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 walkey1a@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 <u>http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/</u>.

Email Scam Alert

Some members have received scam emails that appear to be from our pastor, in the past year. The emails, disguised as his, request you purchase gift cards and email the card's numbers to him. Other churches have had the same problem. As a rule, our church staff will never solicit funds by email. If you receive such an email, please forward the message to the church office but do not respond to it.

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.









Announcements– September 17, 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 our next Discovering Northwood Presentation September 24th at 10:00am. WELCOME!



Jane Sutton Book Club—September 25th

Come and join the Jane Sutton Book Club! The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am in room 11 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– September 26

We have new members and new projects that we are working on during our meetings and at home. 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 (**September 26th**) at 10:00am in room 13. We make little dresses for Haiti, lap robes, walker bags, and stuffed teddy bears. New members are always welcome. Contact Marti Huff 727-503-3783 or Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 with any questions.

Northwood Shepherd Ministry

Every Northwood member has a shepherd (elder or deacon), and these church officers seek to be a resource to church members in feeling connected to the church. They are glad to talk to you about any questions or thoughts you might have concerning our church. In the coming days and weeks, the church officers will be contacting members on their shepherd list as Northwood takes seriously being part of the body of Christ. If you have any questions about Northwood's Shepherd Ministry contact Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

Attendance for 9/10/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 47 In-Person Traditional— 123 Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 42 Traditional— 46

Facebook Live: 77 views for Traditional Service **Total: 335** 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!

Chancel Choir Starts Back!

All who have gifts of singing, love to sing, and belong to a community of friends with the same purpose and goals while singing praises to our Lord, we need you and we welcome you! We meet every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, contact Stephanie Carson at Stephanie@northwoodpc.org.

Handbell Ringers Needed!

As we are looking to start back up with rehearsals, we have a number of ringer spots to fill. If you read music, we can plug you into either our intermediate or advanced bell groups. It is rewarding and a lot of fun! We rehearse on Sundays at 10:00 AM (between services) or 12:15 PM (after the 11:00 service). Please call Stephanie Carson 727-458-9749.

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. 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 <u>www.northwoodpc.org</u> and click on the giving tab.
- 3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options

<u>Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at</u> <u>Communications@northwoodpc.org.</u>

- 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.)

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat—SIGN UP NOW!



Join us at the annual All-Church Retreat on October 20-22, 2023. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges! Pick up a reservation form today at the church office.

<u>Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat</u>—Save the Date!

Leave your worries (and chores) behind! Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. We're excited to announce that Rosalie Pareja 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.

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 <u>childrensministry@northwoodpc.org</u> if you are interested or have any questions.

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Kings' Kids—Every Wednesday

Kings' Kids is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. We began our

season last week and will continue every Wednesday from 4:00-5:30pm. All children are invited! For more information, contact Karlee Wright childrensminisry@northwoodpc.org.

Children's Church Packets

Children's Bulletins are located in the narthex! This bulletin offers age appropriate interactive worksheets and coloring pages that relate to the scripture used during worship. Any child may use the bulletins during our worship service. Please return the clipboard and crayons to the basket in the narthex after the service!