

# Large Print Announcements

## **Announcements– May 31, 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](mailto: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, September 20th at 9:45am.** Welcome!

### **Welcome Guest Preacher Kaaren Nesmith**

Kaaren is a Hoosier; a graduate of Southport High School. She received a BA in Theology from St. Joseph's University, Philadelphia; and an M.Div from McCormick Theological Seminary, Chicago, in 1997. Feeling called to the ministry of churches in transition or redevelopment for 20+ years, she is now retired. She enjoys time with her family here in FL, and is teaching herself to quilt. She has 2 children, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. We are so happy to have her with us!

### **Youth & Family Ministry Fundraiser—CONTINUES**

This is the last week you will see 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 between both services today, Sunday, May 31st. 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!

### **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 Photo Group– June 9**

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, June 9th 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](mailto:curtis.krueger@gmail.com) or [david@primeimagesinc.com](mailto:david@primeimagesinc.com).

## **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](mailto:etlusk01@aol.com)

## **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](http://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](mailto:je.sutphin@gmail.com) or call 913-687-941

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org) or 727-723-7679.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month rather than being dated. Envelopes for the 5<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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)

1	100 count 7 inch Paper Plates
4	100 count 5oz. Paper Cups
	450 Plastic Knives
	250 Plastic Forks
	350 Plastic Spoons
5	16 oz. Bags of Jet Puffed Mini Marshmallows
	36 oz. (48 count) Fruit by the Foot BerryBurst and 1 Strawberry Tie-Dye Flavor
	4 oz. (12 count) Keebler Joy Brand Sugar Cones for 5 Ice Cream (flat top & pointed bottom)
2	17.49 oz. Hostess Donettes Powdered Sugar minis
1	10 oz. Nabisco Teddy Graham– Honey
2	9.4 oz. M&M's Minis

## **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](mailto: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](http://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 5/24/26 Livestream & In-Person**

**In-Person Contemporary— 57    In-Person Traditional— 107**  
**Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 39**  
**Traditional— 49**  
**Facebook— 223**

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) Jenny Carlstedt & Georgia Rounding  
(11:00) Barbara Bozinski & Barbara Forsyth

## **USHERS:**

- (9:00) Vickie & Curtis Krueger  
(11:00) Carol & Conrad Trunzo

## **COFFEE SERVERS:**

- (9:00) PW Sisters in Christ  
(11:00) PW Sisters in Christ

## **BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...**

- Sunday, May 31:* Van George, Anne Lanning  
*Monday, June 1:* Lindsey Peterson, Pat Gorman  
*Tuesday, June 2:* Judy Moore, Penny Shore  
*Wednesday, June 3:* Marla Laufenberg, David Lawrence  
*Thursday, June 4:* June Arnold, Marcia Hopkins  
*Friday, June 5:* Susan Curry  
*Saturday, June 6:* Mary Bunch

## **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**

**Jeanette & Art Holloway  
In Honor of Our 51st Wedding Anniversary**

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](mailto: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](mailto:bill.martin2@verizon.net) or Sue Miskiewicz at [susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto: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 VosKamp*. If you have any questions or need a book, please contact Louise Mylin at [LVNM1@hotmail.com](mailto:LVNM1@hotmail.com) or 727-787-9868.

# The Kingdom of God

Overview  
of the Gospel  
According to Matthew



## **General Information**

**B.C.E. – Before the Common Era – formerly B.C.**

**C.E. – Common Era – formerly A.D.**

**Author of Matthew:** Anonymous

**When Written:** Approximately 90 C.E.

**Where Written:** Antioch - a city in present day Turkey

**For Whom:** Congregation established by Matthew -  
a Jewish-Gentile congregation

**For What Purpose:** Instruction & Clarification

**Type of Gospel:** Theological Statement in narrative,  
chiastic form

**Special Theme:** Kingdom of God vs. Kingdom of this  
world

**Gospel Sources:** Gospel of Mark and “Q”  
“Q” is German for Quelle,  
Quelle means Source

## Chiastic Structure of the Gospel of Matthew

- A 1 – 4 Birth and beginnings  
*Narrative*
- B 5 – 7 Blessings, entering the Kingdom  
Discourse
- C 8 – 9 Authority and invitation  
*Narrative*
- D 10 Mission  
Discourse
- E 11-12 Rejection by this generation  
*Narrative*
- F 13 Parables of the Kingdom  
Discourse
- E 14 – 27 Acknowledgement of Disciples  
*Narrative*
- D 18 Community  
Discourse
- C 19 – 22 Authority and invitation  
*Narrative*
- B 23 – 25 Woe, coming of the Kingdom  
Discourse
- A 26 – 28 Death and Rebirth  
*Narrative*

## Outline of Gospel According to Mathew

<i>Narrative # 1</i>	<i>1:1 – 4:25</i>	<i>Genealogy, birth, beginning of ministry</i>
Discourse # 1	5:1 – 7:29	<u>To Disciples:</u> who inherit the Kingdom
<i>Narrative # 2</i>	<i>8:1 – 9:34</i>	<i>Mighty Works</i>
Discourse # 2	9:35 – 11:1	<u>To Special Disciples:</u> Work/Behavior
<i>Narrative # 3</i>	<i>11:2 – 12:50</i>	<i>Rejection of Jesus and John</i>
Discourse # 3	13:1 – 58	<u>To Crowd:</u> Kingdom of Heaven
<i>Narrative # 4</i>	<i>14:1 – 17:27</i>	<i>Founding of the Church</i>
Discourse # 4	18:1 – 19:2	<u>To Disciples:</u> Community Problems
<i>Narrative # 5</i>	<i>19:3 – 23:39</i>	<i>Going to Jerusalem</i>
Discourse # 5	24:1 – 26:2	<u>To Disciples:</u> End of the Age
<i>Narrative # 6</i>	<i>26:3 – 27:66</i>	<i>Jesus' death</i>
Resurrection	28: 1-20	