

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– October 22, 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!

WAY Dinners are Back—October 25th

WAY Dinners are **October 25, November 1, 8 & 15**. The dinner begins at 6:00pm. Reservation forms are located on the tables in the narthex or in the church office. See reservation form for menus and more information. Please remember to invite your friends, family and neighbors to join you. If you are a new member, visitor or first-time guest, your meal (with a reservation) is complimentary. For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at (727) 796-8090.

Auditions:Praise and Worship Singers/Musicians!

Calling all teens and adults with musical gifts and a passion for Christ! We are looking for a few singers and musicians to join our Voices in Praise (VIP) band that leads worship at our 9am Ignite Services! The band practices on Thursday nights. If you are interested in auditioning, or know someone who may be, e-mail Taryn Lumia at taryn@northwoodpc.org for more info!

Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat—Sign Up TODAY!

Leave your worries (and chores) behind! Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. The dates are **January 26-28, 2024**. 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 and due by October 26th.

Sing the Christmas Cantata-- “Darkness Into Light”

Wednesdays from 7-7:35 we will rehearse our wonderful new Christmas Cantata, “*Darkness Into Light* by Mary McDonald. You can join the choir just for this. It is a short commitment and an opportunity to sing with a large choir and orchestra. Please contact Stephanie Carson and we will reserve a cantata book for you. stephanie@northwoodpc.org; 727-796-8090

Stephen Ministry

How many of us take pause when the last child honks the horn, waves, and drives away—and the house suddenly seems empty or when we receive the phone call we hoped we would never get? The list of possibilities is endless. But are you aware that there is a Stephen Minister at Northwood who is ready to help you face these tough times?

Your Stephen Minister has received over 50 hours of training, enabling them to walk with you during troubling challenges. They are a Northwood, Christian lay person ready to provide confidential, one-on-one attention. They will listen, support, encourage, and pray with you during regular meetings as long as there is a need.

If you—or someone you know—could benefit from the care of a Stephen Minister, or if you have questions about Stephen Ministry, please contact either of our Pastors or Jackie Koski.

Blanket Sunday– November 5th

Blanket Sunday is November 5, 2023. Please start thinking about donating new and gently used blankets to the migrant workers’ families at Beth El. Every year we collect blankets and money donations for these families who live in such poor and challenging conditions.. They use the blankets for more than warmth. They use them as room dividers and other means of privacy. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to such a worthwhile cause. Please call Pastor Paul @ 727-796- 8090 if you have any questions.

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

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!

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 10/15/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 43 In-Person Traditional— 118

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 87

Traditional— 44

Total: 292

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 10/22

Returning from All-Church Retreat

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Friday 10/27

7:00pm-9:00pm - Game Night in the Gym

Sunday 10/29

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

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

11:00 am - Traditional Service

Citynight & Game Night Program Break

November 1st - November 10th

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/1d098c5ade32/citylightupdate322022-13533808>