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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.

Spotlight on
Deacons' Ministries

Homebound Care Ministry

In Person Homebound visits have been temporarily suspended. However, Deacon Nancy Turner has continued to keep in touch with phone calls and cards. If you know of someone who would benefit from this ministry, please email Nancy at nturn799@aol.com or call the church office.

Compassionate Care Card Ministry

When a member is ill or suffers a loss, a deacon sends get well or sympathy cards. Deacon Barbara Forsyth faithfully sends these cards of comfort. If you are aware of someone in need, please contact Barbara at gulfvu@hotmail.com or contact the church office at 727-796-8090.

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Composer Weekend with Joseph Martin

Concert March 22 at 4:00pm



Joseph Martin, a native of North Carolina, earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance at Furman University in Greenville, South Carolina. Subsequently he earned a Master of Music degree in Piano Performance at the University of Texas, Austin. Joseph taught for five years in the Piano Pedagogy Department of the University of Texas. He is a member of the staff at the Hal Leonard Corporation and Shawnee Press, Inc. as Director of Sacred Publications, with responsibilities for overseeing the editorial and creative direction of the company and also coordinating the recording and production aspects of future sacred publishing efforts. His music can be heard in such diverse locations as Carnegie Hall and Lincoln Center in New York City; Constitution Hall in Washington DC; The Lawrence Welk Theatre in Branson, Missouri; St. Peter's Basilica in Vatican City; and in hundreds of worship services in churches across the United States and Canada. He continues to surprise audiences with the variety and scope of his compositions and arrangements. Joseph is Artist in Residence at Concordia University in Austin, Texas where he lives with his wife Sue, and his children Jonathan and Aubrey.

**Joseph Martin will participate in both worship services,
9:00am & 11:00am Sunday, March 22, 2026**

(this will be a prelude as to what is to come in the afternoon)

The concert is at 4:00pm with Joseph Martin leading our NPC Chancel Choir.

This is a free concert and you will want to get there early for a good seat!
Bring your friends and neighbors.

There will be a chance to meet Joseph at the cookie reception following the concert
and peruse and purchase his CD and piano music.

For additional information, please contact Stephanie Carson: stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090



At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

- Sunday, March 1:**
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
- Wednesday, March 4:**
W.A.Y. Dinner & Program
6:00 P.M.
- Sunday, March 8:**
Officer Installation
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
- Wednesday, March 11:**
W.A.Y. Dinner & Program
6:00 P.M.
- Sunday, March 15:**
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
9:45 A.M. Discovering Northwood Presentation
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
- Wednesday, March 18:**
W.A.Y. Dinner & Program
6:00 P.M.
- Sunday, March 22:**
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
4:00 P.M. Joseph Martin Composer Concert
- Sunday, March 29:**
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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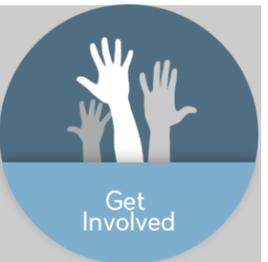
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Church Staff Contact Information

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, dmffurr35679@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

Around Northwood



Holy Week 2026



Palm Sunday
Sunday, March 29,
*Contemporary– 9:00am
*Traditional– 11:00am

Maundy Thursday
Thursday, April 2 at 7:00pm
Worship with the Lord's Supper

Good Friday
Friday, April 3 at Noon
Worship reflecting on Jesus' crucifixion and death

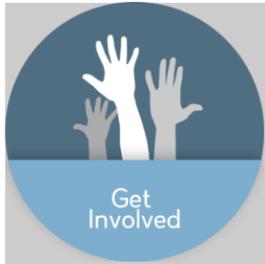
Easter Sunday
Sunday, April 5
*Contemporary– 9:00am
*Traditional– 11:00am

*Childcare available

Easter Lilies



Soon we'll be celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ! For just \$10, you can honor someone or remember a loved one with the purchase of an Easter lily to beautify our sanctuary. Please complete the sign-up sheet in the Sunday bulletin and place that with your check into one of the giving stations (be sure to note "Easter lily" on the memo line of your check). Alternatively, you may purchase your lily online and follow-up with an email to communications@northwoodpc.org advising of who you are honoring or remembering with this gift. All donations should be made no later than Sunday, March 29.



Around Northwood



Caring for Our Church Family

Discovering Northwood Presentation

A Discovering Northwood Presentation will be held Sunday, **March 15th** from **9:45am** in **Room 4** for those wishing to learn more about Northwood and consider church membership. Please know you are welcome to attend if you have been visiting us online in worship.

Northwood Photo Group—March 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, March 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— March 13



The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, March 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.

Jane Sutton Book Club—March 23



The Jane Sutton Book Club will meet March 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— March 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 March 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.



Wonderful Wednesdays (WAY) Dinner & Study—March 4, 11 & 18

Come and get involved in the Wonderful Wednesday Dinners and Bible Study led by Pastor Chris 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. The study topic is "Walking with Jesus: A Lenten Journey Guided by the Gospel of Luke" by Donald L. Griggs.

Sign up on the brochure insert reservation form, or on the bulletin board across from the kitchen and return to the church office. Please remember to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you. New visitors get their first meal free! Wednesdays at Northwood are filled with fellowship and friends and would love to see you here!

March 4, 2026

Romaine & Spinach Salad with Mandarin Orange Sections & Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing, Tender Beef Burgandy, Buttered Noodles, Green Beans Almondine, Fresh Dinner Rolls & Butter, All American Pie.

March 11, 2026

Shades of Green Salad with Green Goddess Dressing, Traditional Corned Beef & Cabbage, Boiled Whole Potatoes with Parsley, Fresh Baby Carrots, Yellow & Stone Ground Mustards, Fresh Baked Rosemary Parmesan Bread & Butter, St. Patrick's Cupcakes.

March 18, 2026

1905 Salad, Grilled Chicken Breast with Piccata Sauce, Yellow Rice, Buttered Green Peas, Cuban Bread with Butter, Tuxedo Bar Cake with Chocolate Mousse.

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



NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Westchester Gardens

Dear Northwood, Thank you for your generous donations. Your kindness and support truly mean so much to our residents. We are deeply grateful for your thoughtfulness! Sincerely, The Activity Department at Westchester Gardens

Feeding Tampa Bay

Thank you for your generous donation of \$300. Because of you, groceries are on tables, skills are being built, hope is being restored and communities are strengthened. Thank you for standing with us, sharing in this vision, and turning possibility into reality for the people who need us most. Grateful, Thomas Mantz, President & CEO

Beth-El

Thank you for your generous donation of \$200 and blankets. Through your generosity, farmworker families today can access healthcare, emergency assistance, and accompaniment through complex systems. These moments of care honor the whole person— body strengthened, mind reassured and spirit reminded that we are never alone. In Solidarity, Dr. Teresita Matos-Post, Executive Dir.

Metropolitan Ministries

Thank you for your generous support and donation of \$150. Your generosity helps provide food for families facing hunger, safe shelter and stability for those experiencing homelessness, and trauma-informed care that restores hope and dignity. These are not just services, they are expressions of love, offered at moments when people need them most. With Sincere Appreciation, Sarah Combs, President & CEO

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

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Norm Roffey
Bill Mylin
Norm Roffey
Bill Mylin
Norm Roffey
Norm Roffey
Bill Mylin

Given by:

Patty & Bill Martin
Patty & Bill Martin
Jeanette & Art Holloway
Nancy Turner
Eleanor Cicerchi
Jean Swintek
Jean Swintek

Prayer Ministry

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

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.

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.** If you need the service of this ministry, please call the church office at 727-796-8090.

Our wonderful Scouts really outdid themselves this year as they collected a mountain of food items for the Northwood food pantry. The pantry is so grateful for this enormous donation and would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the scouts and the leaders. Thank you!



The Briar Creek community also donated a full SUV load of canned goods to our pantry and we are extremely grateful to them and Joan Davis for the monthly donations to Northwood's pantry. Thank you!

Christian Education

Presbyterian Women



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 March 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 February 10th for Bible study, fellowship and giving. This month's donations were items for the Pregnancy Center. In March, we will be collecting for Clothes for Kids. 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 March 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—March 24

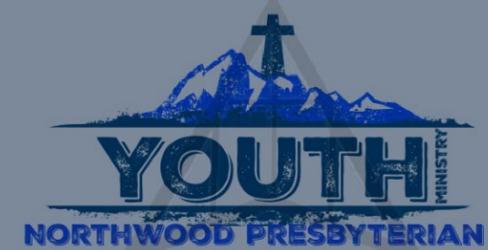
Come and join the fun and fellowship at Northwood Presbyterian Church. Open to all ladies who enjoy playing board games in the company of others! No RSVP required. We will meet in rooms 5 & 7 on Tuesday, March 24th at 7:00pm. Bring your favorite deck of cards or board game along with a beverage and a snack to share. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Zieres at carolzieres@gmail.com.

Kids' Corner Preschool & Before/After School Care Program



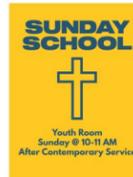
Registration for 2026-2027 School Year—Registration is underway for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are planning to register your child and need an enrollment packet, please stop by the office, or reach out to your child's teacher. If you need assistance in applying for a VPK Certificate of Eligibility,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



SCHEDULE	SPRING BREAK	
	3.16	CEDARKIRK VOLUNTEER DAY
	3.17	COSMIC BOWLING
	3.18	AFTERNOON @ BEACH + SUNSET WORSHIP
	3.19	SPONGE DOCKS
	3.20	GAME NIGHT + LOCK IN