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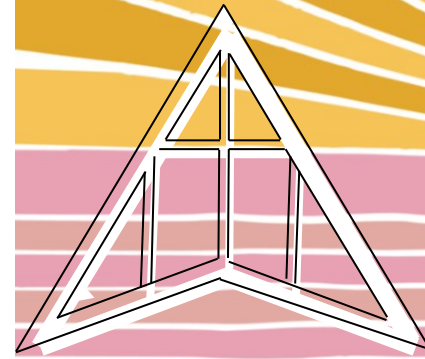
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Welcome New Members



Phil Harris
11:00am Worship

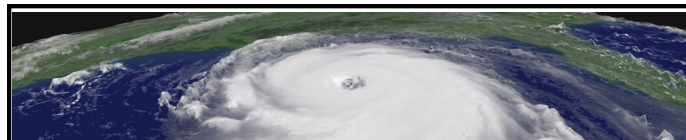


Clara Morgan
11:00am Worship

We welcome these new members who attended our May 17th Discovering Northwood Class!



Bill Nelms
11:00am Worship



Hurricane Ministry

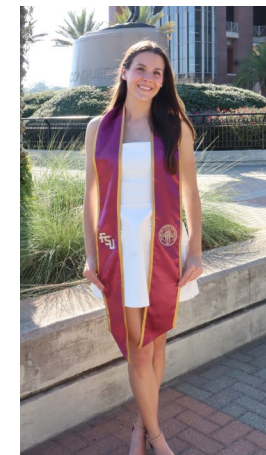
The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during or after hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are able to share your home with members-in-need, please contact Betty Spoerl at bjspoerl@outlook.com, 931-722-0559, or the church office at 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>.



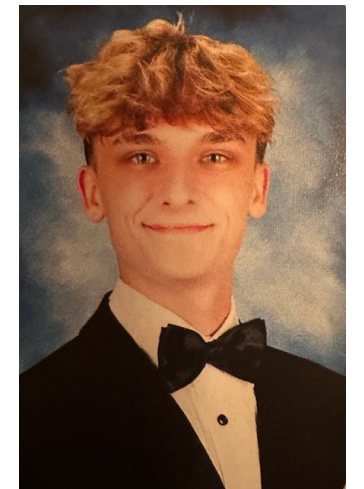
Congratulations Graduates!

Class of 2026



Aly Tobiassen

Aly graduated on May 2nd from Florida State University. She graduated with a Bachelors in Finance and a Bachelors in Management Information Systems along with a minor in Business Analytics. She also worked at a golf course in Tallahassee for 3 years and worked as financial clerk at Florida League of Cities for 2 years. She enjoyed her time at Florida State and has applied for an online MBA program through FSU. She plans to move back home as she has a Summer internship with Jabil in St. Pete as a Treasury Analyst. She is looking forward to the summer and future opportunities that will follow.



Riley Nigels

We applaud Riley's dedication and accomplishments. An avid golfer, he excelled in the sport during his high school years. Riley has been accepted to the University of South Florida, where he will study biology, with plans to pursue a career in orthodontics.

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

June 2026

Sunday, June 7:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, June 8– Saturday, June 13:
Summer Music Workshop/Music Camp

Sunday, June 14:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, June 21:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, June 22– Friday, June 26:
9:00 A.M.—12:00 P.M. Vacation Bible School

Sunday, June 28:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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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
- Sandy Kallin, Bookkeeper x2005
- Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010
- Drew Milano, Sound & Tech, worship@northwoodpc.org
- Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance x2002

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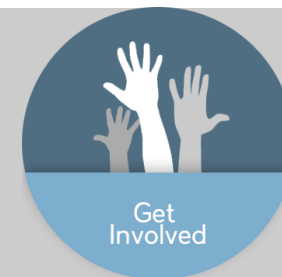
Submissions:

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



Associate Pastor Search Update

The position description for our search for an Interim Associate Pastor to help us in our church's ministry was reviewed by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay in November, revised in January, approved late February, and is now posted on the nationwide PCUSA church website. This process, required of all Presbyterian churches, involves important conversations as to what our current and future needs are as a church as we seek to move forward in this pastoral position. To date, we have received 41 applications for the Interim Associate position. Pastor Chris, and Beth Linville, Chair of the Search Committee, have reviewed each one in depth. Most of the applicants were newly ordained ministers with limited experience, or had backgrounds which did not align with our needs. We have not received any applications from local candidates. These details were discussed at the recent April Session meeting. We plan to work with our Presbytery to explore additional options, including posting the permanent position simultaneously or sharing the job posting through national PCUSA publications. We will continue to update the congregation at least quarterly. Please reach out to Pastor Chris with questions.

Northwood Scholarship Application 2026 Deadline June 1



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 JoAnne Spigarelli at jpspig1@gmail.com. Applications must be received by June 1, 2026.** 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.

Email Scam Alert

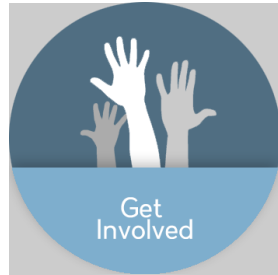
You may have received or are aware that some of our members have received scam emails and texts either today, in the past month, or even over a year ago, that appear to be from Pastor Chris. The emails and texts request a "brief" or "confidential" conversation with the pastor or financial support in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



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



Around Northwood



Give One Day a Week, Make a Lifetime of Difference

Too many of our county's elderly suffer from loneliness and poor nutrition. Be a part of the solution by delivering food and friendship to older adults in your neighborhood. **You can join us by completing an application on the volunteer page at Neighborly.org.** Neighborly Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver more than nutritious meals; they deliver the smiles and hope that improve lives. In one to two hours, at lunchtime, you'll deliver to between 5 and 10 elderly neighbors. At this time, we have needs for volunteers in Safety Harbor, Clearwater and critically in Pinellas Park and St. Petersburg. For more information, go to Neighborly.org and click the Volunteer button at the top. Northwood members can also contact John Sutphin (Mission and Outreach Committee) at email je.sutphin@gmail.com or call 913-687-9410.

Save the Date for a Special Celebration!

On September 27, 2026 Northwood will honor Stephanie Carson's dedication and service to our music programs for 30 years! There will be special programming and a reception between and after services. We'd like to include all who've enjoyed and benefited from her talent and love of music over the years. Please spread the word.



Blood Drive—June 7



Next Sunday, June 7th from 10:00am-12:00pm the blood mobile will be located in the Northwood parking lot. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, a One Blood T-shirt and a wellness check up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Northwood Photo Group—June 9



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, June 9th 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.

Jane Sutton Book Club—June 22

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be June 22nd. The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am. Our book selection is Theo of Golden by Allen Levi. We are a small group of readers who would welcome more voices as we discuss stories, characters and how they relate to our lives. We usually read contemporary fiction. Please join us for stimulating conversation and informal fellowship! If you are interested in joining, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi by email at ecicerchi@gmail.com or by phone 607-382-1781.

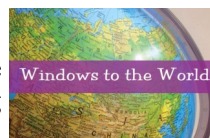


The Project Group— June 23

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 June 23rd. 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.

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will be taking a break over the summer giving everyone an opportunity to be out there, traveling and accumulating pictures and stories to share. We will meet again in the Fall on Friday, September 11th at 10:30, starting off our new season with Morocco! Happy traveling! For information or questions, you may contact Earle Lusk at 727-510-7373 or etlusk01@aol.com.



Cedarkirk Womens Retreat—January 8-10

Leave your worries (and your chores!) behind! Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, and canoeing. We're excited to announce that Debra Musgrave Cox will once again be joining us as our speaker! You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Reservation forms are available at the church office. Please save the date for Cedarkirk Women's Retreat on your calendar! The retreat will be held on Jan. 8-10, 2027.



Garage Sale 2027— Save the Date!

The Annual Music Ministry Garage Sale will be held January 14,15 & 16, 2027.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Foundations for International Missions

Thank you for your steadfast commitment to this amazing mission! Because of your generosity, New Hope Clinic has provided consistent, high-quality medical and dental care to a remote rural region of Honduras where no other healthcare exists. Quite simply—this clinic exists, and continues to serve thousands, because of you! With gratitude for your faithful support, Beth Houghton, President

HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program)

There are not enough words to express how deeply grateful we are for your recent gift of \$200.00 to support the critical services we provide to the homeless men, women, children and families in our community. Your dedication to helping people help themselves has had an incredible impact on our community. Best Regards, Ashley Lowery, President & CEO

Good Neighbors

Dear Northwood Presbyterian Church, we are so grateful for your generous donation to Good Neighbors! Your gift helps keep our food bank stocked and allows us to continue to nourish our neighbors. This support truly puts faith into action and helps us serve our local neighbors with love. God Bless, Heather Brooke & the entire Good Neighbors Team

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Thank you for walking alongside of us in 2025. Your trust and generosity made it possible to care for so many families in mind, body and spirit. I hope you see the impact we made together! Blessings, Dr. Teresita Matos-Post, 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. 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.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:
Bill Mylin
Leah Langenheim
In Honor of:
The Kitchen Krew

Given by:
Diane Leahy
Mary Torrisi
Given by:
NPC Member

Prayer Ministry

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

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.

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.

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 \$40.76 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!

Christian Education

Presbyterian Women Potluck Luncheon & Baby Shower



PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN

Thank you to those who came out and celebrated with the Presbyterian Women! It was a great time of fellowship, enjoying yummy food and recognition. The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle are taking a break over the summer and will resume meetings on Tuesday, August 11th at 10:00 am. We will begin a new 9 month study, "United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians" by Rhonda Mawhood Lee on September 8th. Study books will be available in early August and can be purchased 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



Fresh Brewed

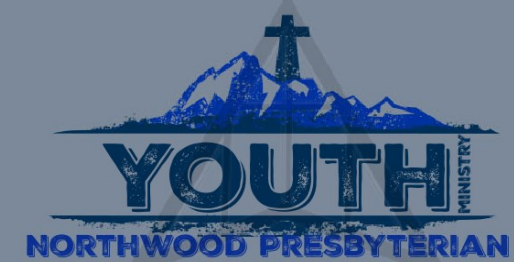
Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. **Our next meeting will take place June 5th. This June meeting will be our last for the summer. We will plan to resume back in September.** Our book study is "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann VosKamp. If you have any questions or 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 through May 31st and will be continuing our study of Psalms. Beginning in June, we will be taking a Summer break and will meet again in September with a new study topic; stay tuned! 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. If you have any questions, please contact Rachelle Cox at rachellecox1@gmail.com.



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.

Vacation Bible School—REGISTER NOW!

June 22-26— 9am-12pm

Challenge Accepted—With God, I Am Strong!



Get ready to turn your next summer VBS into an unforgettable adventure with *Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS 2026!* This program invites kids to an exciting winter sports event, where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. With a unique winter theme and solid theology at its core, this VBS delivers joy and meaning in equal measure, teaching kids that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NRSV).



Online registration HAS BEGUN! The cost is \$15 per child. Our VBS is open to Pre-k through 5th grade, also welcoming grades 6 - 12 to volunteer. Please visit northwoodpc.org under fellowship/VBS to register now. Postcards are available in the narthex for you to hand out to family, friends and neighbors. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Susan Curry at 727-709-8237 or Kay Scheuerman at 727-510-6026.