



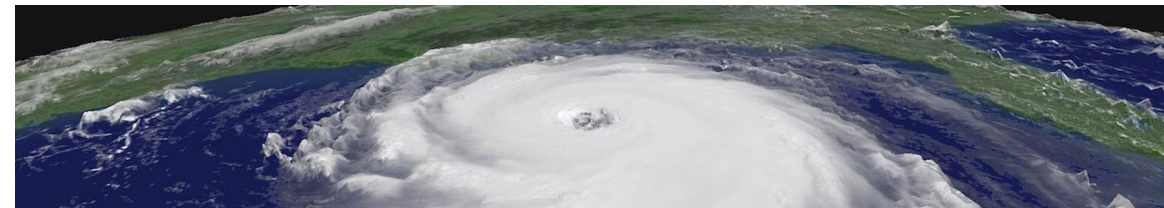
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Hurricane Ministry

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 931-722-0559 or bjspoerl@outlook.com.. 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/>.

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WAY Dinners Are Back! **Save the Dates!**

WAY Dinners are **October 30, November 6, 13 & 20**. The dinner begins at 6:00pm. Reservation forms are located on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen. Following the Wednesday meals, Pastor Chris will lead a study series. See reservation form for more information. Don't forget to invite a friend. For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at (727) 796-8090.



Come and get involved in a Wonderful Wednesday activity! It is a busy day at Northwood, filled with fellowship and friends. Here is some of what is going on each Wednesday.

- **Youth Group** in the Youth Room (following the dinner)
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsal 7:00-8:30 pm.

For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at (727) 796-8090.

Wonderful Wednesday Fall Dinner Menus 2024

October 30, 2024

Trick or Treat Dinner

Graveyard Greens Salad with Pumpkin Seeds
Green Slime Dressing
Goolish Meat "Eye" Balls
Buttered Wormy Egg Noodles
Eerie Vegetable Concoction
Skeleton Bone Breadsticks
Spooky Halloween Cakes

November 6, 2024

Field Greens with Mandarin Oranges
Vinaigrette Dressing
Maryann's Creamy Chicken Bake
Green Beans Almandine
Fresh Bread Assortment with Butter
Black and White Pudding Parfait

November 13, 2024

Traditional Caesar Salad
Tender Beef Burgundy
Buttered Egg Noodles
Green Peas and Carrots
Fresh Baked Bread Assortment with Butter
Decadent Chocolate Fudge Cake

November 20, 2024

Garden Greens with Chopped Nuts, Cranberries, Shaved Carrots
Choice of Dressings
Roast Holiday Tom Turkey with Gravy
Old Fashion Holiday Bread Stuffing
Creamy Mashed Potatoes
Homemade Green Bean Casserole
Orange Cranberry Relish
Assorted Fresh Breads and Butter
Traditional Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assorted Herbal Teas, Lemonade, and Fresh Brewed Ice Tea and Sweet Tea are available.

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

September 2024

Sunday, October 6: World Communion Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, October 13:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, October 20:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, October 27:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 30:
6:00 P.M. WAY Dinner and Series

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
- Paul Means, Associate Pastor x2006
- 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

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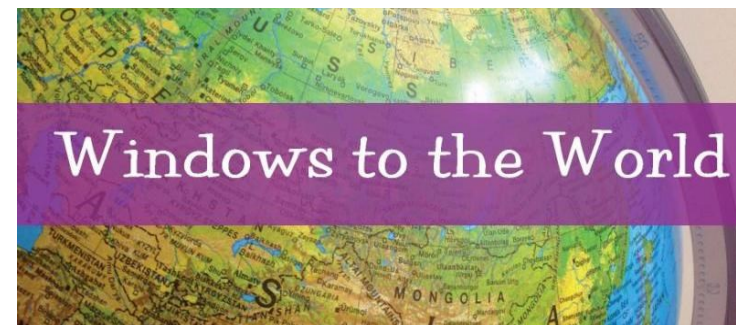
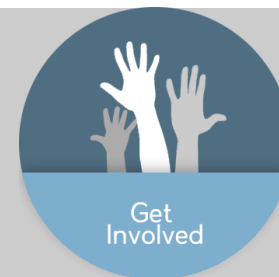
Submissions:

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



Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, October 11th at 10:30 in rooms 9 & 11. 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," Rachelle Cox will provide the program "The Ancient British Isles, a Mystical Journey through Time". Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at

Cricketer's British Pub in Dunedin. 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 727-796-8090 or email at paul@northwoodpc.org.

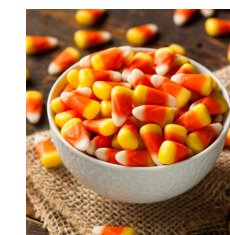
Sing the Christmas Cantata

Wednesdays from 7-7:35pm we will begin rehearsing our wonderful new Christmas Cantata beginning **October 9th**. You can join the choir just for this. It is a short commitment and an opportunity to sing with a large choir and orchestra. Please contact Stephanie Carson and we will reserve a cantata book for you. stephanie@northwoodpc.org; 727-796-8090.



Halloween Candy for Music Ministry

If you have leftover Halloween candy or find some good BOGO deals, the music ministry will gladly accept your donations. We use the candy as incentives in our children's choirs. Thank you for your generosity! Questions? Contact Stephanie Carson, 727-796-8090.

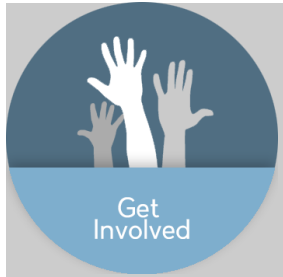


Advent Wreath Lighting

Lighting the Advent Wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way for us to honor our Christian tradition of preparing for the Christ child. Would you like to take part in this meaningful Northwood tradition? The Worship Team needs groups of two or more (friends, family members, Sunday School classes, etc) to light the candles of the Advent Wreath during each worship service of Advent.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 or email her at bikingringer@gmail.com.





Around Northwood



Caring for Our Church Family

Jane Sutton Book Club—October 28

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be held October 28th. 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 Eleanor Cicerchi by email at ecicerchi@gmail.com or by phone 607-382-1781.

The Project Group—October 22

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 October 22nd. 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.



Welcome New Members!



Darrell Cooper
11:00 Worship Service

Roxie Cooper
11:00 Worship Service

Fred Doseck
11:00 Worship Service



Kim Nelson
11:00 Worship Service

Bill Oxenford
11:00 Worship Service

We welcome the following new members who were introduced to our church family in the worship services on Sunday, September 22, 2024 as part of the *Discovering Northwood Class*.

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 Communion to you. The Home Communion ministry, made up of both active and resting Elders and Deacons, have become involved in this important ministry of care and compassion to Northwood members who are homebound and unable to attend church. No preparation on your part is needed, we bring everything. We visit homes, rehab centers, hospitals, etc. For more information, please contact Paul Means at 796-8090 x 2006 or Jackie Koski at 727-726-5359.

Home Communion Ministers: Randy Ball, Elaine Cornillaud, Rachelle Cox, Mike Elza, Jackie Koski, Earle Lusk, Dee Rivers and Sandy Seckel.

Northwood Photo Group



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, October 8th 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.

NPC Fellowship Groups

These groups have met over the last eight months and word is everyone enjoyed meeting for dinner in homes or in restaurants. A new round of NPC Fellowship groups will start in October with new groups formed. If you would like to join a Fellowship Group, please email Claudia Alwood at cjalwood@msn.com. If you have been in a recent NPC Fellowship Group, we will contact you to see if you would like to continue.

Peace & Global Witness Offering



Sunday, October 6th, we will receive the annual Peacemaking Offering. Eighty percent of the offering will be divided between Bridging Freedom and Samaritan Village, both organizations fighting against the sex trafficking of women and providing victims safety, healing and hope. The PCUSA will receive 20% of the offering. Let us give generously for Jesus' sake!

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Beth-El

Thank you Northwood Presbyterian Church for your gift of 19 large garbage bags of shoes (380 pairs), socks, backpacks and clothing. And thank you for your continued generosity and belief in our mission!

Sincerely, Dr. Teresita Matos-Post, Exec. Director



Westchester Gardens

Thank you to the Project Group of Northwood Presbyterian Church for your donation of blankets and wheelchair bags. Our residents here at Westchester Gardens greatly appreciate the kind gifts! Thank you, Health and Rehabilitation

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 that come to the church for help. 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:

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| Canned Meat | Peanut Butter |
| Pasta Sauce | Jelly |
| Beef Stew | Tuna |
| Chili | Soup |
| Beef Ravioli | Canned Vegetables |
| Spaghetti Sauce | Canned Fruit |



Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Raymond Linville
Kay Ferguson
Kay Ferguson
Lori Loy
Loisanne Bilka
Loisanne Bilka

Given by:

Tim Beaver
Sandy & Dennis Rasmussen
Sue & Mike Anderson
Barbara Moler
Barbara Moler
Pat Gorman

Memorial Gifts

If you wish to make a gift to the church in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to attach the 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.

Prayer Ministry

Roger Adkisson, Elaine Beattie, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Fred Inkles, Phillip Mackie, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Norman Phillips, Carol Rathmell, David Smith, Gene Snyder.

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 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.

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 \$35.61 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

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on Tuesday, October 8th at 10:00am in room 5 of the Education Building. Our 9 month study books, "Let Justice Roll Down" are available for purchase for \$5.00. For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin or Sue Miskiewicz. We hope to see you there! 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 October 4th. If you need a book or have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Bible Takeaways

The adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 5. All are welcome! Bring your Bible. We will have a brief study of Revelation, then move into Corinthians in mid October. Please join us!

Cedarkirk Women's Retreat– January 10-12, 2025

Join the women of Northwood for a spirit revitalizing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing, and leisurely walks in the woods. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Registration forms are available on the poster outside the library. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne at jeanneestephen@gmail.com



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.

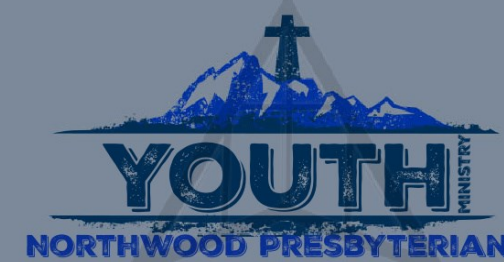
Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon and 2025 nominating committee? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 3. Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them. Nomination forms may be returned to the church office or given to the Nominating Committee Chair, Dennis Rasmussen.

I have the permission of

_____ to nominate him/her for the office of Elder or Deacon or serve on the Nominating Committee 2025 (Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: June Arnold, Polly Brown, Linda Feller, Curtis Krueger, Dennis Rasmussen, Jean Swintek



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 10:00am in the youth room. During this time, we will discuss the scripture and message and incorporate worship elements like music into our hour.



Kids' Corner Preschool & Before/After School Care Program

The 2024-2025 school year officially began on August 12th, with our Before/After School Care Program ready for the opening of public schools. 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.

Upcoming Dates:

- Monday, 9/2 Labor Day – school closed
- Monday, 9/23 – school closed – teacher in-service training day
- Friday, 10/11, 8:30am - Donuts with Dads
- Monday, 10/14 – school closed – teacher in-service training day

