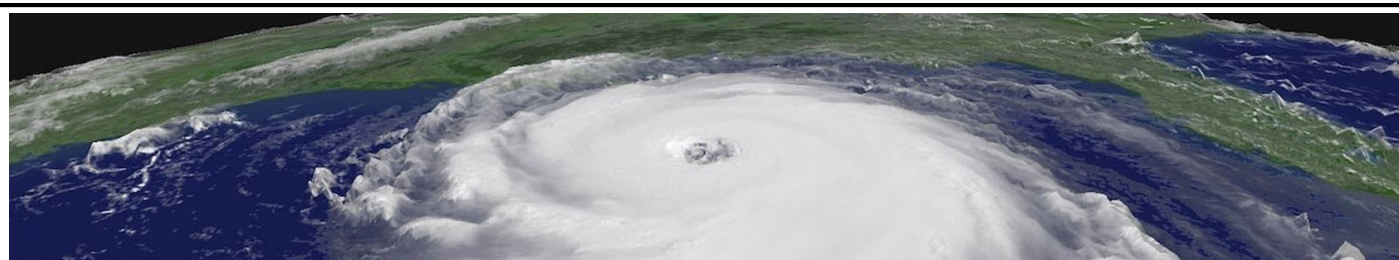


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Hurricane Ministry


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 bjspoerl@outlook.com, 931-722-0559, 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. 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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VBS Thank You!!

Thanks for joining us for Camp Road Trip! Our team of volunteers, made up of the NPC Youth team and adults, spent countless hours prepping for the week and hosted an amazing, fun, detailed and wholesome Vacation Bible School this year. We also collected 150 cans of food to help stock our food pantry! Our closing ceremony was filled with parents and friends to celebrate such a great week. We are so grateful for our leaders, volunteers and attendees!



At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

August 2025

Sunday, August 3: Communion Sunday
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 10:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 17:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 24:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 31:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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
- Eli Jeffre, Summer Ministry Intern
ejeffre@hotmail.com

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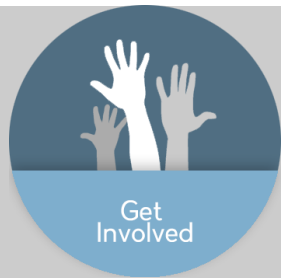
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Submissions:
If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

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



Youth Summer Mission Week

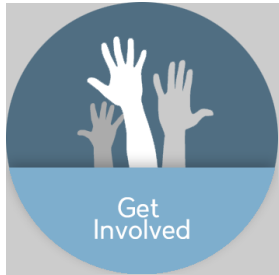
Our students experienced an entire week of mission work and play! This event was open to middle school, high school and college age students. They made meals for a local program Feeding the Fosters and delivered them to the families. Students were able to serve in our community through participating in a Honeymoon Island Beach Clean-up and gardening and weeding at Fat Beet Farm. They also helped prepare for our 2025 VBS happening the following week.



Summer Music Workshop 2025

Several of our youth and choir members spent a week in Leesburg, FL. at the summer music workshop. Our youth and adults sang in various choirs and sang solos, attended different types of music classes, including drumming, dance and youth band, and participated in daily worship services. This workshop is always a fun and worshipful experience, singing praises to our Lord!





Around Northwood

Congratulations to Scholarship Recipients

The Scholarship team met on Tuesday, June 11, 2025. Congratulations to the following students who were awarded scholarships:

First time applicants: Ava Catlin, Hannah Gipson, Delaney Pope, Jacob Pope

Second time applicant: Drew Strelcheck

Jacob Pope was selected as the Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship recipient. Funds Provided by: Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship, Walter and Catherine Gordon Scholarship, Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship, monies received from other sources.

Northwood Photo Group—August 12



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, August 12th 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—August 16

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, August 16th, 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 at leslianne1968@icloud.com with any questions.

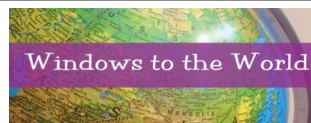
Transportation Ministry

This ministry provides transportation for the 11:00am service. It is for members and friends who are unable to drive themselves to church. **Volunteer drivers are always welcome.** Paul Means is heading this ministry. If you need the service of this ministry, please call the church office at 727-796-8090.

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!

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew



The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will be taking a break for the summer and will resume back on September 12th. For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Beth-El Shoe Sunday—August 25th



On Sunday, August 31st, Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or gently used shoes for the children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL.

Beginning August 3rd, there will be tubs in the church hallway to drop off your shoes. Beth-El is in need of tennis shoes, sandals, flip-flops, and men's work boots, sizes 6 to 11 for men, 5-7 1/2 for women, and all sizes for children. Along with the shoes, we are also collecting socks, backpacks, and lightweight jackets. You can also go online to Northwood's website to make a donation to Beth-El. Our goal this year is to be able to distribute at least 400 pairs of shoes to the families in the Beth-El community. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday!

The Project Group— August 26

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 August 26th. 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.



Jane Sutton Book Club—August 25



The Jane Sutton Book Club will meet August 25th. 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.

Caring for Our Church Family

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Ray Spigarelli
Ray Spigarelli
Ray Spigarelli
Doris Hoffman
Doris Hoffman
Ray Spigarelli
Ray Spigarelli
Ray Spigarelli
Pete Towns
Pete Towns
Pete Towns

Doris & Pokey Smith

Given by:

Patty & Bill Martin
Al Spigarelli
Terrilyn Fry, Jeff & Madelyn
Jenny & Jim Carlstedt
Faye & Brian Mackie
Jean Swintek
Jessie & Earle Lusk
Hugh Trumbull
Jessie & Earle Lusk
Patty & Bill Martin
Bunny Bitner
Bunny Bitner

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Thornwell

Thank you for your contribution of \$300 to Thornwell! You are a vital part of our mission and are transforming the lives of children and families. Your kindness provides safe and loving homes for children who have been abused, neglected and abandoned. Together, with your support, we help the most vulnerable children, THANK YOU! Sincerely, Elizabeth Milhous, VP Missions

Hope Villages of America

We would like to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of \$876. Thanks to your contribution, we can provide essential services to those who need it most and make a meaningful impact in the lives of so many people. Your donation will help us make a bright future for the people and communities we serve. Sincerely, Nick DiCeglie, President & CEO

Cedarkirk

Thank you for the \$227 donation you made through your Pentecost offering. All of us at Cedarkirk appreciate you including us as one of your mission partners. We rely on the generosity of individuals and congregations to provide programs, retreats, and opportunities for the people who come here seeking opportunities to build community and draw closer to God. With Gratitude, Matthew Shick, Executive Director

Foundation for International Missions

Thank you for your recent donation of \$250 given in support of our mission at the New Hope Clinic in rural Honduras. Each gift makes it possible for Dr. Davila and his staff to provide life-saving medical care to those who would otherwise have no access. Sincerely, Frances M. Mikuta, Assistant Treasurer

Feeding Tampa Bay

Thank you for your generous donation of \$300 to Feeding Tampa Bay. Your support is crucial in helping us continue our mission to feed healthy futures and connect our community. Together, we are addressing both the immediate and long-term needs of our neighbors, ensuring children and families have the nourishment needed to thrive and achieve a brighter future. With Heartfelt Gratitude, Thomas Mantz, President & CEO

Dear Northwood Presbyterian Church,
Thank you so much for your generous college scholarship. It is beyond thoughtful and extremely appreciated. This scholarship will help me out this fall semester at SPC. I'm looking forward to giving feedback about my school experience this year. Thank you for this gift! Love, Ava Catlin

Dear Northwood, Thank you for your sympathy and kindness during this difficult time. The cards, memorial gifts and food were a source of comfort. The congregations support has been felt by my family. Blessings, Lynn Propst & Family

Prayers and Christian Sympathies to:

- Family & Friends upon the news of the death of Muriel Antonakes on May 29.
- Carol Justice & Family upon the news of the death of her mother, Martha Viele on June 4.
- Evelyn Towns & Linda O'Leary and Family upon the news of the death of Pete Towns, on June 16.
- Jeanne Stephen upon the news of the death of her father, Kenneth Bagnasco on June 16.
- Wilson Rigdon upon the news of the death of his mother, Phyllis Rigdon on June 17.
- Family & Friends upon the news of the death of Doris (June 2) & Pokey (June 24) Smith.
- Betty O'Shane and Family upon the news of the death of her Husband, Dennis O'Shea on June 26.
- Valerie Smith & Family upon the news of the death of her husband, Ed Smith on June 26.
- John & Susan Stover upon the news of the death of their daughter, Kimberly Stover on July 4.

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 Home Communion to you. We want everyone to know that the church cares and we are glad to provide this connection of love and care through the sacrament of Holy Communion with Jesus. No preparation on your part is needed, we bring everything. We visit homes, rehab centers, hospitals, etc. For more information or an appointment, please contact Jackie Koski at Jackie.koski2014@gmail.com.

Christian Education



Presbyterian Women

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will resume their meetings on Tuesday, August 12th at 10:00am in rooms 5&7. This will be a planning meeting for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and would be a great opportunity to learn who we are and see what we do! Refreshments will be served. Regular meetings will begin in September and are held at 10:00am on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. We will begin a new 9 month study, *"Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"* by Rhashell D. Hunter. Study books will be available at the August planning 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.

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 August 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Bible Takeaways

This adult Sunday School/Bible Study will be taking time off for the summer and will resume after Labor Day, September 7th.

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.



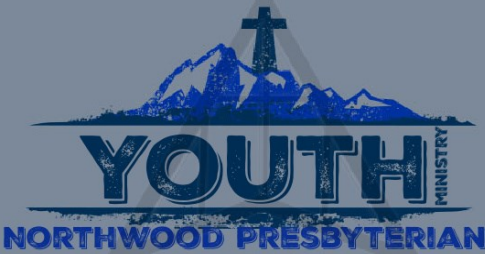
Kids' Corner Preschool & Before/After School Care Program

Registration is underway for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are planning to register your child and need an enrollment packet, please stop by the office, or reach out to your child's teacher. If you need assistance in applying for a VPK Certificate of Eligibility, feel free to call the office. Please submit your completed paperwork as soon as possible. **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.**

Your Giving Matters

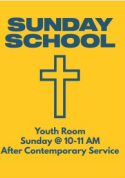
For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping online, your giving matters too. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not 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 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.



Stephen Ministry:

A Christian Presence of Love and Care

How many of us take pause when the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty or when we receive the phone call we hoped we would never get? The list of possibilities is endless. But are you aware that there is a Stephen Minister at Northwood who is ready to help you face these tough times?

Your Stephen Minister has received over 50 hours of training, enabling them to walk with you during troubling challenges. They are a Northwood, Christian lay person ready to provide confidential, one-on-one attention. They will listen, support, encourage, and pray with you during regular meetings as long as there is a need.

If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, or if you have questions about Stephen Ministry, please contact either of our Pastors or Jackie Koski at 727-726-5359.

Choir News

Some of you have inquired, "Where is the choir?" It has been our practice at NPC to give the Chancel Choir a break in the summer and showcase many of our choir members' voices singing solos on Sunday mornings. As you have heard, there is great talent, and hearts for God, among our choir family, offering their gifts in worship. We look forward to returning to choir at the beginning of September with our first rehearsal of the season starting Wednesday, September 3rd from 7:00-8:30pm and hope some of you will join us! More to come! Stephanie Carson, Director of Music

