocking gently, but persistently? In seeking to be loyal to Jesus Christ and His Church, Northwood Presbyterian Church does many wonderful things to share His love within our church family and our community. This work is only accomplished with significant volunteer and financial commitment from so many of you. Thank you to all those who completed a pledge card for this current year or practiced regular giving without completing a pledge card.

This being said, our current budget and present giving levels are only sufficient to maintain existing programs with minimum budget support. Without increased giving and pledges to the general budget in the coming year, the Session will not be able to achieve the goals of growing our ministries and increased benevolent giving. The current trend among traditional, mainline congregations for giving has been trending downward for the last several decades. The question for us as a congregation with all we hope to be and to do is this, “Can we reverse this trend and open the door to Christ in our financial giving?”

Northwood needs your involvement in terms of financial gifts pledged for next year. In order to prepare an effective budget for growth in the coming year, we need everyone to turn in a pledge card with an increased gift for 2014 on Sunday, November 10th.

Please seek to increase your gift by a numerical goal or a percentage goal over your 2013 pledge and giving. A single pledge increased by \$500 for next year, as an example, is less than \$10 a week and will strengthen current ministries for all ages as well as benevolences. Whatever the numerical increase in your giving for the coming year, may your prayer be, “Help me open the door wide to Jesus Christ in my giving.”

Loyalty Luncheon - Covered Dish November 10th, Noon

Join us after the last service on November 10th at Noon for a Covered Dish Loyalty Luncheon as we gather together in fellowship and great food. Sign up in one of two ways: on the Bulletin Board outside of the kitchen or look for a sign up sheet in the Sunday bulletin!

Let us open the door together and welcome Christ into our financial plans for the coming year.

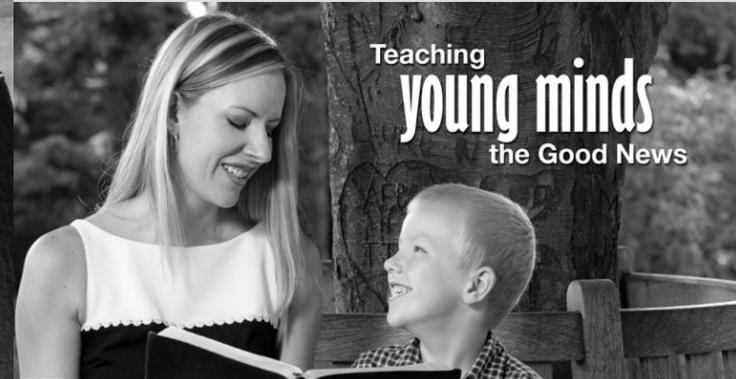
Your pastor and friend,

Chris Curvin

Christian Education

Joan Baker, Christian Education Team Chair

THE BIBLE



Children's Ministry

2014 WOMEN'S RETREAT!!

Mark your calendars for the 2014 Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk the weekend of Feb. 7-9! We have a dynamic speaker and an awesome theme, so join us in fellowship and fun. We promise this will be "A Journey Worth Taking" and a weekend you will not want to miss!



EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 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 6.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

Join us as we open the book of John. Class starts at 9:45, but come at 9:30 for coffee, cookies, and a time to chat. Bibles are provided, or bring your own. Discussion led by Doug Shierling.

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

Our Sunday School class continues to conduct classes about popular topics in today's day. October 20th and 27th Barbara Englehart will lead a discussion on the difference between Reformed Christians and other Christians and what it means to be a member of the Reformed Church. Class starts at 9:30!

11:00 AM 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.

Grow, Proclaim, Serve! A Sunday School Curriculum

At Northwood, we are blessed to be able to offer Sunday School classes for all ages. We'd like to take this opportunity to share with you what we are teaching our children in Sunday School!

This fall we are using a curriculum called Grow, Proclaim, Serve! from Cokesbury. This curriculum is filled with a variety of faith-building activities, fun dramas and engaging discussions that help our children stay connected and take the Bible stories they hear to heart. During the Sunday morning hour, the goal is for children to develop skills to learn the message of the Bible and grow their faith by leaps and bounds. They will discover that their faith can grow right along with them!



This fun-filled curriculum is available to all children ages 3-5th grade during any of the worship hours. For more information on when classes are

available, see page 4 of the Window. To participate in a Sunday School class, simply bring your child to the indicated location at the hour you plan to attend. No pre-sign up is necessary! For more information about our Sunday School curriculum or program, contact Marcy Kemerer.

No program can properly function without adequate volunteer support. And for that reason, Northwood is grateful for the support of its many ministries, including Children's Sunday School. Be sure to personally thank your Sunday School teachers and thank God for your Sunday School teachers for all the hard work they put in to preparing a meaningful class each Sunday. If you would like to learn more about volunteering for our Children's Ministry program, contact Marcy Kemerer.

Halloween Candy!

The children's choirs use candy treats as incentives and we would be very grateful to take your Halloween leftovers or any BOGO's that you would like to donate. Please drop off in the music office or in Stephanie's box in the office. Thank you!! Stephanie Carson

King's Kids Every Wednesday!

From 4:00-6:00 PM
King's Kids is Full!

Check back in the Spring for more openings.

This is an intentional mid-week program to help 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) & free play-time.

Needed:

We need two more teachers for King's Kids! If you are interested in being trained to teach/lead one of our groups on a bi-weekly basis, I'd love to have you!! We will be able to add another class once we secure more lead teachers (curriculum & lesson plans provided!).



Marcy Kemerer,
Interim Director of Children's Ministry
Marcykem07@gmail.com
727-455-2583 cell/text

Youth & Young Adults

Ken Andreassen, Team Chair ~ Gene Weitz, Elder

Youth Events

Friday, October 18th:

- Game Night 7-10 PM

Sunday, October 20th:

- Sunday School 9:30 AM
- Sunday School 11:00 AM
- Youth Group 5-7 PM

Friday, October 25th:

- Spooky Movie Night 7-10 PM

Sunday, October 27th:

- Sunday School 9:30 AM
- Sunday School 11:00 AM
- Pumpkin Caving Contest 5-7 PM, Bring your own Pumpkin

Friday, November 1st:

- Game Night 7-10 PM (Craft: T-Shirt Tote Bags, bring old T-Shirts)

Sunday, November 3rd:

- Sunday School 9:30 AM
- Sunday School 11:00 AM
- Youth Group 5-7 PM

Friday, November 8th:

- Game Night 7-10 PM

Sunday, November 10th:

- Sunday School 9:30 AM
- Sunday School 11:00 AM
- Youth Group 5-7 PM

Friday, November 15th:

- Game Night 7-10 PM

Sunday, November 17th:

- Sunday School 9:30 AM
- Sunday School 11:00 AM
- Youth Group 5-7 PM

Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults

troyharris1962@yahoo.com, 366-7762

Pierced Praise and Outreach Band

A letter from Gary Granata

After some 12 incredible years, it is time for me to phase out of leading Pierced, NPC's youth band. I have had the pleasure of working with many talented and dedicated youth and adults over the years and enjoyed every minute of it. Many of our past youth members have graduated high school, college and now have careers and families.

The very good news is that our own Mark Johnston has agreed to take the reins and keep the Pierced spirit alive! Mark is perfect for this role, he is an accomplished musician, vocalist, music instructor and has a background in worship music and performance. Mark will be looking for interested singers and musicians. This is a serious endeavor and will require dedication and commitment to developing your skills and the mission of the band.

Right now, we are limiting participation to ninth graders and up for vocals, but band positions are open to middle schoolers and up! Mark is looking for guitar players, keyboardists and percussionists and is willing to instruct for this purpose. Rehearsals will be at the church on Sundays at 3:30 PM for the instruments and 4:15 PM for singers. If you are interested in participating, please contact Mark Johnston at 727-688-5123 or e-mail him at mjohnston1@tampabay.rr.com.

Game Night: A New Spin on a Classic

Have you enjoyed coming to Game Night to have fun with friends and play Games? Well the fun just got better! Not only will we continue to offer our traditional games in the gym, but on the first Friday of the month we will offer crafts, too! So even if you aren't interested in throwing the ball in the gym, there's plenty of fun in store for you, too! As always, there are approved video games on the Wii as well as board games. Bring a snack to share with the group. For questions, contact Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth and Young Adults.



Caring for Our Church Family

PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Babs Avery; Larry Cornillaud; Doris Croasman; Jean Dayes; Dorothy Dykstra; Barb Finn; Hugh Gott; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Barbara Hunt; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Bea Kimball; Bill Kopp (father of Katie Pacana); Diane Luke; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Annie McElveen; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Melissa Mortin (Daughter of Pamela Peters); Pamela Peters; Nancy Phillips; Norman Phillips; Marian & Walter Rather; Barbara Smith; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot; Dixie Walker, 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

Prayer Chain

(A Deacon Ministry)

This is a network of members who are committed to prayer who intercede on behalf of others in need by lifting up requests or concerns. You may call the church office with your request or you may contact the chairperson, Mary Jane Redpath, at 940-7042.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of:
Pat Thygerson

Given by:
Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler
Bob Thygerson
Bill & Jane Sutton
Carmele Andrews
Anonymous

Edna Bechtold

Bonnie Kissling

Martha Ann Bicknese

Lorrie Janusik

Jane Wagner

Jane Urban
Steve & Diana Fisher

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Paul Wagner and family on news of the death of his wife, Jane Roeser Wagner, who died September 29. A Memorial Service for Jane was held in Columbus, Indiana on October 5th. Jane's full obituary can be read at www.myers-reed.com, where you may sign the family guestbook and also leave expressions of gratitude and comments about her life and faith for her family.

VITALS

Weather: Sunny	
October 6, 2013	
(8:15)	136
(9:30)	143
(11:00)	141
Total:	420

Thanks From the Mission Field

BETH-EL

Dear Northwood,
Just a short update for you about the donated shoes. We took them to our Mision Peniel in Immokalee last week, even though we are only going to be involved with the ministry there for six more days. Basically 95% of the men's shoes were distributed last Friday and this Friday the ladies shoes should be in the same distribution range. Praise God! Thanks so much for this important outreach. Blessings,
Dave Moore
Executive Director

HEP

Dear Northwood,
On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors at Homeless Emergency Project, Inc., I gratefully acknowledge the gift of \$250.00. We appreciate the confidence you have in HEP's mission. Thank you for helping HEP make a difference in lives.
Sincerely,
Barbara Green
President & CEO