

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– May 25, 2025

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.

Graduation Sunday—TODAY

TODAY we are having our annual Graduation Sunday Worship during both 9am & 11am services. The youth will be leading the services that Sunday and Eli Jeffre, our Summer Ministry Intern, will be preaching. Please join us in celebrating all of our 2025 graduates next Sunday!

Summer Intern, Eli Jeffre

We welcome Eli Jeffre again this summer as our Summer Ministry Intern. Eli has been attending Northwood his entire life! We are excited about his serving again this summer with us as a ministry intern. Eli will assist in leading worship, have the opportunity to preach, provide leadership with our youth and young adults, VBS, and gain experience in other areas of ministry as well. Eli is a Junior at Florida State University where he also serves on the staff of the Wesley Foundation. Welcome back Eli!

Blood Drive—TODAY

TODAY from 10:00am-12:00pm the blood mobile will be located in the Northwood parking lot. All donors will receive a \$20eGift card, a One Blood T-shirt and a wellness check-up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Church Office Closed May 26

The church office will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. We will re-open Tuesday, May 27th at 9:00 am.

Jane Sutton Book Club—May 26

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be May 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.

The Project Group– May 27

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 (**May 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.

Northwood Scholarship Application 2025

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office now. Applications must be received by email only to: jpspig1@gmail.com before June 1, 2024. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament.

ONLINE Directory

Church Directory available! While churches no longer offer paper church directories of members and friends, Northwood offers an Online Directory available through our website, www.northwoodpc.org. If you don't already have a login and password, you can create one by visiting our website at www.northwoodpc.org and clicking on the LOGIN link at the top of the page. When the screen appears, just click where it says "Need a login?" Follow the steps to create the login. Once you have created an account, you may look up members in the directory by clicking on the "directories" tab and entering a first and/or last name. We are available to help if needed. Call Emily Cantin in the church office and arrange a time to come by, 727-796-8090.

Presbyterian Women Honorary Life Member Selection

Inspired by the life and ministry of our foremothers, Presbyterian Women are steadfast in faith, mission and resolve to be Christ's witnesses to the world. In this regard, the Life Membership award was established to honor those who embody the principles of our pledge. To date, Northwood Presbyterian Women has selected just 37 very deserving recipients.

We are pleased to announce that our 2025 recipient is Dee Rivers.

Having joined Northwood in 2019, Dee generously shares her time, talent and treasure in so many ways. Here is just a sample:

- Served as a deacon, then immediately after her 3 year term completed, became an Elder. She leads a very active and successful Membership and Evangelism team which has attracted significant numbers of new members
- Actively participates as a key Kitchen Krew member, assists in overseeing the weekly cookie and coffee hour and bakes cookies for memorials and other events
- Actively participates in Presbyterian Women functions and serves on the Charitable contribution and social committees
- Contributes to the annual garage sale and assists in preparing the monthly window mailing
- Serves home communion to house-bound church members and often serves as an usher or greeter
- Works with a local charity to ensure that excess food is not wasted, and is distributed to the needy

Dee received a certificate, a Life Membership pin and will have her name added to the Honorary Life Membership plaque near the café. Congratulations and thank you from all of us.

VBS Register NOW—July21-25

Northwood Vacation Bible School will be held July 21-25, 2025 from 9:00am - 12:00 pm. Join us for a week of fun, faith-building activities! Our VBS is open to Pre-k - 5th grade, also welcoming grades 6 - 12 to volunteer. **Registration is open on our webpage at www.northwoodpc.org.**

Grand Piano Fundraising Campaign

“Make a Joyful Noise Unto the Lord!” We need your help to raise more than \$50,000 in the next five months in order to purchase a quality grand piano. Your generous donation, whether big or small, will go directly toward making this dream a reality. You can make a donation by filling out a bright green campaign card that you should have received in the mail. They are also located in the narthex and in the church office. You can also make a donation online on our church website or send a check payable to NPC with “piano campaign” in the memo. We are grateful for your support and prayers as we strive to glorify God through our Music Ministry for generations to come!

Youth

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 evening we have Youth Group that meets at 6:00pm in the youth room. Game night is every Friday evening from 7:00pm-10:00pm in the youth room/FLC. If you have any questions, please contact Dylan Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-723-5984.

Kid's Corner Preschool Registration

Registration is currently open for the 2025-2026 school year! We have openings in our 2's, 3's, and VPK. Please share the news! If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact Roxane Fineo at 727-723-7679 or email schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

Nursery Care Available

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. If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 727-796-8090 or communications@northwoodpc.org

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

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) Marti Raiche & Kim Blackmore
- (11:00) Hazel Vernon & Patty Adams

USHERS:

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

COFFEE SERVERS:

- (9:00) Georgia Rounding & Marie Ziegler
- (11:00) Carol Robertson & Anne Preston

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.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

<i>Sunday, May 25:</i>	Betty Spoerl, Hallie Pelham Kylie Winder
<i>Monday, May 26:</i>	Mary Wilson
<i>Wednesday, May 28:</i>	Brandon Strelcheck
<i>Thursday, May 29:</i>	Matthew Nigels, Delaney Pope
<i>Friday, May 30:</i>	Jody Beattie, Garland Pelham
<i>Friday, May 31:</i>	Van George, Anne Lanning

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

Attendance for 5/18/25 Livestream & InPerson

In-Person Contemporary— 70 In-Person Traditional— 133

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 38

Traditional— 65

Facebook Live: 71 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!

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 “2025 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!

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.

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.

Prayer Chain Ministry

The prayer chain is a vital ministry that uses the power of multiple people praying at once for the urgent needs of the members and friends of Northwood. During the worship service the attendance form may be completed, which has an area for prayer concerns. These prayer requests are sent to the Deacon in charge of the prayer chain by the Associate Pastor, Paul Means. The Deacon then sends the request out to the Prayer Chain volunteers. Prayer requests may also be given to the church office or Deacon Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com

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.)