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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 that come to the church for help. 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



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The Window

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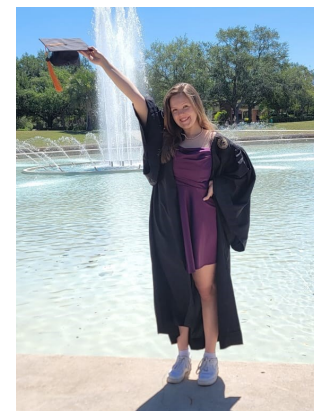
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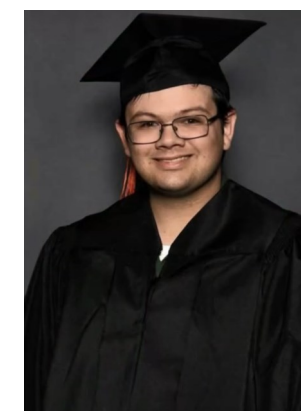


**Congratulations
Graduates!**

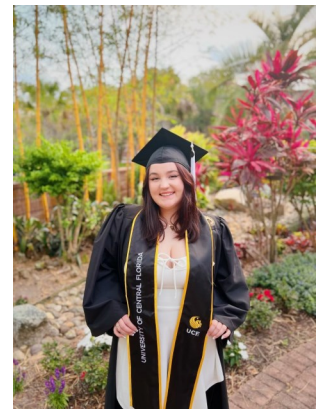
*Class of
2024*



Sarah Flaherty has graduated from the University of Central Florida with her bachelors of science in nursing. She has been hired through Orlando Health at Winnie Palmer hospital for women and babies as a labor and delivery nurse. She hopes to continue her education in the next few years to pursue a masters degree to become a neonatal nurse practitioner or a certified nurse midwife.



David Hamilton graduated Cum Laude from the University of South Florida with a Bachelors in Computer Science and a Bachelors in Computer Engineering. After interning at Duke Energy for two years, he has accepted a full time position starting June 3rd and is planning to explore Masters programs to continue his education.



Lindsey Peterson graduated from the University of Central Florida on May 3, 2024. Lindsey graduated with her Bachelor's degree in Interdisciplinary Studies with a minor in Environmental Studies. Lindsey is excited for the future and plans on residing in Orlando.

We have reached out to a number of graduates we are aware of and would still like to include your graduation information in our summer publications. Send us your information soon as we look forward to celebrating all our graduates!

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

June 2024

Sunday, June 2:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

Sunday, June 9—Saturday, June 15:
Worship Arts Music Workshop, Leesburg, FL.

Sunday, June 16:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 16—Friday, June 21:
Montreat Music Workshop

Sunday, June 23:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 30:
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
- Dylan Cantin, Assistant Dir. Youth & Families
youthdirector@northwoodpc.org
- Emily Cantin, Dir. of Communications x2001
- Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
- Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

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The Window

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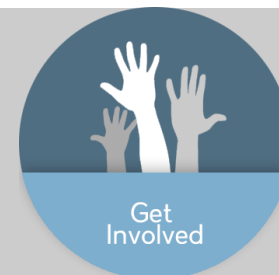
Submissions:

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



Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Member Selection



Inspired by the life and ministry of our foremothers, today's Presbyterian Women are steadfast in faith, mission and resolve to be Christ's witnesses to the world. In this regard, the Life Membership award was established to honor those who embody the principles of our pledge. To date, Northwood Presbyterian Women has selected just 34 very deserving recipients.

Our 2024 recipient shares her time, talent and treasure in many ways. Her numerous contributions to our church and its congregation include service as an Elder and Deacon including leadership of a Committee; eager participation in many facets of PW including serving on a Committee, attendance and assistance to special events and participation in Bible study discussions; leadership in worship services and memorials including preparing the sanctuary, ushering, greeting and serving communion; supervision of off-site church trips and activities; service to our congregation as a Stephen Minister; and assistance to church staff.

This person also participates in many more church and community activities, and can always be counted on to lend a hand when needed.

I am pleased to announce that the 2024 honoree is **Roxie Swartz**.

Roxie came to Northwood from the Dallas, Texas, area where she once lived on a ranch. She graduated from the University of Texas with a Masters in Social Work. She is a mother of 2, a grandmother and a great grandmother.

Roxie receives a certificate, a Life Membership pin and will have her name added to the Honorary Life Membership plaque near the café.

Congratulations from all of us!

Welcome New Members

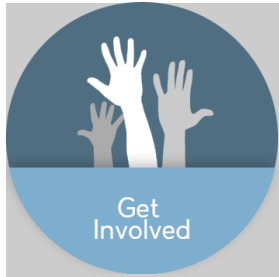
We welcome the following new members who attended our May 12th Discovering Northwood Class!



Carol Robertson,
Transfer of Letter from
Aldersgate UMC, Seminole
11:00



Judy Moore,
Transfer of Letter From
Heritage UMC, Clearwater
11:00



Around Northwood



Northwood Scholarship Application— Due June 1st

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 JoAnne Spigarelli @ jspig1@gmail.com. Applications must be received by June 1, 2024.**

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, June 11 at 7:00pm in rooms 11 & 13. 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.



NPC Fall Church Retreat

Join us at the Fall Church Retreat at Cedarkirk on Oct. 11-13, 2024. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges! Registration forms will be on the bulletin board in the hallway and also on our website. Deposits with room requests will be accepted beginning Sunday, May 19th. Sign up early for best choice of rooms!



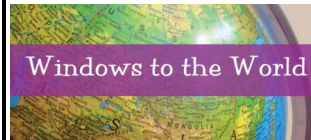
Jane Sutton Book Club—June 24

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be June 24th. 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.

Did you know?

There are complimentary greeting cards available in the library directly to your left as you enter. These are provided and kept up to date by the Deacons.

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew



The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will be taking a break for the summer and will resume back on September 13th. For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org.

The Project Group—June 25

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 June 25th. 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.

Spotlight on **Deacons' Ministries**

Greeter Ministry

Northwood Presbyterian has a reputation for being a warm, friendly and welcoming church. Our Greeter Ministry plays a very important role in this reputation. Our greeters are volunteers who are the first point of contact for our visitors and members. Wouldn't you like to greet and be blessed as well? If you are interested in becoming involved in this very important ministry, please contact Cindy Gamble, the Deacon responsible for greeters at gamblecindy3@gmail.com.

Hurricane Ministry

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during or after hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are able to share your home with members-in-need, please contact Betty Spoerl at bjspoerl@outlook.com or the church office at 727-796-8090. If emailing, please use the subject "Hurricane Volunteer." Please include your name, address, phone number, email address, number of people you can accommodate, and whether you have pets.

With hurricane season approaching, we are all encouraged to prepare for a possible storm. A source for weather advisories is:

<https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/weather>.

This guide has valuable information for Pinellas County <http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/>.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Beth-El

Thank you for your generous gift of \$3250.00. You help young farm workers grow and develop in every way. This donation helps to ensure that Beth-El continues to create spaces for young people to carve a path of success and well-being in the community, creating better futures for all of us.

Blessings of Joy, Dr. Teresita Matos-Post, Exec. Director

Clearwater Free Clinic

We are grateful for your kind donation of \$250 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!

Yours in Health, Anthony Degina, CEO

Good Neighbors

We are so thankful for the very generous gift of \$500 to Good Neighbors! It was nice to meet several of you and to talk about our local programs. Your support will go entirely to providing food and necessities to people in need within the community. We are absolutely blessed to be a blessing and feel honored to be given the opportunity to serve the most vulnerable. Thank you! Sincerely, Heather Brooke and the Good Neighbors Team

Thornwell

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, Thank you for helping Thornwell be a beacon of hope for more children and families and letting your light shine bright for Jesus! Your faithful support is a gateway to healing for those we serve. You are cherished.

In Christ, Joseph Murrey

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

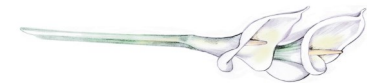
Roger Adkisson, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Fred Inkles, Phillip Mackie, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Norman Phillips, Carol Rathmell, David Smith, Gene Snyder.

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:

- Jim Ferguson and Family upon the news of the death of Jim's wife, Kay on May 14.
- Anne Preston upon the news of the death of her husband, Lauren Preston on May 19
- Donna Elwood and Family upon the news of the death of Donna's husband, Kerry on May 22.



Memorial Service

There will be a Memorial Service for Kay Ferguson here in the Sanctuary Saturday, June 1st, at 11:00 AM. We continue to keep Jim and the entire family in our prayers.

Per-Capita Apportionment

Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per-capita assessment is \$35.61 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift!

Christian Education



Presbyterian Women

Thank you to those who came out and celebrated with the Presbytery Women! It was a great time of fellowship, enjoying yummy food and recognition. Congratulations to Roxie Swartz for being chosen as a Lifetime Honorary Member (see page 7). Thank you to those who donated underwear to Clothes for Kids. We collected 243 pairs! The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle is taking a break over the summer and will resume their meetings on Tuesday, August 13 at 10:00 am. They will begin a new 9 month study, "Let Justice Roll Down" by Patricia K. Tull in September. Study books will be available in early August and can be purchased for \$5.00. For more information about how you can be involved, 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 June 7th 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 Easter Resurrection appearances of Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels and the Gospel of John. All are welcome! Bring your Bible.

Kids' Corner Preschool News



Kids' Corner Preschool won the contest! Through their efforts to support the academic success of children, Dr. Maggie Davis & Associates and the Florida Tongue Tie Institute donate \$500.00 to a local school. The lucky school is determined by a contest. Participating schools must be nominated to enter the contest and the winner is the school with the greatest amount of votes combined with Facebook comments. Kids' Corner Preschool was the winning school! Nicole Farrell, a dental hygienist from Dr. Maggie Davis & Associates, presented the check for \$500.00 to our staff on Wednesday, May 22nd.



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



VBS—Register NOW!

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.

Vacation Bible School 2024



July 15-19, 2024—9:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Join us for a week of fun, faith-building activities!

Our VBS is open to Pre-k—5th grade, also welcoming grades 6 - 12 to volunteer.

Register online at

<http://northwoodpc.org/fellowship/vbs-vacation-bible-school/>

VBS Volunteers Needed

Northwood has always had an exceptional VBS program that enriches our children and brings them closer to God and that is because of the invaluable service provided by volunteers like you. There are MANY roles available so there is something for everyone! Online registration is now open for volunteers at:

<https://www.northwoodpc.org/fellowship/vbs-vacation-bibleschool/>.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will pause for the summer beginning Sunday, May 26th. We will return on Sunday, August 18th. All children from infancy to 5th grade are welcome in the nursery during both Worship Services.

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

King's Kids is a seasonal, afterschool program for ages 4 through 5th grade and is comprised of interactive lessons, crafts, music and other fun activities. Our Spring session of King's Kids concluded on May 8th. The fall session of King's Kids will begin in October. Stay tuned!

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