

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.



Transportation Ministry

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Thursdays to reserve a seat on the van.

Rides Available

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.



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.

Hearing Devices

Hearing devices are available for use during the worship services. Please ask an usher if you are in need.

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.)



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NPC Guest



LIVE STREAMING

Now live streaming our 9:00



Announcements– November 24, 2024

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. **The next Discovering Northwood Presentation to learn more about who we are and consider membership will be held on January 19th at 9:45am. WELCOME!**



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). The HEP house ornaments will be on the Angel Tree in the narthex starting **TODAY, Sunday, Nov. 24 - Dec. 1**. The Beth-El angels will be on the tree **Dec. 8 - Sunday, Dec. 15**. All decorations will have gift items printed on them. Select as many houses and angels as you like. **The dates when all gifts need to be returned are printed on the house and angel ornaments.** Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way during the Christmas Season!

Jane Sutton Book Club—November 25

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be November 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.

The Project Group– November 26

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 (**Nov 26**) 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.

Church Office Closed November 28 & 29

The church office will be closed Thursday and Friday, November 28 & 29 in observance of Thanksgiving. We will re-open Monday, December 2 at 9:00 am.

Attendance for 11/17/24 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 44 In-Person Traditional— 125

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary—123

Traditional— 96

Facebook Live: 215 views

Total: 603

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!



Ring, Sing & Mingle – December 8

December 8th at 4:00pm, 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!! Cookies may be dropped off the morning or afternoon of December 8th. There will be a table in the hallway with a sign up sheet for cookies and general help with the mingle this Sunday and next Sunday. Thanks for any help you can give!

Christmas Cantata– December 15—10am

One Service

The Cantata featuring our Chancel Choir and Instruments will be performed Sunday, December 15th, during our ONE Worship Service at 10:00a.m.



NPC Garden Club—Dec. 14, 9am-12pm

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, December 14th, from 9:00am-12:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our next landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. Please bring working gloves, any tools you prefer working with, and a diligent spirit. Please contact Ritchie and Leslie Henley at leslianne1968@icloud.com with any questions.

Cedarkirk Women's Retreat– January 10-12, 2025

Join the women of Northwood for a spirit revitalizing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing, and leisurely walks in the woods. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! **DEPOSITS ARE DUE NOW!** Registration forms are available on the poster across from the kitchen. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne at jeanneestephen@gmail.com.

Poinsettias



Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? For just \$10, you can make that happen. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from today's friendship sheet (through December 15) in the giving station or drop off in the church office during regular office hours. If paying online, be sure to send an email to communications@northwoodpc.org with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in memory or honor.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— December 13

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, December 13th 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," Mike and Linda O'Leary will provide the program "Ancient Mediterranean Treasures" Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. All are welcome! Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796- 8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.



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 6pm 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.

Hurricane Response

As we as a congregation pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters who have been impacted by the Hurricane, we are gathering information about how we as a church can help. Checks should be made payable to Northwood Presbyterian Church with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. Contributions can also be made online through the church's website or delivered to the church office or delivered during normal business hours (9:00am – 3pm M-F).

Ways To Give Back After You Enjoy Your Thanksgiving Dinner

Northwood's Food Pantry

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Please place food in the Food Pantry basket, located by the double doors next to the playground.

SHOPPING LIST

1 Can of ham	1 Can of corn
1 Can of chicken	1 Can of another veggie
1 Can of other meat	1 Can of baked beans
1 Spaghetti sauce	1 Can of chunky soup
1 Can of pasta	1 Can of tomato/chicken soup
1 Can of chili	2 Cans of fruit
2 Cans of tuna	Peanut Butter
1 Can of green beans	Jelly

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 Winn Dixie Gift Card

Beth-El

Sports Balls
 Books & Bibles
 Coloring Books & Crayons
 Hoodies, Coats, Jackets-
(small & Medium, all ages)
 Toys (*not plush*)
 Personal Care Items
 Walmart Gift Card (\$20)
 Target Gift Card (\$20)

Joy Gift Offering to be received on Sunday, December 22nd.

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Gifts given to the Helping Hands Christmas Eve Offering are used to help those in our community with significant needs who come to our church office during the year. A number of our members and families place a stocking under their tree or by the chimney to fill up with financial gifts to bring to the Christmas Eve service at Northwood as a creative way to remember to give a significant financial gift to those in need. Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-46.

Be An Angel to Someone or Some Family for Christmas

You are also welcome to speak to one of the pastors at Northwood about ways you can adopt a person or family to assist at Christmas. If you plan to do this, please contact one of the pastors no later than December 15th.

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