

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– October 6, 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, November 17th at 10:00am. WELCOME!**

Peace & Global Witness Offering— TODAY

TODAY, we will receive the annual Peacemaking Offering. Eighty percent of the offering will be divided between Bridging Freedom and Samaritan Village, both organizations fighting against the sex trafficking of women and providing victims safety, healing and hope. The PCUSA will receive 20% of the offering. Let us give generously for Jesus' sake!

Hurricane Response

As we as a congregation pray for the safety of our brothers and sisters who have been impacted by the Hurricane, we are gathering information about how we as a church can help. Checks should be made payable to Northwood Presbyterian Church with "Hurricane Relief" in the memo line. Contributions can also be made online through the church's website or delivered to the church office or delivered during normal business hours (9:00am – 3pm M-F).

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 during or after a storm, please contact Deacon Betty Spoerl at 931-722-0559 or bjspoerl@outlook.com. If emailing, 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. Accommodations must be non-smoking. With hurricane season here, we are all encouraged to prepare for a possible storm.

Northwood Photo Group —October 15

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, September 15th at 7:00pm in rooms 11 & 13. All are invited whether you're a beginner or an expert. If you have any questions, contact curtis.krueger@gmail.com or david@primeimagesinc.com.

Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon and 2025 nominating committee? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 3. **Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them.** Nomination forms may be returned to the church office or given to the Nominating Committee Chair, Dennis Rasmussen.

I have the permission of

to nominate him/her for the office of

Elder or Deacon or Nominating Committee 2025

(Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: June Arnold, Polly Brown, Linda Feller,
Curtis Kreuger, Dennis Rasmussen, Jean Swintek

Sing the Christmas Cantata

Wednesdays from 7-7:35pm we will begin rehearsing our wonderful new Christmas Cantata beginning **October 9th**. 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

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— October 11

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, October 11th 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 Ancient British Isles, a Mystical Journey Through Time.” Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at Cricketer’s British Pub. 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.

Blanket Sunday– November 3rd

Blanket Sunday is November 3, 2024. 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.

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 jeanneestephen@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 6pm 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.

The Project Group– October 22

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 (**Oct 22**) 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.

Jane Sutton Book Club—October 28

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be October 28th. 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.

NPC Fellowship Groups

These groups have met over the last eight months and word is everyone enjoyed meeting for dinner in homes or in restaurants. A new round of NPC Fellowship groups will start in October with new groups formed. If you would like to join a Fellowship Group, please email Claudia Alwood at cjalwood@msn.com. If you have been in a recent NPC Fellowship Group, we will contact you to see if you would like to continue.

WAY Dinners Begin Oct. 30th

WAY Dinners are **October 30, Nov. 6, 13 & 20**. The dinners begin at 6:00pm. Reservation forms will be located on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen mid October. Following the Wednesday meals, Pastor Chris will lead a study series. See reservation form for more information. Don't forget to invite a friend. For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office.

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

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.

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

USHERS:

(9:00) Cindy Gamble & Georgia Rounding
(11:00) Sue Miskiewicz & Roger Snay

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Jenny Carlstedt, Margi Gott
(11:00) Leslie Henley & JoAnne Ross

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Tuesday, October 8: Sharon Lumia, Andy McManus
Wednesday, October 9: Ellis Cantin, Tom Donnelly
Thursday, October 10: Claire Cantin, Ethel Cargill
Friday, October 11: Gloria Whitfield, Jerry Koski,
Susan Hassell, Jacob Pope
Saturday, October 12: Jan Spalding

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

Babs Bailey



In Loving Memory of My Son, Raymond Bailey



Terry Steele

In Loving Memory of My Mother, Maxine Steele

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.

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.

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 9/29/24 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 43 In-Person Traditional— 128

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 132

Traditional—92

Facebook Live: 242 views

Total: 637

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!