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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
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Gretchen Oswalt
(11:00)



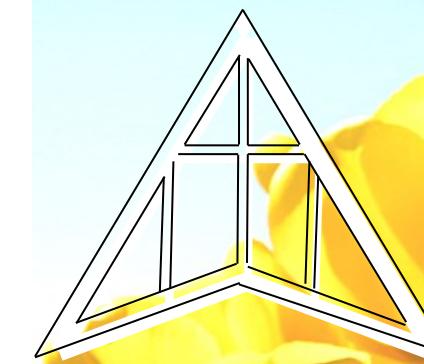
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We welcome the following new members who were introduced to our church family in the worship services on Sunday, January 18, 2026 as part of the Discovering Northwood Class.

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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 leslieanne1968@icloud.com
or the church office (727)796-8090 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, dmfur35679@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

The Window

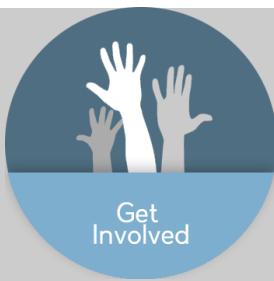
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Submissions:
If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

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!

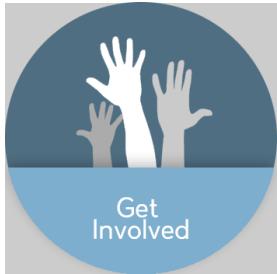
It took 75 great people to donate a few hours to hundreds of hours, several hundred of you to contribute wonderful donations along with your families and friends, many talented members to donate their expertise in sorting, pricing, selling, cleaning up, printing and advertising and feeding the workers 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

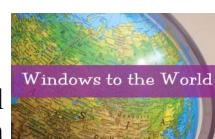
Would you like to start taking better pictures, and use photography as a way of exploring God's beauty? Please join us for the regular monthly meeting of the Northwood Photo Group on Tuesday, February 10th at 7:00pm in rooms 11 & 13. All are invited whether you're a beginner or an expert. If you have any questions, contact curtis.krueger@gmail.com or 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.



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 leslieanne1968@icloud.com or rhenley67@icloud.com or 813-833-1108.



Ash Wednesday—Feb. 18 at 6:30pm



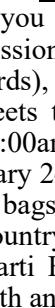
There will be an Ash Wednesday worship service on Wednesday, February 18th at 6:30pm in the sanctuary. There is no meal on Ash Wednesday this year. The WAY dinners begin the following Wednesday, February 25th.

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 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 or 727-458-9749 and we will get you a packet of music.



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 worshiping 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 and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife* app menu options.

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 Inkle, 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.

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

Christian Education



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 or Sue Miskiewicz at 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 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

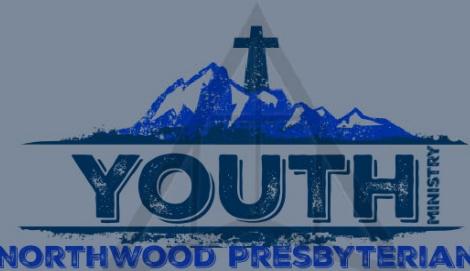
Come and join the fun and fellowship at Northwood Presbyterian Church. Open to all ladies who enjoy playing board games in the company of others! No RSVP required. We will meet in rooms 5 & 7 on Friday, February 20th at 7:00pm. Bring your favorite deck of cards or board game along with a beverage and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



Kids' Corner Preschool & Before/After School Care Program

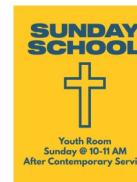
Registration for 2026-2027 School Year— Registration is underway for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are planning to register your child and need an enrollment packet, please stop by the office, or reach out to your child's teacher. If you need assistance in applying for a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, 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 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 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!

