

Large Print Announcements

Announcements— April 7, 2024

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, May 12th at 10:00am.** WELCOME!

Northwood Photo Group—April 9th

Would you like to start taking better pictures, and use photography as a way of exploring God's beauty? Please join us for the regular monthly meeting of the Northwood Photo Group on Tuesday, April 9th at 7:00pm in rooms 5-7. All are invited, whether you're a beginner or an expert! If you have any questions, please contact David Lawrence at david@primeimagesinc.com or Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— April 12

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, April 12th 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," Dave and Cynthia Lawrence will provide the program "Jewels of the Adriatic—Croatia, Slovenia & Montenegro." Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Chili's in Clearwater. All are welcome! Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796- 8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Landscaping Group & BBQ—April 13, 8am-1pm

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, April 13th, from 8:00am-1:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our first landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. Please do not feel you need to stay the whole day. Come when it's convenient for you and you'll receive tasks to help make way for our healthy plants, lawn and garden. At 1:00pm we will have a potluck lunch at the west lawn picnic tables. If you plan to attend lunch, please bring a favorite side dish or dessert. Ritchie will be smoking bar-b-que chicken on site. Let us know if you have an interest in joining us so that we may plan appropriately. Please contact Leslie Henley if interested at leslianne1968@icloud.com.

Home Communion Training—April 14

The Home Communion ministry which was suspended during Covid is being reestablished with an Elder and Deacon Home Communion Information and Training session on Sunday, April 14th from 12:30 to 1:30 in room 8. This is an excellent opportunity for all church officers, both active and resting Elders and Deacons, to learn more and become involved in this important ministry of care and compassion to Northwood members who are homebound and unable to attend church. We need officers to serve on home teams or who would be willing to serve as a substitute. To RSVP or if you have any questions, please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Jane Sutton Book Club—April 22

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be April 22nd. The group meets the 4th Monday of the month at 10:00am in room 13 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 or by phone 607-382-1781.

The Project Group— April 23

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 (**April 23**) 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.

Children's Sunday School

Beginning Sunday, March 3rd, Children's Sunday School for ages 4 to 5th grade will be held weekly during both Worship Services (9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.) in Room 14.

Nursery

The Nursery is available for childcare during both the 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services. Our staff are screened and trained to provide safe, caring and entertaining supervision to your little ones while you attend Worship.

King's Kids

Our Spring 2024 King's Kids Session will be held on Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m., March 20th – May 8th. Join our group of adventurers as we discover New Testament stories of Jesus' amazing ministry through interactive lessons, crafts, and other fun activities. Ages 4 to 5th grade.

VBS Save the Date—July 15-19

Northwood Vacation Bible School July 15-19, 2024—9:00 am - 12:00 pm
Join us for a week of fun, faith-building activities! Our VBS is open to Pre-k - 5th grade, also welcoming grades 6 - 12 to volunteer.

**For registration or information, please contact:
Jennifer McManus, Director of Children's Ministry
childrensministry@northwoodpc.org
727-796-8090 x2002**

[Cedarkirk Retreats—Save the Dates](#)

Please save the dates for these Cedarkirk events on your calendar! The Fall Church Retreat will be held on Oct. 11-13, 2024 and the Women's Retreat will be held on Jan. 10-12, 2025. Registration info for the Fall Retreat will be available in May.

[Northwood's Got Talent—Save the Date—May 19th](#)

Save the date for an afternoon of talent, fun and laughter! The date for this years NGT is Sunday, May 19th at 4:00pm. If you are interested in participating, please contact Babs Bailey at dixiechick411@gmail.com or 727-512-9476

[Northwood Scholarship Application 2024](#)

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office now. **Applications must be returned to JoAnne Spigarelli @ jpspig1@gmail.com. Applications must be received by June 1, 2024.** Applications will not be accepted in the church office. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

[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. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving 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

Email Scam Alert

Some members have received scam emails that appear to be from our pastor, in past years. The emails, disguised as his, request you purchase gift cards and email the card's numbers to him. Other churches have the same problem. As a rule, our church staff will never solicit funds by email. If you receive such an email, please forward the message to the church office but do not respond to it.

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 during the week in the church office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm.

Large Print Bibles, Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

Transportation Ministry

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Thursdays to reserve a seat on the van.

Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org

- Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.
- Publications for the *Window* newsletter must be received by the 3rd Monday of the month. (Please limit all announcements to 4 lines.)

Attendance for Holy Week Livestream & In-Person

Maundy Thursday In-Person— 79	Facebook— 72
Good Friday In-Person— 86	Facebook— 79
Easter In-Person Contemporary— 168	Facebook— 233
Eater In-Person Traditional— 258	Facebook— 81

Livestream from the Church Website: Maundy Thursday— 31
Good Friday— 11
Easter Traditional— 62

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!

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

<i>Sunday, April 7:</i>	Marilyn Olson, Wilai McNay
<i>Monday, April 8:</i>	Jerry Cox
<i>Tuesday, April 9:</i>	Jackie Koski, Jennifer Johnson, Phoebe Stark
<i>Wednesday, April 10:</i>	Judy Churchsmith
<i>Thursday, April 11:</i>	Pamela Peters, Babs Bailey, Christopher Parker
<i>Saturday, April 13:</i>	Rob Bonnier, Sandra Rasmussen, Dee Bryant, Kassandra Mattson

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

Friends of Northwood

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2024 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen, or you may send your information directly to communications@northwoodpc.org. Please remember to mark “flowers” and the date on your \$30 donation. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (9:00) Jill Manning & Louise Mylin
- (11:00) Gretchen Worth & Lois Harber

USHERS:

- (9:00) Carol Zieres & Cindy Gamble
- (11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo