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 walkeyla@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

http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/.

Flower Arrangements

The flowers that are placed in the sanctuary are assembled into smaller arrangements to be distributed to those who are ill or in need of encouragement. If you know someone in need, you are welcome to take one of these arrangements. They can be picked up during the week in the church office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.



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.

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.)







Now live streaming our 9:00

Announcements – November 12, 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 the next Discovering Northwood Presentation NEXT SUNDAY, November 19th at 10:00am. WELCOME!

Beth-El Blanket—Thank You!

The Presbyterian Women, the NPC Mission Team and the Beth-El farm workers ministry thank you for your wonderful response of giving blankets and suitcases to migrant workers who have recently come to Florida. Through your generous giving 190 blankets, 3 sets of sheets, 7 pillows. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in this way!

WAY Dinner — November 15

Our last WAY Dinner for this season will be served **November 15th.** The dinner begins at 6:00pm. Reservation forms are located on the tables in the narthex and in the church office, or you may sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway. Please remember to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you. If you are a new member, visitor or first-time guest, your meal (with a reservation) is complimentary. For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at (727) 796-8090.

Advent Wreath Lighting

It's time once again to start thinking about Advent and what we will do to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Has it become a family tradition for you to light the candles on the Advent wreath at Northwood? Do you have a group of friends who would like to

participate? Never done it before? That's ok! We'll spend time with you showing you what to do and provide you with the accompanying scripture several days in advance so you can practice reading it. Two or more people needed for each worship service during Advent. Don't delay: Advent begins December 3 this year! You can reach Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 or bikingringer@gmail.com to secure your spot.

Attendance for 11/5/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary—61 In-Person Traditional—164 Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary—54 Traditional—47

Facebook Live: 126 views **Total: 452**

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!

Northwood 3rd Friday Movie Night- Nov. 17



Movie Night and Potluck will take place on the third Friday of the month. All are invited on Friday night, November 17th from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Feel free to bring a dish or snack to share. All ages are welcome as this is an intergenerational event! Bring lawn chairs, family, friends

and we will show the film in our Family Life Center (Gym). Popcorn and drinks will be available as well. Do you have any movie suggestions? Have questions? Let us know! Contact Rosalie, our director of youth and families at bradfordrosalie@gmail.com.

Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat—Sign Up TODAY!

Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. The dates are January 26 -28, 2024. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Reservation forms are available at the church office and due now.



Stephen Ministry

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.

Auditions: Praise and Worship Singers/Musicians!

Calling all teens and adults with musical gifts and a passion for Christ! We are looking for a few singers and musicians to join our Voices in Praise (VIP) band that leads worship at our 9am Ignite Services! The band practices on Thursday nights. If you are interested in auditioning, or know someone who may be, e-mail Taryn Lumia at taryn@northwoodpc.org for more info!

The Project Group-November 28th

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 (November 28th) 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.

Halloween Candy for Music Ministry

If you have leftover Halloween candy or find some good BOGO deals, the music ministry will gladly accept your donations. Thank you!

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 let the pastors know and contact the church office if you are interested or have any questions as we are in transition just now with our Director of Children Ministry staff position.

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