

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– March 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 at **10:00am** 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!

Jane Sutton Book Club—March 27

Come and join the Jane Sutton Book Club! 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.

Pretzel Sunday—March 26

Pretzel Sunday is coming next Sunday, **March 26**. Hot baked pretzels will be served from the kitchen during the fellowship time!

In about 610 A.D. a very creative Alpine monk decided to make use of the pieces of dough left over from baking bread. The monk formed them into thin strips folded into a looped twist to represent the folded arms of children in prayer. This scrumptious treat was given to the children as they learned their prayers. They began calling the treat “Pretiola”, which is Latin for “little reward”. Soon it was known the world over as a pretzel.

Many churches still practice the tradition of a Pretzel Sunday to remind people to be in prayer as we journey through Lent to Easter. So, every time you see a pretzel, remember prayer.

Attendance for 3/12/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 35 In-Person Traditional—86
Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 64
Traditional— 91

Facebook Live: 77 views for both Services Total: 353

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!

2023 Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday— April 2

9:00am Contemporary Service & 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Maundy Thursday—April 6

7:00pm Traditional Worship Service

Worship with the Lord's Supper

Good Friday—April 7

12:00pm Worship reflecting on Jesus' crucifixion & death

Easter Sunday— April 9

9:00am Outdoor Service (*weather permitting*)

11:00am Traditional Worship Service

Easter Lilies

It's time to order Easter Lilies: still only \$9 each! Purchase a lily to help decorate for the Easter worship services on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of loved ones. Be sure to attach the completed form from the Friendship Sheet to your payment. Checks and forms can be placed in the Giving Box or delivered to the church office. If you're paying online, be sure to send an email to communications@northwoodpc.org with the names of your loved ones and whether the lilies you've ordered are in memory or honor of that person (or people). Order forms with payment are due by Palm Sunday, April 2.

The Project Group—March 28

We are seeking new members! Come and join us! We're women of all ages who sew, knit, and crochet items with a mission purpose. We sew little dresses for Haiti or walker bags, make lap robes, or knit caps for newborns. Our work is done at home. We meet on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 10:00am in Room 13. There we bring our projects, share ideas, get encouragement to finish projects, sort through donated material and enjoy Christian fellowship. PLEASE join us on March 28th at 10:00 am in Room 13. Questions? Call Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

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 email Karlee Wright at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org if you are interested or have any questions.

Nursery Volunteers Needed!

The nursery is in need of volunteers during the 9am & 11am services. If you are interested, please contact Karlee Wright at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org or karleeRwright@gmail.com

Northwood's Got Talent **Save the Date—April 30th**

Save the date for an afternoon of talent, fun and laughter! The date for this years NGT is Sunday, April 30th at 4:00pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Babs Bailey at 727-512-9476 or dix-iechick411@gmail.com.

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. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time 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

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.)

Compassionate Care Card Ministry

When a member is ill or suffers a loss, a deacon sends get well or sympathy cards. Deacon Faye Mackie faithfully sends these cards of comfort. If you are aware of someone in need, please contact Faye at brianand-fayept@tampabay.rr.com or contact the church office at 727-796-8090.

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 between 12:15-12:30 on Sunday in the kitchen.

Memorial Gifts

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

Per-Capita Apportionment

Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per-capita assessment is \$33.48 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift.