

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– December 8, 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!**

Ring, Sing & Mingle – TODAY

TODAY at 4:00pm, 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!! Cookies may be dropped off this morning or this afternoon.

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). The HEP house ornaments are to be returned under the tree by Dec. 8. The Beth-El angels will be on the tree **Dec. 8 - Sunday, Dec. 15**. All decorations will have gift items printed on them. Select as many houses and angels as you like. **The dates when all gifts need to be returned are printed on the house and angel ornaments.** Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way during the Christmas Season!

Christmas Cantata– December 15—10am One Service

The Cantata featuring our Chancel Choir and Instruments will be performed Sunday, December 15th, during our ONE Worship Service at 10:00a.m.

NPC Garden Club—Dec. 14, 9am-12pm

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, December 14th, from 9:00am-12:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our next landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. Please bring working gloves, any tools you prefer working with, and a diligent spirit. Please contact Ritchie and Leslie Henley at leslianne1968@icloud.com with any questions.

Jane Sutton Book Club—November 25

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be November 25th. 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.

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 15) 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.

The Christmas Joy Special Offering

Sunday, December 15th, we will receive the annual Christmas Joy Offering. Your gifts make a difference in providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and in opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related ethnic colleges and schools. Your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering will make a difference in shining the One True Light of Christ's love.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— December 13

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, December 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,” Mike and Linda O’Leary will provide the program “Ancient Mediterranean Treasures” Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. 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.

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.

Music Ministry’s Annual Garage Sale

Only a few weeks left to get your closets, extra rooms and garages cleared out and ready for delivery or pick-up for the 2025 Garage Sale. The sale will take place on January 16, 17 and 18, 2025 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are only successful in raising funds for the Music Ministry with your generosity! Please invite your family, neighbors and friends to donate and to come to the sale. Cards are available in the narthex to hand out or post. Social media is a great way to get the message out.

All items are welcome – clothes, jewelry, furniture, household, linens, fine collectibles, holiday, books, tools, outdoor, etc. Please no older tv’s or entertainment centers. Collections at the church will begin on December 27, 2024 Volunteers are still needed to help with set-up, sorting, cashiering, security, and clean-up. Please call or e-mail if you can help or need a donation pick-up – Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 or susankcurry@verizon.net

Presbyterian Women's Bible Study—Dec. 10

All Women are Welcome!

Presbyterian Women, Sister in Christ, are using a Bible study called “*Let Justice Roll Down.*” The lesson will be Tuesday, December 10th at 10:00 am in rooms 5 & 7 with a Christmas brunch to follow and please bring a dish to share. All are invited! If you’d like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

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

Pledge Cards for 2025

Thank you for your faithful answer to God’s call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2024. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! Pledge cards are available in the narthex and the church office. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2024.

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) Ann & Spencer Briggs
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

USHERS:

(9:00) Nancy Turner & Georgia Rounding
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Susan Hassel & Marie Ziegler
(11:00) Polly Brown & Lois Harber

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.

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.

Hearing Devices

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, December 8: Roger Snay, Wanda Fanning,
Barbara Jordan, Beverly VanZyl
Monday, December 9: JoAnne Ross
Tuesday, December 10: Blake Estavil
Wednesday, December 11: Eleanor Cicerchi, Emma Tighe
Saturday, December 14: John Sutphin, Paul Means

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



Terry & Peggy Steele
In Honor of Our Wedding Anniversary



Jill Loomis
In Loving Memory of Robert L. Moody

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 12/1/24 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 56 In-Person Traditional— 144

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 132

Traditional—150

Facebook Live: 212 views

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!