

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– November 19, 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, Sunday, January 21st at 10:00am.** WELCOME!

HEP & Beth-El Angel Tree

It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help our adopted families with Christmas! This year we are working with families from the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry and with HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program). Through **Sunday, Nov. 26**, the HEP houses will be on the Angel Christmas tree in the narthex. **On Nov. 26** the Beth-El angels will be added to the tree and will be **available through Sunday, Dec. 3**. The house and angel decorations will have a gift or general household items printed on them. Select as many houses and angels as you like. Dates of when all gifts will need to be returned to the church will be coordinated with Beth-El and HEP. Thank you so much for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way during the Christmas Season!

Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat—Sign Up TODAY!

Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. The dates are **January 26-28, 2024**. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Reservation forms are available at the church office and due now.

The Project Group– November 28th

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 (**November 28th**) 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.

Poinsettias

Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? For just \$10, you can make that happen. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from today's friendship sheet (through December 17) in the giving station or drop off in the church office during regular office hours. If paying online, be sure to send an email to communications@northwoodpc.org with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in memory or honor.

A Celtic Christmas – December 1

Please join us for A Celtic Christmas with Gemma Briggs and Ensemble. Celebrate the Christmas season with Highland Bagpipes, Irish Bouzouki, Irish Whistle, Guitar, keyboard and vocals. Gemma grew up at Northwood with her parents (Ann & Spencer Briggs) who are longtime members. Gemma is an accomplished bagpiper and Celtic instrument artist in great demand throughout the area and beyond. This will be a concert you will not want to miss! This is a free concert, but a free-will offering will be received.

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

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, December 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,” Rachelle Cox will provide the program, “The Breathtaking Beauty of Norway and Iceland: The Land of Fire and Ice.” 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, contact Pastor Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Ring, Sing & Mingle – December 10

Northwood’s three handbell choirs will present a variety of Christmas Music interspersed with Carol singing and ending with a cookie reception. At the festive reception there will be a photo booth backdrop, so bring your phones for pics and wear your Christmas finery to get some great family shots for your Christmas Cards this year. Please bring homemade cookies for the event. That’s the best part!!

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study—Dec. 12

All Women are Welcome

Presbyterian Women, Sister in Christ, are using a Bible study called “*Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*” by Olive Mahr. The lesson will be Tuesday, December 12th at 10:00 am in rooms 5 & 7 with a Christmas brunch to follow. All are invited! If you’d like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

Christmas Cantata– December 17

“Light Into Darkness” with Chancel Choir & Instruments by Mary McDonald. The Cantata will be performed Sunday, December 17th, during our ONE Worship Service at 10:00a.m.

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 let Jennifer McManus know, who is serving as our Acting Director of Children’s Ministry. You may contact Jennifer at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org or say “hello” to her when you see her on Sunday morning!

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 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.

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 11/19/23 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 41 In-Person Traditional— 125

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 48

Traditional— 56

Facebook Live: 117 views

Total: 387

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 Youth Ministry Schedule

Sunday 11/26

9:00 am - Contemporary Service

10:05 am - Youth Sunday School

11:00 am - Traditional Service

12:00pm-2:00pm - Youth & Families Friendsgiving

Monday 11/29

5:30 pm - 7:00 pm - Citynight, Youth Room

Friday, December 1st

7:00 pm - 9:30 pm - Game Night

10:00 pm - 12:00 am - Cosmic Bowling

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/9a581befc8a1/citylightupdate322022-13535900>