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Welcome New Members!

We welcome the following new members who were introduced to our church family in the worship services on Sunday, January 21, 2024 as part of the Discovering Northwood Class.



Rollie Haugen
 11:00 Worship Service
 Re-Affirmation of Faith



Kristin Ingram
 11:00 Worship Service
 Transfer of Letter,
 From a local Presbyterian Church



Mia VanNess
 9:00 Worship Service
 Profession of Faith

Northwood Food Pantry

The Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry is a mission that is supported totally by monetary gifts and donated non-perishable food from the congregation. Dedicated volunteers purchase food and also fill bags that are then given out to those less fortunate residents who come to the church for help.

The need in our own community is overwhelming. Northwood depends on the generous support from all of us in order to sustain this ever growing demand. Please help us continue this important mission by donating whatever you can and as a caring congregation we together can feed the multitudes as Christ did. Thank you for your faithful support of this ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church.

Food Pantry items needed:

Canned Meat, Pasta Sauce, Beef Stew, Chili, Beef Ravioli, Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Soup, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit



Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Northwood Presbyterian Church
 Sunday, February 18, 2024
 ONE Worship Service - 10:00am

One exceptional worship service celebrating our unity and heritage!
10:00 a.m.

Featuring Dunedin High School Pipers and Drummers
 There will be music with the pipe and drum along with hymns and anthems of our Scottish heritage.

If you would like the honor of carrying a tartan in procession during the service, contact Mickey Stewart at walkeyla@outlook.com or the church office (727)796-8090 communications@northwoodpc.org

In 1745, Scottish clansmen were forbidden by the British Crown to wear the tartans, play the bagpipes and to acknowledge in any way their traditional clans. This prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartans in their pockets as they went to church (kirk). On an appointed Sunday, the minister would slip into the service a blessing, or "kirkin" for the tartans and clans which the tartans represented. Our Kirkin' will be a celebration of the Scottish reformers as well as all those who have gone before us in the faith.



At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

February 2024

Sunday, February 4:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, February 11:
Scout Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, February 14:
6:45 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 18:
Kirkin' o' the Tartan
10:00 A.M. ONE Worship Service

Sunday, February 25:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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Church Office Phone:
727-796-8090

Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs.

Chris Curvin, Pastor x2007
Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006
Stephanie Carson, Music x2009
Taryn Lumia, Music taryn@northwoodpc.org
David Furr, Organist
Emily Cantin, Dir. of Communications x2001
Jennifer McManus, Children's Ministry x2002
Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

The Window

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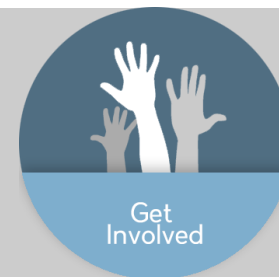
Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

Church Office Hours

We will be open Monday-Friday from 8:30am to 3:00pm. All staff members continue to be available via email or phone regardless of the office schedule.

Around Northwood



Garage Sale Thank You!

Another successful sale is in the books for 2024. It was only successful because of you - your generosity amazes us. We had so many tireless workers this year who spent hours and hours organizing, pricing, selling, setting up and tearing down. We thank all of you and the ones who fed us on sale days. A special thanks to Bryan Jonas (Susan Curry's nephew) who drove from Arizona to help with the sale. He was responsible for about 20 pick-ups and his expertise was invaluable to the sale and the organization.

As of right now, we are showing about \$19,000 (includes a \$1,000 gift) and there are a few more items listed for sale. Isn't that fantastic? What makes us most proud, however, are the unsolicited comments about what a great sale it is and what wonderful people work the sale. The Music Ministry thanks all who participated in donating, working and advertising. Start saving for 2025!

Thank you,
Susan Curry and Stephanie Carson





Around Northwood



NPC Fellowship Group


All NPC Fellowship Groups will meet **Saturday, February 17th at noon in rooms 5, 7 & 9** for a covered dish lunch and to form the new round groups. New members are invited to join us. We have a great time sharing dinner and fellowship together at each others homes or at restaurants. This is a good way to get to know other church members. Please let Claudia know if you intend to continue or if you are new and want to join at cjalwood@msn.com or call 727-842-4516.

The Project Group

If you sew, knit, crochet or craft with a mission purpose (e.g. make greeting cards), you are invited! The project group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in room 13. We will meet February 27th. We make little dresses for Haiti, lap robes, walker bags, and stuffed teddy bears. The latter go to the ER at Countryside. New members are always welcome. Contact Marti Huff 727-503-3783 or Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 with any questions.

Scout Sunday



Northwood Celebrates Scouting Programs in our Community! On Sunday, **February 11th**, Northwood invites all scouts, leaders and family members to both worship services for Scout Sunday. All Scouts are encouraged to come in full uniform. Northwood's own Boy Scout Troop 413 will be offering a Pancake Breakfast on this Sunday after both services. Donations to the Troop are welcome. Make plans now to come hungry for warm pancakes, eggs and sausage!  The Scouts are also collecting non-perishable food items to be delivered to a local food bank in our area. If you'd like to donate, please bring a food item with you to the Scout Sunday pancake breakfast.

Wonderful Wednesdays— Save the Date



Save the date on your calendar! WAY Dinners are scheduled to begin February 21st at 6:00pm. Details and menus will be announced at a later date.

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew



The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, February 9th at 10:30 in rooms 11 & 13. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme "Windows to the World," Pastor Paul will provide the program "California Dreamin" highlighting travels on the Pacific Coast Highway and time in Yosemite National Park. Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at Mellow Mushroom in Clearwater. All are welcome! Transportation is gladly provided for those needing a ride. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796- 8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Ash Wednesday—Feb. 14



Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and the journey towards the cross. Please join us for an Ash Wednesday Worship Service on Wednesday, February 14th at 6:45 pm in the sanctuary.

Sing with Composer Lloyd Larson— Rehearsals Have Begun!



On Sunday, March 3, church music composer Lloyd Larson will be presenting a concert with our choir in the afternoon and will be present in each worship service that morning. His resume is impressive. His compositions and arrangements include well over 1,500 published works and he is in great demand as a clinician. He is also an excellent pianist, performer, director and has a heart for church music. We will gain a lot both musically and spiritually as we work with him. The choir has started rehearsing his music. We meet the first part of choir rehearsal, 7-7:40 and would love you to be a part of that and have a large choir for Lloyd Larson to prepare. Please consider joining us and let me know – I will save you a spot!

Northwood Photo Group



Would you like to start taking better pictures, and use photography as a way of exploring God's beauty? Please join us for the regular monthly meeting of the Northwood Photo Group on Tuesday, February 13th at 7:00pm in rooms 5-7. All are invited whether you're a beginner or an expert. If you have any questions, contact curtis.krueger@gmail.com or david@primeimagesinc.com.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Metropolitan Ministries

Thank you for your gift of \$757.00 to Metropolitan Ministries—doubled in impact thanks to a generous donor! Men, women and children in Pinellas County and our other Tampa Bay communities will receive nourishment and so much more. We are grateful for your compassion and support.

With Gratitude, Tim Marks, President/CEO

Thornwell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for faithfully supporting Thornwell! Your gift of \$500.00 helps make a difference in the lives we serve in the Building Families Program. I hope to visit with you soon and share in the fellowship of Christ. You all are cherished and we are so grateful for your prayers and generosity.

Sincerely, Joseph Murry

Hope Villages of America

On behalf of Hope Villages of America, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for your generous \$500.00 donation. Your support means the world to us, and it allows us to continue our important work of providing hope restoration with dignity to those in need through initiative programs and services. Your donation will help us make a brighter future for the people and communities we serve.

Sincerely, Nick DiCeglie, President/CEO

Clearwater Free Clinic

We are grateful for your kind donation of \$500.00 to the Clearwater Free Clinic. Your gift will directly impact the lives of the uninsured, medically underprivileged people who we are committed to serving. We work to build healthy communities by keeping those who are working employed and by helping the unemployed improve their health in order to find work. We thank you sincerely.

Yours in Health, Jeannie Shapiro, CEO

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping online, your giving matters too. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options.

Prayer Ministry

Roger Adkisson, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Darrough Diamond, Kay Ferguson, Shirley Gleason, Fred Inkles, Phillip Mackie, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder.

Memorial Gifts

If you wish to make a gift to the church in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to attach the blue Memorial Gift form to your contribution. Completing the form ensures that we have all the information necessary to properly direct the gift and acknowledge it to both you and the recipient. Forms are located near the memorial book in the Narthex or in the Church Office. Thank you for your assistance.

Prayers and Christian Sympathies to:

- Carol Zieres upon the news of the death of her brother, Bill Zieres on December 14.
- Pam Means and Family upon the news of the death of Pam's brother, Mike on December 24.
- Family of Barbara Schlerf upon the news of her death on December 25.
- Tanya Adkisson and Family upon the news of the death of Tanya's father, Ken Collins on December 26.
- Brooke Allison and Family upon the news of the death of Allison's grandson, Alex Spiraloakac on January 16
- Jody Beattie and Family upon the news of the death her brother, Jack Beattie on January 24.

Home Communion Training—Feb. 4

The Home Communion ministry which was suspended during Covid is being reestablish with an Elder and Deacon Home Communion Information and Training session on Sunday, February 4th from 12:30 to 1:15 in room 8. This will be an excellent refresher seminar for those church officers who have served home communion, and a helpful time for all church officers, both active and resting Elders and Deacons, to learn more and become involved in this important ministry of care and compassion to Northwood members who are homebound and unable to attend church. We need officers to serve on home teams or who would be willing to serve as a substitute. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women, Sisters in Christ, meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month with our next meeting on February 13th at 10:00am in rooms 5 & 7. We are studying *Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*, by Olive Mahabir. Books are available for purchase in the office. The cost is \$5. Please plan to join us! If you have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.



The Sisters in Christ PW Circle met on January 9th for Bible study, fellowship and giving. This month's donations are toiletry items for women and children at The Haven, a women's shelter that is part of Hope Villages. February's donations will be for Clothes to Kids. All church women are welcome to attend.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month with our next meeting on February 2nd at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. We are reading the book, *"Prayer, Does It Make a Difference?"* by Phillip Yancey. If you need a book or have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNMI@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Bible Takeaways

The adult Sunday School/Bible Study has resumed and meets every Sunday at 10:00am in room 5. We will study the healing of the women with the flow of blood and the raising of Jairus' daughter in the gospels of Matthew, Mark and John. All are welcome! Bring your Bible.

Nursery & Sunday School for Children

Infants and toddlers ages 3 and under are provided care in our nursery during the entire Worship Service, and/or if you have children ages 4 years old—5th grade that would like to attend Sunday School, please let Jennifer McManus know, who is serving as our Acting Director of Children's Ministry. You may contact Jennifer at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org or say "hello" to her when you see her on Sunday morning!



Kids' Corner Preschool News

Open House- On Saturday, February 10th, from 10:00am to 12:00pm, we will be hosting our Annual Open House. Prospective families will have the opportunity to meet our teachers, visit the classrooms, play in the playground, and learn about our NAEYC accredited program. Spread the word! If you have any questions, please contact Roxane Fineo at 727-723-7679 or schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

Around Northwood



The ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTHWOOD took place this past Sunday, January 28th. If you did not get the chance to pick up a report booklet there are additional copies available in the literature rack outside the library and copies are also available in the church office from Emily Cantin, our Director of Communications. Below is Emily's report from the Annual Report booklet for 2023!

Emily Cantin — 2023 Annual Report

Director of Communications

My favorite part about my job as communications director is that every day is completely different. There is always someone to help or talk with and always challenges to be met. The weekly tasks remain consistent but ever-changing. Jennifer McManus, our new Children's Ministry Director, has been a great addition to the office and I enjoy working with her as well as all the other staff here at Northwood. The office volunteers (angels) are incredibly helpful and I'm thankful to have them here each week. No matter the challenges that each day, month or year brings, communication is extremely important and I strive to keep our church informed of all that is happening in our church community.

Each week I compile our worship bulletin and announcements that feature many of our events. Large print bulletins and announcements have been an addition to the website and are printed weekly. I continue to publish the monthly *Window* newsletter and have faithful volunteers to come and help assemble them each month.

Livestream continues to serve many as their only outlet to public worship. I continue to update the livestream website each week making sure that all events are set to the correct schedule and that they post on the Northwood website and Facebook. I also record the viewing statistics in our attendance records as well as our weekly announcements.

The website is one of our main outlets to our congregation and the community. The livestreaming of our worship services and bible studies are viewed through our website. I post every week an audio track of all sermons in addition to the video of all services and bible studies. I try to keep the website as up-to-date as possible with all communications happening at Northwood.

Facebook is another tool that we use for communicating and for viewing our livestreaming. I create posts each week with Sunday's scripture and Worship information as well as any events.

The "Weekly Update" is another form of communication that I send out to the entire congregation via email to keep everyone informed of all announcements happening at the church. It also contains links to all bulletins used for that weeks worship service. The weekly update is also posted every week on the website home page.

I update our membership database, "ACS" with any changes to member information.

I put together the session packet every month which includes all committee reports.

During the year I stay busy with various print projects for different committees and events; some of which include the Annual Garage Sale, Ceadrkirk All-Church & Women's Retreat, Memorial Services and Holiday services.