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Welcome New Members!




Jim Mertz
11:00 am
Worship Service




Nancy Mertz
11:00 am
Worship Service




Chris Stitzel
11:00 am
Worship Service




Wendy Rigdon
11:00 am
Worship Service




Wilson Rigdon
11:00 am
Worship Service



Dean Wilson
11:00 am
Worship Service



Sherri Voegel
9:00 am
Worship Service



Cliff Voegel
9:00 am
Worship Service

We welcome the following new members who joined us for our Discovering Northwood Presentation on March 16, 2025

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**Chartering Organization of
Boy Scout Troop 413**

Northwood Presbyterian Church
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The Window

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Holy Week 2025

Palm Sunday
Sunday, April 13,
*Contemporary– 9:00am
*Traditional– 11:00am

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 17 at 7:00pm
Worship with the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday
Friday, April 18 at Noon
Worship reflecting on Jesus’
crucifixion and death

Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 20
*Contemporary– 9:00am
*Traditional– 11:00am

*Childcare available

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

April 2025

Sunday, April 6: Communion Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Blood Mobile
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, April 13: Palm Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Thursday, April 17:
7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Friday, April 18:
12:00 P.M. Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday, April 20: Easter Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, April 21: Office Closed

Sunday, April 27:
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
- 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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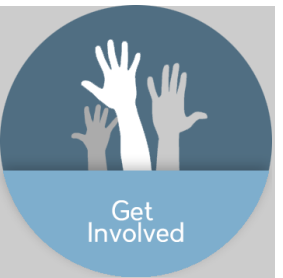
Submissions:

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



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

**Elders
(class of 2027)**
Marti Huff ('25)
*Beth Linville
John Sutphin
*Christine Wolf
Louise Mylin

**Deacons
(class of 2027)**
*Pat Donnelly
*David Hamilton, Jr.
*Georgia Rounding

**those ordained*

News about our Sanctuary Grand Piano

Most of us have heard the phrase “all good things must come to an end”. This happens now to be the case for our beloved Boston Grand Sanctuary Piano - which is the reason for this letter. Simply stated, after 32 years of extensive use, we have been advised that our piano is worn out and needs to be replaced. The professional appraisers we trust have summarized it this way, “This is a very unstable piano which is not worth repairing and has lived it's service life.”

Our sanctuary piano holds a special place in our hearts and plays a vital role in our worship services, concerts and special events. Its melodies lift our voices in praise to God that uplifts our spirits. This being the case, quality new grand pianos in today's prices, that last for many years, are expensive and can run from \$75,000 and in excess of \$100,000. Used grand pianos also vary in cost and can have a reduced quality of sound and life expectancy.

Your Worship Ministry Team is leading the effort to obtain a replacement piano with unanimous support from our Session of Elders. We plan to proceed in two phases:

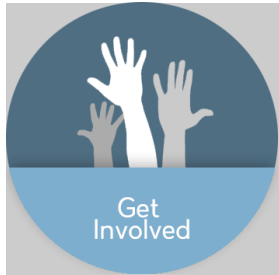
Phase I: This phase has already begun. We have placed advertisements in search of a gently used grand piano that meets our specifications - or perhaps even a new donated piano gifted generously by someone or some organization. We are advertising for a “high quality professional, semi-concert grand that is 6 to 7 feet in length and American or European manufactured”. **This first phase effort will proceed through April.**

Phase II: Should phase one fail then **sometime in May** we will move to the second phase and launch a fund-raising campaign to purchase a new grand piano as we did to purchase our current piano many years ago. If we need to move to this part of the plan then it will require significant financial gifts from the congregation, over and above our current giving to Northwood's budget to support our ongoing ministry and mission.

As you probably have surmised from the above comments as we proceed in this two-phase plan, there are many variables leaving us with some questions yet to be answered. As we move forward, we pray the picture will become clearer before moving to a significant campaign.

Northwood's Worship Ministry Team appreciates your prayers and support during this time as well as hearing of any leads you may have as we seek a special piano that will hold a place in our hearts and play a vital role in our worship for many years to come.

If you have information or knowledge of a quality grand piano available for donation or purchased as gently used that may meet our needs, please contact Stephanie Carson (727-458-9749) or Dennis Rasmussen (727-641-8330). Thank you for your support and appreciation of the music ministry of Northwood Presbyterian Church.



Around Northwood

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 April 6) 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



One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

Sunday, April 20th, 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.

The Project Group—April 22

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 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.



Jane Sutton Book Club—April 28

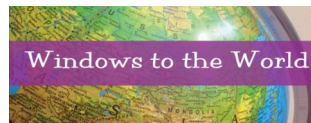
The Jane Sutton Book Club will be April 28th. The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am in room 13 of the Christian Education building. If you are interested in joining or for more information, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi by email at ecicerchi@gmail.com or by phone 607-382-1781.

NPC Garden Club April 19—9am-12pm

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, April 19th, from 9:00am-12:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our next landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. Our focus will be landscaping the front areas of the church. We will have a potluck lunch to follow. Please contact Ritchie and Leslie Henley at leslianne1968@icloud.com with any questions.

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, April 11th at 10:30 in the sanctuary. 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," seven adventurous Northwooders will provide the program "Tales From Tanzania—an African Safari". Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. 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 email at paul@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, April 8th 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.



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.



NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Suncoast Haven of Rest Rescue Mission, Inc.

Thank you for your faithful giving. Because of your contribution of \$1000, 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!

Reverend Lionel Cabral, Executive Director

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:

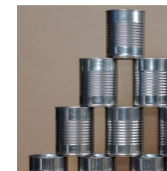
1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options.

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



Transportation Ministry

This ministry provides transportation for the 11:00am service. It is for members and friends who are unable to drive themselves to church. **Volunteer drivers are always welcome.** Paul Means is heading this ministry. If you need the service of this ministry, please call the church office at 727-796-8090.

Caring for Our Church Family

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

*Ann Houghton
Ken Tobiassen
Jon Mills*

Given by:

*Lorrie Janusik
Fred McQuown
Patty & Bill Martin*

In Honor of:

Claudia & Jim Ferguson

Given by:

Linda & David Feller

Upcoming Memorial Services

- A memorial service for Jon Mills will be held at Northwood on Saturday, April 5th at 11:00am with a reception to follow.
- A memorial service for Geri Clover will be held at Northwood on Saturday, April 12th at 11:00am with a reception to follow.

Memorial Gifts

If you wish to make a gift to the church in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to attach a 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.

Prayer Ministry

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

Prayers and Christian Sympathies to:

- Vickie Mills and Family upon the news of the death of Vickie's husband, Jon Mills on March 6.
- Marie Phillips upon the news of the death of her Husband, Norman on March 14.

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 Home Communion to you. We want everyone to know that the church cares and we are glad to provide this connection of love and care through the sacrament of Holy Communion with Jesus. No preparation on your part is needed, we bring everything. We visit homes, rehab centers, hospitals, etc. For more information or an appointment, please contact Jackie Koski at Jackie.koski2014@gmail.com.

Christian Education



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Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on Tuesday, April 8th at 10:00am in room 5 of the Education Building. Our 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 at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.



The Sisters in Christ PW Circle met on March 11th for Bible study, fellowship and giving. This month's donations were clothing for Clothes to Kids. For April, we will be collecting personal hygiene supplies for the Haven. All church women are welcome to attend.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. Our next meeting will be April 4th. 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. The class is studying 2 Corinthians. Please join us!

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.



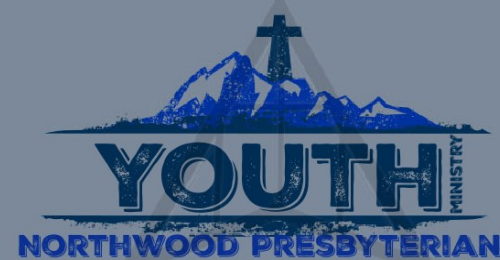
Kids' Corner Preschool & Before/After School Care Program

Registration is underway for the 2025-2026 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. **If you are interested in registration or have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Roxane Fineo at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-723-7679.**

Summer Camp

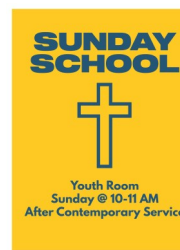
Kids' Corner Preschool will be offering 4 weeks of summer camp for children that are going into VPK or Kindergarten in the fall. It is a great way to keep your child engaged in the classroom setting during the summer months. The program is scheduled to run during the weeks of June 16-20, June 23-27, July 14-18, and July 28-August 3. The camp fee will be \$150.00 per week. If you sign up for 3 weeks, the 4th week will be free!

A registration form will be sent home in the children's Communication Folders in the coming days. If you are interested in registering your child, please submit the completed form by April 25.



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.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation classes will continue Sunday mornings at 10:00am and run until Confirmation on April 13th.



GAME NIGHT - We meet on Fridays from 7pm-10pm in the youth room/FLC to play a variety of games such as board games, video games and sports activities including pickleball, basketball and kickball.



VBS—Save the Date! July 21-25

Embark on an exciting journey with *Road Trip VBS*. This year's VBS is based on Joshua 1:9 – "The LORD your God is with you wherever you go." Discover God's presence everywhere as we explore new places, make new friends, and experience God's goodness together.

Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road, taking all the kids (Travelers) on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. Led by the Navigator and an adventurous puppet Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them. Through engaging stories from the Navigators' Guide (the Bible), Travelers will delve into timeless tales of faith from the Old and New Testaments. Get ready for twists, turns, and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip!

Road trips are a great way to build strong relationships and create indelible memories. This makes *Road Trip VBS* not only a fun experience for kids but also an opportunity for them to strengthen their faith and bond with others in their community. With engaging activities, interactive games, and meaningful lessons, children will have a blast while they grow in their understanding of God's love and promises for everyone.

