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## **Kids' Corner Preschool & Before/After School Care Program**

The 2024-2025 school year officially began on August 12th, with our Before/After School Care Program ready for the opening of public schools. Our newly renovated multipurpose rooms are packed with toys, games, books, and art supplies for the children to enjoy! Brianna Naples has returned and assumed the role of Head Counselor. She is joined by Brianna Alli, and our newest counselor, Ari Valenzuela-Garcia. Our Before/After School Care Program continues to provide a safe and valuable service to the working parents in our community.



The preschool opened on August 19th with an enrollment of 30 children. We welcomed back our staff of dedicated teachers, along with Winlyn Steele, who will be assisting in our Toddler class. We are looking forward to a safe and fun-filled year of learning and play!



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### **Chancel Choir Starts Back!**

We are excited to have our traditional Chancel Choir back this fall! If you have gifts of singing or have ever wanted to try singing in the choir, we welcome you. We sing all styles, both easy and challenging, all to the glory of God! We rehearse every Wednesday starting at 7:00pm.

Our first rehearsal will be Wednesday, September 4th and we will meet at 6:15 for our annual Strawberries & Cream Reception and will begin singing at 7pm. We meet in the Choir loft in the sanctuary.

We would love to see some new faces in our choir. Singing is good for your soul. Come belong to a community within our small group and make friends with the same purpose and goals while singing praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Carson at [Stephanie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Stephanie@northwoodpc.org).

### **Handbell Ringers Needed**

As we are looking to start back up with rehearsals, we have a number of ringer spots to fill. If you read music, we can plug you into either our intermediate or advanced bell groups. It is rewarding and a lot of fun! We rehearse on Sundays at 10:00 AM (between services) or 12:15 PM (after the 11:00 service). Please call Stephanie Carson 727-458-9749. Come and join our bell families!

### **Save the Dates!**

**Ring, Sing & Mingle-** Our annual Christmas Handbell Concert, Carol Sing and Reception, December 8th at 4:00pm.

**Christmas Cantata-** One Worship Service, December 15th at 10:00am

**Composer Weekend-**Sunday, March 30, 2025 Northwood choir will participate in a Composer Weekend with Craig Courtney. Mr. Courtney's published works include more than one hundred sixty choral octavos, eight vocal collections, a piano solo collection and six extended works for choir and orchestra. Compositionally, Mr. Courtney combines his training and background as a pianist, a cellist, a vocal coach, an accompanist and a choral director to create words that bear his unique style. He will work with our choir on Saturday, participate in worship Sunday morning and present a concert with the choir that afternoon.



# At-A-Glance

## This Month at Northwood

### September 2024

**Sunday, September 1:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Monday, September 2:**  
Labor Day—Office Closed

**Sunday, September 8:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, September 15:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
10:00 A.M. Discovering Northwood Presentation  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, September 22:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, September 29:**  
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 x2008
- 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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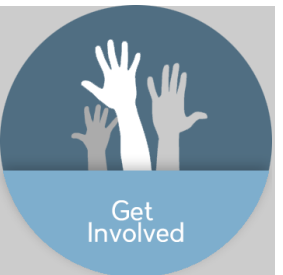
#### Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto: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



### Cabinet Refurbishment Project

The custom cabinets in the Christian Education Building have been repaired, painted and new countertops and hardware added. The cabinets were structurally sound but had many years of wear and tear. The project turned out great if you get a chance to check them out. Your help is needed to maintain the cabinets. Please do not put stickers or tape on the doors or drawers. No locks are allowed on the cabinets. If your group uses the cabinets for storage, please keep them organized and relevant.



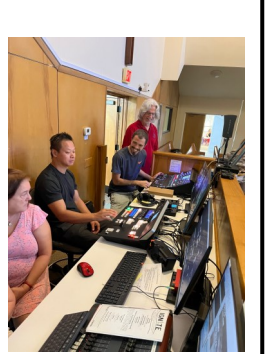
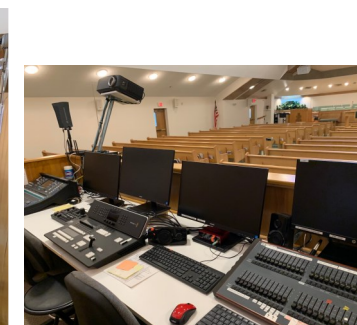
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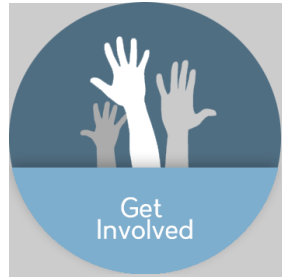


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### Video and Audio Upgrade in the Sanctuary

After 15+ years with the same sound and projection system and with many technical advances, it was time to make some upgrades. After 4 bids, we hired Weber Sound with VPN (video) to make those upgrades. In the sanctuary, they have installed a new sound board, projector, screen, cameras, computers and monitors and in-ear monitor system for the band. They re-configured the sound booth and added another access to the booth itself. The company is involved with the training of all who use the system and will even be present in worship for our first Sunday using all the new equipment. The Fellowship Hall is also getting a new sound system for WAY dinners and other events being held there. The garage sale monies funded a large portion of the upgrade, so thank you! We ask for your patience in this process and know that going forward it will only enhance your ability to worship well, both in the sanctuary and at home. God is Good!





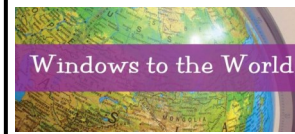
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## Caring for Our Church Family

### Fun! Friends! Friday!

#### Ren Crew— September 13



The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, September 13th 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,” Charlie and Mike Wood will provide the program “North to Alaska”. Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at BJ’s Restaraunt. All are welcome! 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.

### 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/>.

#### Jane Sutton Book Club—September 23

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be held September 23rd. 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.

#### 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.

Home Communion Ministers: Randy Ball, Elaine Cornillaud, Rachelle Cox, Mike Elza, Jackie Koski, Earle Lusk, Dee Rivers and Sandy Seckel.

#### The Project Group— September 24



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 September 24th. 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.

#### Shoes for Beth-El —Thank You!

Many thanks to the Northwood church family from the Beth-El farm worker's ministry and Northwood's Mission Team. Through your generous participation in Beth-El Shoe Sunday, 225 pairs of shoes were donated, along with a number of pairs, 60 backpacks and lots of clothing. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with others in this way!



#### 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, September 10th 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](mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com) or [david@primeimagesinc.com](mailto:david@primeimagesinc.com).

#### 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.

#### Stephen Ministry:

##### A Christian Presence of Love and Care

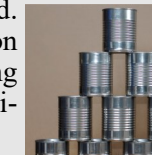
How many of us take pause when the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty or when we receive the phone call we hoped we would never get? The list of possibilities is endless. But are you aware that there is a Stephen Minister at Northwood who is ready to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

Your Stephen Ministers have 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.

#### 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.



The Northwood Food Pantry would like to thank all those children, who attended our marvelous Vacation Bible School, for the fantastic donation of several hundred canned goods. The pantry was at a critical low point and this donation was such a blessing for those who come to the church for help. Thank you for helping feed those in our own community who are less fortunate.

#### Memorial Gifts

##### In Memory of:

Lori Ann Loy  
Raymond Linville  
Raymond Linville  
Kay Ferguson  
Kay Ferguson

##### Given by:

Jessie Loy  
Beth Linville  
Tim Beaver  
Dennis & Sandra Rasmussen  
Mike & Sue Anderson

#### Prayer Ministry

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

#### 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](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on the giving tab.
3. Click “Give” under the *ChurchLife app* menu options.

#### Prayers for our Military Families



If you have an immediate family member in the military that you would like added to our prayer list, please contact the church office, 727-796-8090.

#### 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 meet on Tuesday, September 10th at 10:00am in room 5 of the Education Building. Our new 9 month study books, "Let Justice Roll Down" are available for purchase for \$5.00. For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin or Sue Miskiewicz. 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.



*Thank you to all the ladies who came out to the Presbyterian Women's planning breakfast meeting at Another Broken Egg! What a wonderful group of ladies with great ideas on how to help PW grow and be successful and glorify God.*

## Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. Our next meeting will take place September 6th. 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 starting September 8th. We will have a brief study of Revelation, then move into Corinthians in mid October. Please join us!

## Cedarkirk Women's Retreat- January 10-12, 2025

Join the women of Northwood for a spirit revitalizing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing, and leisurely walks in the woods. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Registration forms are available on the poster outside the library. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne at jeanneestephen@gmail.com



Hello Church Family, My name is Randy Ball and I am the deacon overseeing the Flower Ministry of our Church. Currently we have vacancies/openings for three of the four weeks of the month, for someone who might enjoy breaking down the two urns of flowers in our sanctuary into several smaller vases. These then become available for our pastoral care visits and are also available to members to share as an outreach, to those who would be blessed by them. If interested see me after the traditional service or leave a contact in my box in the church office. Thanks!

# 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.

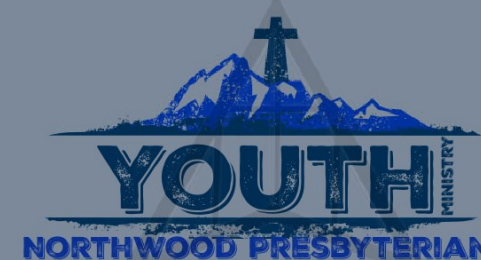
## Nursery

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.

