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Announcements– November 15, 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. Welcome!

Discovering Northwood Presentation—TODAY

A Discovering Northwood presentation will be held TODAY in Room 4 at **9:45am** for those wishing to learn more about Northwood and consider church membership. Please know you are welcome to attend if you have been visiting us online in worship. We hope to see you there!

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is TODAY

Today, 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. 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.

WAY(Wednesday and You) Dinners

The Fall WAY Dinners will conclude Wednesday, **November 18.** The dinner begins at 6:00pm in the CE building. Reservation forms are located in the church hallway bulletin board across from the kitchen. Don't forget to invite a friend and stay for the program with Bob Scott on the Ministry and Mission of Northwood. For more information, contact the church office at 727-796-8090.

The Project Group– November 24

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 (**November 24)** 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.

HEP- Angel Tree - Nov. 22

It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help needy families with Christmas! This year, Presbyterian Women have chosen to assist families from HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program). The HEP ornaments will be on the Christmas tree in the cafe starting **Sunday, November 22nd.** Each ornament will have a gift item printed on it. Select as many ornaments as you like. UNWRAPPED gifts need to be returned to the church no later than **Sunday, December 13.** Thank you so much for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way during the Christmas Season!

Ring, Sing & Mingle – Dec. 6th, 4pm

December 6th at 4:00pm, Northwood's three handbell choirs will present a variety of Christmas Music interspersed with Carol singing and ending with a cookie reception. At the festive reception there will be a photo booth backdrop, so bring your phones for pics and wear your Christmas finery to get some great family shots for your Christmas Cards this year. Please bring homemade cookies for the event. That's the best part!! Cookies may be dropped off the morning or afternoon of December 5 & 6.

Christmas Cantata-December 1
One Worship Service at 10:00am

Our Christmas Cantata this year is called "O, Holy Night - A Celebration of the Prince of Peace". It is a collection of 9 familiar Christmas Carols and songs with original narration by Rachelle Cox. This will be accompanied by instruments and sung by our 40+ voice choir. It will be presented on Sunday morning, December 13. We have only one worship service that day at 10:00am. Come and enjoy the celebration of Christ's birth through music.

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!

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. 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

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.

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) Kim Blackmore & Susan Hasell
(11:00) Jessie Loy & Edna Bartolucci

USHERS:
(9:00) Jill Manning & Georgia Rounding
(11:00) Mary Kreuziger & Tim Beaver

COFFEE SERVERS:
(9:00) Nancy Turner & Jenny Carlstedt
(11:00) Bev Hyden & Mia VanNess

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…

Monday, November 16: Dan Hyden
Tuesday, November 17: Mary Torrisi, Beth Linville, Don Booth

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

Jean Swintek
In Honor of My Daughter Nina &
My Granddaughter, Kelsey's Birthdays

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 11/8/26 Livestream & In Person

In-Person Contemporary— 49 **In-Person Traditional—** 107
Livestream from the Church Website: **Contemporary**— 31
Traditional— 58
Facebook— 273

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—
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, December 8th** 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.