

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– September 3, 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. **Mark your calendar for our next Discovering Northwood Presentation September 24th at 10:00am. WELCOME!**

Beth-El Shoe Sunday—Thank you!

Many thanks to the Northwood church family from the Beth-El farm worker's ministry and Northwood's Mission Team. Through your generous participation in Beth-El Shoe Sunday, 355 pairs of shoes were donated, along with a number of pairs of socks, backpacks and clothing! Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with others in this way!

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

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, September 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,” Kay Scheuerman will provide the program, sharing sights and experiences from her once-in-a-lifetime trip to Antarctica. 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, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Office Closed for Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed Monday, September 4th. Calls to the office will be handled by the voicemail system and returned on Tuesday, September 5th.

Handbell Ringers Needed

As we are looking to start back up with rehearsals, we have a number of ringer spots to fill. If you read music, we can plug you into either our intermediate or advanced bell groups. It is rewarding and a lot of fun! We rehearse on Sundays at 10:00 AM (between services) or 12:15 PM (after the 11:00 service). Please call Stephanie Carson 727-458-9749.

Chancel Choir Starts Back! — Sept. 6

- WHO:** All who have gifts of singing. With many new congregation attendees, we welcome you!
- WHAT:** Northwood's traditional choir. We sing all styles, both easy and challenging, all to the glory of God!
- WHEN:** Wednesday, September 6th. We will have our Strawberries and Cream Reception at 6:15pm followed by choir rehearsal at 7:00pm.
- WHERE:** Grab your music from the choir room.
We rehearse in the sanctuary choir loft.
- WHY:** It's good for your soul, belong to a community within our small group, make friends with the same purpose and goals while singing praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

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

Northwood Presbyterian Church Fellowship Groups for small group dinners are being reorganized. For information or to sign up, contact Claudia Alwood, 727-992-7769 (best is text) or cjalwood@msn.com

Kings' Kids—Every Wednesday

Kings' Kids is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. We began our season last week and will continue every Wednesday from 4:00-5:30pm. All children are invited! For more information, contact Karlee Wright childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

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!

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat

The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 20-22. Brochures can be found on the table in the narthex or in the church office. Deposits with room requests are being accepted starting today. Also, save the date for the Women's Retreat – Jan. 26-28, 2024!

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.

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.

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

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 8/27/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 38 In-Person Traditional— 105

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 45

Traditional— 21

Facebook Live: 85 views for Traditional Service Total: 294

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 if you are having trouble viewing. We encourage you to ask for help!

Citylight Schedule

Sunday 9/3

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

10:05 am - Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Wednesday 6/6 - Friday 9/1

Program Break, Rosalie out of Town

Sunday 9/10

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Wednesday 9/13

6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Citynight

Friday 9/15

7:00 pm - 10:00 pm - Game Night

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/0e99d29d89f0/citylightupdate322022-13530672>