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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, 931-722-0559, 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. 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/>.

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Congratulations to our Confirmands!

Palm Sunday weekend, we welcomed four Confirmands into membership in the Presbyterian Church. These students started classes February 9th to learn about the history of the church, Presbyterian policy, Old Testament, New Testament, Worship and more. On Wednesday, April 9th, they attended a dinner in their honor where they shared their faith statements to family, friends and Session. Palm Sunday we welcomed, Ellis Cantin, Max Gipson, Aaron McDermott and Skylar Weidner as brothers and sisters in Christ's Church! In addition to being confirmed, Ellis and Skylar were baptized.

(Pictured left to right: Aaron McDermott, Ellis Cantin, Dylan Cantin (youth director), Max Gipson and Skylar Weidner)

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

May 2025

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

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

Sunday, May 18:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
4:00 P.M. Dunedin International Chorale Concert

Sunday, May 25th: Graduation Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, May 26th:
Office Closed for Memorial Day

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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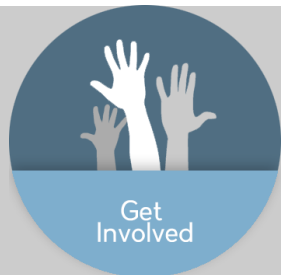
Submissions:

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



2025 In Christ Alone

Arlene Sparks
Adult Clinician

Daniel Jackson
Youth Clinician

Kathryn Jurado
Handbell Clinician

Rev. Bryant Manning
Youth Worship Pastor

Florida Chapter of The Fellowship of Worship Artists
Summer Music Workshop

Mon. June 9-Sat. June 14
Warren Willis Conference Center, Fruitland Park, FL
www.floridafummwa.org

Summer Music Workshop/Music Camp SAVE THE DATE!

June 9-14, 2025
Music Camp and Workshop in Leesburg, FL
(rising 6th grade through adult)
For more information, contact Stephanie Carson at
727-796-8090 or stephanie@northwoodpc.org

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 \$35.56 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!

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. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

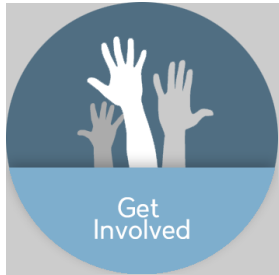
1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options

Join us for OUR HERITAGE IN SONG



Dunedin International Chorale Concert Northwood Sanctuary—May 18

On Sun, May 18, 2025 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary, the DUNEDIN INTERNATIONAL CHORALE will present OUR HERITAGE IN SONG. The Chorale is comprised of approximately 28 singers and musicians who perform Gospel, Broadway, International, and Patriotic music throughout Pinellas County and around the world in a variety of venues—including churches, assisted living facilities, libraries, airports and even on cruise ships! We love to get our audiences involved. Mark your calendars—you don't want to miss this wonderful event!



Around Northwood

ONLINE Directory



Church Directory available! While churches no longer offer paper church directories of members and friends, Northwood offers an Online Directory available through our website, www.northwoodpc.org.

If you don't already have a login and password, you can create one by visiting our website at www.northwoodpc.org and clicking on the LOGIN link at the top of the page. When the screen appears, just click where it says "Need a login?" Follow the steps to create the login. Once you have created an account, you may look up members in the directory by clicking on the "directories" tab and entering a first and/or last name. It may sound a bit complicated if you aren't used to this exercise, but we're always available to help. Call Emily Cantin in the church office and arrange a time to come by. We'll get you started!

The Project Group—May 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 May 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.

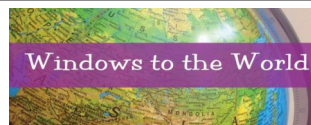
Jane Sutton Book Club—May 26

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be May 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.

NPC Garden Club May 17—9am-12pm

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, May 17th, from 9:00am-12:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our next landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. 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, May 9th at 10:30 in the sanctuary. We are a group of adventure-some, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme "Windows to the World," Darrell and Roxie Cooper will provide the program "Exploring Russia". 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—May 13



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, May 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.

Discovering Northwood Presentation

A Discovering Northwood Presentation will be held Sunday, May 18th at 9:45am in room 4 & 6 for those wishing to learn more about Northwood and considering church membership. Please know you are welcome to attend if you have been worshiping online or in person worship.

Northwood Scholarship Application 2025

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 received by email only to: jpspig1@gmail.com before June 1, 2025. 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.



Caring for Our Church Family

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Jon Mills
John Mills
Polly Hamilton
Geri Clover
Jon Mills
Jon Mills
Lori Loy
Norman Phillips
Jon Mills
Geri Clover

Given by:

Jeanette & Art Holloway
Jessie & Earle Lusk
Kathy Steinwedell
Eleanor & William Joos
Phyllis & Gene Henrikson
Sandra & Dennis Rasmussen
Jessie Loy
Jessie & Earle Lusk
May Ellen Zeigler
Linda Iman

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Special Offerings-One Great Hour of Sharing

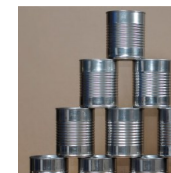
Thank you for supporting One Great Hour of Sharing! Together, we are helping repair the breach by providing relief from natural and human-caused disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing further God's ministry in the world. \$1142.00 was received on Easter Sunday and will be divided between Metropolitan Ministries and Presbyterian Disaster Fund.

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.

Prayer Chain Ministry

The prayer chain is a vital ministry that uses the power of multiple people praying at once for the urgent needs of the body here at Northwood Presbyterian Church. During the worship service, the attendance form may be completed, which has an area on the back for prayer concerns. These prayer requests are given to Deacon, Sue Miskiewicz, and then she sends the request out to the prayer chain volunteers. It is our joy and privilege to pray for you!

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, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Fred Inkles, Phillip Mackie, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Dave Pelham, Norman Roffey, David Smith, Gene Snyder.

Prayers and Christian Sympathies to:

- Greg Peterson and Family upon the news of the death of his sister, Judy Peterson on April 15.
- Lynn Propst and Family upon the news of the death of her husband, Don Propst on April 25.

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



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on Tuesday, May 13th at 10:30am in room 5&7 of the Education Building for our Birthday Celebration of the Presbyterian Women's Organization. **All Women are invited!** This will be a Potluck Luncheon provided by the Sisters in Christ Circle members. We will have a discussion on lesson 9, our final chapter of our 2025 study. We will have a guest speaker from HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program), then have a short business meeting to wrap up the year end and recognize our officers and committee members and those ladies who have celebrated their 90th birthdays. Please plan to attend and bring a friend! 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 April 8th for Bible study, fellowship and giving. This month's donations were personal hygiene supplies for The Haven. For May, we will be collecting linens for the HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program). 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 May 2nd. 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.

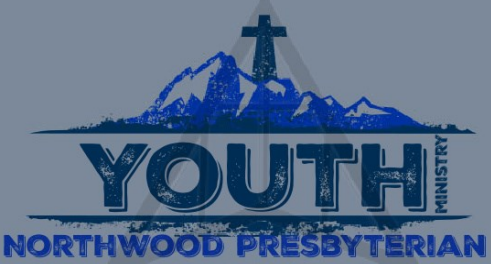


Kids' Corner Preschool & Before/After School Care Program

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! If you are interested in registering your child, please contact Roxane Fineo at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.



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 10am in the youth room. During this time, we will discuss the scripture and message and incorporate worship elements like music into our hour.



WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group meets every Wednesday at 6pm in the youth room. There will be a lesson, group discussion, music and food.



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.



Graduating High School Seniors & ALL Graduates!

Attention all graduates, please submit your graduation picture, a short write up of your accomplishments and plans after graduation. This information can be dropped off in the office or e-mailed to communications@northwoodpc.org. Please submit by May 18th.



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.