

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– September 28, 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!

Gifts of Women Sunday

TODAY is Gifts of Women Sunday, when women are prominent in our worship services. We welcome Holly Dillon. Rev. Dr. Holly Dillon has served as the General Presbyter of the Presbytery of Tampa Bay since September, 2022. She was a member of the Presbytery of St. Augustine from 2015 until her move to Tampa Bay and served as the Associate Pastor at Palms Presbyterian Church in Jacksonville Beach from 2015-2020 and as the Ministry and Mission Presbyter from 2020-2022.

Holly grew up in Illinois and her spiritual roots are in the Quaker church. She served a small, rural Quaker church in Indiana as co-pastor from 1982-1987, then became a Christian educator in the PC(U.S.A.), serving for over 20 years in Indiana and Colorado.

As Holly approaches retirement in March, 2026, she is looking forward to more opportunities to fish and garden, staying up late on Saturday nights, and moving closer to her 3 yr old granddaughter.

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.

Peace & Global Witness Offering— Oct 5

Next Sunday, October 5th, we will receive the annual Peacemaking Offering. Eighty percent of the offering will be divided between Bridging Freedom and Samaritan Village, both organizations fighting against the sex trafficking of women and providing victims safety, healing and hope. The PCUSA will receive 20% of the offering. Let us give generously for Jesus' sake!

Sing the Christmas Cantata

- Sing in the choir with no Sunday commitment
- Rehearse Wednesdays beginning October 1st, from 7-7:45pm
- 8 well-known Christmas Carols/songs
- Sing with a Chamber Orchestra
- Special Rehearsal Saturday October 11th, 10:00-11:30am
- Dress rehearsal Saturday December 13th, 10-11:30am
- December 14, 10:00am, One Worship Service

Please join us and if you have any questions, 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.

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) Marti Raiche & Kim Blackmore
(11:00) Jan Robins & Hazel Vernon

USHERS:

(9:00) Marie Ziegler & Roxie Swartz
(11:00) Wilai McNay & Patty Adams

COFFEE SERVERS:

(9:00) Georgia Rounding & Jill Manning
(11:00) Carol Robertson & Anne Preston

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, September 28: Diana Fisher, Todd Adkisson
Tuesday, September 30: Bill Oxenford
Wednesday, October 1: Diane Musto, Ethan Winder
Thursday, October 2: Missy Wolf
Friday, October 3: Dan Greff, Brian Mackie, Leslie Henley

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

Betsy & Bonnie
In Loving Memory of Our Parents,
Loisanne & Bill Bilka

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!

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

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 9/21/25 Livestream & In-Person

Person Contemporary— 57 In-Person Traditional— 101

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary—56

Traditional—66

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!

Youth Sunday School, led by Dylan Cantin

The youth Sunday School meets every Sunday morning at 10:00am in the youth room. During this time, we will discuss the scripture and message and incorporate worship elements like music into our hour.