

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– October 26, 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. **Mark your calendar for the next Discovering Northwood Presentation, Sunday, November 16th at 9:45am.** Welcome!

WAY (Wednesday and You) Dinners

Dinners begin THIS Wednesday!! The Fall WAY Dinners are **October 29, November 5,12 & 19**. The dinners begin at 6:00pm in the CE building. Reservation forms are located in the church hallway bulletin board across from the kitchen. Following the Wednesday meals, the topic of the program will be *Stories From Our Pastors*. Don't forget to invite a friend. For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at 727-796-8090.

Jane Sutton Book Club—October 27

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– October 28

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.

Paul's Retirement Recognition at Presbytery– Oct. 30

While Paul will not be retiring from ministry until December 31st, he will be recognized at the next presbytery meeting on Thursday, October 30th sometime during the morning meeting between 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. If you would like to attend the meeting as an observer in support of Paul, the church van will be leaving promptly from Northwood at **7:00 a.m. that Thursday morning**. Those wanting a spot on the church van need to let Emily know in the church office **by Tuesday, October 27**. The van will leave to return to the church as soon as the meeting concludes around Noon and will not be staying for the presbytery luncheon. The address for First Presbyterian Church of Inverness is 206 Washington Ave., Inverness, Fl. 34450

An Invitation to a Special Celebration– November 2

We invite our entire Northwood family to celebrate 20 years of faithful service for our Pastor, Rev. Dr. Chris Curvin. The celebration will take place Sunday, November 2nd in the Christian Education building from 10:00-11:00am and 12:00-1:00pm. This is a special opportunity to say “Thank you” for 20 years of faithful preaching, teaching, prayer and pastoral care. A continental breakfast buffet will be served. Please plan to attend and bring a friend. Cards and letters of appreciation are encouraged!

Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon and 2026 nominating committee? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 9. **Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them.** Nomination forms may be returned to the church office.

I have the permission of

to nominate him/her for the office of

Elder or Deacon or Nominating Committee 2026

(Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: June Arnold, Tim Beaver, Jody Beattie, Ann Briggs, Dan Jeffre, Louise Mylin, Cookie Roffey

[Blanket Sunday– November 2nd](#)

We are collecting new and gently used blankets to be given to the migrant workers' families at Beth El. Every year we collect blankets and monetary donations for these families who live in such poor and challenging conditions. We are also collecting new and gently used, clean light jackets and hoodies. Please, no large size jackets and hoodies. Jacket sizes needed are small and medium for children and women and medium for men. Also, please note, for this outreach we are not collecting suitcases for Beth-El. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to such a worthwhile cause. Please call Pastor Paul @ 727-796-8090 if you have any questions.

[Halloween Candy for Music Ministry](#)

If you have leftover Halloween candy or find some good BOGO deals, the music ministry will gladly accept your donations. Thank you!

[Blood Drive—November 9](#)

Sunday, November 9th from 9:30am-12:00pm, the blood mobile will be located in the Northwood parking lot. All donors will receive a \$20 eGift card, a Power Bank and a wellness check-up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

[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!

[Advent Wreath Lighting](#)

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Lighting the Advent Wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way for us to honor our Christian tradition of preparing for the Christ child. Would you like to take part in this meaningful Northwood tradition? The Worship Team needs groups of two or more (friends, family members, Sunday School classes, etc) to light the candles of the Advent Wreath during each worship service of Advent. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 or email her at bikingringer@gmail.com.

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 jeanneesteph@gmail.com.

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

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.

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

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
(11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

USHERS:

- (9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz
(11:00) Kim Blackmore & Barbara Moler

COFFEE SERVERS:

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, October 26:* Elaine Rumpel
Tuesday, October 28: Peter Gibson
Wednesday, October 29: Roger Ulrich, Shawn Wolf
Thursday, October 30: Lois Harber, Dean Wilson
Friday, October 31: Elizabeth Curkan
Saturday, November 1: Ann James

**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!

Attendance for 10/19/25 Livestream & In-Person

Person Contemporary— 70 In-Person Traditional— 126

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary—52

Traditional—78

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.

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.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women—2nd Tuesday of the Month at 10:00am

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 November 11th 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—First Friday of the Month at 10:30am

Fresh Brewed meets on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in rooms 5&7. **Our next meeting will take place November 7th.** Our 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—10:00am Sundays in Room 8

Led by Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk, this adult Education Class/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—10:00am Sundays in the Youth Room

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.