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Announcements– November 29, 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, January 17th at 9:45am.** Welcome!

HEP- Angel Tree

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 are on the Christmas tree in the cafe**.** Each ornament has 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!

Poinsettias

For just $10, you can honor or remember someone with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from Sunday's friendship sheet (through December 13) in the giving stations or drop off in the church office during regular office hours. You may also submit your payment online with a follow-up email to communications@northwoodpc.org indicating who you are honoring or remembering with your gift.

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.

Northwood Photo Group-December 8

The December meeting of Northwood Photo Group will be the annual Christmas party at 7:00p.m. December 8th in rooms 5&7 at the church. If you would like to attend or have any questions, contact curtis.krueger@gmail.com or david@primeimagesinc.com.

Blood Drive—December 6

Sunday, December 6th from 9:30am-12:00pm, the blood mobile will be located in the Northwood parking lot. All donors will receive a $20eGift card, a One Blood T-shirt and a wellness check up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

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.

NEW Church Photo Directory

It's time for a NEW church directory! Beginning TODAY, November 29th, between services, there will be a table in the hallway to sign up for a time slot to have your picture taken for our new directory. WE WANT YOU IN IT! The dates for the photography sittings will be Tuesday, December 29 & Wednesday, December 30 here at Northwood. You will choose your time at the sign up table. After your photo sitting, you will have the opportunity to view your photographs. Included with your photography session, you will receive a free 8x10 photo and a copy of the new directory. Tell your friends and family. Anyone can have their picture taken! You don't have to be a member to have your picture taken. If you have any questions, contact the church office at 727-796-8090.

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew— December 11

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, December 11th 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," Charlie & Mike Wood will present "Chasing Horizons: National Parks & Open Roads." 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 727-786-4535.

Opportunities for Giving this Season

CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING

Sunday, December 13th, we will receive the annual Christmas Joy Offering. Your gifts make a difference in providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and in opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related ethnic colleges and schools. Your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering will make a difference in shining the One True Light of Christ's love.

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

During the 4:30pm & 7:00pm Christmas Eve Worship Services, the offerings received will be used to replenish Northwood's much-used Helping Hands Fund. These funds are used to purchase food to replenish our food pantry and to help someone in need with groceries at a near-by store – to help purchase milk, bread, or eggs. Thank you for your generosity in the spirit of Jesus' words in Matthew 25:31-46.

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!

Annual Garage Sale- Jan 14-16

Our annual Garage Sale is just around the corner. It is a huge benefit to the Music Ministry and is only successful with your generosity. The money raised is used throughout the year for special music events, music camp, youth camp, Composer Weekend and is a big boost to our music ministry. Hold on to your 2027 Garage Sale treasures for just a few more weeks. The sale is scheduled for January 14, 15 and 16, 2027 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. All items are welcome – clothes, jewelry, furniture, household, linens, fine collectibles, holiday, books, tools, outdoor, etc. Please no older tvs or entertainment centers. Collections at the church will begin on December 28, 2026 and continue through January 13, 2027. Please call – Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 or susankcurry@verizon.net if you have any questions.

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

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.

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) Gloria Whitfield & Marti Raiche
(11:00) Hazel Vernon & Chris Stitzel

USHERS:
(9:00) Louise Mylin & Georgia Rounding
(11:00) Barbara Moler & Rocky Davis

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

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO…

Sunday, November 29: Max Gipson
Monday, November 30: Kelly Tighe
Wednesday, December 2: Michele North
Thursday, December 3: Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz, Kerry McDermott
Friday, December 4: Mary McCauley
Saturday, December 5: Carol Sprung, Robert Fehringer, Mickey Stewart

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

Jean Swintek
In Honor of My Daughter Kathy & Andre's 40th Anniversary and Andre'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.

Attendance for 11/22/26 Livestream & In Person

In-Person Contemporary— 54 **In-Person Traditional—** 119
Livestream from the Church Website: **Contemporary**— 28
Traditional— 30
Facebook— 174

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 8** at 10:00 am and we will have a Christmas Brunch provided by our PW Sisters in Christ. We will continue in our study, *"United Through Christ, Bound to Each Other: Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians"* by Rhonda Mawhood Lee. 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
Sundays at 10:00am in Room 8
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. During the next several Thursdays, we will be finishing up our study of Revelation. On Sundays, except for 12/13 (Cantata), we will be concentrating on Advent and the Christmas story in scriptures. In January we will be starting a new study. Please join us!

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.