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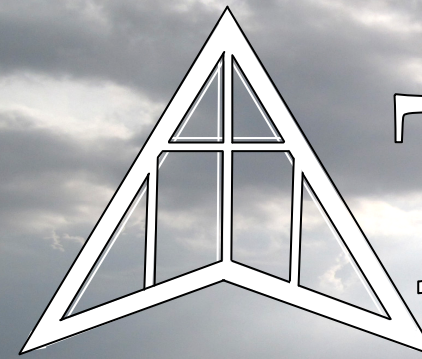
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BID ANNOUNCEMENT

**Northwood Presbyterian Church
 Phase 2: Church & Dayschool
 Building Renovations 1/29/2015**

Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater, Florida, announces that General Contracting services will be required for the following project: Phase 2: Church & Dayschool Building Renovations. The anticipated budget is \$80,000. Plans are available at Dodge Reports, as well as from the architect electronically at Long & Associates Architects/Engineers, Inc., 4525 S. Manhattan Ave., Tampa, FL 33611. Electronic plans may be obtained by emailing Stephanie@longandassociates.com and specifically requesting Northwood Presbyterian Church Phase 2: Church & Dayschool Building Renovations. The advertisement is anticipated to run four weeks beginning on March 10, 2015 with a pre-bid walkthrough on March 17, 2015 at 2:30 P.M. The address is: Northwood Presbyterian Church, 2875 SR 580, Clearwater, FL 33764. Bids will be taken on April 7, 2015 no later than 2:00 P.M. in Room 5. Direct any questions to the architect listed above and not the Church.

Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 29

8:15 & 11:00 A.M. Traditional Services
 9:30 A.M. Contemporary Service
 (Nursery available)

4:00 P.M. Lenten Cantata

"He Shall Arise"
 By: Tom Fettke

MAUNDY THURSDAY

APRIL 2, 7 P.M.
 Joint service at Northwood PC
 with Heritage UMC

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 3, 12:00 NOON
 Joint service at Heritage UMC
 with Northwood PC

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5

The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering will be received
 (see purpose of offering in Sunday bulletins).

Photos Available at Floral Cross

8:15 & 11:00 A.M.
 Traditional Services-Sanctuary
 9:30 A.M. Contemporary Service
 (Outside, weather permitting; bring lawn chairs or a blanket)
 (Nursery available)

Photos Available at Floral Cross

At A Glance

March 17, 2015

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, March 22:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:45 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, March 29:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
4:00 P.M. Easter Cantata

Thursday, April 2:

7:00 P.M. Maundy Thursday Service
at Northwood PC

Friday, April 3:

12:00 P.M. Good Friday Service
at Heritage UMC

Saturday, April 4:

10:00 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 5:

Easter Sunday
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service (outside)
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, April 12:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, April 19:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, April 26:

Gifts of Women Sunday
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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The Window

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Edited by Katie Pacana

Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail Katie@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Katie Pacana's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

E-News:

If you are interested in receiving the bi-weekly Monitor via our e-news system, please send an email with your name and request to Katie@northwoodpc.org.

From the PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

"The Sacraments – We Have Only Two"

This is my third article about being Presbyterian. The bulk of this article is a short answer on what we believe about the sacraments. I begin by reminding you that these articles are written based on the estimate that 58 percent of all members of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the denomination to which we belong, did not grow up "Presbyterian." I believe this is a natural, good and positive thing to be so diverse in this day and time. We will never be uniform in belief, although a few may want to demand this, but we are joyfully united together by faith in Jesus Christ. I believe the church in our day is about difficult conversations, not our demands, and I believe this will be the case for some years to come. I also believe we reflect the diversity and the discussions about the practice of faith present in the New Testament Church we read about in the Bible.

The Presbyterian denomination is becoming more and more diverse. If you haven't noticed in the last decade or so our denomination is not making "top down" decisions about what we are to believe as particular churches. While we still agree with theological essentials with the wider church in our interpretation of the Bible and Book of Confessions, like the sacraments and the importance of Jesus Christ as our only Savior and Lord, in other matters of life and faith, local options are now offered in one part of our church constitution, the Book of Order. It seems that the denomination, through the voting of all its presbyteries, will soon allow each church and pastor to have a local option about Christian marriage. So remember you heard it first here before an optional definition of Christian marriage is adopted by the PC(USA). Traditional marriage between a man and a woman is still affirmed but there will be options for churches who wish, without penalty, to conduct marriage between two people if the current amendment is approved.

The Sacraments (Presbyterians hold to two sacraments and marriage is not one of them)

Both the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper are God's acts of sealing the promises of faith within the community of faith as the congregation worships.

The Sacrament of Baptism: At Northwood Presbyterian Church the Sacrament of Baptism is offered to all who wish to confess their faith in Jesus Christ and to the children of those who profess faith in Christ. If you would like more information about having yourself or your child(ren) baptized, please contact me or Paul Means. Here is the Presbyterian understanding of what the Sacrament of Baptism means, as found in our [Book of Order](#).

Baptism is the sign and seal of incorporation into Christ. In Baptism, we participate in Jesus' death and resurrection. In Baptism, we die to what separates us from God and are raised to newness of life in Christ. Baptism is the sign and symbol of inclusion in God's grace and covenant with the Church. Both believers and their children are included in God's covenant love. Children of believers are to be baptized without undue delay, but without undue haste. The Baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God's love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The Baptism of those who enter the covenant upon their own profession of faith witnesses to the truth that God's gift of grace calls for fulfillment in a response of faithfulness.

Baptism is received only once. The Presbyterian Church USA recognizes all Baptisms with water in the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit administered by other Christian churches. Baptism is celebrated in a service of public worship, ordinarily during a Sunday Lord's Day service of worship. The water used for Baptism should be common to the location.

The Sacrament of the Lord Supper: At Northwood we generally celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on the 1st Sunday of each month, except when Maundy Thursday falls close to the first Sunday of the month at Easter. We also celebrate communion at special services throughout the year. Here is the Presbyterian understanding of the meaning of the Lord's Supper as explained in the [Book of Order](#).

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In His last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with His disciples the bread and wine, speaking of them as His body and blood, signs of the new covenant. Around the Table of the Lord, God's people are in communion with Christ and with all who belong to Christ. All who are baptized are to be welcomed to the Table. In the life of the worshiping congregation, Word and Sacrament have an integral relationship. Whenever the Lord's Supper is observed, it shall be preceded by the reading and the proclamation of the Word. The Lord's Supper is to be observed on the Lord's Day, in the regular place of worship. It is to be celebrated regularly and frequently enough to be recognized as integral to the Service for the Lord's Day. Special observances of the sacrament of the Lord's Supper are to be approved by the Session, administered by a minister of Word and Sacrament, and must be open to the whole believing community.

This is just a short answer about the sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Please know I'm open to discussion with anyone, as I know Paul Means is, to discussing any of issues I've mentioned in this article.

Your Pastor and Friend,
Chris

Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (2014/15 School Year), Room 3, join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.

9:30 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 16.

3rd-5th Grades Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

11:00 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds – 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3 beginning at 11:00. Should your child like to attend worship up until the Children's message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children's Message or remain in worship with their parents.

Children Welcome to the Lord's Table

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room

9:30 A.M. ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15: Join us as we study the book of Daniel! Class is led by Bob Meier and Jeanette Holloway.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11: Led by a rotation of teachers, this class examines current issues and how it relates to our faith. Be part of the conversation while enjoying cookies and coffee.

11:00 A.M. ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15: We are studying Nehemiah—a story that begins with his fellow Jews reporting that the walls and gates of Jerusalem were in terrible shape. God put it on his heart to rebuild the walls. Join our class to find out just how Nehemiah went about accomplishing this feat and how God's love and faithfulness works in our lives on a daily basis.

Youth & Young Adults

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults ~ Cindy Huffman, Team Chair

Cedarkirk 2015 Summer Camp

Registration is Open

Registration for Cedarkirk's 2015 Summer Camps is open! Whether you are in first grade or high school, a family with young children or a grandparent seeking time with your grandchild, Cedarkirk's summer programs have something for you. Cedarkirk offers camps for all ages and stages of life, emphasizing opportunities for fun, community-building, and spiritual growth in a beautiful, natural environment. To ensure your choice of programs, pick up a brochure in the church office or visit www.cedarkirk.org today. If you have any questions, please contact the camp office at 813.685.4224 x2 or camps@cedarkirk.org.

Northwood Scholarship Application Time

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Katie Pacana in the church office now or go online to www.northwoodpc.org/forms. Applications must be received by June 1, 2015. 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.

Youth Highlights

Sunday, March 22:

- Youth Group 5-6:30 P.M.

Friday, March 27:

- Game Night 7-10 P.M.

Saturday, March 28:

- Confirmation Breakfast

Sunday, March 29:

- No Youth Group

Monday, March 30:

- AirHeads 6-9:30 P.M.

Wednesday, April 1:

- Monster Mini-Golf & McDonlads 6-9 P.M.

Friday, April 3:

- Lock-In 7 P.M.-7 A.M.

Confirmation

Please join us in praying for our 2015 Confirmation Class. They meet each Sunday from 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. until Easter with a weekend retreat to Cedarkirk and participation at the February Session Meeting. Please keep them in your prayers—Lindsey Peterson, David Hamilton, Drew Hatch, Sarah Flaherty, Heather Wood, William Warren and Jarrett Mattson.



Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

Easter Egg Hunt

Join us on Saturday, April 4th at 10:00 A.M. for an Easter Puppet show followed by an Egg Hunt. Children 5th Grade and younger and their families are invited! Be sure to invite a friend!



VBS/Sports Camp

Registration is open!! Parents go to northwoodpc.org and register for Sports Camp; is June 15-19 from 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

Around Northwood

Caring for Our Church Family

Bake Sale, March 22

The Youth will host a bake sale Sunday, March 22! The money raised will be used in Youth Mission Outreach programs. Thank you in advance for supporting us!

Online Giving

If you are interested in setting up online giving, visit the "Giving" link to the secure portal at www.northwoodpc.org or call the Church Office. For your convenience, gifts can be processed as credit card or e-check transactions. Additionally, you may make a one-time gift or set your contributions up for automated processing on a schedule that you select. Participation in the offering on Sunday morning is an act of worship and we wish to include those who choose to give online. If you so choose, you will find laminated cards in the Narthex that can be placed in the offering plate to say "My gift this week was made online." Thank you for your continued and faithful support of the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church.

Membership Matters

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. Our Discovering Northwood class is for newcomers as well as those of us who have been around awhile to simply learn more about us or to become a member of our church family.

The next Discovering Northwood class is **March 22 in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 10:45 A.M.-12:00 P.M.** If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin (chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org), or Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana (Katie@northwoodpc.org). Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

NPC Libraries

Did you know that NPC has two libraries? The children's library is located near the choir room and is divided into pre-school (up to 5 years old) and children's sections. We have put many Easter books for children of all ages on display for the remainder of the Lenten season. Take a few minutes and browse through our Children's library with your family. We welcome you to check it out!

PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Burt & Dottie Benziger; Larry Cornillaud; Kimberly Corrello; Doris Croasmun; Jean Dayes; Shirley Gleason; Hugh Gott; Fred Inkles; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Diane Luke; Lois Marsh; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian & Walter Rather; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot, Barbara Yontek.

Please keep the following who are serving in the military in your prayers. Addresses have been included should you wish to send cards of support.

Capt. Daniel Doverspike
2044 Pratt Court
Evanston, Illinois 60201-3116

Thank You Notes

Thanks a lot! Your prayers and calls, etc, have really helped!
Howard Green

I want to thank my Northwood family for your cards, calls, food, and continued support you have shown me & my family with Bob's recent passing. This truly is a giving church.
Bless you all,
Barbara Moler

I want to thank you so much for the outpouring of love shown to me on the loss of my sister, Doris. Thank you for all your prayers, cards, phone calls, memorial gifts and the book from the Stephen Ministers. Thank you Chris and Tom for the beautiful memorial service and to the Kitchen Krew for the wonderful reception. NPC is such a loving and caring church.
In Christian love,
Sue GaVette

Thank you to the following children who successfully completed a worship preparation workshop with Barbara Musgrave to learn about and make communion bread for the Home Communion Team: Brianna Adkisson, James Birch, Kathryn Birch, Sarah Birch, Claire Cantin, Dylan Cantin, Hannah Gipson, Aidan McDermott, Caysen Patel, Holden Patel, Delaney Pope, Jacob Pope, & Nyden Rodewald

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of:
Doris Lemon

Given by:
Jan Hewlett
Barbara Schlerf

Bob Moler

Barbara Schlerf
Jack & Dorothy Wood
Bill & Loisanne Bilka
John & Janet George
Carol & Mary Corrello
Helen Swearingin
Bill & Patty Martin
Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler
Ray & JoAnne Spigarelli
Ronald & Janet Kissler
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Francis Newman
David & Suzanne Hamilton
H. Fisher and Thelma Thomas
Hope Tury
Lawrence & Maureen Ripley

William Newman

RA Specialty Floors
Richard Newman
Joan & Luther Evans
Jean Cooke & Joan Buckers
Robert & Dorothy Steckert
Ellie Caldwell
Deborah Isom
Marilyn Tetreault
Karen Maex & Robert Sheppard
Cheryl White
Violet Karian &
David & Carolyn Karian
Darrough & Linda Diamond
Al Tingley
Christina Waltz

Edna Bechtold

B.J. Kissling

THANKS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Beth-El

Dear Northwood,
Thank you for your donation of \$180.00. Your donation is quite important to us!
Blessings,
Dave Moore, Executive Director

Bay Area Pregnancy Center

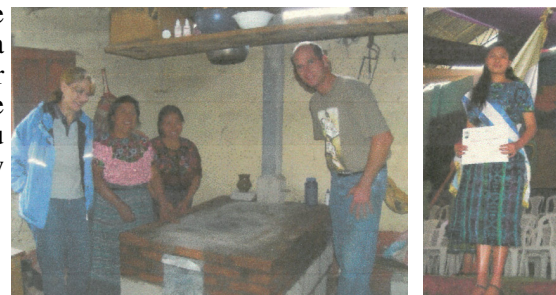
Dear Northwood,
We sincerely "thank you" for your continued support. Through your faithful prayers and generous donations we have had another awesome year at BAPC!
Sincerely,
Marsha Rimer, Executive Director

Alliance for International Reforestation

Dear Northwood,
Thank you sincerely for your donations during 2014 totaling \$710.00 to AIR-Guatemala, which includes monthly donations from the TCI class plus \$290 from the Christmas Alternative Giving. These gifts have been used to build a stove and to support the TCI scholarship of a new Mayan student, Alba Lisbeth Roquel. We are so grateful for the donations to this wonderful ministry.

AIR Guatemala shares the love of Christ through witness and action in three ways: Education programs in schools and scholarships; Sustainable Farming planting beneficial trees; and building clean, efficient stoves. The results over 20 years are amazing: 2,700 rural families with better nutrition from sustainable farming; prevention of deadly mudslides; 820 stoves constructed to prevent lung disease; school curriculum used in 200 schools; 20 high school graduations; and over 4.2 million beneficial trees planted! Included is a photo of the graduation of one of the TCI scholarship students, Maria Elvira. She is already a successful teacher herself—teaching children about nature that her family learned from AIR. You directly changed her life and she is now sharing that gift.

In His Service,
Anne Hallum, Founding President



PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

VITALS

Weather: Chilly & Clear
Sunday, March 8, 2015

Daylight Savings	
(8:15)	111
(9:30)	137
(11:00)	<u>162</u>
Total:	410