

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– September 21, 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. Welcome!

Discovering Northwood Presentation—TODAY

A Discovering Northwood presentation will be held TODAY in Room 4 at **9:45am** for those wishing to learn more about Northwood and consider church membership. Please know you are welcome to attend if you have been visiting us online in worship. We hope to see you there!

Gifts of Women Sunday– September 28

NEXT Sunday, September 28th is Gifts of Women Sunday, when women are prominent in our worship services. We welcome Holly Dillon. Holly serves as the General Presbyter for the Presbytery of Tampa Bay. She will preach at the 9:00am Contemporary service and the 11:00am Traditional service. Please plan to attend and enjoy the “Gifts of Women.

Congregational Meeting– September 28

The Session of Northwood Presbyterian Church has called a meeting of the congregation for Sunday, September 28th, at the conclusion of the 11 AM worship service for the purpose of acting on the request of Rev. Dr. Paul Mean’s to dissolve his pastoral relationship with Northwood so that he may retire at the end of this year. (See Motion below).

MOTION:

With deep appreciation for his many years of service the Congregation of Northwood Presbyterian Church, Clearwater, Florida, concurs with Rev. Dr. Paul Means' request to the Presbytery of Tampa Bay that the pastoral relationship between us and Rev. Means as our associate pastor be dissolved as of December 31, 2025.

Ushers Needed

If you have ever ushered or have a desire to volunteer, we are in need of ushers for the 11:00am worship service. Please contact coordinator Barbara Moler if interested at bhm@tampabay.rr.com or 727-686-2547.

Jane Sutton Book Club—September 22

The Jane Sutton Book Club will be September 22. 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 the church office at 727-796-8090.

The Project Group– September 23

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 (**September 23**) 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.

Sing the Christmas Cantata

This is a chance to sing some of your favorite Christmas music by participating in our Christmas Cantata, Sunday morning, December 14th with a rehearsal, Saturday morning December 13th. Beginning October 1st, we will spend the first 40 minutes of each Wednesday night choir rehearsal singing Christmas music, and then you are dismissed with no Sunday morning obligation. Our cantata includes carols such as “Breath of Heaven”, “Sing We Now of Christmas”, “Ukrainian Bell Carol”, “In the Bleak MidWinter”, “Sussex Carol” and “Angels We Have Heard On High” and more!

They are arranged by Lloyd Larson, Mark Hayes, Joseph Martin, Mack Wilberg and others. You also get to sing with our chamber orchestra.

Please join us and contact Stephanie Carson 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!

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 jeanneestephen@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 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

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

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) Georgia Rounding & Susan Hasell
- (11:00) Elaine & Charles Rumpel

USHERS:

- (9:00) Marie Ziegler & Jill Manning
- (11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

COFFEE SERVERS:

- (9:00) Nancy Turner & Jenny Carlstedt
- (11:00) Bev Hyden & Hazel Vernon

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, September 21: Alyssa Long, Hannah Gipson
Monday, September 22: Steve Lang, David Nelson,
Rachel Granata
Tuesday, September 23: Carol Trunzo, Phil Ventrella, Faye Mack-
ie,
Tanya Adkisson
Thursday, September 25: Leah Dipolito, Cecelia Turner
Saturday, September 27: Suzanne Alexander

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

Randy Ball

In Honor of My Wife Gail Rothrock

Jean Swintek

In Honor of My Grandson's,

Scott & Mark Patrick and Misug's Birthdays

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!

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.

Attendance for 9/14/25 Livestream & In-Person

Person Contemporary— 54 In-Person Traditional— 109

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary—86

Traditional—62

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 October 14th at 10:00am in rooms 5&7. We are studying "*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. 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 October 3rd. Our new book study is "One Thousand Gifts" by Ann Voskamp. If you have any questions or need a book, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.

Biblical TakeAways, led by Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk

The adult Sunday School/Bible Study meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in room 8. All are welcome! Bring your Bible. 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!