#### Worship/Communion

Due to our very limited participation with the gluten-free (GF) communion kits, along with concerns expressed re: taste and texture and lack of ease to use (sometimes even resulting in spillage), the Worship Committee will phase out the use of the kits as the current supply expires year end. Should the need for a gluten-free option grow and/or product offerings hopefully improve, we can and will certainly reconsider their use. In the meantime, please feel free to bring your bread of choice as you are welcomed to and encouraged to participate in communion during the worship service.

# **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.

# **Hearing Devices**

Hearing devices are available for use during the worship services. Please ask an usher if you are in need.



#### **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.

#### 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.



# <u>Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at 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.)







# Announcements—January 5, 2025 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. The next Discovering Northwood Presentation to learn more about who we are and consider membership will be held on January 19th at 9:45am. WELCOME!

#### Annual Report Deadline—Jan 6

Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff is Monday, January 6th by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to <u>communications@northwoodpc.org</u>. There are copies of last year's annual report in the church office if needed. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

## Music Ministry's Annual Garage Sale

YEA! You can finally clear out your garage and spare bedroom of all the items you've been collecting for the garage sale. Drop-off began on December 27, 2024 and will run through January 14, 2025 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. We will be in the back of the church at the Family Life Center and Room 14. Someone



will be there to assist unloading your donations. We need oversize bags, wire hangers and wrapping material like newspaper or tissue paper. Please take a card from the narthex and invite your family, friends and neighbors to donate and attend the sale. The Garage Sale is scheduled for January 16, 17 and 18, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Thank you for helping us get the word out to everyone. You are what makes the sale a success.

Please call or e-mail if you can help or need a donation pick-up – Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 or <a href="mailto:susankcurry@verizon.net">susankcurry@verizon.net</a>

#### Northwood Photo Group-January 14

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. January 14th at 7:00pm in rooms 5-7. All are invited whether you're a beginner or an expert. If you have any questions, contact <a href="mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com">curtis.krueger@gmail.com</a> or david@primeimagesinc.com.

#### Livestreaming

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—727-796-8090. We encourage you to ask for help!

### **Grief Recovery and God's Grace**

Beginning Wednesday, January 8th and continuing through Wednesday, February 12th, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one or for those who are facing grief from other types of significant loss in their life. The time of the seminar is from 12:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

#### Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew-Jan. 10



The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, January 10th at 10:30 in rooms 11 & 13. Windows to the World 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," Carol Zieres will provide the pro-

gram "France". Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. 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 paul@northwoodpc.org.

## NPC Garden Club—Jan. 18

Fellow members and guests, if you are looking for a New Years resolution to help your church, joint the NPC Garden Club, January 18th from 9am-Noon. Our focus will be all landscaping areas of the front entry. Potluck lunch to follow. If you have any questions, contact Ritchie & Leslie Henley at leslieanne1968@icloud.com or 813-833-1180.

#### **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



## Youth

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

6pm 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.

#### Nurserv

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. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 727-796-8090 or communications@northwoodpc.org

# Jane Sutton Book Club—January 27

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be January 27th. 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- January 28**

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 (January 28) 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.