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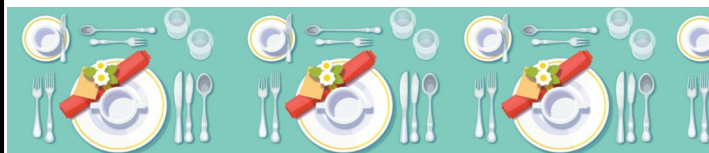
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**2026 Wonderful Wednesday**  
**Dinner & Program**  
**February 25, March 4, 11 & 18**

**Meal: 6:00pm Study: 6:40pm**

Come and get involved in the Wonderful Wednesday Dinners and Program led by Pastor Chris Curvin beginning Wednesday, February 25th. Dinner will begin at 6:00pm in rooms 5-13 of the Christian Education Building with the Bible Study to follow at 6:40pm. Brochures and sign-up sheets will be published beginning of February and will be in the hallway across from the kitchen. Wednesdays at Northwood are filled with fellowship and friends and would love to see you here!



**Welcome New Members!**



**June Gregorzek**  
 (11:00)



**Gretchen Oswalt**  
 (11:00)



**Mark Smiech**  
 (11:00)



**Mary Smiech**  
 (11:00)

*We welcome the following new members who were introduced to our church family in the worship services on Sunday, January 18, 2026 as part of the Discovering Northwood Class.*

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

**Northwood Presbyterian Church**

Organized February 19, 1978



*The Window*

Chartering Organization of  
 Boy Scout Troop 413

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# Kirkin' o' the Tartan

Northwood Presbyterian Church  
 Sunday, February 22, 2026  
 ONE Worship Service - 10:00am

**One** exceptional worship service celebrating our unity and heritage!  
**10:00 a.m.**

Featuring Dunedin High School Pipers and Drummers  
 There will be music with the pipe and drum along with hymns and anthems of our Scottish heritage.

If you would like the honor of carrying a tartan in procession during the service, contact Leslie Henley at [leslianne1968@icloud.com](mailto:leslianne1968@icloud.com) or the church office (727)796-8090 [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org)

In 1745, Scottish clansmen were forbidden by the British Crown to wear the tartans, play the bagpipes and to acknowledge in any way their traditional clans. This prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartans in their pockets as they went to church (kirk). On an appointed Sunday, the minister would slip into the service a blessing, or "kirkin" for the tartans and clans which the tartans represented. Our Kirkin' will be a celebration of the Scottish reformers as well as all those who have gone before us in the faith.





# At-A-Glance

## This Month at Northwood

### February 2026

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

**Sunday, February 8:**  
**Scout Sunday & Pancake Breakfast**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, February 15:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Wednesday, February 18:**  
**Ash Wednesday Service**  
6:30 P.M.

**Sunday, February 22:**  
**Kirkin' o' the Tartan**  
10:00 A.M. ONE WORSHIP SERVICE

**Wednesday, February 25:**  
**W.A.Y. Dinner & Program**  
6:00 P.M.

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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
- 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
- Drew Milano, Sound & Tech, worship@northwoodpc.org
- Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance x2002

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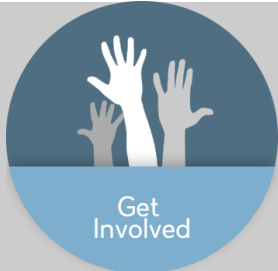
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**Submissions:**  
If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

### 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



### Garage Sale Thank You!



The 2026 Music Ministry Garage Sale is in the books. And quite the sale it was - on our way to meeting or beating our 2025 banner year of \$33,000. How is that even possible? Of course it is You!

It took 75 great people to donate a few hours to hundreds of hours, several hundred of you to contribute wonderful donations along with your families and friends, many talented members to donate their expertise in sorting, pricing, selling, cleaning up, printing and advertising and feeding the workers and the buyers. Thank you to Pastor Chris and Roxane Fineo for their support and allowing us to take over a large portion of the church.

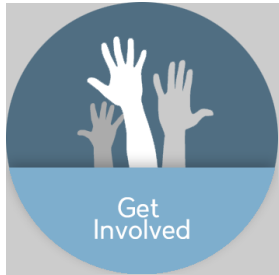
The best part is when the buyers say they really look forward to the sale each year, they appreciate our friendly workers, the organization of the sale and they know we are Christians by our attitude and caring.

God is good to Northwood. We are blessed with a fabulous Music Ministry - if we say so ourselves - and the Garage Sale supports all of the music programs. All that is left to say is 'start saving for next year' and a heartfelt Thank You!

Susan Curry & Stephanie Carson







# Around Northwood

## Scout Sunday, Celebrating 50 Years! Feb. 8

Northwood Celebrates Scouting Programs in our Community! On Sunday, **February 8th**, Northwood invites all scouts, leaders and family members to both the 9:00am and 11:00am worship services for Scout Sunday. All Scouts are encouraged to come in full uniform. Northwood's own Boy Scout Troop 413 will be offering a Pancake Breakfast on this Sunday after both services. Donations to the Troop are welcome. Make plans now to come hungry for warm pancakes, eggs and sausage! The Scouts are also collecting non-perishable food items to be delivered to a local food bank in our area. If you'd like to donate, please bring a food item with you to the Scout Sunday pancake breakfast.

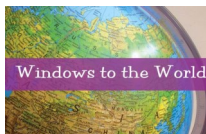


## Northwood Photo Group—February 10



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, February 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](http://david@primeimagesinc.com).

## Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew— Feb. 13



The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, February 13th 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," Earle and Jessie Lusk will provide the program "Egypt—Ancient History, Pharaohs, and the Nile". Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. All are welcome! Transportation is gladly provided for those needing a ride. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Earle Lusk at 727-510-7373 or [etlusk01@aol.com](mailto:etlusk01@aol.com).

## NPC Garden Club— February 21



Calling all friends and green thumb enthusiasts! Join the NPC Garden Team, February 21st, (third Saturday) 9am-12pm. Our focus will be East Main Entry Flower Bed, North Entry Flower Bed and Fertilization. If you have any questions, please contact Ritchie and Leslie Henley at [leslianne1968@icloud.com](mailto:leslianne1968@icloud.com) or [rhenley67@icloud.com](mailto:rhenley67@icloud.com) or 813-833-1108.

## Ash Wednesday—Feb. 18 at 6:30pm



There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. There is no meal on Ash Wednesday this year. The WAY dinners begin the following Wednesday, February 25th.

## Jane Sutton Book Club—February 23



The Jane Sutton Book Club will meet February 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 the church office at 727-796-8090.

## The Project Group— February 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 February 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.



## NPC Fellowship Groups

We've completed our fall rotation of fellowship meals! It's time to organize for the spring cycle to strengthen current friendships and meet new folks! We'll form groups of 6, 7 or 8 for lunch or dinner during April, May, June and July. Signups begin in February on the board opposite the kitchen window. You may also contact Emily Sutphin at [emily.sutphin@gmail.com](mailto:emily.sutphin@gmail.com) or 913-687-9163. If you'd like to help Emily organize this fellowship opportunity, please let Emily know at the phone and email above.

## Sing with Composer Joseph Martin



Composer Joseph Martin was at Northwood 10 years ago in 2016. He is coming back to work with our Chancel Choir and present a concert on Sunday, March 22nd. We need some extra voices to join us! You just need to be able to read music a little and come to rehearsals beginning Wednesday January 21st from 7:00-7:45pm. You will have so much fun learning the music and working with him. He is very funny and very spiritual at that same time and a master at the piano. Contact Stephanie at [stephanie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:stephanie@northwoodpc.org) or 727-458-9749 and we will get you a packet of music.



# Caring for Our Church Family

## Memorial Gifts

### In Memory of:

Leah Langenheim  
Norm Roffey  
Bill Mylin

### Given by:

Mary Torrisi  
Nancy Turner  
Nancy Turner

### In Honor of:

Paul Means

### Given by:

Mary Torrisi

## Prayer Ministry

Roger Adkisson, Julie Bryant, Jeannette Holloway, Fred In-  
kles, Phillip Mackie, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan,  
Dave Pelham, David Smith.

## Prayers and Christian Sympathies to:

- Louise Mylin and Family upon the news of the death of her husband, Bill Mylin on December 27.
- Cookie Roffey and Family upon the news of the death of her husband, Norm Roffey on January 4.

## 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](mailto:Jackie.koski2014@gmail.com).

## Special Offerings—Thank you!

Thank you for your generosity towards our Christmas Joy Offering and our Christmas Eve Offering (Helping Hands). Your support makes a huge difference!  
Helping Hands offering— \$2,747  
Christmas Joy Offering— \$1,247



I want to thank my Northwood Church family for their outpouring expressions of sympathy for my dear husband Norm. Your cards, love and prayers have been a great comfort during this difficult time. Blessings, Cookie Roffey

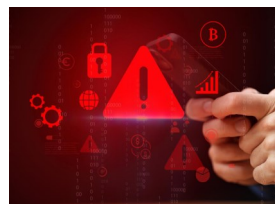
## NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program)

Dear Northwood, We can't thank you enough for the support that you have given to HEP since 2006! We are so grateful to your church. We wish you a very happy new year!  
Sincerely, Bob Green, Askley & Katerina

### Feeding Tampa Bay

Thank you for making the holidays brighter for families in our 10 county region across west-central Florida. Because of you, warm meals and lifelong memories will be shared at tables across our community. Thank You!



### Email Scam Alert

You may have received or are aware that some of our members have received scam emails and texts either today, in the past month, or even over a year ago, that appear to be from Pastor Chris. The emails and texts request a "brief" or "confidential" conversation with the pastor or financial support in the form of gift cards or other means of help.

DO NOT REPLY! Our pastor does NOT send these emails and texts, although the email address is very similar to his. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches in our area. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner or ask for private conversations. Simply forward the message to the church office so they can be collected for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm but especially when they prey on the kindness and Christ-like hearts of our members.

## 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 throughout this time 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.



# Christian Education



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## Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **Our next meeting will take place February 10th at 10:00am in rooms 5&7.** We are studying "*Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ*" by Rhashell D. Hunter. Study books are available at the meeting and can be purchased for \$7.00. For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin at [bill.martin2@verizon.net](mailto:bill.martin2@verizon.net) or Sue Miskiewicz at [susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com).

*The Sisters in Christ PW Circle met on January 13th for Bible study, fellowship and giving. This month's donations were toiletries for the Haven who provides help to those who are victims of domestic abuse. In February we will be collecting for the Pregnancy Center. 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 take place February 6th.** Our book study is "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann VosKamp. If you have any questions or need a book, please contact Louise Mylin at [LVNM1@hotmail.com](mailto:LVNM1@hotmail.com) or 727-787-9868.

## Bible Takeaways

Led by Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk, this adult Education Class/Bible Study **meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 8.** We have begun a 12 week study of the Psalms. Books are \$5 and can be purchased from Earle Lusk. Books aren't required, but helpful. All are welcome! 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.

## Ladies Game Night—February 20

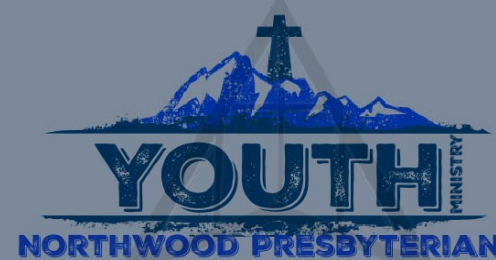
Come and join the fun and fellowship at Northwood Presbyterian Church. Open to all ladies who enjoy playing board games in the company of others! No RSVP required. We will meet in rooms 5 & 7 on Friday, February 20th at 7:00pm. Bring your favorite deck of cards or board game along with a beverage and a snack to share. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Zieres at [carolzieres@gmail.com](mailto:carolzieres@gmail.com).



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

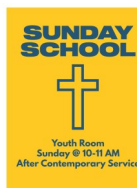
**Registration for 2026-2027 School Year—**Registration is underway for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are planning to register your child and need an enrollment packet, please stop by the office, or reach out to your child's teacher. If you need assistance in applying for a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, 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](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org) or 727-723-7679.**



## 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](mailto: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.

**ROCK THE UNIVERSE** - Our big January event was Rock the Universe where we took 20 high school and college students to Universal Studios for the weekend to watch live Christian bands perform and spend time together hanging out at the parks!

