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Kids' Corner Preschool Registration is OPEN

Registration is currently open for the
2024-2025 school year!

We have openings in our
2's, 3's and VPK.

Please share the news!

You may stop in the preschool office
and pick up your registration forms.

If you are interested in a tour of the
school, please contact the school director
Roxane Fineo at 727-723-7679 or email
at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org

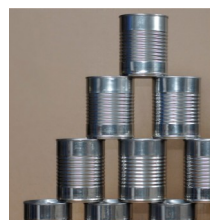
Northwood Food Pantry

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



HOLY WEEK 2024

Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 24,
Contemporary– 9:00am
Traditional– 11:00am

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28 at 7:00pm
Worship with the Lord's Supper

Good Friday

Friday, March 29 at Noon
Worship reflecting on Jesus'
crucifixion and death

Easter Sunday

Sunday, March 31
*Contemporary– 9:00am
Traditional– 11:00am

*Contemporary worship service outside, weather permitting.

At-A-Glance

This Month at
Northwood

March 2024

Sunday, March 3:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
4:00 P.M. Lloyd Larson Concert

Wednesday, March 6:
6:00 P.M. WAY Dinner & Series

Sunday, March 10:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, March 13:
6:00 P.M. WAY Dinner & Series

Sunday, March 17:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:00 A.M. Discovering Northwood Presentation
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, March 20:
4:00 P.M. King's Kids Kick-off

Sunday, March 24:
Palm Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, March 27:
4:00 P.M. King's Kids

Thursday, March 28:
7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, March 29:
12:00 P.M. Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday, March 31:
Easter Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service (outside)
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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The Window

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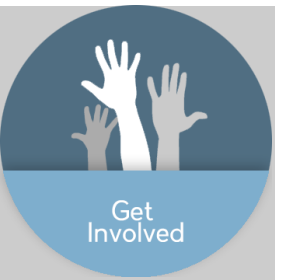
Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail 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



Lloyd Larson in Concert
with
Northwood Presbyterian Church Choirs
Sunday, March 3, 2024
4:00 P.M.



Since 1982, Lloyd has been an active composer and arranger for several major publishing companies of church and school music. His compositions and arrangements include well over 1,500 published works—including choral anthems, numerous extended Christmas, Easter and non-seasonal works, keyboard collections, vocal solo and duet collections, instrumental works for solo and ensembles, orchestrations, and handbell settings. The resulting notoriety has placed him in constant demand as a clinician throughout North America. It is Lloyd's work in his local church that continues to be the catalyst for much of his writing where he is actively involved in various roles of music leadership.

Lloyd Larson will be at both worship services,
Sunday, March 3, 2024 9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

No charge for the afternoon concert—free will offering.

For additional information, please contact Stephanie Carson:
stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090

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Around Northwood



Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Homebound Care Ministry

In Person Homebound visits have been temporarily suspended. However, Deacon Nancy Turner has continued to keep in touch with phone calls and cards. If you know of someone who would benefit from this ministry, please email Nancy at nturn799@aol.com or call the church office.

Hospital Visitation Ministry

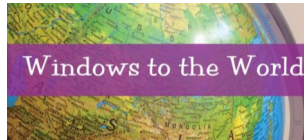
Deacon Dee Rivers works with the Associate Pastor in visiting those in the hospital. If you are aware of a member in the hospital, please contact Dee at deerivers3@gmail.com

Fun! Friends! Friday!

The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, March 8th 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," Curtis Krueger will provide the program "Four Trips to the Everglades and I Lived to Tell About It." Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at Chili's 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 paul@northwoodpc.org.



Discovering Northwood Presentation

A Discovering Northwood Presentation will be held Sunday, **March 17th** from **10:00am to 11:00am in Room 4** for those wishing to learn more about Northwood and consider church membership. Please know you are welcome to attend if you have been visiting us online in worship.

Northwood's Got Talent—Save the Date

Save the date for an afternoon of talent, fun and laughter! The date for this year's NGT is Sunday, May 19th at 4:00pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Babs Bailey at dixiechick411@gmail.com or 727-512-9476

Easter Lilies

Is there someone you'd like to honor or remember with a lily in the sanctuary this Easter? For just \$10, you can make that happen. Place your check designated "Easter Lily" and the completed sign-up form from Sunday's friendship sheet (through March 17) in the Giving Box or drop off in the church office during regular office hours. If paying online, be sure to send an email with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in memory or honor to communications@northwoodpc.org



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, March 12th 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.

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 March 26th. 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.

Wonderful Wednesdays WAY Dinner & Series

Make sure you sign up for dinners by Monday at noon. There are 2 more dinners in this series, March 6th & March 13th. The dinners start at 6pm in the Christian Education Building. Sign up on the brochure insert reservation form, or on the bulletin board across from the kitchen and return to the church office. Following the Wednesday meals, Pastor Chris and Pastor Paul will lead "Encounters with Jesus". In the W.A.Y. Dinners Lenten Bible study, we will be looking at four encounters with Jesus – including with Satan in the wilderness, a paralyzed man, the Pharisees and Jesus anointed by a sinful woman. As we thoughtfully engage with these Jesus encounters, we are invited to find ourselves in them, bringing our faith and our doubts, our joys and our sorrows, our love and our life to the One who knows us the best and loves us the most. Please remember to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join!

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Thornwell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Thank you for blessing Thornwell and helping us bring the miracle of Christ's love to the children we serve. We are honored by your love for Thornwell and look forward to continuing our mission together. You are cherished!
Sincerely, Joseph Murry

Florida Presbyterian Disaster Assistance Network

Thank you so much for your contribution in the amount of \$757.00 to the FPDAN, Inc. Your Faithful and generous donations help us continue our mission to support Florida Presbyteries, churches and communities through this time of response and recovery. May God bless you!
Yours in Partnership, Kathy Broyard, Exec. Director

(HEP) Homeless Empowerment Program

There are not enough words to express how deeply grateful we are for your recent gift to support the critical services we provide to the homeless men, women, children and families in our community. Your dedication to helping people help themselves has had an incredible impact on our community.
Best Regards, Ashley Lowery, President & CEO

Beth-El

Your generosity makes our world a better place. We want you to know that your gift of \$500 has increased our hope, brightened our hearts with joy, shared your love and expanded peace among the community we serve. Thank you for being a part of this journey with us. Teresita Matos-Post, Exec. Director

Our Daily Bread

On behalf of Our Daily Bread Ministries, I would like to thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers. Thank you for serving together with us in this eternity-impacting mission of sharing God's word around the world. Dr. Matt Lucas, 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.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Carl Corrello
Ed Puschmann
Barbara Schlerf
Barbara Schlerf
Barbara Schlerf

Given by:

Kim Corrello
Jeanette & Art Holloway
Lorrie Janusik
Jeanette & Art Holloway
Jean Swintek
Rosemary Schreinen

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:

- Michelle Nigels and Family upon the news of the death of Michelle's Father, Donald Faulkner on February 16.

Home Communion Training—April 14

The Home Communion ministry which was suspended during Covid is being reestablished with an Elder and Deacon Home Communion Information and Training session on Sunday, April 14th from 12:30 to 1:30 in room 8. This is an excellent opportunity 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.

Christian Education



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women, Sisters in Christ, meets monthly on the second Tuesday of the month with our next meeting on March 12th 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 February 13 for Bible Study and fellowship. Members brought clothing to donate to Clothes to Kids (see photo). Next month we will bring cleaning supplies for the Homeless Empowerment Project. The Circle is looking forward to hosting the Tampa Bay Presbytery Annual PW gathering on February 24th.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month with our next meeting on March 1st 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 LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Bible Takeaways

The adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 5. We are studying the Parables of Jesus right now in the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John. All are welcome! Bring your Bible.

Kids' Corner Preschool News



Welcome Ms. Jennifer!—Kids' Corner Preschool is happy to welcome Jennifer McManus as our Chapel Teacher. Ms. Jennifer is the Director of Children's Ministry at Northwood Presbyterian Church and, since January, has been teaching the children fun and meaningful lessons about the wonders of God. We feel privileged to have Ms. Jennifer participate in the spiritual development of the children. In a few weeks, she will be opening the "Kings' Kids" Program to the children in the community over the age of four. Kings' Kids is part of Northwood's Children's Ministry and offers children the opportunity to learn about their Christian faith in a fun social setting. Look for additional information about this wonderful program!

Our Gardens—In our playgrounds, we have small gardens to help teach outside the classroom. Throughout the school year, the kids have helped us plant many seeds, including pumpkins, cherry tomatoes, peppers, and assorted flowers. The kids are excited to see the seeds sprout and to water the plants as they grow.

We also have milkweed growing in our main playground garden. Monarch butterflies lay their eggs on milkweed and when they hatch, the caterpillars eat the leaves for days. The kids love to hunt for caterpillar sightings in our garden. When the caterpillar gets big enough, we place it in an observation tent to observe the caterpillar in the chrysalis state. Once the butterfly hatches, the class releases it so that the process can begin again! Through gardening, the children learn where food comes from, how to take care of living creatures, and the beauty of God's creations.

Children's Ministry



Welcome Jennifer McManus—Director of Children's Ministry



Hello! My name is Jennifer McManus and I am thrilled to serve Northwood as the Director of Children's Ministry. I am also currently the Assistant Director for Northwood Childcare.

How did I get here? Well...having always loved working with children in various camp and babysitting jobs, I started my college career as an Elementary Ed Major. But, after a lackluster performance in my Math for Elementary Teachers course, I abruptly switched gears and received my Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Sociology from the State University of New York at New Paltz. Following my parents' move to Florida, I relocated to Oldsmar in August 2001. I then received my Paralegal Certificate in December 2004 and worked for many years negotiating contracts for the government, health insurance and Big Pharma. Although successful in my corporate career, I did not feel as though I was serving my community in the manner I was meant to.

My husband and I were often visitors of Northwood, attending with my parents Ken and Linda Andreassen. After my father passed in June 2022, my husband and I became official members of Northwood. We wanted to offer our support back to the church that had done so much for our family.

Tapping back into my initial passion for working with children, I joined Northwood Childcare in July 2023, providing before and after school care for children in VPK through 5th grade. And, in November 2023, I began serving as the Acting Director of Children's Ministry.

Northwood has provided such a welcoming environment for me to worship and be a part of a strong church community. Each day, I gain a deeper sense of purpose and strive to continue growing within the church and our programs. I believe that the service I am providing to our community through Northwood is vital for the success of our children and their families and I am so grateful to be here!

Children's Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, March 3rd, Children's Sunday School for ages 4 to 5th grade will be held weekly during both Worship Services (9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) in Room 14.

Nursery

The Nursery is available for childcare during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. Our staff are screened and trained to provide safe, caring and entertaining supervision to your little ones while you attend Worship.

King's Kids

Our Spring 2024 King's Kids Session will be held on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., March 20th – May 8th. Join our group of adventurers as we discover New Testament stories of Jesus' amazing ministry through interactive lessons, crafts, and other fun activities. Ages 4 to 5th grade.

Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in helping with the children's Sunday School, Nursery, or Kings' Kids? We need volunteers for each of these programs and would love for you to join us!

**For registration or information, please contact:
Jennifer McManus, Director of Children's Ministry
childrensministry@northwoodpc.org
727-796-8090 x2002**

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**★ Ages 4 - 5th Grade
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Snacks~Crafts~Music ★**

For registration, please email us at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org