

# Large Print Announcements

## Announcements– September 17, 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](mailto: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!**

### Northwood Shepherd Ministry

Every Northwood member has a shepherd (elder or deacon), and these church officers seek to be a resource to church members in feeling connected to the church. They are glad to talk to you about any questions or thoughts you might have concerning our church. In the coming days and weeks, the church officers will be contacting members on their shepherd list as Northwood takes seriously being part of the body of Christ. If you have any questions about Northwood's Shepherd Ministry contact Paul Means, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care.

### Jane Sutton Book Club—September 25th

Come and join the Jane Sutton Book Club! The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am in room 11 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](mailto:ecicerchi@gmail.com) or by phone 607-382-1781.

### The Project Group– September 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 (**September 26th**) 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.

## **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!**

All who have gifts of singing, love to sing, and belong to a community of friends with the same purpose and goals while singing praises to our Lord, we need you and we welcome you! We meet every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, contact Stephanie Carson at Stephanie@northwoodpc.org.

## **Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat—Save the Date!**

Leave your worries (and chores) behind! Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. We're excited to announce that Rosalie Pareja will once again be joining us as our speaker. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Reservation forms are available at the church office.

## **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](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) if you are interested or have any questions.

## **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](http://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.

## **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](mailto: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

## 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.

## 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 9/10/23 Livestream & In-Person

**In-Person Contemporary— 47 In-Person Traditional— 123**

**Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 42**

**Traditional— 46**

**Facebook Live: 77 views for Traditional Service Total: 335**

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 9/17

**9:00 am - Contemporary Service**

**10: 05 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School**

**11:00 am - Traditional Service**

## Wednesday 9/20

**6:00 pm - 7:00 pm - Citynight**

## Friday 9/22

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

## Sunday 9/24

**9:00 am - Contemporary Service**

**10: 05 am - 11:00 am - Sunday School**

**11:00 am - Traditional Service**

**Follow the link to view our weekly email:**

<https://mailchi.mp/5963c7ff0e4a/citylightupdate322022-13531456>