

## 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](http://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 \$33.48 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.

## Large Print Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print hymnals, bulletins and announcements 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.



## Transportation Ministry

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Thursdays to reserve a seat on the van.

Rides Available



## Announcements— March 12, 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](mailto: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 our next Discovering Northwood Presentation March 19, 2023 at 10:00am. WELCOME!**

## —Coming Events—

### W.A.Y. Dinner and Program—March 15

This week's WAY Dinner will be Wednesday, March 15th from 6:00-6:40pm. The program with Pastor Chris will follow the dinner at 6:40. Make sure you sign up for dinner by Monday at noon. There is a sign up sheet located on the bulletin board by the kitchen or fill out a brochure insert reservation form and return to the church office. You may also call the church office to make a reservation. This will be our last dinner for the season.

### Pretzel Sunday—March 26



Pretzel Sunday is coming next Sunday, **March 26**. Hot baked pretzels will be served from the kitchen during the fellowship time!

In about 610 A.D. a very creative Alpine monk decided to make use of the pieces of dough left over from baking bread. The monk formed them into thin strips folded into a looped twist to represent the folded arms of children in prayer. This scrumptious treat was given to the children as they learned their prayers. They began calling the treat "Pretiola", which is Latin for "little reward". Soon it was known the world over as a pretzel.

Many churches still practice the tradition of a Pretzel Sunday to remind people to be in prayer as we journey through Lent to Easter. So, every time you see a pretzel, remember prayer.

## [Attendance for 3/5/23 Livestream & In-Person](#)

**In-Person Contemporary— 54 In-Person Traditional— 119**  
**Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 68**  
**Traditional— 42**

**Facebook Live:** 96 views for both Services      **Total: 379**

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!

## [Easter Lilies](#)

It's time to order Easter Lilies: still only \$9 each! Purchase a lily to help decorate for the Easter worship services on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of loved ones. Be sure to attach the completed form from the Friendship Sheet to your payment. Checks and forms can be placed in the Giving Box or delivered to the church office. If you're paying online, be sure to send an email to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org) with the names of your loved ones and whether the lilies you've ordered are in memory or honor of that person (or people). Order forms with payment are due by Palm Sunday, April 2.



## [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 email Karlee Wright at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

### [Volunteers Needed!](#)

The nursery is in need of volunteers during the 9am & 11am services. If you are interested, please contact Karlee Wright at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) or [karleeRwright@gmail.com](mailto:karleeRwright@gmail.com)

## [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.)

## [Northwood's Got Talent—Save the Date—April 30th](#)

Save the date for an afternoon of talent, fun and laughter! The date for this years NGT is Sunday, April 30th at 4:00pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Babs Bailey at 727-512-9476 or [dix-iechick411@gmail.com](mailto:dix-iechick411@gmail.com).

## [No Longer Accepting Medicine Bottles](#)

For many years, you have faithfully donated clean, used medicine bottles for the Clearwater Free Clinic. When our Presbyterian Women volunteer went to deliver the last batch, she was informed that the Clinic would no longer accept the bottles. After much research, it appears that no local organization will accept them either. Thanks to all for you many years of donations, but unfortunately we are suspending the program. The best way of disposing of the bottles is to rinse them and put them in your recycling bin.

## [Compassionate Care Card Ministry](#)

When a member is ill or suffers a loss, a deacon sends get well or sympathy cards. Deacon Faye Mackie faithfully sends these cards of comfort. If you are aware of someone in need, please contact Faye at [brianandfayept@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:brianandfayept@tampabay.rr.com) or contact the church office at 727-796-8090.

## [Flower Arrangements](#)

The flowers that are placed in the sanctuary are assembled into smaller arrangements to be distributed to those who are ill or in need of encouragement. If you know someone in need, you are welcome to take one of these arrangements. They can be picked up during the week in the church office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.



## [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 Gifts 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.