

# Large Print Announcements

## **Announcements– December 22, 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](mailto: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!**

### **Worship Schedule for Christmas Eve & Dec. 29**

December 24: Christmas Eve Contemporary Worship—4:30pm  
Christmas Eve Traditional Worship— 7:00pm  
December 29: Contemporary Worship—9:00am  
Traditional Worship— 11:00pam

### **Church Office Closed**

The church office will be closed Wednesday, December 25th & Thursday, December 26th in observance of the Christmas Holiday.

### **Jane Sutton Book Club—December 23**

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be December 23rd. 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](mailto:ecicerchi@gmail.com) or by phone 607-382-1781.

### **Cedarkirk Women's Retreat—Jan. 10-12**

It's not too late to register for anyone who is interested in attending the 2025 Women's Retreat. You can pick up a brochure in the church office or register through our website under the Fellowship tab. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanne Stephen at [jeanneestephen@gmail.com](mailto:jeanneestephen@gmail.com)

## **Annual Report Deadline**

Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff is Monday, January 6th by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org). There are copies of last year's annual report in the church office if needed. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

## **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](mailto:susankcurry@verizon.net)

## **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](mailto: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 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](http://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) Cynthia & David Lawrence  
(11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

### **USHERS:**

- (9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz  
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

## **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](mailto:gamblecindy3@gmail.com). The Deacon responsible for greeters in the 11:00 service is Barbara Forsyth. She can be reached at [gulfvu@hotmail.com](mailto: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.

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

<b><i>Sunday, December 22:</i></b>	Steve Rickrode, Jonathan Luther
<b><i>Monday, December 23:</i></b>	Greg Brinkman
<b><i>Wednesday, December 25:</i></b>	Patty Martin, Bobbi Hunt
<b><i>Thursday, December 26:</i></b>	Ritchie Henley, Jim Warren
<b><i>Friday, December 27:</i></b>	Sally Uhler, Shannon O'Leary

*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*

**Beth Linville  
In Honor of My Wonderful Family**

**Jean Swintek  
In Honor of My Daughter Kathryn's Birthday**

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](mailto: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!

### **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.

### **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](mailto: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 12/8/24 Livestream & In-Person**

**In-Person Contemporary— 47   In-Person Traditional— 130**

**Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 132**

**Traditional—155**

**Facebook Live: 263 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!