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2875 State Road 580

A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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**Welcome New Members!**



Shirley Gissiner  
11:00 am  
Worship Service



Claire Moser  
11:00 am  
Worship Service



Mary Ellen Myers  
11:00 am  
Worship Service



Debi Shippee  
11:00 am  
Worship Service



Barbara Tramontana  
11:00 am  
Worship Service

*We welcome the above new members  
who joined us for our  
Discovering Northwood Presentation on  
March 15, 2026*

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Organized February 19, 1978



*The Window*

Chartering Organization of  
Boy Scout Troop 413

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**Holy Week  
2026**

**Palm Sunday**

Sunday, March 29

\*Contemporary– 9:00am

\*Traditional– 11:00am

**Maundy Thursday**

Thursday, April 2 at 7:00pm  
Worship with the Lord's Supper

**Good Friday**

Friday, April 3 at Noon  
Worship reflecting on Jesus' crucifixion and death

**Easter Sunday**

Sunday, April 5

\*Contemporary– 9:00am

\*Traditional– 11:00am

\*Childcare available

# At-A-Glance

## This Month at Northwood

### April 2026

**Thursday, April 2:**  
7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Worship Service

**Friday, April 3:**  
12:00 P.M. Good Friday Worship Service

**Sunday, April 5: Easter Sunday**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Monday, April 6: Office Closed**

**Sunday, April 12:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, April 19:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, April 26:**  
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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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
- 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/Sandy Kallin, Bookkeeper x2005
- Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010
- Drew Milano, Sound & Tech, worship@northwoodpc.org
- Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance x2002

## The Window

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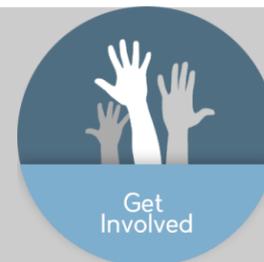
#### Submissions:

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



**Welcome to all our new Church Officers who were installed and ordained on Sunday, March 8th.**

**Elders (class of 2028)**  
Polly Brown  
Jackie Koski  
\*Jarrett Mattson  
Keith Nadig

**Deacons (class of 2028)**  
\*Jody Beattie  
\*Karen Gipson  
Emily Sutphin  
Marie Ziegler

*\*those ordained*

**SCHOLARSHIP**

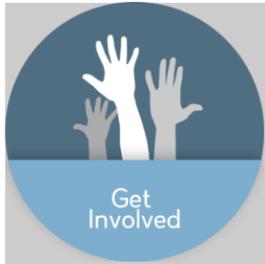
#### Northwood Scholarship Application 2026

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office now. **Applications must be returned to JoAnne Spigarelli at jpspig1@gmail.com. Applications must be received by June 1, 2026.** Applications will not be accepted in the church office. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

### **VBS—Save the Date!** **June 22-26— 9am-12pm** **Challenge Accepted—With God, I Am Strong!**

Get ready to turn your next summer VBS into an unforgettable adventure with *Snowball Mountain Challenge VBS 2026!* This program invites kids to an exciting winter sports event, where they become Challengers, gearing up for frosty games, snowy surprises, and hands-on lessons about resilience and faith. Your kids will be guided daily by your energetic Activities Director and the lovable Ollie the Arctic Seal puppet, who is reporting on the events. Challengers aren't just playing games; they learn to draw strength from their faith through powerful stories of courage and hope. With a unique winter theme and solid theology at its core, this VBS delivers joy and meaning in equal measure, teaching kids that "I can do all things through him who strengthens me" (Philippians 4:13 NRSV).





# Around Northwood



## One Great Hour of Sharing Offering—April 5

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be received Easter Sunday. This year, 80% of the money received will be divided equally between local ministries, Florida Presbytery Disaster Assistance Network (FLAPDAN), Mattie Williams & Good Neighbors, and 20% will go to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. You may use the envelopes in the pews to place in the giving stations today or until Easter Sunday. You may also make your gift online anytime with a note that this is a gift for the OGHS offering above your regular pledge or financial gift.

## Northwood Photo Group—April 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, April 14th 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](mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com) or [david@primeimagesinc.com](mailto:david@primeimagesinc.com).

## Jane Sutton Book Club—April 27



The Jane Sutton Book Club will be March 23rd. The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am. This month, we will meet at the home of one of our members AND via Zoom. If you are interested in joining, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi by email at [ecicerchi@gmail.com](mailto:ecicerchi@gmail.com) or by phone 607-382-1781 for the address & link.

## The Project Group—April 28

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 April 28th. 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.

## Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew—April 17



The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, April 17th at 10:30 in the sanctuary. We are a group of adventure-some, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme "Windows to the World," Vicki & Will Parker will provide the program "Iceland—Land of Fire, Ice and Waterfalls. 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 Earle Lusk at 727-510-7373 or [etlusk01@aol.com](mailto:etlusk01@aol.com).

## 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 who come to the church for help.

The need in our own community is overwhelming. 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



## 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](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options.



## Memorial Gifts

**In Memory of:**  
Bill Mylin  
Norm Roffey  
Norm Roffey  
Bill Mylin

**Given by:**  
Jill & David Manning  
Jill & David Manning  
Vickie Mills  
Cookie Roffey

## NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### Hope Villages of America

We are deeply grateful for your generous support of Hope Villages of America. Your contribution of \$1,626.00 has played a vital role in advancing our mission and strengthening the programs and services that support individuals and families across our community.

With Sincere Appreciation, Hope Villages Community

### HEP

There are not enough words for us to express how deeply grateful we are for your recent gift of \$250 to support the critical services we provide to the homeless men, women, children & families in our community. Your dedication to helping people help themselves has had an incredible impact on our community.

Best Regards, Ashley Lowery, President & CEO

### Suncoast Haven of Rest Rescue Mission

Thank you for your faithful giving of \$1,000.00. Because of your contributions, our rescue mission has been able to support the work of Jesus Christ locally through its ministries around food and shelter insecurities throughout the year.

Thank You & God Bless You!

### Email Scam Alert



You may have received or are aware that some of our members have received scam emails and texts either today, in the past month, or even over a year ago, that appear to be from Pastor Chris. The emails and texts request a "brief" or "confidential" conversation with the pastor or financial support in the form of gift cards or other means of help.

DO NOT REPLY! Our pastor does NOT send these emails and texts, although the email address is very similar to his. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches in our area. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner or ask for private conversations. Simply forward the message to the church office so they can be collected for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm but especially when they prey on the kindness and Christ-like hearts of our members.

### Prayer Ministry

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

### 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](mailto:Jackie.koski2014@gmail.com).

### 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.** If you need the service of this ministry, please call the church office before Thursday at noon at 727-796-8090.

### 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 \$40.76 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!

# 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 April 14th 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](mailto:bill.martin2@verizon.net) or Sue Miskiewicz at [susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com).



*A group of the Presbyterian Women group were given a tour of HEP (homeless empowerment) campus. They were escorted by founder Barbara Green and volunteer coordinator, Edie Minton. Their mission is to break the cycle of homelessness. They provide transitional housing for individuals, families and veterans. After a presentation and short tour highlighting dental clinic, dining area and thrift shop, the group was treated to a corned beef lunch. The food served includes many items grown in the campus garden. It was very uplifting to hear of so many success stories! Truly an important ministry for the community.*

## 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 April 3rd. We will be done in enough time to attend the Good Friday Worship service.** Our 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](mailto: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. We will continue our 12 week study of the Psalms. Books are \$5 and can be purchased from Earle Lusk. Books aren't required, but helpful. All are welcome! 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.

## Kids' Corner Preschool & Before/After School Care Program

Registration is underway for the 2026-2027 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](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org) or 727-723-7679.**

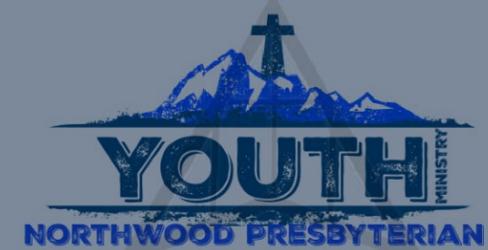


## Summer Camp

Kids' Corner Preschool will be offering 4 weeks of summer camp for children that are going into VPK or Kindergarten in the fall. It is a great way to keep your child engaged in the classroom setting during the summer months. Our Little Explorers camp is designed for children entering VPK or Kindergarten in the fall. We are also hosting a Love Bugs camp: perfect for our 2- and 3-year-olds (children must be 2 years old by 6/15). Camp will run during the weeks of 6/15-6/19, 6/22-6/26, 7/6-7/10, and 7/20-7/24. The cost is \$150 per week, and if you register for all four weeks, the fourth week is FREE!

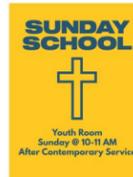


**If you are interested in registering your child or have any questions, please feel free to contact Roxane Fineo at [schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org) or 727-723-7679.**



## 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](mailto: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.

