

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– October 8, 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 the next Discovering Northwood Presentation November 19th at 10am. WELCOME!

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew—Oct. 13

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, October 13th 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,” Earle & Jessie Lusk will provide the program, “The Beauty and Wonder of Australia and New Zealand.” 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.

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.

Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon and 2024 nominating committee? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 5. Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them. Nomination forms may be returned to the church office.

I have the permission of

to nominate him/her for the office of

Elder or Deacon or Nominating Committee 2024

(Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: June Arnold, Kim Blackmore, Rachelle Cox, Susan Gajentan, Dennis Rasmussen & Roxie Swartz

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!

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.

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!

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshiping 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.

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.

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/>.

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 10/1/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 56 In-Person Traditional— 132

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 86

Traditional— 58

Facebook Live: 124 views for Traditional Service Total: 456

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 10/8

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

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

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Wednesday 10/11

5:30 pm - 7:30 pm - Citynight

Friday 10/13

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

Sunday 10/15

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/e9d1db96131f/citylightupdate322022-13532356>