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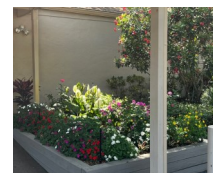
VBS Thank You!!

Thanks for joining us for Camp Firelight! Our team of volunteers, made up of the NPC Youth team and adults, spent countless hours prepping for the week and hosted an amazing, fun, detailed and wholesome Vacation Bible School this year. We also collected 200 cans of food to help stock our food pantry! Our closing ceremony was filled with parents and friends to celebrate such a great week. We are so grateful for our leaders, volunteers and attendees!



NPC Garden Club

For our June Meet-up, Dee Rivers, Randy Ball, Leslie Henley, and myself are proud to say the hardy donation of plants from Susan Curry are now planted and taking hold of Mother Earth again. See if you can locate the newly arrived Lemon Grass, Maderia Vine, Excoecaria, and the glorious Hibiscus on our church campus. We look forward to more donated plants. Our next NPC Garden Club meet-up will be **Saturday, July 20, from 9:00am-12:00pm**. We will end the day with a potluck lunch and fellowship. Please bring a favorite side dish or dessert. Let us know if you have an interest in joining us so that we may plan appropriately. Please contact Leslie Henley if interested at leslianne1968@icloud.com.



At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

August 2024

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

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

Sunday, August 18:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

Monday, September 2:
Labor Day—Office Closed

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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 x2008
- Emily Cantin, Dir. of Communications x2001
- Mark Fettke, Bookkeeper x2005
- Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010

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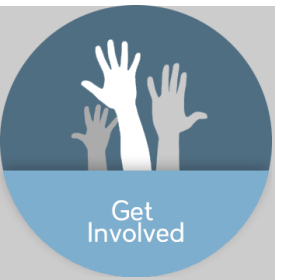
Submissions:

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

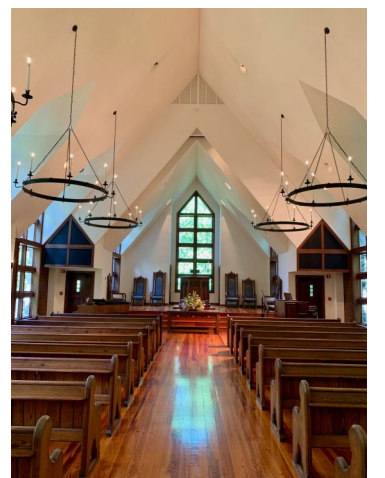


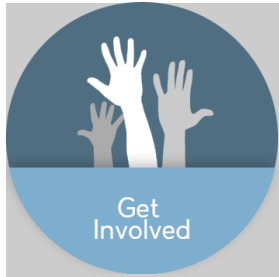
Montreat Summer Music Workshop

In early June, 16 choir members (and one spouse) attended the national Presbyterian Music and Worship conference at Montreat College, in Montreat, NC. We were very grateful to stay in a beautiful home with 9 bedrooms up in the majestic mountains. Our organist, David Furr, even saw and took a video of a very big bear! We attended two choir rehearsals every day with a fabulous director, Brandon Boyd, and some of us also enjoyed handbell rehearsals which challenged us. The week culminated in a final concert with music by the children's choir, middle school choir, high school choir and a 600 voice adult choir, along with handbells and an excellent instrumental ensemble. Through the week, we also attended worship everyday and many attended classes and concerts in the evening. It was wonderful being immersed in music and worship in the beauty of God's creation. Many of us also took 'field trips' to Billy Graham's retreat center and chapel and to see Chimney Rock and the town of Asheville. One of the best parts was fellowshiping together and increasing our bonds of Christian friendship.

The week prior, about 8 of our youth attended the Florida United Methodist Music and Worship conference in Leesburg, FL. Lloyd Larson, who was with us in March for our composer weekend, was the choral clinician. Many of our youth are in leadership positions there. They look forward to that week every summer.

We are blessed to be able to participate in these opportunities that help us grow as a choir and in our daily walk with Christ. We are thankful that some of the garage sale monies helped us attend these two events. We look forward, as a choir, to joining together again at the end of August, refreshed and renewed and grateful!





Around Northwood



Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship team met on Tuesday, June 11, 2024. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships: **First time applicants:** Kaleb Adkisson, Elias Jeffre and Drew Strelcheck
Second time applicant: Garland Pelham. Garland Pelham was selected as the Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship recipient. Funds Provided by: Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship, Walter and Catherine Gordon Scholarship, Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship, monies received from other sources.

Home Communion

If you or someone you know is unable to attend church, either short-term or long-term to receive communion, Northwood's Home Communion Ministry Team would be happy to bring Communion to you. The Home Communion ministry, made up of both active and resting Elders and Deacons, have become involved in this important ministry of care and compassion to Northwood members who are homebound and unable to attend church. No preparation on your part is needed, we bring everything. We visit homes, rehab centers, hospitals, etc. For more information, please contact Paul Means at 796-8090 x 2006 or Jackie Koski at 727-726-5359.

New Home Communion Ministers: Randy Ball, Rachelle Cox, Mike Elza, Dee Rivers, Sandy Seckel
Rededication of Previous Home Communion Ministers: Elaine Cornillaud, Jackie Koski, Earle Lusk

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, August 13th 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.

Jane Sutton Book Club—August 26

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be held August 26th. 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.

The Project Group—August 27

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 August 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.



Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

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/>.

Beth-El Shoe Sunday—August 25th

On Sunday, August 25th, Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or gently used shoes for the children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL.

Beginning August 4th, there will be tubs in the church hallway to drop off your shoes. Beth-El is in need of tennis shoes, sandals, flip-flops, and men's work boots, sizes 6 to 11 for men, 5-7 1/2 for women, and all sizes for children. Along with the shoes, we are also collecting socks, backpacks, and lightweight jackets. You can also go online to Northwood's website to make a donation to Beth-El. Our goal this year is to be able to distribute at least 400 pairs of shoes to the families in the Beth-El community. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday!

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

HOPE Villages of America

As we reach the middle of the year, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous support of HOPE Villages of America. As one of cherished HOPE champions, your total contributions this year, amounting to \$1000 have been instrumental in our mission to support neighbors facing hunger, domestic violence, and lack of basic needs. Because of your generosity, we have been able to make a meaningful impact on the lives of so many by providing nutritious meals, safe environments and essential services. Your continued support will enable us to expand our services and offer hope and restoration to even more families. Thank you once again for your unwavering support! With Gratitude, Nick DiCeglie, President & CEO

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.

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.

To My Northwood Family,

My heartfelt thank you to my Northwood Family for all the cards, emails and good wishes on my 95th birthday. I am eternally grateful to God for guiding me to Florida and leading me to Northwood Presbyterian Church to live my twilight years. I am blessed beyond measure.



In Our Fathers Love, Jean Swintek

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Violet Lawrence
Don Hamilton
Don Hamilton
Don Hamilton
Don Hamilton
Don Hamilton
Kay Ferguson
Tim & George
Lauren Preston
Kay Ferguson
Kay Ferguson
Kerry Elwood
Raymond Linville
Kay Ferguson
Kerry Elwood
Kerry Elwood

Given by:

Patty & Bill Martin
Jackie Rice
Jeanette & Art Holloway
Gary Zuk
Patty & Bill Martin
Jean Swintek
Patty & Bill Martin
Mary Torrisi
Annette & Rob Pierce
Mary Ellen Zeigler Susie & Doug Brown
Patty & Bill Martin
Patty & Bill Martin
Stephen Cropper
Jeanette & Art Holloway
Mary Ellen Zeigler

Prayer Ministry

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

Prayers and Christian Sympathies to:

- Dave Basti upon the news of the death of his brother, Jeff Basti on May 8
- Larry Stephen and Family upon the news of the death of Larry's brother, Jim Stephen on May 14.
- Beth Linville and Family upon the news of the death of Beth's Husband, Raymond Linville on June 2.

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

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will resume its meetings on Tuesday, August 13. This is a planning meeting which will take place at Another Broken Egg, in Clearwater, at 11:30 am. Our new 9 month study books, "Let Justice Roll Down" will be available for purchase for \$5.00. We will also be signing up for teaching lessons, reading scripture and committee placement if needed. Our regular meetings will start on September 10 at 10:00 am in room 5 of the education building. We hope to see you there! 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 at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. We will resume August 2nd with a salad lunch. 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. All are welcome! Bring your Bible. Our class is on a break for the summer and will resume classes starting Sunday, September 8th.



Registration for 2024-2025 School Year

Registration is still open 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 Roxane Fineo in the school the office at 727-723-7679. Please submit your completed paperwork as soon as possible.

Stephen Ministry:

A Christian Presence of Love and Care

How many of us take pause when the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty or when we receive the phone call we hoped we would never get? The list of possibilities is endless. But are you aware that there is a Stephen Minister at Northwood who is ready to help you face these tough times?

Your Stephen Minister has received over 50 hours of training, enabling them to walk with you during troubling challenges. They are a Northwood, Christian lay person ready to provide confidential, one-on-one attention. They will listen, support, encourage, and pray with you during regular meetings as long as there is a need.

If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, or if you have questions about Stephen Ministry, please contact either of our Pastors or Jackie Koski at 727-726-5359.

Choir News

Some of you have inquired, "Where is the choir?" It has been our practice at NPC to give the Chancel Choir a break in the summer and showcase many of our choir members' voices singing solos on Sunday mornings. As you have heard, there is great talent, and hearts for God, among our choir family, offering their gifts in worship. We look forward to returning to choir at the beginning of September with our first rehearsal of the season starting Wednesday, September 1st from 7:00-8:30pm and hope some of you will join us! More to come!

Stephanie Carson, Director of Music



Children's Ministry



Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is paused for the Summer. We will resume again in the Fall. All children from infancy to 5th grade are welcome in the Nursery during both Worship services.

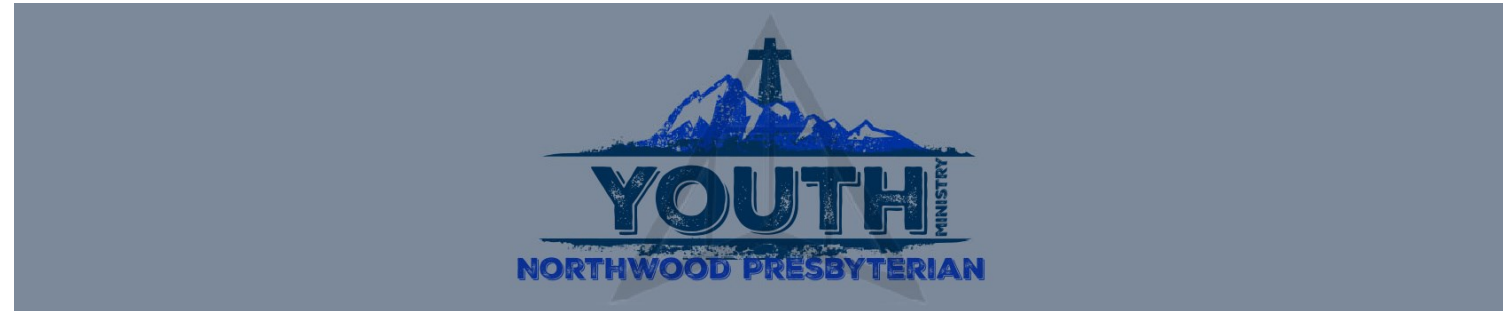
Nursery

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**



Youth Ministry

Every Sunday morning, the youth, which includes middle school, high school and college age students, will meet for Sunday School at 10:00am in the youth room. Wednesday evenings we will have Youth Group meet at 6 pm in the youth room. Game night will meet on Fridays from 7pm-10pm in the youth room/FLC. **If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090 x2008.**

Youth Sunday School

The youth Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the youth room. During this time, we will discuss the scripture and message and incorporate worship elements like music into our hour.

