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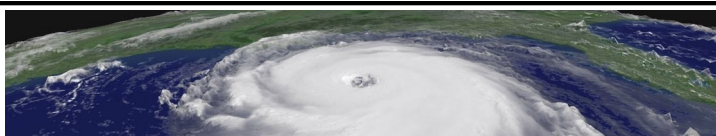
Vacation Bible School—Save the Date!

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).

Northwood Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26, 2026 from 9:00am - 12:00 pm. Join us for a week of fun, faith-building activities! Our VBS is open to Pre-k through 5th grade, also welcoming grades 6 - 12 to volunteer. For any questions, please contact Susan Curry at 727-709-8237 or Rachele Cox at rachelecox1@gmail.com.



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/>.

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



At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

May 2026

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

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

Sunday, May 17:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
9:45 a.m. Discovering Northwood Presentation
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

Monday, May 25: Office Closed-Memorial Day

Sunday, May 31:
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
- Sandy Kallin, Bookkeeper x2005
- Roxane Fineo, Director of Schools x2010
- Drew Milano, Sound & Tech, worship@northwoodpc.org
- Aidan Murray, Facilities/Maintenance x2002

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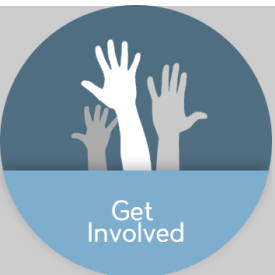
Submissions:

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



FLORIDA CHAPTER OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF WORSHIP ARTISTS
2026 ANNUAL CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOP
70TH ANNIVERSARY
Seasons of Celebration
Mon. June 8 - Sat. June 13, 2026
Warren Willis Conference Center, Fruitland Park, FL

www.floridafummwa.org

Summer Music Workshop/Music Camp

SAVE THE DATE!

June 8-13, 2026

Music Camp and Workshop in Leesburg, FL
(rising 6th grade through adult)

For more information, contact Stephanie Carson at 727-796-8090 or stephanie@northwoodpc.org

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 pastor 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.

Attention Graduating Seniors



Attention all graduates, please submit your graduation picture, a short write-up of your accomplishments and plans for after graduation. This information can be dropped off in the church office or emailed to Emily Cantin at communications@northwoodpc.org.

Greeters Needed

If you have ever greeted or have a desire to volunteer, we are in need of greeters at the 9:00am & 11:00am worship services. Please contact coordinator Georgia Rounding if interested at georgia_rounding@yahoo.com.

Did you know?

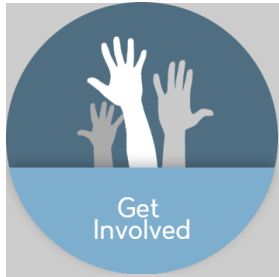
There are complimentary greeting cards available in the library directly to your left as you enter. These are provided and kept up to date by the Deacons.

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.



Around Northwood

Welcome to Sandy Kallin—Bookkeeper

As we say goodbye to Mark Fettke who has been on staff with us the past 3 years and has been planning to retire since last summer, we welcome Sandy to Northwood! Sandy is a new current resident of Clearwater and comes to us from Anderson, SC where she served as Office Administrator and bookkeeper at Central Presbyterian Church. She is very excited to begin her new position as bookkeeper for Northwood.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering was received Easter Sunday. The total amount given was \$2066.00. This year, 80% of the money received was 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. Thank you for your generosity to these ministries.

Northwood Photo Group—May 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, May 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.

Jane Sutton Book Club—May 25



The Jane Sutton Book Club will be May 25th. 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 or by phone 607-382-1781 for the address & link.

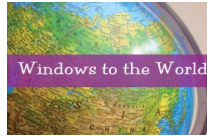
The Project Group—May 26

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 May 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.

Discovering Northwood Presentation

A Discovering Northwood Presentation will be held Sunday, **May 17th** at 9:45am in **Room 4** for those wishing to learn more about Northwood and consider church membership. Please know you are welcome to attend if you have been visiting us online or in person in worship.

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew—May 8



The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, May 8th 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," Linda & Mike O'Leary will provide the program "La dolce Vita: Sicily, the Amalfi Coast and Rome". 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.

Garage Sale 2027—Save the Date!

The Annual Music Ministry Garage Sale will be held January 14,15 & 16, 2027.

Cedarkirk Womens Retreat—Save the Date



Please save the date for Cedarkirk Women's Retreat on your calendar! The retreat will be held on Jan. 8-10, 2027.

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.



Caring for Our Church Family

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Simon Stover
Bill Mylin
Elisabet Valdez
Bill Mylin

Given by:

Lorrie Janusik
Vicki & Will Parker
Jeanette & Art Holloway
Diane Leahy

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Clearwater Free Clinic

Thank you for your generous support of \$250.00 to the Clearwater Free Clinic. Because of you, we can continue to support our patients with the tools and care they need to lead healthier, more productive lives. Your support truly makes a difference!
Yours In Health, Anthony Degina, CEO

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

I write to you with deep gratitude for your recent generous gift of \$1800.00 to the Disaster Relief Fund. Because of your generosity, Presbytery Disaster Assistance has been able to walk closely with communities on their long journey of recovery due to hurricanes, wildfires and other natural disasters. Thank you for helping to turn compassion into action and faith into tangible care.
In Christ's Peace, Rev. Edwin Gonzalez-Castillo

Thornwell

You're changing lives! Your generosity of \$250.00 will provide hope and healing to hurting families in communities across Florida, Georgia and S. Carolina. We believe family changes everything—and that serving children and families is just like serving Christ himself. None of that would be possible without you, and we can't thank you enough!

Sincerely, Elizabeth Milhous, VP for Mission Advancement

Cedarkirk

Thank you for your gift of \$155.44 to Cedarkirk's ministry. Your gift, and others like it, help us build out our scholarship program for summer camp so that kids who want to come to camp can experience the Christ-centered and transforming community at Cedarkirk. Thank you for holding this ministry close and for your generous support. With Gratitude, Matthew Shick

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Thank you for your gift of \$405.00. We want you to know that your generosity reflects love in action—nurturing relationships that transform lives and honor God's call to care for our neighbors. Thank you! Your Friend, Dr. Teresita Matos-Post

Hope Villages of America

On behalf of Hope Villages of America, we would like to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation of \$250.00. Your support helps us to continue creating safety, providing food and restoring hope for individuals and families across our community. Your continued support of our mission means SO much! Sincerely, Nick DiCeglie, CEO

Maximo Presbyterian Church

As we get ready to return to worship in our beautifully restored sanctuary, we give thanks to Northwood for your support during our darkest days after the flooding and destruction caused by hurricanes Helene and Milton in 2024. Thank You!

Prayer Ministry

Roger Adkisson, Julie Bryant, Jeannette Holloway, Fred Inckles, 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.

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.

Congratulations!

Congratulations on the birth of Barrett Ray who was born on April 7th, son of Courtney & Erik Johansen, grandson of Pam & Ward Johansen and great-grandson of JoAnne Spigarelli.

Memorial Gifts

If you wish to make a gift to the church in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to attach a blue Memorial Gift 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.

Christian Education

Presbyterian Women Potluck Luncheon & Baby Shower



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 May 12th at 10:00am in rooms 5&7.** We will celebrate our meeting with a Baby Shower for the Pregnancy Center and Potluck lunch. We are studying "Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ" by Rhashell D. Hunter. 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.



The Sisters in Christ PW Circle met on April 14th for Bible study, fellowship and giving. This month's donations were items for The Haven. In May, we will be collecting for The Pregnancy Center. All church women are welcome to attend.

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 May 1st.** 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 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. If you have any questions, please contact Rachelle Cox at rachellecox1@gmail.com.

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 or 727-723-7679.**

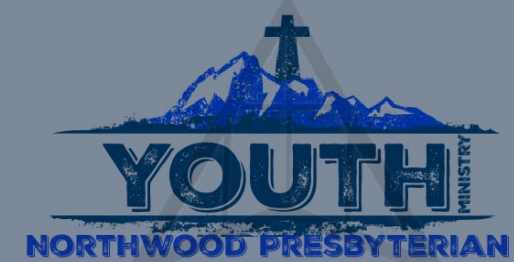


Summer Camp

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 6/8-6/12, 6/15-6/19, 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 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 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.

