

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. 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

Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat—Sign Up TODAY!

Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. The dates are **January 26-28, 2024**. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Reservation forms are available at the church office and due now.



Large Print Bibles, Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the hallway past the Library and in the hallway across from the kitchen. Hand Sanitizers are conveniently located at each exit.



Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org.

- Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.
- Publications for the *Window* newsletter must be received by the 3rd Monday of the month. (Please limit all announcements to 4 lines.)



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NPC Guest



LIVE STREAMING

Now live streaming our 9:00



Announcements—October 29, 2023

WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching online! Let us know of prayer requests by filling out the friendship sheet or through the church website, and seek to give online, by text, by mail or through offering boxes located in the narthex. Contact our church office at communications@northwoodpc.org if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. **Mark your calendar for the next Discovering Northwood Presentation November 19th at 10:00am. WELCOME!**

WAY Dinners — November 1



WAY Dinners will be served **November 1, 8 & 15**. The dinner begins at 6:00pm. Reservation forms are located on the tables in the narthex and in the church office, or you may sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. See reservation form for menus and more information. Please remember to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you. If you are a new member, visitor or first-time guest, your meal (with a reservation) is complimentary. For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at (727) 796-8090.

Blanket Sunday—Next Sunday, November 5th

Next Sunday is Blanket Sunday is November 5, 2023. Please consider donating new and gently used blankets to the migrant workers' families at Beth El. Every year we collect blankets and money donations for these families who live in such poor and challenging conditions. They use the blankets for more than warmth. They use them as room dividers and other means of privacy. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to such a worthwhile cause. Please call Pastor Paul @ 727-796- 8090 if you have any questions.

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew—Nov. 10

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, November 10th at 10:30 in rooms 11 & 13. 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," Mike and Linda O'Leary will provide the program, "Into the Promised Land: Israel, Jordan and Egypt." Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at Sonny's BBQ. 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 Pastor Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Attendance for 10/22/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 30 In-Person Traditional— 116

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 114

Traditional— 34

Facebook Live: 114 views

Total: 408

If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well. You can call the church office and ask for help you if you are having trouble viewing. We encourage you to ask for help!

Stephen Ministry

How many of us take pause when the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty or when we receive the phone call we hoped we would never get? The list of possibilities is endless. But are you aware that there is a Stephen Minister at Northwood who is ready to help you face these tough times?

Your Stephen Minister has received over 50 hours of training, enabling them to walk with you during troubling challenges. They are a Northwood, Christian lay person ready to provide confidential, one-on-one attention. They will listen, support, encourage, and pray with you during regular meetings as long as there is a need.

If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, or if you have questions about Stephen Ministry, please contact either of our Pastors or Jackie Koski.

Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon and 2024 nominating committee? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 5. Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them. Nomination forms may be returned to the church office.

I have the permission of

to nominate him/her for the office of

Elder or Deacon or Nominating Committee 2024

(Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: June Arnold, Kim Blackmore, Rachelle Cox,
Susan Gajentan, Dennis Rasmussen, Roxie Swartz



Advent Wreath Lighting

It's time once again to start thinking about Advent and what we will do to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Has it become a family tradition for you to light the candles on the Advent wreath at Northwood? Do you have a group of friends who would like to participate? Never done it before? That's ok! We'll spend time with you showing you what to do and provide you with the accompanying scripture several days in advance so you can practice reading it. Two or more people needed for each worship service during Advent. Don't delay: Advent begins December 3 this year! You can reach Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 or bikin-gringer@gmail.com to secure your spot.

Auditions: Praise and Worship Singers/Musicians!

Calling all teens and adults with musical gifts and a passion for Christ! We are looking for a few singers and musicians to join our Voices in Praise (VIP) band that leads worship at our 9am Ignite Services! The band practices on Thursday nights. If you are interested in auditioning, or know someone who may be, e-mail Taryn Lumia at taryn@northwoodpc.org for more info!

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 Mickey Stewart at walkeyla@outlook.com 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.

With hurricane season approaching, 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/>.

Nursery & Sunday School for Children

Infants and toddlers ages 3 and under are provided care in our nursery during the entire Worship Service, and/or if you have children ages 4 years old—5th grade that would like to attend Sunday School, please let the pastors know and contact the church office if you are interested or have any questions as we are in transition just now with our Director of Children Ministry staff position.