Large Print Announcements

Announcements– October 25, 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, November 15th at 9:45am.** Welcome!

Jane Sutton Book Club—October 26

Our next book discussion will be *The Weight if Ink* by Rachel Kadish. We will meet on the fourth Monday, October 26. 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 727-337-3183.

The Project Group– October 27

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 (**October 27)** 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.

WAY (Wednesday and You) Dinners

DINNERS START THIS WEEK!! The Fall WAY Dinners are **October 28, November 4,11&18.** The dinners begin at 6:00pm in the CE building. Reservation forms are located in the church hallway bulletin board across from the kitchen. Following the Wednesday meals, there will be a program on *Northwood in Mission & Minisrty*. Don't forget to invite a friend. For more information, contact the church office at 727-796-8090.

Halloween Candy for Music Ministry

If you have leftover Halloween candy or find some good BOGO deals, the music ministry will gladly accept your donations. Thank you!

Blanket Sunday– November 1st

Blanket Sunday is November 1st. We are collecting new and gently used blankets to be given to the migrant workers' families at Beth El. Every year we collect blankets and money donations for these families who live in such poor and challenging conditions.. They use the blankets for more than warmth. They use them as room dividers and other means of privacy. This year we are also collecting new and gently used, clean light jackets and hoodies. Please, no large size jackets and hoodies. Jacket sizes needed are small and medium for children and women and medium for men. Also, please note, for this outreach we are not collecting suitcases for Beth-El. Thank you in advance for your generous contributions to such a worthwhile cause. Please call the church office at 727-796-8090 if you have any questions.

Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon and 2027 nominating committee? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 1. **Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them.** Nomination forms may be returned to the church office.

I have the permission of

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to nominate him/her for the office of

Elder or Deacon or Nominating Committee 2027

(Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: Tim Beaver, Louise Mylin, Cookie Roffey, Todd Adkisson, Vicki Parker, Kay Scheuerman

Boy Scouts Troop 413 Wreath Sale

Scout Troop 413 is selling Christmas wreaths to help fund their Scouting activities. If you are interested and able to support their efforts, please visit https://omt.sffwa.com/minisite/troop413 or contact their coordinator at 727-510-5701. Merry Christmas!

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.

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 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

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.

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.

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/.

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

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

GREETERS:
(9:00) Gloria Whitfield & Kim Blackmore
(11:00) Chris Stitzel & Hazel Vernon

USHERS:
(9:00) Louise Mylin & Marie Ziegler
(11:00) Patty Adams & Bobbie Spotora

COFFEE SERVERS:
(9:00) Jill Manning & Georgia Rounding
(11:00) Polly Brown & Debbie Shippee

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…

Monday, October 26: Elaine Rumpel
Wednesday, October 28: Peter Gibson
Thursday, October 29: Shawn Wolf
Friday, October 30: Lois Harber, Gretchen Worth, Dean Wilson
Saturday, October 31: Elizabeth Curkan

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" 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—
Led by Patty Martin and Sue Miskiewicz, the Presbyterian Women's Sisters in Christ Circle will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will take place **Tuesday, November 10th** 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 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—Thursdays at 10:30am Room 8
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Led by Emily Sutphin & Earle Lusk, this adult Education Class/Bible Study meets on **Thursday Mornings at 10:30am** for study and instruction on our study of Revelation. We will meet on **Sunday mornings at 10:00am** in room 8 for discussion of our Revelation study. 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 . Our next meeting will take place **November 6th.** 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.