

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– August 31, 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. The next Discovering Northwood Presentation to learn more about who we are and consider membership will be held on September 21st at 9:45am. Welcome!

Beth-El Shoe Sunday—TODAY

Each August at this time we donate and dedicate new or gently used shoes for children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry in Wimauma, FL. As announced through this month, there are donation tubs in the church hallway to drop off your shoes along with any socks, backpacks, sweatshirts, sweaters and lightweight jackets. If you have any last minute items you'd like to donate, please bring them to the church office on Monday during church office hours. Thank you to all those who are participating in Northwood's Beth-El Shoe Sunday!

Blood Drive—Sept. 7

Next Sunday, September 7th 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.

Office Closed for Labor Day

In observance of Labor Day, the church office will be closed Monday, September 1st. Calls to the office will be handled by the voicemail system and returned on Tuesday, September 2nd.

Fellowship Groups — Kick-Off Covered Dish Dinner September 18

A new season of Fellowship Groups is coming soon! Groups of 6,7 or 8 will meet monthly for lunch or dinner in homes or in a restaurant beginning in October. All group members and interested people are invited to a covered dish dinner on Thursday, September 18th at 5:00pm in rooms 5&7. New members are invited to join us as well! **Please indicate your interest by signing up on the information sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.** If you have any questions, please contact Emily Sutphin at 913-687-9063 or Emily.sutphin@gmail.com.

Choir News

We are excited to have our traditional Chancel Choir back this fall! If you have gifts of singing or have ever wanted to try singing in the choir, we welcome you. We sing all styles, both easy and challenging. We rehearse every Wednesday starting at 7:00pm in the sanctuary choir loft. Come belong to a community within our small group and make friends with the same purpose and goals while singing praises to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ! If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Carson at Stephanie@northwoodpc.org.

Email Scam Alert

Some of our members and church staff have once again received fraudulent emails that appear to be from Pastor Chris. These email scams usually say that the pastor does not have time to talk by phone and wants to talk to you by email only. They always end up asking for you to discreetly purchase gift cards to assist the pastor in helping others.

Our pastors will never solicit you for gift cards and do NOT send these emails. Our pastors love to talk to you anytime but you do not need to call them to let them know you have received another suspicious email. The best way to deal with this is for you to block the sender and/or forward the email to the church office so that we can collect them for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm and prey on the Christian kindness of our members. Be aware of such scams and do not respond to them!

Northwood Photo Group—Sept. 9

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 9th 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 at david@primeimagesinc.com or Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— September 12

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, September 12th at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. 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," Pastor Paul Means will provide the program "Through the Lens of Wonder: Alaska's Untamed Beauty from Seward Highway to the Wild Bears of Katmai National Park." Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at Bonefish Grill. 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.

NPC Garden Club—September 20

Calling all friends, fellow Christians and green thumb enthusiasts! Saturday, September 20th from 9:00am-12:00pm, Northwood will be hosting our next landscaping clean-up and fertilization day to help maintain our beautiful campus. Our focus will be the 2 year old North Childrens playground, and continued mulching of North entry. If you have any questions, contact Ritchie & Leslie Henley at leslianne1968@icloud.com or 813-833-1180.

Women's Retreat– January 9-11, 2026

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 across from the kitchen. Deposits with room requests are now being accepted. Sign up early for best choice of rooms! If you have any questions, contact Jeanne at jeanneestephens@gmail.com.

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.

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.

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.

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

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 bjspoorl@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 approaching, we are all encouraged to prepare for a possible storm.

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.

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.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (9:00) Jenny Carlstedt & Georgia Rounding
- (11:00) Gail Rothrock & Randy Ball

USHERS:

- (9:00) Cindy Gamble
- (11:00) Mary McCauley

COFFEE SERVERS:

- (9:00) PW Sisters In Christ
- (11:00) PW sisters In Christ

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, August 31: Kathleen Meyer
Monday, September 1: Janet Dudley
Wednesday, September 3: Dee Rivers, Drew Bryant
Thursday, September 4: Ken Carder, Scott Curkan
Friday, September 5: Toby Shugart, Michael Turner,
Allison Gunderman
Saturday, September 6: Aimee McDermott

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by

Linda & Mike O'Leary
In Loving Memory of Dortha O'Leary

Jill Manning
In Loving Memory of Brother, Scott Smith

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!

Attendance for 8/24/25 Livestream & In-Person

Person Contemporary— 55 In-Person Traditional— 89

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 36

Traditional— 64

Facebook Live: 69 views

If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services through your home computer or phone, please view the church live streaming archives the next day. You can always call the church office and ask for help if you are having trouble viewing from your home device. We welcome and celebrate our online live viewers who worship with us!

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.

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.)

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women, led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will take place September 9th at 10:00am in rooms 5&7. We will begin a new 9 month study, *"Finding Resilience, Joy, and Our Identity in Jesus Christ"* by Rhashell D. Hunter. Study books are available at the meeting and can be purchased for \$7.00. WE are delighted that several ladies joined our circle planning meeting in August; there is always room for more! For more information about how you can be involved, contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

Fresh Brewed

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. Our next meeting will take place September 5th. This meeting we will have a salad lunch. We will finish the video from *Seamless* and vote on a new book. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk

After the Summer Break, this adult Sunday School/Bible Study group will look forward to seeing everyone in class on Sunday, September 7th at 10:00am, sharp in room 8. A very familiar scripture, **The Lord's Prayer**, has been selected for our first study of the season. Each of us should benefit from many instructional blessings and discoveries the Spirit will share from the prayer Jesus taught His disciples to pray. Please join us!