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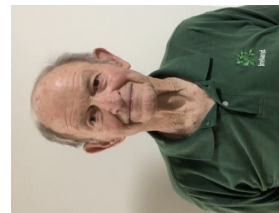
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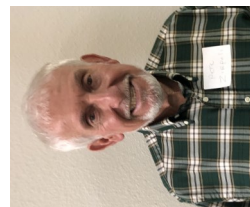
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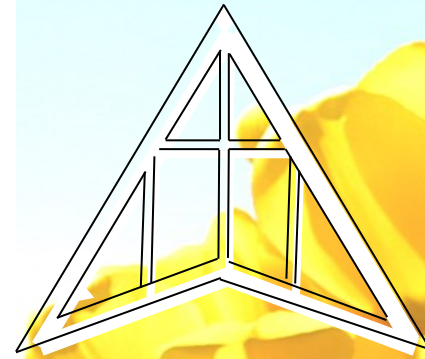
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Hometown: Livonia, NY.

We welcome the following new members who joined us for our Discovering Northwood Presentation on March 17, 2024

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Northwood Presbyterian Church

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The Window

**Chartering Organization of
Boy Scout Troop 413**

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Church Renovations Update

Hopefully you've had a chance to visit Northwood in the past month to see first-hand the updates being made to enhance our facility. We hope you are pleased with the vision to update and create a more open and inviting space. A lot of items were listed in the Annual Report under the Stewardship, Finance and Property (SFP) Team including but not limited to painting, installing new carpet and baseboards in hallways, opening a wall for a Gathering Place and creating a new space for the Parlor. We've tried out different furniture arrangements and wall art and we are very close to the finished product. We have been very fortunate to have funds available in reserve to cover all the costs to-date and the SFP team members have been good stewards of those funds.

The SFP Team has more projects that are being prioritized for this year like the gymnasium floor, cabinets in the classrooms and kitchen counters. The Sanctuary was recently painted and new baseboards installed and there are more maintenance projects that we will oversee like carpet and upholstery cleaning and landscaping. Our facility will always require something to be done next.

Thank you to all who have been involved in these projects over the past year. So many have volunteered their time to do the mundane and small tasks that add up to a huge accomplishment.
(From the Stewardship/Finance and Property Team)



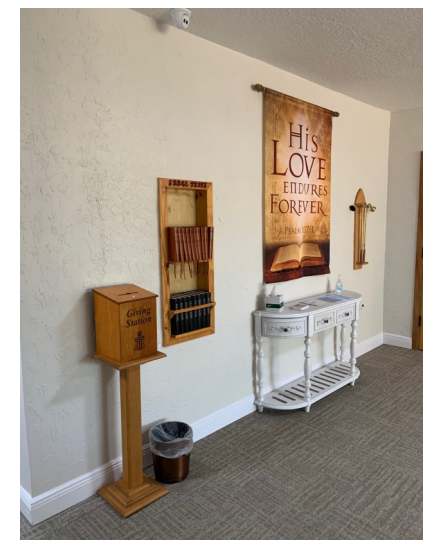
Gathering Place & Hallway with Photos lining the walls taken by our Photo Group



Playground Entryway Hallway



Parlor



Narthex/Sanctuary Entryway

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

April 2024

- Monday, April 1:**
Office Closed
- Wednesday, April 3:**
Kings Kids, 4:00 P.M.
- Sunday, April 7:**
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
- Wednesday, April 10:**
Kings Kids, 4:00 P.M.
- Sunday, April 14:**
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
- Wednesday, April 17:**
Kings Kids, 4:00 P.M.
- Sunday, April 21:**
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
- Wednesday, April 24:**
Kings Kids, 4:00 P.M.
- Sunday, April 28:**
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Church Staff Contact Information

Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs through our office phone system. Provided below are the phone extension numbers for most of our staff who are full-time. If you don't see a phone extension we provide an email contact for you. If you call the church office when the lines are busy or the office is closed, you will be prompted to use the Dial By Name Directory **OR** the staff member's extension number to leave a message. The church number is still 796-8090.

- Chris Curvin, Pastor x2007
- Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006
- Stephanie Carson, Traditional Music x2009
- David Furr, Organist
dmfurr35679@gmail.com
- Taryn Lumia, Contemporary Music
taryn@northwoodpc.org
- Jennifer McManus, Children's Ministry
x2002
- Emily Cantin, Dir. of Communications
x2001
- Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
- Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

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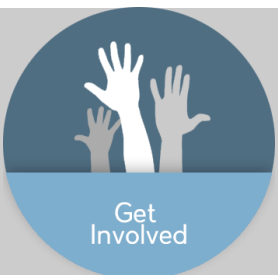
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Submissions:
If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

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



Welcome to all our new Church Officers who were installed and ordained on Sunday, March 17th.

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| Elders
(class of 2026) | Deacons
(class of 2026) |
| Tim Beaver | Claudia Alwood |
| *Rachelle Cox | *Randy Ball |
| *Jill Loomis | *Betty Spoerl |
| *Dee Rivers | |

**those ordained*



Northwood Scholarship Application 2024

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office now. **Applications must be returned to JoAnneSpigarelli at jpspig1@gmail.com. Applications must be received by June 1, 2024.** Applications will not be accepted in the church office. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

Garage Sale Update

The Garage Sale total has been slowly inching up since January and is now right at \$21,000. Susan Curry and Jody Beattie have been selling some of your donations on consignment or online and the sales have added up to \$2,000. There are a few more items to sell. Thank you again from the Music Ministry for your generous donations and for helping to make the Garage Sale a huge success.



Landscaping Group & BBQ—April 13, 8am-1pm

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, April 13th, from 8:00am-1:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our first landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. Please do not feel you need to stay the whole day. Come when it's convenient for you and you'll receive tasks to help make way for our healthy plants, lawn and garden. At 1:00pm we will have a potluck lunch at the west lawn picnic tables. If you plan to attend lunch, please bring a favorite side dish or dessert. Ritchie will be smoking bar-b-que chicken on site. Let us know if you have an interest in joining us so that we may plan appropriately. Please contact Leslie Henley if interested at leslienne1968@icloud.com

Pictured are Cynthia & David Lawrence and Carol Zieres cleaning up the raised plant beds in the entrance to freshen them up for Easter.



Around Northwood



Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries


Compassionate Care Cards Ministry

When a member is ill or suffers a loss, a Deacon sends get-well or sympathy cards. Deacon Carol Rathmell faithfully sends these cards of comfort. If you would like to send a greeting card to someone you know for any occasion, please feel free to pick up a greeting card on the rack located in the church library. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or Carol at csrathmell@aol.com


Cedarkirk Retreats—Save the Dates

Please save the dates for these Cedarkirk events on your calendar! The Fall Church Retreat will be held on Oct. 11-13, 2024 and the Women's Retreat will be held on Jan. 17-19, 2025. Registration info for the Fall Retreat will be available in May.

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, April 9th at 7:00pm in rooms 11 & 13. All are invited whether you're a beginner or an expert. If you have any questions, contact 

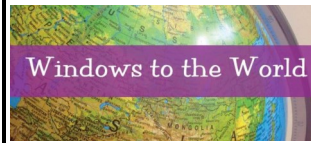
One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

 Sunday, March 31st, we will be receiving our One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. This year, 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries, Metropolitan Ministries and Presbyterian Disaster Fund, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay.

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

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew



The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, April 12th 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," Dave & Cynthia Lawrence will provide the program "Jewels of the Adriatic—Croatia, Slovenia & Montenegro." 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.

The Project Group—April 23

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 April 23. 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.

Jane Sutton Book Club—April 22

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be April 22nd. The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am in room 13 of the Christian Education building. If you are interested in joining or for more information, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi by email at ecicerchi@gmail.com or by phone 607-382-1781.

Thank You Harborside Christian Church!

Roxane Fineo, Director of Kids Corner, was presented with an opportunity from Harborside Christian Church to receive some of the children's furniture and other items they no longer needed as they re-model their church. If purchased new, everything would have cost between \$6,000 and \$7,000. Roxane, Susan Curry, Max Krause, Gary Granata and Randy Ball (as the U-Haul driver) were able to move everything from Harborside to Northwood. Thank you to them and thank you to Harborside Christian for such a generous donation.



NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Suncoast Haven of Rest Rescue Mission

Thank you for your faithful giving. Because of your contributions, our Rescue Mission has been able to support the work of Jesus Christ locally through its ministries around food and shelter insecurities throughout the year. Thank you and God Bless you!

Beth-El

Northwood Presbyterian Church, thank you for remembering the hardworking individuals who toil in the strawberry fields with your gift of \$750. Your contributions have made a meaningful impact on the lives of farm-working families. We hope that this knowledge fills your heart with joyful sweetness! Your Partner and Friend, Dr. Teresita Matos-Post

Clearwater Free Clinic

We are grateful for your kind donation of \$750 to the Clearwater Free Clinic. Your gift will directly impact the lives of the uninsured, medically underprivileged people we are committed to serving. We thank you sincerely. Jeannie Shapiro, CEO



The Northwood Food Pantry would like to thank all the Scouts for the enormous donation of food items that they collected for our own pantry. The "Scouting for Food" donation amounted to over 760 pounds of food which is the largest donation that our pantry has ever received. This was a fantastic effort and we commend our scouts for all the work that they did to make this donation such a great success. The pantry will better be able to serve those in our community that come to the church for help because of this generous donation. Thanks to all of our great scouts!



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:
John Swintek

Given by:
Jean Swintek

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:

- Mickey Stewart upon the news of the death of her brother, Leander Magoon on March 4.
- Marti Raiche upon the news of the death of her sister, Evelyn Simonds on March 11.
- Louise Mylin upon the news of the death of her mother, Phoebe Alling on March 13.

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 April 9th 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.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month with our next meeting on April 5th 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

On Friday, March 12, Farmer Minor, his world-famous pig *Daisy*, and his pug, *Dixie-Cup* came to visit Kids' Corner! Their visit was part of Farmer Minor's mission to get kids to "pig out on reading." Farmer Minor told the children all about Daisy and how she became a famous pig. He also read one of her favorite books. At the end of the program, after taking the "Daisy" pledge to read more books, everyone had the chance to pet and hug Daisy and Dixie-Cup.



Summer Camp

Kids' Corner Preschool will be offering 4 weeks of summer camp for children that are going into VPK or Kindergarten in the fall. It is a great way to keep your child engaged in the classroom setting during the summer months. The program is scheduled to run during the weeks of June 17-21, June 24-28, July 22-26, and July 29-August 2. The camp fee will be \$125.00 per week, If you sign up for 3 weeks, the 4th week will be free!



Registration for 2024-2025 School Year

Registration is underway for the 2024-2025 school year. If you are planning to register your child and need an enrollment packet, please stop by the office, or reach out to your child's teacher. If you need assistance in applying for a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, feel free to call the office. Please submit your completed paperwork as soon as possible.

Children's Ministry



Vacation Bible School 2024



VBS—Save the Date! **July 15-19**

Invite kids to put their trust in God!

During Vacation Bible School, join first-time Camp Counselor Sam and Lumen, "Lu," the lightning bug puppet, for a summer adventure at *Camp Firelight*. Campers accompany Counselor Sam and Lu during each assembly session and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Each day, Campers see Counselor Sam face new challenges, from as simple as leading Campers on a hike to as intimidating as meeting a new and wise nature expert. With the help of Lu, the Lightning Bug, and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Sam and the Campers explore timeless Bible stories showing how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God, faced their fears, and went on to do great things in God's name.

King's Kids

King's Kids kicked off on Wednesday, March 20th. Our first lesson was "Every Sheep Counts!" (the parable of The Lost Sheep). Through interactive Bible study, games, and crafts provided by volunteers Elaine Cornillaud and Kay Scheuerman, the children learned that when we are lost and have strayed from the Shepherd's care, we matter to the Shepherd. Jesus, the Good Shepherd, will always find us and carry us home. King's Kids will continue every Wednesday from 4:00-5:30pm through May 8th. Ages 4-5th grade. It is not too late to register!



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.

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:
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