

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– May 10, 2026

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, May 17th at 9:45am.** Welcome!

—Happy Mother's Day!—

Associate Pastor Search Update

The position description for our search for an Interim Associate Pastor to help us in our church's ministry was reviewed by the Presbytery of Tampa Bay in November, revised in January, approved late February, and is now posted on the nationwide PCUSA church website. This process, required of all Presbyterian churches, involves important conversations as to what our current and future needs are as a church as we seek to move forward in this pastoral position. To date, we have received 41 applications for the Interim Associate position. Pastor Chris, and Beth Linville, Chair of the Search Committee, have reviewed each one in depth. Most of the applicants were newly ordained ministers with limited experience, or had backgrounds which did not align with our needs. We have not received any applications from local candidates. These details were discussed at the recent April Session meeting. We plan to work with our Presbytery to explore additional options, including posting the permanent position simultaneously or sharing the job posting through national PCUSA publications. We will continue to update the congregation at least quarterly. Please reach out to Pastor Chris with questions.

Youth & Family Ministry Fundraiser—Begins May 17

Beginning May 17th, there will be approximately 100 envelopes on display boards in the main hallway of the church decorated by members of our youth ministry. Each will have a number that correlates to a dollar amount. If you are interested in donating, please take an envelope with a dollar amount you feel comfortable with and please return the envelope, (sealed with your donation inside), to the church office Monday-Friday between 9-3pm or to the youth at the fundraising table during both services starting Sunday May 17th and continuing Sunday, May 24th. Checks can be made out to Northwood Presbyterian Church with “Youth Mission” in the memo are gratefully accepted. Your donation will be used to help fund special events and mission trips. Thank you for your support!

Presbyterian Women Bible Study—May 12, 10:00am

Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet for the final time for the 2025-26 fiscal year on **Tuesday, May 12 @ 10:00 am in rooms 5 & 7**. The morning will include a discussion of our final lesson of this year's study book, Lesson 9, the *Road to Emmaus*, and we will see a preview of our study topics for next year. We will celebrate the morning by hosting a baby shower for the clients of the Bay Area Pregnancy Center, who will provide a guest speaker. Finally, we will share a brunch together which will be provided by the members of the Sisters in Christ Circle. This is a great opportunity for you to enjoy the company of like-minded women in prayer, joy, charity and fullness of relationships. For more information, contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

Northwood Photo Group— May 12

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, May 12th at 7:00pm in rooms 5-7. All are invited whether you're a beginner or an expert. If you have any questions, contact curtis.krueger@gmail.com or da-vid@primeimagesinc.com.

Northwood Scholarship Application 2026

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, 2026. 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. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

Preschool Registration for 2026-2027 School Year

Registration is underway for the 2026-2027 school year. If you are planning to register your child and need an enrollment packet, please stop by the school office. If you have any questions, contact our Schools Director, Roxane Fineo, schooldirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-723-7679.

Email Scam Alert

You may have received or are aware that some of our members have received scam emails and texts either today, in the past month, or even over a year ago, that appear to be from Pastor Chris. The emails and texts request a "brief" or "confidential" conversation with the pastor or financial support in the form of gift cards or other means of help.

DO NOT REPLY! Our pastor does NOT send these emails and texts, although the email address is very similar to his. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches in our area. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner or ask for private conversations. Simply forward the message to the church office so they can be collected for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm but especially when they prey on the kindness and Christ-like hearts of our members.

[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. The Deacon then sends the request out to the Prayer Chain volunteers. Prayer requests may also be given to the church office or Sue Miskiewicz at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com

[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 Georgia Rounding, the Deacon responsible for greeters in the 9:00 service at Georgia_rounding@yahoo.com. The Deacon responsible for greeters in the 11:00 service is Sue Miskiewicz. She can be reached at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

[VBS Register NOW—June 22-26](#)

Northwood Vacation Bible School will be held June 22-26, 2026 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.**

[VBS Donations Needed](#)

VBS is only a month away and we are in need of many items! Included in this list are items for snacks, crafts, and the volunteer lounge. We would also appreciate donations of perishable items such as cheese and fruit as we get closer to the start of VBS. Thank you in advance for your generous donations! (Updated Every Week)

5	100 count Napkins
5	100 count 9 inch Paper Plates
3	100 count 7 inch Paper Plates
5	100 count 5oz. Paper Cups
10	50 count 9oz. Clear Plastic Cups
5	100 count Plastic Knives
5	100 count Plastic Forks
5	100 count Plastic Spoons
2	21 oz. Bags Jet-Puffed S'more Marshmallows (flat)
2	7.6 oz. Bags of Rolo Creamy Caramels, un-wrapped
6	16 oz. Bags of Jet Puffed Mini Marshmallows
2	14 oz. Boxes of Honey Maid Graham Crackers
5	10 oz tubs of Whipped Vanilla Frosting
2	36 oz. (48 count) Fruit by the Foot BerryBurst and Strawberry Tie-Dye Flavor
5	4 oz. (12 count) Keebler Joy Brand Sugar Cones for Ice Cream (flat top & pointed bottom)
2	17.49 oz. Hostess Donettes Powdered Sugar minis
2	Bags of Mini Chocolate Chips
3	10 oz. Nabisco Teddy Graham– Honey
3	10 oz. Nabisco Teddy Graham– Cocoa
3	13 oz. Chex Mix (no nuts)
200	Zip Lock Sandwich Bags
3	10 oz. M&M's (no nuts)
3	9.4 oz. M&M's Minis

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

Children's Church Packets

Children's bulletins/coloring sheets are located in the narthex! This bulletin offers age appropriate coloring pages that relate to the scripture used during worship. Any child may use the bulletins during our worship service. Please return the clipboard and crayons to the basket in the narthex after the service!

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

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes available on the table in the church library. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. Please remember that when making "Cash" contributions, include your first and last name on the envelope to be sure it is accurately recorded. The individual envelopes in the box are marked for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Sunday of each month rather than being dated. Envelopes for the 5th Sunday, if needed, are at the back of the box.

Per-Capita Apportionment

Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per-capita assessment is \$40.76 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift!

Attendance for 5/3/26 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 51 In-Person Traditional— 108
Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 21
Traditional— 37
Facebook— 238

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!

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) Sherri & Cliff Voege
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

USHERS:

- (9:00) Nancy Turner & Georgia Rounding
(11:00) Kim Blackmore & Cindy Whiteside

COFFEE SERVERS:

- (9:00) Susan Hassel & Jill Manning
(11:00) Edna Bartolucci & Lois Harber

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Tuesday, May 12:* Kevin O'Leary, Diane Busto, Ryan Williamson,
Kaitlyn McManus, Alexis Cole
Wednesday, May 13: Barbara Smith
Friday, May 15: Pat Donnelly
Saturday, May 16: Chris Peterson, Heather Wood

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.

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

JoAnne Spigarelli & Family

In Loving Memory of Ray Spigarelli

Jackie & Jerry Koski

In Loving Memory of Our Mothers

Jean Swintek

In Honor of My Great-Granddaughter

Ivy Jean Hoovers 3rd Birthday

Stephanie Carson

In Loving Memory of Jim Carson

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2026 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!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Presbyterian Women—

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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 through May 31st and will be continuing our study of Psalms. Beginning in June, we will be taking a Summer break and will meet again in September with a new study topic; stay tuned! All are welcome! Please join us!

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 June 5th**. 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.