

Large Print Announcements

Announcements– August 16, 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—August 17

Our next book discussion will be *Sycamore Row* by John Grisham. We will meet on the fourth Monday, however, this month we will meet on August 17th. 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– August 25

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 (**August 25**) 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.

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. **There are 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. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday!

Chancel Choir Starts Back– Sept. 2

All who have gifts of singing, love to sing, and belong to a community of friends with the same purpose and goals while singing praises to our Lord, we need you and we welcome you! We meet every Wednesday at 7:00pm in the sanctuary. If you are interested in joining or would like additional information, contact Stephanie Carson at Stephanie@northwoodpc.org.

Ladies Game Night—September 11

Come and join the fun and fellowship at Northwood Presbyterian Church. Open to all ladies who enjoy playing board games in the company of others! No RSVP required. We will meet in rooms 5 & 7 on Friday, September 11th at 7:00pm. Bring your favorite deck of cards or board game along with a beverage and a snack to share. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Zieres at carolzieres@gmail.com.

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

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

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.

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!

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/>.

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.

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

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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:

- (9:00) Cindy Gamble & Susan Hasell
(11:00) Edna Bartolucci & Wilai McNay

USHERS:

- (9:00) Jill Manning & Marie Ziegler
(11:00) Jill Loomis & Kay Scheuerman

COFFEE SERVERS:

- (9:00) Jenny Carlstedt & Nancy Turner
(11:00) Bev Hyden & Lyn Sawers

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Sunday, August 16:*** Beverly Field
Monday, August 17: Dan Gipson
Tuesday, August 18: Charlie Rumpel
Wednesday, August 19: Sue Walker, Tom Donnelly, Barbara Henry,
Omar Valdes
Thursday, August 20: Dennis Rasmussen, Jeff Voss
Friday, August 21: Margie Gott, Catherine Somers

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

**Jean Swintek
In Honor of My Great-Grandson
Charlie Swintek Bell's 1st 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.

Attendance for 8/9/26 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary— 40 In-Person Traditional— 107

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 59

Traditional— 79

Facebook— 114

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!

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 \$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.

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. They have made the 'revelation' that the new study will be the book of Revelation when classes begin on **September 6th**. To prepare, those interested are asked to read the entire book, before the class starts. Please join us as we look at this challenging and, yet, hopeful final book of the New Testament. 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 will plan to resume back September 4th and will have a potluck salad lunch.** Our book study is "Life Lessons from Ephesians" by *Max Lucado*. If you have any questions or need a book, please contact Louise Mylin at LVNM1@hotmail.com or 727-787-9868.