

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– October 27, 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!**

WAY Dinners Begin THIS Wednesday

WAY Dinners are **October 30, Nov. 6, 13 & 20**. The dinners begin at 6:00pm. Reservation forms are located on the bulletin board outside of the kitchen and in the narthex. Following the Wednesday meals, the focus of the program will be on our mission efforts. Don't forget to invite a friend. For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office.

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 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. Due to the recent hurricanes, Beth-El is also in need of bottled water and canned food. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to such a worthwhile cause. Please call Pastor Paul @ 727-796- 8090 x2006 if you have 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.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— November 8

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, November 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 Ancient British Isles, a Mystical Journey Through Time.” Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at Grillsmith. 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.

Northwood Photo Group—November 12

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, November 12th at 7:00pm in rooms 11 & 13. All are invited, whether you're a beginner or an expert! If you have any questions, please contact David Lawrence or Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.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

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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) Cindy Gamble & Marti Raiche
- (11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

USHERS:

- (9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz
- (11:00) Sue Miskiewicz & Roger Snay

COFFEE SERVERS:

- (9:00) Georgia Rounding & Jill Manning
- (11:00) Anne Preston & Carol Robertson

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.

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.

Hearing Devices

Hearing devices are available for use during the worship services. Please ask an usher if you are in need.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Monday, October 28: Peter Gibson
Tuesday, October 29: Roger Ulrich, Shawn Wolf
Wednesday, October 30: Lois Harber
Thursday, October 31: Elizabeth Curkan
Friday, November 1: Ann James
Saturday, November 2: Ed Bunch

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



Jill Manning
In Loving Memory of
My Mother Virginia Smith



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!

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 10/20/24 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 52 In-Person Traditional— 118

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 154

Traditional—105

Facebook Live: 235 views

Total: 664

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!