

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– August 25, 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, September 15th at 10:00am. WELCOME!**

Beth-El Shoe Sunday—TODAY

Each August at this time we donate and dedicate new or gently used shoes for children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry in Wimauma, FL. As announced through this month, there are donation tubs in the church hallway to drop off your shoes along with any socks, backpacks, sweatshirts, sweaters and lightweight jackets. If you have any last minute items you'd like to donate, please bring them to the church office on Monday during church office hours. Thank you to all those who are participating in Northwood's Beth-El Shoe Sunday!

Jane Sutton Book Club—August 26

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be August 26th. 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.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— September 13

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, September 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," Charlie and Mike Wood will provide the program "North to Alaska". Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at BJ's Restaraunt. 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.

The Project Group– August 27

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 (**August 27**) 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.

Choir News

Some of you have inquired, “Where is the choir?” It has been our practice at NPC to give the Chancel Choir a break in the summer and showcase many of our choir members’ voices singing solos on Sunday mornings. As you have heard, there is great talent, and hearts for God, among our choir family, offering their gifts in worship. We look forward to returning to choir at the end of August with our Strawberries & Cream Reception and first rehearsal of the season starting Wednesday, August 28th at 6:15pm. If you have any questions, contact Stephanie Carson at stephanie@northwoodpc.org

Home Communion

If you or someone you know is unable to attend church, either short-term or long-term to receive communion, Northwood’s Home Communion Ministry Team would be happy to bring you Home Communion to you. The Home Communion ministry, made up of both active and resting Elders and Deacons, have become involved in this important ministry of care and compassion to Northwood members who are homebound and unable to attend church. No preparation on your part is needed, we bring everything. We visit homes, rehab centers, hospitals, etc. For more information, please contact Paul Means at 796-8090 x 2006 or Jackie Koski at 727-726-5359.

Women's Retreat– January 10-12, 2025

Join the women of Northwood for a spirit revitalizing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing, and leisurely walks in the woods. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won’t want to miss this amazing weekend! Registration forms are available on the poster outside the library. If you have any questions, contact Jeanne at jeanneesteph@gmail.com.

Youth Ministry

Every Sunday morning, the youth, which includes middle school, high school and college age students, will meet for Sunday School at 10:00am in the youth room. Wednesday evenings we will have Youth Group meet at 6 pm in the youth room. Game night will meet on Fridays from 7pm-10pm in the youth room/FLC. If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090 x2008.

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. 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

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.)

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.

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.

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.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

(9:00) Kim Blackmore & Mia VanNess
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

USHERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz
(11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, August 25: Hayley Parker
Monday, August 26: Steve Schultz, Katie Williams,
Jayla Davis, Haley Stark
Tuesday, August 27: Chris Hurst, Christine Wolf, Fred McQuown
Wednesday, August 28: Gene Baker, Earle Lusk, Melissa Long
Friday, August 30: Aaron McDermott

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!

Greeter Ministry

Northwood Presbyterian has a reputation for being a warm, friendly and welcoming church. Our Greeter Ministry plays a very important role in this reputation. Our greeters are volunteers who are the first point of contact for our visitors and members. Wouldn't you like to greet and be blessed as well? If you are interested in becoming involved in this very important ministry, please contact Cindy Gamble, the Deacon responsible for greeters in the 9:00 service at gamblecindy3@gmail.com. The Deacon responsible for greeters in the 11:00 service is Barbara Forsyth. She can be reached at gulfvu@hotmail.com.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School is paused for the Summer. We will resume again in the Fall. All children from infancy to 5th grade are welcome in the Nursery during both Worship services.

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.

Did you know?

There are complimentary greeting cards available in the library directly to your left as you enter. These are provided and kept up to date by the Deacons.