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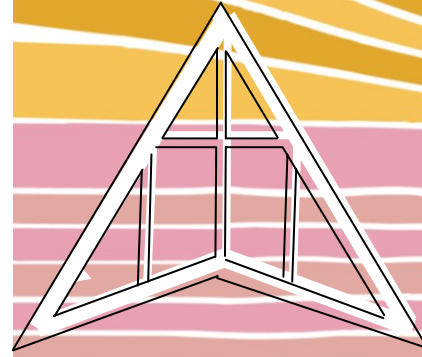
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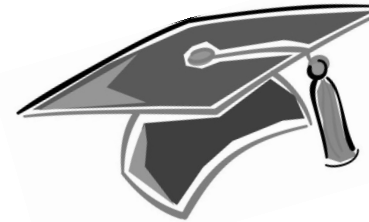


The Window

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Congratulations Graduates!



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JP Sario graduated from Countryside H.S. and plans on attending St. Petersburg College of Nursing.



Jeremy Stephen graduated from the University of Central Florida with a Masters Degree in Mechanical Engineering.



William Warren graduated from East Lake H.S. He was president of the Future Business Leaders of America and treasurer for National Honor Society. William will attend Florida State University pursuing a degree in Finance.



Heather Wood graduated from Sickles H.S. Heather plans on attending the University of Central Florida and pursuing a major in Hospitality Management and a minor in Music.



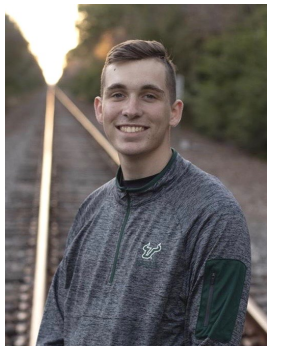
Gemma Briggs graduated summa cum laude from the College of Wooster with a major in Cellular Neurophysiology. Gemma was the Pipe Major at Wooster and played bagpipes with them for 4 years.



Sarah Flaherty graduated from Palm Harbor University H.S. and St. Petersburg College with her AA degree. Sarah will be attending the University of South Florida in the Fall of 2021 and applying for the nursing program.



David Hamilton Jr. graduated from Countryside H.S. ISTEM Magnet Program with a focus in Cyber Security. David plans to continue his Cyber Security studies at the University of South Florida combined with a Computer Science double major.

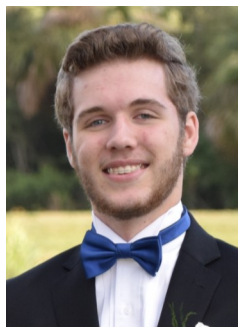


Andrew Hatch graduated from Alonzo H.S. Andrew plans on attending the University of South Florida and pursuing a major in Mechanical Engineering with a focus in Aerospace Fabrication.



Hannah Fish graduated from Alonzo H.S. with honors. Hannah will be attending the University of Central Florida and majoring in Electrical Engineering.

Jarrett Mattson graduated from Countryside H.S. Jarrett will be attending Florida Southern College and will major in Biotechnology and minor in Music Performance.



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At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

June 2020

Mon.-Fri., June 1-June 5:
Virtual VBS "Exploring God's Creation"

Sunday, June 7:
9:30 A.M. Online IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Online Traditional Service

Sunday, June 14:
9:30 A.M. Online IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Online Traditional Service

Sunday, June 21: Father's Day
9:30 A.M. Online IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Online Traditional Service

Sunday, June 28:
9:30 A.M. Online IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Online Traditional Service

Staff members are available to answer any questions you might have regarding church related programs.

Chris Curvin, Pastor
Paul Means, Associate Pastor
Stephanie Carson, Music
Tom Huffman, Music
Justine Davis, Children and Preschool
Rosalie Bradford, Youth and Families
Chris Hurst, Business Administrator
Linda O'Leary, Bookkeeper

The Window

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Submissions:
If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 3rd Monday of the month.

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All the links are available in the e-version of the Window newsletter through our website at www.northwoodpc.org under "resources" "publication archives"

Click here to view the graduation video.
[graduation video](#)

Click here to view the PDF of the graduation slides.
[Graduation PDF](#)

Around Northwood



Virtual VBS "Exploring God's Creation" June 1st - 5th

We are taking Vacation Bible School virtual! We will be offering a five-day online opportunity to connect with each other through Zoom for various VBS events such as morning energizers & songs session, Bible study, craft lessons, story time, puppets, science experiments and more throughout the week with supplies you have at home! We will be using Zoom for the live sessions from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, as well as our private children's Facebook group for recorded videos, resources, challenges and other opportunities.



You may register at
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090C4EA5A82CA3FA7-virtual>

If you have any questions you may contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org or Rosalie Bradford at bradfordrosalie@gmail.com.

"Exploring God's Creation" is about seeing God through God's creation. We will explore different aspects of nature like plants, animals & different places in the world. Each day will have a themed element of God's creation.

Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Hurricane Season 2020

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are in need of emergency housing during or after a storm – or if you are able to share your home with members-in-need – please contact Eleanor Cicerchi at ecicerchi@gmail.com or 607-382-1781. You may also contact the Rev. Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or communications@northwoodpc.org.

When calling to ask for emergency housing, please provide your **name, best contact information, number of people needing accommodation, the number and type of pets you have, and any special needs.** If emailing to offer housing, please use the subject "Hurricane Volunteer" and include your name, address, phone number, email address, number of people you can accommodate and whether you have pets or can accept them. If you know your evacuation zone, please include that.

Note that the Pinellas County Department of Health maintains a **special needs evacuation database** of people who are mobility or otherwise impaired and may need assistance during a hurricane. Local fire/rescue departments call people on that list before an emergency and assist with evacuation. To put your name or that of a family member on the list, call 727-784-8668.

This year, because of the pandemic, the Pinellas County Office of Emergency Management will have more than 100 emergency shelters in North Pinellas, instead of the usual four. Your local fire/rescue department can help you find a shelter if that is needed.

Finally, the best advice for all of us is to be prepared. One helpful resource is baynews9.com. Click on "Weather, then "Hurricane Center," to find weather advisories, maps of evacuation zones and routes, and checklists for your family and pets.



Around Northwood



Congratulations Graduates!



Lindsey Peterson, daughter of Chris and Kim Peterson graduated from Countryside H.S. and St. Petersburg College with her AA degree. Lindsey will be attending the University of Central Florida and majoring in Environmental Studies.



Morgan Peterson, daughter of Chris and Kim Peterson graduated from the University of Florida with a Masters in Special Education. Morgan will be moving to the Orlando area where she will begin her first job teaching 7th & 8th grade Language Arts.



Kathleen O'Leary graduated from the University of Chicago Law School with a Juris Doctor.



Kevin O'Leary graduated from the University of Tampa with a Masters Degree in Business Administration.

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Thank You

Youth in our music groups had planned an extraordinary end of the year concert that is now obviously not going to happen. Such a talented collection of young musicians deserved to be showcased in a concert setting where we could adequately express our love and appreciation for their abilities and dedication. Five high school seniors will be moving on—all to Florida colleges and universities. You see their pictures elsewhere in this *Window* but I need to publicly recognize the five of them and thank them for the years of faithful participation in the music groups of Northwood and especially in the groups that I have been privileged to lead. Sarah Flaherty, David Hamilton, Jr., Lindsey Peterson, Jarrett Mattson and Heather Wood: thank you for sharing your gifts with all of us.
—Tom Huffman

Donations Needed

Our staff is in need of disinfectant wipes for use during our livestreaming services. If you happen to have extra or come across some while shopping, please drop off at the church during church office hours Monday-Thursday 8:30am-1:00pm.

Northwood Scholarship Application

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2020. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

All Church Retreat & Women's Retreat—Save the Dates!



Something to look forward to! Please save these Cedarkirk dates on your calendar! The All-Church Retreat will be held on Oct. 23-25, 2020 and the Women's Retreat will be held on Feb. 19-21, 2021.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Thornwell

Sincere thanks for your faithful support of Thornwell. Your monthly support allows us to plan for the future. We deeply appreciate the generosity and love that you all offer to the wonderful children we serve. We are so blessed that you have decided to partner with us as we reach children with the hope and peace offered in Christ.
—Bonnie Thompson, Advancement Officer

Clearwater Free Clinic

On behalf of Clearwater Free Clinic and the patients we serve, I want to sincerely thank you for your generous donation of \$250 supporting our mission. The Clinic provides access to integrated health care, a model that treats both physical and mental health problems to achieve the most successful outcomes. Your gift makes a direct impact on the health and lives of our neighbors in need who we are committed to serve. —Jeannie Shapiro

Stephen Ministry Training

A ministry of love and compassion! Stephen Ministry is a vital expression of the love and grace of Jesus to those who are going through tough times. Training to become a Stephen Minister will begin **Sept. 17th**. To learn more about this opportunity to provide emotional and spiritual care to people experiencing difficulties in their lives, please call Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or elder Jacki Koski at 727-726-5359.

Your Giving Matters

Even when we can't be together, your giving matters. We want to continue being the church in our community and to each and every one of you in the days ahead. 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 throughout this time 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.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Jane Urban
Raymond Bailey
Mimi Judd
Maria & Francesco Torrisi
Fred Drew

In Honor of:
Michael Cromwell,
Elaine Cornillaud &
Barbara Moler

Given by:

David & Cynthia Lawrence
Nancy Turner
Bill & Bunny Bitner
Mary Torrisi
David & Cynthia Lawrence

Given by:
Ken & Martha Tobiassen

Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- The family of Jane Kaempfer upon the news of her death on May 10.
- The family of Mimi Judd upon the news of her death on May 3.

Email Scam Alert

You may be aware that some of our members have received scam emails in the past month, and once over a year ago, that appear to be from Pastor Chris. The emails request financial support in the form of gift cards. Our pastor does NOT send these emails 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. 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.

Prayer Ministry

Bill Allen, Ken Andreassen, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Sue GaVette, Shirley Gleason, Lyn Heider, Jeri Heycock, Fred Inkles, Joyce Klotz, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Charlotte McQuown, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Al & Ethel Holden, Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond, Ruth White.



Prayer, Joys and Concerns

Each Sunday we will be worshiping online at both 9:30 & 11:00am. The Ignite contemporary service has a time of “prayers, joys and concerns” where people individually offer prayer requests. While worshipping via livestream we wanted to make that possible. If you have a “prayers, joys or concerns” request you would like lifted up at the 9:30am service, please go online to our homepage at www.northwoodpc.org and click on “Prayer Request” under the “Resources” tab. Just remember that these prayer requests may be shared via livestream. If anything is private, do not submit it for sharing this way. We will share as many as the time permits.

Experiencing God Class

If you'd like to join the Experiencing God class virtually via Zoom at 10:30am on Sunday mornings, please contact Vicki Krueger at vickilee33@aol.com and she will send you the meeting details each week.

Virtual Brown Bag Bible Study on Livestream and Facebook Live

Thursdays at noon, we will study Jesus' seven great “I Am” statements in the gospel of John. Join us as we seek to draw closer and go deeper in our relationship with the One who knows us the best and loves us the most. If you have any questions, contact Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org.



Northwood Child Care Summer Program

Northwood summer program is still happening! We will be open June 1st through August 7th. Hours are from 7:00am-5:30pm for ages 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten.) Cost is \$120 per week per child. Our experienced staff will provide your child with engaging activities in a safe and caring environment. Your child will enjoy a full-size air-conditioned gymnasium for sports and games, along with plenty of outside space, weekly activities and structured activities as well as free choice time. Registration is open! If you are interested in registering contact Justine Davis at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org

Children's Ministry



- Children's Ministry is sending out personal notes to the children of Northwood so watch for your note in the mail. If you want to receive a note for your child or grandchild contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.
- Please be sure to check out and “like” the Children's Ministry Facebook group. Each week we will have a children's Bible lesson posted along with other activities. https://www.facebook.com/groups/633579497423839/?source_id=263480270372443

Kid's Corner Preschool Registration

Registration is currently open for the 2020-2021 school year! We have openings in our 2's, 3's, and VPK. Please share the news! If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact Justine Davis at 727-723-7679 or schooldirector@northwoodpc.org or to set up an appointment.



As a licensed child care provider, Kids' Corner Preschool is offering 3 weeks of summer fun for children ages 3 and 4 that are heading into VPK and those 5 year olds heading into Kindergarten in the fall. We will spend our weekdays learning about the world around us and discovering God's plan in everything. Pick which week you want to come or come to all 3! It's a great way to keep your child engaged in the classroom setting over the summer and keep their skills sharp.

When: June 15-19 (Under the Sea), July 6-10 (Planting a Rainbow), August 3-7 (Lions, Tigers and Bears...Oh my!

Cost: 9:00-12:00 - \$75.00 for the week
9:00-2:00 - \$115.00 per week

For more information or to register contact schooldirector@northwoodpc.org

What's going on in Citylight

Evening though we have been socially distant, we have grown tremendously as a group through the pandemic. Our youth lessons have been communicated via email, Zoom, Teams, Facebook, Instagram and more! We have had some awesome Bible studies, virtual movies, trivia and game nights. We even had a virtual birthday party! We recently celebrated graduation Sunday where our graduating seniors took the spotlight in virtual worship on May 17th, sharing what they're going to be up to after high school. We love our graduating class! After graduation Sunday we shifted gears. We are currently in the midst of Virtual VBS! Our youth are playing a major role in making this event happen. Praises to our amazing group of motivated, creative, intelligent and faithful servants!

Though we have made the most out of the pandemic, we were sure hoping we would still be able to go on our summer trips. Unfortunately, our Summer of 2020 Trips have been canceled and postponed. The Montreat Youth Conference is an experience that needs to be when the time is right. Therefore, we will not be attending this summer. Montreat has moved its conferences to a virtual platform, which will be a 5 day-long event available for us to be a part of. More details to come! Montreat also offers a college conference in the winter, which I would love to take our recently graduated seniors and other college students to!

Our Cedarkirk Mission Trip is looking to move to Thanksgiving, Christmas Break, or a long weekend for a Mini Mission Trip. More information on that to come!

I always tell the youth that “God takes what's broken and turns it into something beautiful.” I think that the changes in our summer plans will lead to some creative opportunities for some school year trips as well as lead us to an unforgettable summer of 2021 mission experience.

What you can do now

- Opt to move paid fees to future trips! (Fall Fusion, a potential Cedarkirk Mission Trip during the school year, Rock the Universe, or next summer's trips).
- If you have a Graduating Senior, The Youth & Families Team encourages you to have your paid fees donated to our Mission Trip Scholarship Fund- which has blessed so many deserving students in need of financial assistance.
- Request a refund- which will take some time. Please be patient with us as we try to navigate the financial side of these summer trip cancellations. *Refunds will not include the initial \$100 non-refundable deposit paid to Cedarkirk & Montreat- which helps these organizations stay afloat during this time and financially supports any virtual platforms provided to us.*

Please call or email me with the chosen option and reach out if you have any questions.

In the meantime, please pray for the safety and well being of our community and the impact COVID-19 will have on people physically, emotionally and financially. Let's continue to be in communication during this tough time, supporting one another with love and prayer. You are a part of this community and we need you! Please continue to participate in our virtual ministry; providing ideas, prayers and good spirits. As your Director of Youth & Families, my job is to always support you, especially during times like these. Please reach out with your prayers, needs and concerns. I will check in with you, pray with you, pray for you and keep you updated on the situation as things move forward.

Check out our Tuesday & Thursday Bible Studies, Citynight on Wednesday, Game Night every Friday & Sunday night and Sunday School!

“Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many.” -1 Corinthians 12:14

Rosalie Bradford
Director of Youth & Family Ministries