

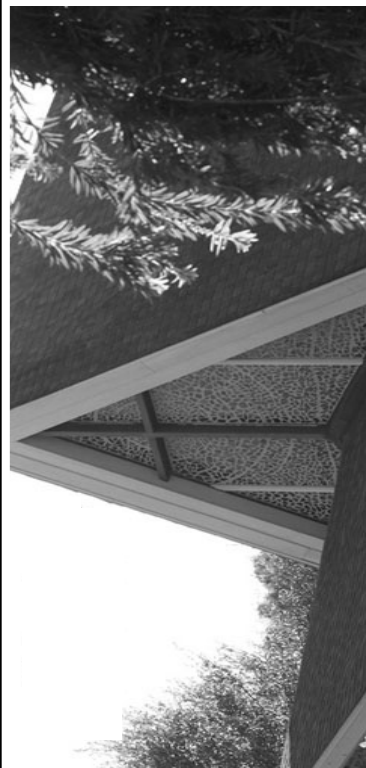


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From the Facility Manager

Hello again, Northwood Family!

The summer has flown by and school has started again.

Here are a few highlights from the summer:

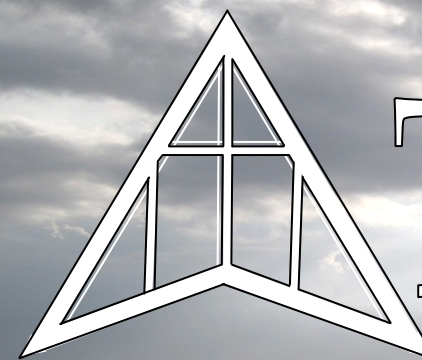
The roof on the Youth Room has been replaced and the new Family Life Center AC is up and running. We are waiting for the final inspection sign-off. We will also be replacing the stained ceiling tiles in the Youth Room in the very near future.

We are in the process of cleaning the carpets in rooms 1, 2, 3, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, Nurseries, Family Life Center vestibule, and the sanctuary (including the pews and chairs). The paint has also been touched up in most of the rooms.

Finally, the kitchen floor will be stripped and re-waxed to prepare for the heavy usage this upcoming season. We will also be replacing the tile at all the entryways. We thank you for your patience as this project will take several days.

I pray and trust that all of you have had a safe and blessed summer.

Jeff Mossolle, Facility Manager



The Window

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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.

Jump for Jesus

Rally Day and Luncheon, Sunday, September 7

Get ready for this year's Rally Day and All Church Luncheon. Mark your calendars for September 7, 2014. This is a wonderful time of fellowship; you do not want to miss it. From 9:30-10:30 we will kick off the new Sunday school year by introducing the church programs offered for children, youth and adults in the Family Life Center. Then stick around for the all-church luncheon starting at 12:00. Sign up on the Friendship Sheets on Sunday or on the Bulletin Board outside of the Kitchen.

9:30 – 10:30 AM in the FLC: Come hear about church programs offered for people of ALL ages!

12:00 – 2:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall: Hot Dog & Hamburger Luncheon BBQ followed by Fun & Games Under the Trees.

A-I Salad

J-R Side Dish

S-Z Dessert

(Kitchen Crew to provide Hamburgers & Hot Dogs)

BETH EL RALLY DAY MISSION OPPORTUNITY

On Sunday, September 7 the Northwood Mission Team is inviting everyone to participate in Beth El Shoe Sunday, by bringing new or gently used shoes in good condition for the children, youth and adults of the Beth El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL.

The goal is to collect at least 500 pairs of shoes or more. This is a wonderful way for Northwood to reach out to others with the love of Jesus Christ!



At A Glance

August 19, 2014

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, August 24, 2014:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, August 31, 2014:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Monday, September 1, 2014:

Labor Day, Office Closed

Sunday, September 7, 2014:

RALLY DAY

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
9:30 AM Rally Day in FLC
11:00 AM Traditional Service
12:00 PM BBQ Potluck & Games

Sunday, September 14, 2014:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, September 21, 2014:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, September 28, 2014:

8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Future Dates to Note: (see pg. 6)

- **Saturday, October 4, 2014:**
Craft & Vendor Market
- **Wednesday, October 15, 2014:**
Start of WAY Series
- **Saturday, October 18, 2014:**
Night on the Towne
- **Friday, October 25-26, 2014:**
Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat

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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 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

"Carpe Diem"

I missed a deadline given to me recently by Katie Pacana, our Director of Communications, for this newsletter article. So now, I'm writing to you on the first day of my summer vacation. I should have listened to her as she was trying to help me plan ahead.

One reason I know I enjoy vacations is because they are often breaks from deadlines. All of this caused me to pause and consider if there is any value to deadlines in our lives. I think so! Why?

First of all, I believe deadlines can create a sense of urgency and energy. Those of you who are looking forward to football season know how the tick-tock of time running out in the game adds drama and excitement to it. The 30 second play clock before the snap of the ball can cause you to sit on the edge of your seat. (Notice, however, how disinterested you become when the game is slowed down by commercials which seem to go on and on.)

More important, and more urgent, are the timing of our decisions in life. We don't have forever to seize the moments God has given to us! To tell someone, again, how much you love them. To name a child before birth. To be present with someone near death. To ask forgiveness. To have children – the biological clock is running. To choose Christ in your lifestyle. In fact, not to set a deadline, or sense that there is already one, is often to decide not to do it at all.

Do you notice how deadlines require us to set priorities and make choices? We realize that some things have to be done, and the result of course is that other things won't be, or don't need to be, although we thought so at the time. I remember some years ago, before technology changed, standing with our children in a Blockbuster video store and saying, "Decide on a movie you want to take home to watch; we don't have all day!" I believe there are decisions in our lives in which I think God also says to us, "Decide today, don't procrastinate."

Finally, my favorite part of deadlines is that they can, if we allow them, create inspiration versus anxiety! I can honestly tell you that some of my most effective preaching has come under the pressure of the Sunday looming ahead – even when I plan in advance!

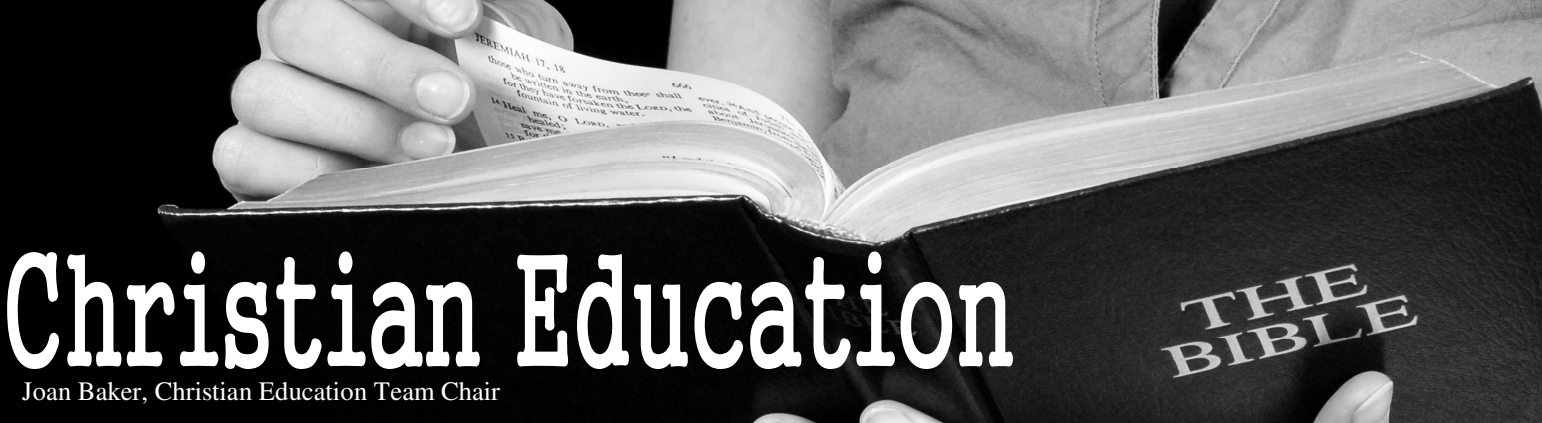
Maybe if you and I had unlimited time, we would do a better job of loving, writing, planning our giving or serving, but I suspect not. Perhaps in the creation of our world and the "arrow of time" that points to the future God has blessed us with, "deadlines" are God's gift to us.

So, what's the message I want to write to you after confessing to you that I missed this simple, summer, newsletter deadline? Don't dilly dally! When it comes to the decisions of life, put limits on your decisions and seize the day, the moment – "Carpe diem." I'm reminded about making the most of our time like many of you by the sad death of Robin Williams who highlighted that phrase in his role as a teacher in the movie Dead Poets Society.

As we continue to study the Psalms in worship I encourage you to remember that Psalm 119 reads, "God's Word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." When we follow the teachings of God's Word, God guides our path and provides knowledge to make wise choices, even when we have deadlines! Don't forget - Carpe Deim!

Your Pastor and Friend,

Chris Curvin



Christian Education

Joan Baker, Christian Education Team Chair

Fresh Brewed Woman's 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. If you have any questions, please contact: Sally Uhler, 727-795-7563.

Nursery Available

Nursery is available to children birth – age 4 at the 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00 services. We have a wonderful nursery staff who are loving and trained to watch your precious children so you can worship and enjoy the service. If you have questions regarding the Nursery, please contact Justine Ruisz in the church office.

EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

Beginning Sunday, September 14, 2014

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-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year)	Room 3
1st & 2nd Grades	Room 16

3rd-5th Grades	Room 8
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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

Serendipity Bible Study will begin fall classes on Sunday, September 14. Our focus will be 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

Join us we begin another great year studying issues relevant to today's society. We hope to see you soon!

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

Join us as we start back Sunday, September 14! We look forward to another great year Experiencing God!

Youth & Young Adults

Ken Andreassen, Team Chair ~ Gene Weitz, Elder

Upcoming Events:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sunday, August 24, 2014:
No Youth Group• Friday, August 29, 2014:
No Game Night• Sunday, August 31, 2014:
Middle School Youth 4:15-6 PM
High School Youth 5-6:45 PM | <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Friday, September 5, 2014:
Game Night 7-10 PM• Saturday, September 6, 2014:
Leave for Night of Joy• Sunday, September 7, 2014:
Rally Day 9:30-10:45 AM
Rally Day Potluck 12:00 PM
No Youth Group |
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Sunday School

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.

“Pierced” Auditions!

Our “Pierced” youth band is having auditions for new vocalists and instrumentalists on Sunday, August 31, at noon in the sanctuary. This year we are opening up the vocal auditions to MIDDLE SCHOOLERS as well as high schoolers. For more information or to reserve your audition time please contact Mark Johnston at 727-688-5123.

*Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults
troyharris1962@yahoo.com; 796-8090*

Night of Joy

Saturday, September 6, \$59 (due by Sunday, August 31). We will meet at the church at 5 PM on Saturday, drive back to church and stay the night at church. We will wake up to go to church and participate in Rally Day! You will need overnight sleeping gear, Sunday clothes and toiletries. Sign up today!

Heading to College?

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



“Messy Game Night” during Youth Week



Children's Ministry

“Jump for Jesus”

This year's theme “Jump for Jesus” is inspired by the Cokesbury curriculum, “Grow Proclaim Serve!” The curriculum's main Bible verse is from 2 Thessalonians 1:3 which says, “Your faithfulness is growing by leaps and bounds.”

Each Children's Sunday School class will be using this curriculum which offers a full faith experience for children with Bible stories, activities, crafts, media, and games. All groups will be learning the same story but catered to their age group and development.

The red-eyed tree frog from the curriculum's logo has become our focus for Rally Day. So join us as we celebrate and Jump for Jesus!

Sunday School 2014-2015

Teacher Training

Training for all Children's Ministry Sunday School teachers will be Sunday, August 24 from 10:45-11:30 AM. We will meet in room 4 to go over the curriculum for the Fall. Please save the date!

King's Kids:

Teacher Training:

Wednesday, September 3 from 4:00-5:30 PM

King's Kid's Party:

Wednesday, September 10 from 4:00-5:00 PM
Registration begins at Rally Day

King's Kids Begins:

Wednesday, September 17 from 4:00-6:00 PM

Justine Ruisz,

Director of Children's Ministry

childrensministry@northwoodpc.org

727-796-8090 (wk) or 727-641-8140 (cell)

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"Jump for Jesus"



Why Not Get Involved?

Coming in August...

Chancel Choir

Chancel Choir has resumed. It's time to return to the fold and/or consider joining our wonderful group! We need YOU! All voice parts are welcome! Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30. We hope you will join us. Contact Stephanie Carson with questions: stephanie@northwoodpc.org; 796-8090.

Handbell Openings

Do you read music? Have played an instrument in your past? This may be your opportunity! Ringers are responsible for two consecutive bells and their accidentals. I can teach you the techniques. It is a way to meet new people, have loads of fun and make music. We start August 24 and I can have you all ready to go. If you are interested, please call or email Stephanie Carson.

796-8090; stephanie@northwoodpc.org

Youth Choir & Handbells

Youth music rehearsals for vocal choir and handbell choir will resume on Wednesday, August 27. These groups are for everyone in grades 6 through 12. Contact Tom Huffman with any questions: hufftom@aol.com or (727) 409-8726.

Dinner for 6-7-8

Groups of 6 (plus substitutes added to make 8) will meet monthly until each couple/pair has had the opportunity to be host. The host provides the main entree and the guests bring sides as requested by the host. The groups will be assigned in September. Sign up quickly on the bulletin board or call Martha Tobiassen, 727-669-5517. If you were in a group last spring you will automatically be included unless you call me and cancel.

Coming in September...

You're Invited!

Thursday, September 4 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The Mission Team invites you to visit with and hear longtime missionaries to Iraq as they share about their work and what God is doing in an extremely volatile place in the world. Join us for this wonderful opportunity to share Christian fellowship and enjoy Pizza, drinks and cookies which the Mission Team will provide.

Coming in October...

NPC's 1st Annual Craft & Vendor Market

Saturday, October 4, 2014, 10-3 PM, 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.

W.A.Y. Dinners

Dinners begin Wednesday, October 15! Mark your calendars!

A Night on the Towne is Back!

Mark your calendars for October 18th & "Get your act together!"

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat, October 24-26

You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Come enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges! Info can be found on the bulletin board across from the water fountain. Sign up TODAY!

Help Needed...

Teachers Needed

The 1st and 2nd grade class is in need of teachers. With Mr. Bill retiring we are in need of help. Please contact Justine if you can help once a month or more.

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.

Be a Sunday Greeter!

We're looking for volunteers on Sunday mornings! Are you interested? Check the "I'd like to be a Greeter" box on the Friendship sheet, sign up on the bulletin board, or call Barbara Moler at 734-3331.



Caring for Our Church Family

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

AB Benjamin A Cernansky
1992
527 I Avenue Unit 851
Sheppard AFB, TX 76311

Our Sympathies and Prayers Go out to:

- Vickie Phillips and family on the news of the death of her mother, Luella Drum, on Wednesday, August 13, 2014 in Clearwater, FL.
- The family and friends of Ruth Teal on the news of her death on Thursday, August 14, 2014.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of:
Annie McElveen

Doris Peterson
Bea Kimball

Given by:
Charles & Tammy Long
Anonymous

Anonymous
Jean Swintek
Don & Kathleen Ellis
Terrance & Wilai McNay
Steven & Lien Aran
Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler
Barbara Englehart
D. L. Remsen

In Honor of:
Darrough & Linda Diamond

Given by:
Mr. & Mrs. William Brehm

Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden, funded by donations for this purpose, is designed to be a place of rest, quiet contemplation, meditation and prayer.

Located in the northeast corner outside the sanctuary, it includes a paved walkway, fountain, benches and ecologically sound plantings. The ashes of deceased members of Northwood may be spread in the garden. A minimum gift of \$250.00 covers the cost of the plaque and the upkeep of the garden.

Persons interested in arranging for a plaque should complete an application form and submit the \$250.00 for each individual.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

RCS

Dear Northwood,

Thank you so much for your continued and generous support for RCS. As you know, your gift will be used to ensure that children and adults have access to nutritious groceries. RCS is blessed to have the support of congregations like yours! Thank you!

Best,
Caitlin
RCS

Westchester Gardens

Northwood Crafters,
Thank you again for the beautifully done lap blankets and walker bags. They are always needed!

Ann Padovani
Westchester Gardens

CWS

Dear Friends,

Your generous donation of \$342.00 to Church World Service Blankets program tells people in crisis, "You're not alone. Someone cares." We are deeply grateful for your support.

May God bless you,
Rev. John L. McCullough
President and CEO

Habitat

Dear Northwood,

Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$3420.04. Your investment helps families in our community achieve what they thought was just a dream. Thanks so much!

Let's build!
Mike Sutton
CEO

Isaiah's Inn

Dear Northwood,

Thank you for your generous donation of \$1614.40. We could not do what we do for these families without your support. Your contribution is greatly appreciated and needed.

Very truly yours,
Robert E. Crown
President