

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– July 26, 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, 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!

Jane Sutton Book Club—July 27

Our next discussion will be on *Being Mortal* by Atul Gawande. We will meet on the fourth Monday (July 27). We are a small group of readers who would welcome more voices as we discuss stories, characters and how they relate to our lives. We usually read contemporary fiction. Please join us for stimulating conversation and informal fellowship! If you are interested in joining, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi by email at ecicerchi@gmail.com or by phone 727-337-3813.

The Project Group– July 28

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 (**July 28**) 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.

In Memory

Prayers and Christian sympathies to Renee & Jeff Voss and Family upon the news of the death of their daughter, Katherine Voss on July 20th.

Beth-El Shoe Sunday—August 30th

Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or gently used shoes for the children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL.

Beginning August 2nd, there will be tubs in the church hallway to drop off your shoes. Beth-El is in need of tennis shoes, sandals, flip-flops, and men's work boots, sizes 6 to 11 for men, 5-7 1/2 for women, and all sizes for children. Along with the shoes, we are also collecting socks, backpacks, and lightweight jackets. You can also go online to Northwood's website to make a donation to Beth-El. Our goal this year is to be able to distribute at least 400 pairs of shoes to the families in the Beth-El community. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday!

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, Diana Burpee, schooldirector@northwoodpc.org or 727-723-7679.

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.

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.

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, please contact Karen Gipson at kgipson99@yahoo.com or the church office at 727-796-8090. If emailing, please 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.

With hurricane season approaching, we are all encouraged to prepare for a possible storm. A source for weather advisories is:

<https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/weather>.

This guide has valuable information for Pinellas County

<http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/>.

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!

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

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshiping 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!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD **CHURCH TODAY**

GREETERS:

(9:00) Marti Raiche & Gloria Whitfield
(11:00) Patty Adams & Hazel Vernon

USHERS:

(9:00) Louise Mylin & Roxie Swartz
(11:00) Carole & John Fabriele

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, July 26: Eric Gajentan, Lauren Mackie
Monday, July 27: Missy Turner
Tuesday, July 28: Bill Nelms
Wednesday, July 29: Carol Robertson, Richard Cargill
Friday, July 31: Carolyn Rickrode

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

Jean Swintek
In Honor of My Son-in-Law,
Russ Baer's Birthday

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" in the memo line of your donation.
Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

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.

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 on Sunday mornings at 10:00am in room 8. We are taking a Summer break and will meet again in September with a new study topic; stay tuned! All are welcome!

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. **We are taking a break for the summer. We will plan to resume back in September.** If you have any questions or need a book, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.