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2025 Wonderful Wednesdays Dinner & Program

October 29 - November 19
6:00pm
Fall Program-
“Stories From Our Pastors”

Our Wednesdays and You (W.A.Y.) meal gatherings are back! They provide a happy harvest of friendship and opportunity for the whole family. Reservation forms will be located in the church office or sign-up on the bulletin board in the church hallway. On the tables at each meal will be our 3-cents-a-meal jars which benefit the hungry locally and worldwide. Please remember to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you. 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 filled with fellowship and friends. Here is some of what is going on each Wednesday.

- Dinner and Program 6:00-7:00pm
- **Youth Group** in the Youth Room
(following the dinner)
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsal 7:00-8:30 pm.



A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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The Window

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Going Beyond What is Required

*“Dedicating ourselves to Christ,
the source of our strength and the strength of our lives!”*

Dedication Sunday is November 9th

Dear Members and Friends of Northwood,

Each Fall, and at other times of the year, we emphasize the importance of our financial giving to the church. Giving is one of the hallmarks of a Christian’s commitment. Our sermon stewardship series to help us consider our giving for the coming year is entitled, GOING BEYOND WHAT IS JUST REQUIRED.

As we prayerfully consider our financial commitments to Northwood for the coming year, I invite you to ask yourself not, “What is just expected of me today?” but rather, “How does my giving reflect my belief that Christ is the source of my strength and the strength of my life?” Our Stewardship Team prays that for 2026 you will take a step of faith by increasing your pledge/gift to the church. The wonderful things done through Northwood are not accomplished without the support of significant volunteer and financial commitments.

We need everyone to turn in their pledge card on Sunday, November 9th or soon thereafter. Your pledge can be adjusted at any point by contacting the church office and speaking to Mark Fettke, Northwood’s Bookkeeper. Every pledge card turned in helps us in our budgeting for the coming year and every gift counts!

Finally, there is a growing number of people who give regularly to Northwood by utilizing our online giving. All you need to do to take advantage of this method of giving is to go to the church website, www.northwoodpc.org, click on the tab “About Us” and choose the option entitled “Giving.” There are good instructions there to lead you through making a gift online. Contact the church office if we can help with any questions. Thank you to those who faithfully use the Giving Stations in the hallways or mail your gifts as well.

As we all plan our giving to Christ’s church for the coming year, let me say on behalf of our Session and Stewardship Team, thank you for your generosity even now and in the coming year.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Chris Curvin

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

November 2025

Sunday, November 2: Blanket Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 5:
6:00P.M. WAY Dinner & Program

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

Wednesday, November 12:
6:00P.M. WAY Dinner & Program

Sunday, November 16:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
9:45 A.M. Discovering Northwood Presentation
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 19:
6:00P.M. WAY Dinner & Program

Sunday, November 23:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Thursday & Friday, Nov. 27 & 28:
Office Closed in Observance of Thanksgiving

Sunday, November 30:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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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.

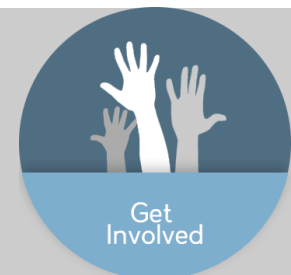
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Church Staff Contact Information

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
- 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
- Drew Milano, Sound & Tech, worship@northwoodpc.org
- Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance x2002

Around Northwood



Blanket Sunday– November 2

Blanket Sunday is November 2, 2025. Every year we collect blankets for Beth-El 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 x2006 if you have any questions.



Music Ministry's Annual Garage Sale

Our annual Music Ministry Garage Sale is just around the corner. The sale will take place on January 15, 16 and 17, 2026 from 8am–2pm. We accept most items except for TV's, entertainment centers or regular appliances. We are also looking for more volunteers to set-up, sort, price, cashier, bag, run security and clean-up. We need oversize plastic shopping bags, wire hangers (dry cleaner type), pants hangers with 2 clips and wrapping material like newspaper or tissue paper. Drop-offs will begin on December 29, 2025 so please hold those items just a little longer. Your generosity continues to amaze us and the Music Program benefits greatly. More information will be coming about the drop-off times and pick-up opportunities in later publications. Contact Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 or e-mail susankcurry@verizon.net if you have any questions.



Christmas Music Events- Save the Dates!

- Ring, Sing & Mingle– December 7th at 4:00pm
- Christmas Cantata– December 14th at 10:00am (one worship Service)
- Christmas Eve Services– December 24th at 4:30pm & 7:00pm



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. Thank you!

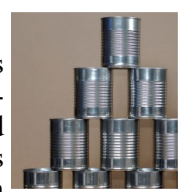


November 2nd



Northwood Food Pantry

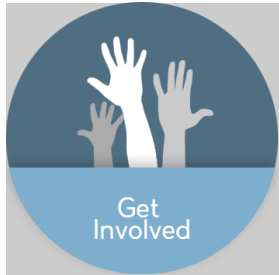
The Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry is a mission that is supported totally by monetary gifts and donated non-perishable food from the congregation. Dedicated volunteers purchase food and also fill bags that are then given out to those less fortunate residents that come to the church for help. Northwood 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: Canned Meat, Pasta Sauce, Beef Stew, Chili. Beef Ravioli, Spaghetti Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Soup, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruit

Mission Opportunity to Honduras

“The Mission and Outreach Committee is offering an opportunity for the Northwood members to participate in a mission trip organized by First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg. The dates are 21-28 June 2026. The group will fly to Comayagua, Honduras and travel by chartered bus to The New Hope Clinic in San Francisco, Honduras to participate in health screenings, children's ministries in local churches and schools. If interested or to sign up, please contact John Sutphin (913-687-9410), je.sutphin@gmail.com) or Pastor, Chris Curvin.



Around Northwood

An Invitation to a Special Celebration— Nov. 2

We invite our church family and friends to celebrate 20 years of service to Northwood of our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Chris Curvin. The celebration will be held between services on Sunday, November 2nd in rooms 5&7 of the Christian Education building from 10:00-11:00am and 12:00-1:00pm. This is a special opportunity to say “Thank you” for 20 years of faithful preaching, teaching, prayer and caring. A continental breakfast buffet will be served. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. Cards and letters of appreciation are encouraged!



Blood Drive—November 9

Sunday, November 9th from 9:30am-12:00pm, the blood mobile will be located in the Northwood parking lot. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, a Power Bank and a wellness check-up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Northwood Photo Group—November 11



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, November 11th 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.

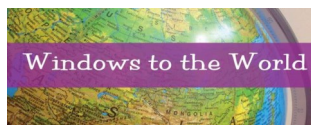
NPC Garden Club—November 15

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, November 15th, from 9:00am-12:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our next landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. Please contact Leslie Henley with any questions at 813-833-1180 or leslianne1968@icloud.com

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.



Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— Nov. 14

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, November 14th 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,” Art & Gretchen Worth will provide the program “From Brussels to Amsterdam.” Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at Johnny’s Italian Restaurant. All are welcome! 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. or 727-796-8090.

Jane Sutton Book Club—November 24



The Jane Sutton Book Club will meet November 24. 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— November 25

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 November 25th. 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.



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 bjspoorl@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/>.



Caring for Our Church Family

Memorial Gifts

***In Honor of:**
Jean Swintek*

***Given by:**
Lorrie Janusik*

Prayer Ministry

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

Prayers and Christian Sympathies to:

- The Stoup Family upon the news of the death of Ellen Stoup on October 19.

Prayer Chain Ministry

The prayer chain is a vital ministry that uses the power of multiple people praying at once for the urgent needs of the body here at Northwood Presbyterian Church. During the worship service, the attendance form may be completed, which has an area on the back for prayer concerns. These prayer requests are given to Deacon, Sue Miskiewicz, and then she sends the request out to the prayer chain volunteers. It is our joy and privilege to pray for you!

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.

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 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

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Hope Villages of America

On behalf of Hope Villages of America, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of \$500. Your support allows us to continue our important work of providing hope restoration with dignity to those in need through innovative programs and service. Your donation will help us make a brighter future for the community we serve. Sincerely, Nick DiCeglie, President & CEO

Thornwell

You’re changing lives! Because of your kindness and donation of \$500, we can provide safe homes for neglected children, family support and in-home therapy for families and education for students working toward graduation. Together by God’s grace and your support, we are turning despair into determination, fear into courage, and trauma into triumph—THANK YOU! Sincerely, Elizabeth Milhous, VP for Mission Advancement

Clearwater Free Clinic

Thank you for your generous support and contribution of \$500 to the Clearwater Free Clinic. Your contribution plays a vital role in helping us provide compassionate, comprehensive care to our medically underserved neighbors. Your support makes a difference! Yours in Health, Anthony Degina, CEO



Thank you to the Northwood Project Group

On behalf of the residents at Palm Garden of Clearwater, thank you SO much for the beautiful lap blankets and walker caddies that we received. Northwood has always been very generous and we are very grateful for these thoughtful gifts. Sincerely, Bailey Shields

On behalf of the residents and staff here at Westchester Gardens, we wanted to extend our deepest gratitude for your wonderful donation of blankets and wheelchair bags. These gifts will provide comfort and care to our residents. Your thoughtfulness reflects the spirit of compassion and community that we value so much. Thank you for being a blessing to others through your meaningful work!

Upcoming Memorial Service

- A memorial service for Ellen Stoup will be held at Northwood on Saturday, November 8th at 11:00am with a reception to follow.



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 November 11th 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 October 14th 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. November, 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 November 7th.** Our new 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. All are welcome! Bring your Bible. Each of us should benefit from many instructional blessings and discoveries the Spirit will share from the prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray. 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.

Cedarkirk Women's Retreat– January 10-12, 2026

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

Nominating Committee

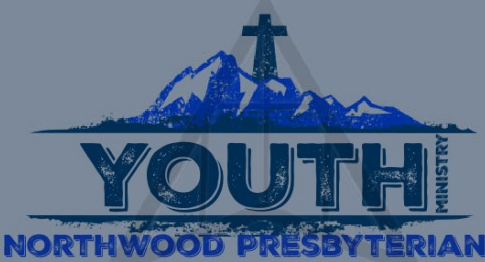
NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon and 2026 nominating committee? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 9. **Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them.** Nomination 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 2026
(Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: June Arnold, Tim Beaver, Jody Beattie, Ann Briggs, Dan Jeffre, Louise Mylin, Cookie Roffey



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.**



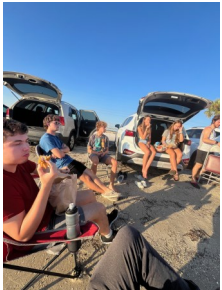
YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

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.

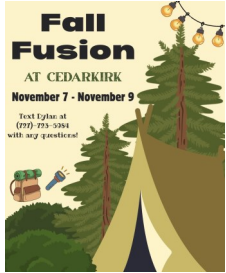


WEDNESDAY YOUTH GROUP

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.



Registration for Fall Fusion at Cedarkirk is here! Cost is \$125 per youth. You may sign up through the Northwood website at www.northwoodpc.org. It runs from late afternoon Nov. 7th - Nov 9th. We'll arrive at the church around 3-4 PM for pickup. For more information, visit: <https://cedarkirk.org/event/fusion/>

