

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Biblical TakeAways—10:00am Sundays in Room 8

Led by Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk, this adult Education Class/Bible Study **meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 8**. All are welcome! We will be finishing up our study of the Lord's Prayer through November 23rd and will begin a special series for Advent, beginning 11/30 and going through 12/21 (No class on 12/14, due to the Cantata, and no class on 12/28.) We will be studying the Christmas story over 3 Sundays! Please join us!

Youth Sunday School—10:00am Sundays in the Youth Room

Led by Dylan Cantin, the youth Sunday School **meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the youth room**. During this time, we will discuss the scripture and message and incorporate worship elements like music into our hour. Wednesday evening we have Youth Group that meets at 6:00pm in the youth room. Game night is every Friday evening from 7:00pm-10:00pm in the youth room/FLC. If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-723-5984.

Presbyterian Women—2nd Tuesday of the Month at 10:00am

Led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz, the Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. **Our next meeting will take place December 9th at 10:00am in rooms 5&7 with a Christmas brunch to follow. Please bring a dish to share!** 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.

Fresh Brewed—First Friday of the Month at 10:30am

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. **Our next meeting will take place December 5th.** 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.

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. (Please limit all announcements to 4 lines.)



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NPC Guest



LIVE STREAMING

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Announcements—November 30, 2025

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, Sunday, January 18th at 9:45am. Welcome!**

First Sunday in Advent



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 14) 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.



HEP- Angel Tree

It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help needy families with Christmas! This year, Presbyterian Women have chosen to assist families from HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program). The HEP ornaments are on the Christmas tree in the cafe and will be available through **Sunday, Dec 7**. Each ornament will have a gift item printed on it. Select as many ornaments as you like. **UNWRAPPED** gifts need to be returned to the church no later than **Wednesday, December 10**. Thank you so much for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way during the Christmas Season!



Ring, Sing & Mingle – December 7

December 7th 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 6 & 7.

Attendance for 11/23/25 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 60 In-Person Traditional— 137

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary—26

Traditional—25

If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services through your home computer or phone, please view the church live streaming archives the next day. You can always call the church office and ask for help if you are having trouble viewing from your home device. We welcome and celebrate our online live viewers who worship with us!

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— December 12

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, December 12th at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. 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,” Jill Manning, Linda Howard and Carol Zieres will provide the program "Pura Vida - The Best of Costa Rica." Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at Taco-Quila Mexican Kitchen, on the corner of US 19 and 590. 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.



Christmas Cantata-December 14 One Worship Service at 10:00am

Our Christmas Cantata this year is called “Sing We Now of Christmas – a celebration of the gift of Jesus”. It is a collection of 8 familiar Christmas Carols and songs with original narration by Rachelle Cox. This will be accompanied by 13 instruments and sung by our 40+ voice choir. It will be presented on Sunday morning, December 14. We have only one worship service that day at 10:00am. Come and enjoy the celebration of Christ’s birth through music.



NPC Garden Club—December 20

Calling all green thumb enthusiasts! Join the NPC Garden Team, December 20th, 9am-12pm. Our focus will be East main Entry Flower Bed, North Entry Flower Bed and Fall Fertilization. If you have any questions, please contact Ritchie and Leslie Henley at leslianne1968@icloud.com or rhenley67@icloud.com or 813-833-1108.

Opportunities for Giving this Season

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Sunday, December 21st, we will receive the annual Christmas Joy Offering. Your gifts make a difference in providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and in opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related ethnic colleges and schools. Your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering will make a difference in shining the One True Light of Christ’s love.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

During the 4:30pm & 7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Services, the offerings received will be used to replenish Northwood’s much-used Helping Hands Fund. These funds are used to purchase food to replenish our food pantry and to help someone in need with groceries at a near-by store – to help purchase milk, bread, or eggs. Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus’ words in Matthew 25:31-46.

Music Ministry’s Annual Garage Sale

Only a few weeks left to get your closets, extra rooms and garages cleared out and ready for delivery or pick-up for the 2025 Garage Sale. The sale will take place on January 16, 17 and 18, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are only successful in raising funds for the Music Ministry with your generosity! Please invite your family, neighbors and friends to donate and to come to the sale. Cards are available in the narthex to hand out or post. Social media is a great way to get the message out.



All items are welcome – clothes, jewelry, furniture, household, linens, fine collectibles, holiday, books, tools, outdoor, etc. Please no older tv’s or entertainment centers. Collections at the church will begin on December 27, 2024. Volunteers are still needed to help with set-up, sorting, cashiering, security, and clean-up. Please call or e-mail if you can help or need a donation pick-up – Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 or susankcurry@verizon.net

Mission Opportunity to Honduras

The Mission and Outreach Committee is offering an opportunity for the Northwood members to participate in a mission trip organized by First Presbyterian Church of St. Petersburg. The dates are June 21-28, 2026. The group will fly to Comayagua, Honduras and travel by chartered bus to The New Hope Clinic in San Francisco, Honduras to participate in health screenings, children’s ministries in local churches and schools. If interested or to sign up, please contact John Sutphin (913-687-9410), je.sutphin@gmail.com or Pastor Chris Curvin.