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Announcements– November 8, 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!

Welcome Kaaren Nesmith to the Pulpit this Morning!

Reverend Nesmith has graciously been serving as our guest preacher once a month during our Associate Pastor transition when our Pastor, Chris Curvin, is away. She is a retired pastor of Tampa Bay Presbytery and served churches helping them in transition or redeveloping their mission for 20+ years. During retirement she also enjoys singing in our choir, learning to quilt and spending time with her 2 children, 6 grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. We are so happy to have her with us!

Welcome Pastor Bob Scott

We welcome Pastor Bob Scott as our New Interim Associate Pastor! If you need to get in touch with Pastor Bob, he can be reached at bob@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090 x2006. He can also be reached on his cell phone 727-599-6767.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is Nov. 15th

Next Sunday, November 15th at both worship services, members and guests will be invited to come forward to the front of the church in an act of rededication to God and turn in their pledge cards for 2027 in a basket near the baptism font. You will also be invited during this time to touch the water in the font to renew your baptismal vows. If you need a pledge card. additional cards and envelopes are available in the pews and on tables in the hallway.

Beth-El Blanket Sunday—Thank You!

The Presbyterian Women, the NPC Mission Team and the Beth-El farm workers ministry thank you for your wonderful response of giving blankets and jackets to migrant workers who have recently come to Florida. Through your generous giving 152 blankets and 6 jackets! Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in this way!

WAY(Wednesday and You) Dinners

The Fall WAY Dinners will continue **November 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!

Northwood Photo Group—November 10

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, November 10th at 7:00pm in rooms 11 & 13. All are invited whether you're a beginner or an expert. If you have any questions, contact curtis.krueger@gmail.com or david@primeimagesinc.com.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew—November 13

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, November 13th at 10:30 in the Sanctuary. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme "Windows to the World," Jessie & Earle Lusk will present "Classic Greece, with Crete and Santorini." Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at a local restaurant. All are welcome! Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Earle Lusk at etlusk01@aol.com or 727-7864535.

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Jane Sutton Book Club—November 16

Our next book discussion will be *The Ride of Her Life* by Elizabeth Letts. We will meet on the THIRD Monday this month, November 16th. 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.

Advent Wreath Lighting

It's time to start thinking about Advent and what you will do to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Has it become a family tradition for you to light a candle on the Advent wreath at Northwood? Call now to schedule your time for this year! Never done it before? That's ok! We'll spend time with you showing you what to do and will provide you with the accompanying reading several days in advance so you can practice. Are you a single? No problem...invite a friend to join you for this meaningful act of worship. Don't delay: Advent begins November 29 this year! Volunteers can reach Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 or bikingringer@gmail.com.

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!

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.

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!

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) Ann & Spencer Briggs
(11:00) Carol Trunzo & Wilai McNay

USHERS:
(9:00) Nancy Turner & Marie Ziegler
(11:00) Mary Kreuziger & Tim Beaver

COFFEE SERVERS:
(9:00) Lauren & Jim Warren
(11:00) Edna Bartolucci & Lois Harber

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…

Sunday, November 8: Marilyn Cromwell
Tuesday, November 10: Joseph Filipiak, Clara Morgan
Wednesday, November 11: Mia VanNess
Friday, November 13: Michael Fisher
Saturday, November 14: Carole Fabriele, Glenda Golec, Dan Rounding

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

Jean Swintek
In Loving Memory of My Nephew Des, Dr. David Edward Swintek

Hallie Pelham
In Loving Memory of Pat Cheek

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 **December 4th.** 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.