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

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.



Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org.

- 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 – November 19, 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.

WELCOME!

Discovering Northwood Presentation—TODAY

A Discovering Northwood presentation will be held TODAY in Room 4 from 10:00am to 11:00am 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 in worship. We hope to see you there!

HEP & Beth-El Angel Tree It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help our

adopted families with Christmas! This year we are working with families from the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry and with HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program). Starting Sunday, Nov. 19 and going through Sunday, Nov. 26, the HEP houses will be on the Angel Christmas tree in the narthex. On Nov. 26 the Beth-El angels will be added to the tree and will be available through Sunday, Dec. 3. The house and angel decorations will have a gift or general household items printed on them. Select as many houses and angels as you like. Dates of when all gifts will need to be returned to the church will be coordinated with Beth-El and HEP. Thank you so much for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way during the Christmas Season!

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 11/12/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 52 In-Person Traditional— 126 Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 26 Traditional— 43

Facebook Live: 121 views Total: 368

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!

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.

A Celtic Christmas – December 1

Please join us for A Celtic Christmas with Gemma Briggs and Ensemble. Celebrate the Christmas season with Highland Bagpipes, Irish Bouzouki, Irish Whistle, Guitar, keyboard and vocals. Gemma grew up at Northwood with her parents (Ann & Spencer Briggs) who are longtime members. Gemma is an accomplished bagpiper and Celtic instrument artist in great demand throughout the area and beyond. This will be a concert you will not want to miss! This is a free concert, but a free-will offering will be received.

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew—Dec. 8

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, December 8th at 10:30 in rooms 11 &13. 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," Rachelle Cox will provide the program, "The Breathtaking Beauty of Norway and Iceland: The Land of Fire and Ice." 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, contact Pastor Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Ring, Sing & Mingle – December 10

Northwood's three handbell choirs will present a variety of Christmas Music interspersed with Carol singing and ending with a cookie reception. At the festive reception there will be a photo booth backdrop, so bring your phones for pics and wear your Christmas finery to get some great family shots for your Christmas Cards this year. Please bring homemade cookies for the event. That's the best part!!

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study—Dec. 12 All Women are Welcome

Presbyterian Women, Sister in Christ, are using a Bible study called "Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts" by Olive Mahabir. The lesson will be Tuesday, December 12th at 10:00 am in rooms 5 & 7 with a Christmas brunch to follow. All are invited! If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

Christmas Cantata– December 17

"Light Into Darkness" with Chancel Choir & Instruments by Mary McDonald. The Cantata will be performed Sunday, December 17th, during our ONE Worship Service at 10:00a.m.



Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat—Jan 26-28

Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. 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.

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.