

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– July 23, 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!

Christmas in July - July 30th

On Sunday, July 30th, we will experience Christmas in July in worship. The hymns and the sermon will be based on a Christmas theme as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ in July. There will be coffee and refreshments offered featuring homemade Christmas cookies! We are also accepting clothing gifts for children which will benefit Clearwater Clothes for Kids. You may drop off your donations to the church office or outside the kitchen at the Noah's Ark table. (Clothes To Kids, Inc. provides new and quality used clothing to low-income or in crisis school-age children, free of charge). Invite a friend to join us in worship on July 30th!

Fellowship Groups (formerly Dinner for 6,7,8)

Northwood Presbyterian Church Fellowship Groups for small group dinners will be reorganized in September for an October 1st start date. Some groups are meeting through the summer and some are on hiatus until September due to travels. For information or to sign up, contact Claudia Alwood, 727-992-7769 (best is text) or cjalwood@msn.com

Children's Church Packets

Children's Bulletins are located in the narthex! This bulletin offers age appropriate interactive worksheets and coloring pages that relate to the scripture used during worship. Any child may use the bulletins during our worship service. Please return the clipboard and crayons to the basket in the narthex after the service!

Coming Soon

Coffee & Cookie Service Every Sunday

The Membership & Evangelism Team is pleased to announce that beginning August 6, 2023, Coffee & Cookie Service will be provided every week for both the Contemporary and Traditional Services, from 10:00 am to 10:55 am and 12:00 pm to 12:15 pm. All volunteers are invited to attend an “**Orientation to the Kitchen**” meeting which will be held between services, on Sunday, **July 9**, from 10:15 am to 10:45 am. Those attending will be briefed on using the kitchen. Please note that coffee and cookies for the Coffee & Cookie Service are provided by the Church. Anyone who is interested in joining this group of volunteers, either as a *once-per-month* server or a *substitute* server, is asked to contact one of the persons listed; Marie Ziegler 484-433-3124, Dee Rivers 682-240-0165 or Polly Brown – 727-648-4203.

Jane Sutton Book Club—July 24

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.

The Project Group—July 25

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 July 25th at 10:00 am in Room 13. Questions? Call Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

Email Scam Alert

You may be aware that some of our members, and even our church staff, have received scam emails, that appear to be from Pastor Chris and others by email. The emails scams of financial help often come in the request for you to purchase gift cards. Our pastors do NOT send these emails. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches across the nation at this point. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner. Simply forward the message of such a request to the church office so that we can collect them for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm but especially when they prey on the kindness and Christ-like hearts of our members. Be aware of scams by email and phone calls!

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

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.

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat

The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 20-22. Poster and brochures can be found on the bulletin board directly across from the kitchen. Deposits with room requests are being accepted starting today. Sign up early for best choice of rooms! Also, save the date for the Women's Retreat – Jan. 26-28, 2024!

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

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 walkey1a@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/>.

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 \$35.61 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.

Attendance for 7/16/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 57 In-Person Traditional— 84

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 112

Traditional— 57

Facebook Live: 128 views for Traditional Service Total: 438

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!

Citylight Schedule

Sunday 7/23

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Sunday 7/30

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

10:05 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service