

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– May 24, 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. Welcome!

Youth & Family Ministry Fundraiser—CONTINUES

TODAY, you will see 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 today, 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!

The Project Group– May 26

We have new members and new projects that we are working on during our meetings and at home. 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 (**May 26**) 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.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will be taking a break over the summer giving everyone an opportunity to be out there, traveling and accumulating pictures and stories to share. We will meet again in the Fall on Friday, September 11th at 10:30, starting off our new season with Morocco! Happy traveling! For information or questions, you may contact Earle Lusk at 727-510-7373 or etlusk01@aol.com

Church Office Closed May 25

The church office will be closed Monday, May 25th in observance of Memorial Day. We will re-open Tuesday, May 26th at 9:00 am.

Give One Day a Week, Make a Lifetime of Difference

Too many of our county's elderly suffer from loneliness and poor nutrition. Be a part of the solution by delivering food and friendship to older adults in your neighborhood. *You can join us by completing an application on the volunteer page at Neighborly.org.* Neighborly Meals on Wheels volunteers deliver more than nutritious meals; they deliver the smiles and hope that improve lives. In one to two hours, at lunchtime, you'll deliver to between 5 and 10 elderly neighbors. At this time, we have needs for volunteers in Safety Harbor, Clearwater and critically in Pinellas Park and St. Petersburg. For more information, go to Neighborly.org and click the Volunteer button at the top. Northwood members can also contact John Sutphin (Mission and Outreach Committee) at email je.sutphin@gmail.com or call 913-687-941

Blood Drive—June 7

Next Sunday, June 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.

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.

Cedarkirk Womens Retreat—January 8-10

Leave your worries (and your chores!) behind! Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, and canoeing. We're excited to announce that Debra Musgrave Cox will once again be joining us as our speaker! You won't want to miss this amazing weekend! Reservation forms are available at the church office. Please save the date for Cedarkirk Women's Retreat on your calendar! The retreat will be held on Jan. 8-10, 2027.

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.

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

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.

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.

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!

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)

2	100 count 7 inch Paper Plates
5	100 count 5oz. Paper Cups
	450 Plastic Knives
	450 Plastic Forks
	450 Plastic Spoons
2	7.6 oz. Bags of Rolo Creamy Caramels, unwrapped
6	16 oz. Bags of Jet Puffed Mini Marshmallows
1	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
1	Bags of Mini Chocolate Chips
2	10 oz. Nabisco Teddy Graham— Honey
2	10 oz. Nabisco Teddy Graham— Cocoa
2	10 oz. M&M's (no nuts)
3	9.4 oz. M&M's Minis

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

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 5/17/26 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 56 In-Person Traditional— 110

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 26

Traditional— 43

Facebook— 180

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) Marti Raiche & Gloria Whitfield
- (11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

USHERS:

- (9:00) Roxie Swartz & Nancy Turner
- (11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

COFFEE SERVERS:

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Monday, May 25:* Betty Spoerl, Hallie Pelham, Kylie Winder
- Tuesday, May 26:* Mary Wilson
- Thursday, May 28:* Brandon Strelcheck
- Friday, May 29:* Matthew Nigels, Delaney Pope
- Saturday, May 30:* Jody Beattie, Garland Pelham

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**

Friends of Northwood

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—

The Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle are taking a break over the summer and will resume meetings on Tuesday, August 11th at 10:00 am. We will begin a new 9 month study, "*United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians*" by Rhonda Mawhood Lee on September 8th. Study books will be available in early August and can be purchased for \$5.00. 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.

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. This June meeting will be our last for the summer. We will plan to resume back in September.** Our book study is "One Thousand Gifts" by *Ann Vos-Kamp*. If you have any questions or need a book, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.