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## Congratulations Graduates!

Thank you to the families who submitted the graduation announcements listed below .



**Joshua Luther** is graduating May 25th from Sickles High School. Josh is graduating with a 6.8 GPA with an AP CAP Stone diploma. Josh will be attending the University of South Florida in the fall where he will be pursuing a degree in computer engineering.



**Ally Wolf** is graduating Cum Laude from Florida Southern College with a Bachelor's of Science in Nursing and a minor in Spanish. After graduation, she will be moving to Buffalo, NY with her parents to prepare to take the NCLEX and receive her RN license. After passing the NCLEX, she will be working in the healthcare system in hopes of becoming a pediatric nurse. She plans on going back to school in the next few years to pursue a Master's Degree in Nursing.



**Kylie Torres** is graduating Magna Cum Laude from Florida Southern College with a Bachelor's Degree in Music Education. She will be moving to Taiwan next year to pursue a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship.



Will Curvin is graduating from Florida State University with a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Economics and Statistics. He is currently exploring employment opportunities.



**Vanessa Celotto** graduated with honors from Liberty University on May 19th, 2018. She received a Bachelor of Science in Religion with a focus on Christian Ministries and a Minor in Church Ministries with a focus on Youth. Vanessa plans on continuing to serve the youth and families of Northwood Presbyterian church.

### VBS Donations- Items to be collected:

- 140 small wide mouth Gatorade bottles with lids
  - Colored sand
  - Buttons
  - Small shells
  - Jewels all sizes
- Non-perishables:**
- 7 cases of bottled water
  - 7 2L Diet Soda, mixed flavors
  - 6 2L Regular Soda, mixed flavors
  - 3 Large bags of potato chips, variety
  - 5 Large bags of corn chips (Doritos, etc)
  - 2 Large bags of M&M's, Costco-size
  - 8 Bags of snack-size chocolate candy
  - 7 Gallon boxes of Goldfish crackers
  - 50 Individual pkgs cookies
  - 4 bags of pretzel sticks
  - 3 bags of pretzel rods (Aldi- round container of 45)
  - 8 boxes of vanilla wafers
  - 2 boxes of fruit by the foot
  - 10 boxes of Swedish Fish
  - 120 vanilla pudding cups
  - 360 Gallon Ziplock bags
  - 300 Quart size Ziplock bags
  - 75 Med. to large seashells

### Non-Food Items:

- 1200 Paper plates
- 400 snack-size paper Plates
- 200 portion cups
- 1050 paper cups
- 1 large box of mixed Plastic cutlery (Costco)

### Monetary Donations:

If you wish to make a monetary donation for the perishable food items that will be purchased please put your donation in an envelope marked VBS and place in the collection plate. Thank you for your support!  
 Donated items can be placed in the collection box in front of the Noah's Ark table. More donation lists to come.

*Justine Ruisz, Director of  
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# At-A-Glance

May 22, 2018



# Caring for Our Church Family

## This Month at Northwood

**Sunday, May 27:**  
**Trinity Sunday**  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, June 3:**  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, June 10:**  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, June 17:**  
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, June 24:**  
 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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**Submissions:**  
 If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org), or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

**E-News:**  
 If you are interested in receiving emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org).

### Church Office Schedule

Beginning the week of May 14, church office hours will be Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4:00 P.M. Regular Friday office hours will resume the week of August 6. Calls to the office on Fridays will be handled by the voicemail system and returned on Monday. If there is a pastoral emergency, the system will provide the phone number needed to reach Pastor Chris or Pastor Paul. We thank you for your cooperation as we adopt this temporary schedule.

### RCS

Thank you for your generous gift of \$130. Every day we meet the challenges of hunger, homelessness, and domestic violence in our community. Your gift makes a difference! We appreciate you, Kirk Smith, President and CEO

### Shriners Hospital

We have received your kind contribution of 7 pounds of cans. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your gift. Your concern for the hospital and the many children we serve is appreciated! Sincerely, Fleury Yelvington, Administrator

### Bay Area Pregnancy Center

Thank you for your recent donation to Bay Area Pregnancy Center. We know that there are many organizations to choose from, and we are grateful that you thought of us! In appreciation, Marsha Rimer, Executive Director

### Beth-El

Thank you for your donation of \$50. This is a busy time of year for the farm workers in our area, and for the mission at Beth-El with strawberry season reaching its peak. Your donation is making a difference in the lives of those we serve! Kathy Dain, Executive Director

### Habitat For Humanity

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1920 to Habitat for Humanity. Your investment helps families in our community achieve what they thought was just a dream. Thanks to you, we will hand the keys to 55 struggling families by year's end. Thanks for your support! Mike Sutton, CEO

### Clearwater Free Clinic

Thank you for your recent gift of \$350 supporting our mission. Your donation will make a positive impact on the lives of low-income, uninsured families the Clinic is dedicated to serve. Yours in Health, Jeannie Shapiro, Executive Director

### Prayers to our Military Families

- SrA Benjamin A Cernansky, MacDill AFB, FL.
- SPC Glen Nadig, Ft. Campbell, KY.

If you have an immediate family member in the military that you would like added to our prayer list, please contact us.



### Memorial Gifts

<b><u>In Memory of:</u></b> Jeffery Fulford Jeffery Fulford Gerry Krause Gerry Krause Jane Sutton Jane Sutton Jane Sutton	<b><u>Given by:</u></b> Kitchen Krew Youth Ministry NPW Music Ministry Music Ministry Library Fund Library Fund
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<b><u>In Honor of:</u></b> Jay Basinger	<b><u>Given by:</u></b> Don Hamilton
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### Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Doris Croasmun; Shirley Gleason; Howard Green; Fred Inkles; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian Rather; David Smith; Gene Snyder; Al & Ethel Holden; Bill Sutton; Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond.

### We extend our prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Jay Basinger on the news of the death of Jay's brother, Robert Simmons on April 12.
- Raymond Linville on the news of the death of Raymond's mother, Sheila H. Linville on April 21.
- Susan Curry on the news of the death of Susan's mother, Gerry Krause on April 23.
- Bill Sutton on the news of the death of Bill's wife, Jane Sutton on April 25.
- Don Stevens on the news of the death of Don's father, Karl Stevens on April 27.
- Polly Brown on the news of the death of Polly's mother, May Louise White on May 9.
- Gene Wietz on the news of the death of Gene's mother, Georgene Vitense on May 15.
- Don Morrison on the news of the death of Don's son, Scott Morrison.

**The Presbyterian Women of Northwood** would like to extend a huge thank you to Mary and Carl Corrello for all the work they did to make our Birthday Luncheon such a success. We appreciate you both.



# Get Involved

## 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, 2018. 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.

## Summer Music Camp

**When:** August 6th-10th  
**Time:** 9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M. Monday-Friday  
**What:** We learn a musical and perform it, play music games and have snack.  
**Who:** All children rising into 3<sup>rd</sup> through those rising into 6<sup>th</sup>.  
**Cost:** \$40 for the week  
**Contact:** Stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090

Auditions for parts to be announced!  
**SIGN UP NOW!!!**

## All-Church Retreat

The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 19-21, 2018. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Poster and brochures can be found on the bulletin board directly across from the kitchen. Deposits with room requests are being accepted starting May 20th. Sign up early for best choice of rooms! Questions, contact Jeanne Stephen Jeanneestephen@gmail.com.

## Music Workshop



June 10-15, 2018

The upcoming annual Fellowship Church Music Workshop (aka Music Camp) will be **Sunday, June 10 through noon on Friday, June 15, 2018.** This year 49 people from Northwood will be attending! We will have a week of musical and spiritual growth among friends in the midst of the beautiful setting of The Life Enrichment Center near Leesburg FL. For those registered, a reminder that your balance due needs to be paid by May 25. Youth medical forms need to be turned in by June 10th. Give your check made payable to Northwood Presbyterian Church to Tom Huffman. Check out the Fellowship website for lots of information: [www.floridafellowship.org](http://www.floridafellowship.org).

## Northwood Summer Camp



Spread the word! Northwood has a great summer camp for children ages 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten). This summer program is an active summer experience that runs 7:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M. beginning May 29th and running through August 10th. 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, two weekly field trips or more, weekly activities when on site, which include cooking, music, crafts, games, and structured activities, as well as free choice time. We have been providing summer fun for 30+ years. Register now! Choose your weeks or join us for the entire summer! One time registration fee \$30. The cost is \$120 per week (includes \$25 activity fee), \$10 discount for 2nd child. Ages 5-12 (must have completed kindergarten). Contact Justine Ruisz for more information, (727) 796-8090, or [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org)



## Registration Open Now Enrolling!

Kids' Corner Preschool is currently enrolling for the 2018-2019 school year! A few openings left for children ages 2-VPK and our Before and After Care Program for Elementary aged students. For more information on our programs and how to register contact Kids' Corner at (727) 723-7679, or email Michelle Episcopo at [schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org). More information on these programs can be found on our website at [northwoodpc.org/preschool](http://northwoodpc.org/preschool).

Dear Parents of our Northwood School Family,

As this school year comes to a close, I wanted to bring you up to date on some good news for the Kid's Corner Preschool and the Before and After Care program.

I want to share how grateful we are to Mrs. Angie Surowiec, who has been serving this year as our Acting Director of Schools and as one of our VPK teachers while we searched for a new director. Mrs. Surowiec has provided great continuity and oversight to our schools and we are most grateful for all of her hard work. During this transitional year, she has taught her VPK students with excellence, managed a staff of sixteen (16) preschool teachers, aides and before/after staff, increased school enrollment, brought new enrichment activities to the both the Preschool and Before/After programs and has prepared the school/staff for re-accreditation under the National Association for the Education of Young Children. We are so very pleased that she has always planned to continue as one of our fine teachers following our search for a permanent director. We have a great staff in our School's Program and we applaud each one of them!

Our efforts to find a new director have been ongoing and we are now very pleased to welcome Michelle Episcopo as our Director of Schools. She comes to us with 22 years of experience in the field of early childhood education. She has been a VPK Teacher, Preschool Director and Executive Director over multiple preschools, both Christian and secular. Her sincere love for children inspired her to work with the Guardian ad Litem program as an advocate and employee, volunteer as a foster parent, lead life groups for single moms, minister to inner city family ministries and volunteer with the YMCA Youth Soccer program as a coach. Michelle loves theater and music and has always enjoyed directing children's musicals, Spring and Christmas programs and VPK Graduations. She has two sons, ages 21 and 10. Jeremiah is in the process of getting accepted into flight school and Cayden hopes to be a scientist when he grows up. She's very excited to get started and spend time getting to know you and your family. Michelle has been present on campus since May 7<sup>th</sup> and is now available to parents and teachers this last week of school as she observes classrooms and looks forward to the Preschool's August start-up. She will begin all of her official duties following graduation.

Northwood Presbyterian Church, our new director and our school staff seek to offer school programs which are an outward demonstration of our commitment to this fine 39-year ministry of the church to families and children. Thank you for trusting your children to our care and being a part of the Northwood family.

Sincerely,

E. Chris Curvin  
 Head of Staff  
 Pastor, Northwood Presbyterian Church since 2005  
 (727) 796-8090

Michelle Episcopo  
 Director of Schools  
 (727) 723-7679  
[schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org)

# Christian Education

## Sunday Morning Classes

### TCI Class

#### **(Today's Christian Issues)**

TCI will be on summer hiatus from May 27 until September 12. Have a joyful and rejuvenating summer and return with us on September 12 for new discussions of contemporary issues and their affects on our faith journey.

### Experiencing God Class

**Sundays at 11:00 AM**

Meets in room 15 led by Vicki Krueger.

### Bible Study

"Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times" by Howard Peskett is the book the Sunday Bible study group will be studying this summer. This study will cover how to trust God even when life doesn't go as we want it to go. For the summer the group will be meeting on Sundays at 12:30 in Room 4. Contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or email [lucindy1@aol.com](mailto:lucindy1@aol.com) with questions or if you need a book ordered. Books may be purchased online.

### Alternative Gift for Father's Day

Are you challenged to find a meaningful, affordable present for a very special man? Consider an Alternative Gift! For as little as \$5 Church World Service will send mosquito netting, tools, a blanket or other life-saving equipment to a family in need. The women of Lydia Circle will be in the Narthex between worship services on June 3 and 10 to record your gift and help you select a lovely card. Think how pleased your wonderful guy will be to know you have helped someone in his honor! Questions? Contact Barbara Englehart (727-791-4648 or [waspffinella@yahoo.com](mailto:waspffinella@yahoo.com)).

## Esther/Elizabeth Circle

The women of Esther/Elizabeth circle are taking a trip to Beth-El for a tour and lunch on July 10th at 9:00AM. This is open to all Presbyterian Women. The church bus is reserved so transportation is provided. If interested, please contact Ellen Stoup ([ellen.stoup@gmail.com](mailto:ellen.stoup@gmail.com)) or Sue Miskiewicz ([susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com](mailto:susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com)) for more information.

## Bible Study-Fresh Brewed

Women of Wisdom-Proverbs, by Dee Brestin

Chapter 4, Day 3-5

June 1, 10:30am, room 5

Contact: Sally Uhler, 727-796-7563

## Gifts of Women

On April 22nd, Gifts of Women Sunday, Northwood Presbyterian Women honored Mary Duffy and Charlotte McQuown with an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women. This honor is in recognition of their years of service and dedication to the ideals set forth in our pledge and their life of Christian devotion.

This honor is not limited to women, so on May 1st at the annual Installation and Birthday celebration, our Pastor, Chris Curvin, also received an Honorary Life Membership in Presbyterian Women for his faithful attention and support to our mission and inspiration in our Bible Study.

We congratulate Mary, Charlotte, and Chris for achieving this honor; their names will be added to the plaque commemorating past recipients.

## Children's Ministry



### 9:30 Summer Sunday School for Children

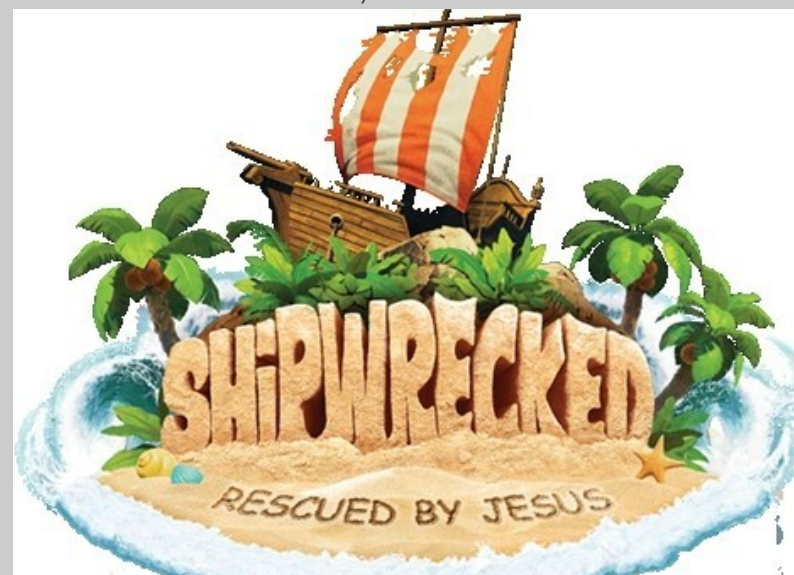
The Children's Ministry needs teachers to help cover Sunday School for the summer months, so the regular teachers can have a break. If you are willing to help teach one Sunday with children ages 3 years through Kindergarten or 1st-5th grade, please contact Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry. 727-796-8090 or [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org)

### 2018 Vacation Bible School

Ahoy!! Come and join us for 2018 VBS "Shipwrecked: Rescued by Jesus!" During *Shipwrecked* VBS, kids discover how Jesus rescues us through life's storms. *Shipwrecked* is filled with incredible Bible-learning experiences where kids will see, hear, touch, and even taste! Sciency-Fun Gizmos™, team-building games, cool Bible songs, and tasty treats are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life. (Since everything is hands-on, kids might get a little messy. Be sure to send them in play clothes and safe shoes.) Plus, we'll help kids discover how to see evidence of God in everyday life—something we call God Sightings. Get ready to hear that phrase a lot! All children ages 4 (by 9/1/2018) through 5th Grade are invited to attend.

Registration fee is \$15.00

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# CITYLIGHT

- Sunday, May 27th (9:30am) – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, May 27th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Tuesday, May 29th—Threshers Game (Youth & Y.A.)
- Friday, June 1st (5:00-6:00pm) 5th Grade Small Group #1
- Friday, June 1st (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Sunday, June 3rd (9:30) -Worship
- Sunday, June 3rd (5-6:30pm) – Genesis Party
- Monday, June 4th-8th VBS
- Sunday, June 10th (9:30am) - Worship
- Sunday, June 10th-15th Summer Music Workshop
- Sunday, June 17th (9:30am) – Worship
- Wed., June 20th (5:00-6:00pm) – 5th Grade small group #2
- Wed., June 20th (6:00-7:00pm) - Ice cream soda mixer (youth & 5th graders)
- Thursday, June 21st (TBD) Y.A. Busch Gardens
- Friday, June 22nd (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Sunday, June 24th - Worship
- Sunday, May 13th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Sunday, June 24th-29th Middle School Mission Trip
- Friday, June 29th (7-10pm) – H.S. Game Night

### Volunteers Needed:

- Threshers Game on May 29th (1 adult volunteer)
- Game Night on June 22nd (2 adult volunteers)
- H. S. Game Night on June 29th (2 adult volunteers)

### Citylight Summer Mission Trips

This summer, our youth will be going on mission trips where we will be coming together with other youth ministries, to broaden our perspectives, challenge our comfort zones, be empowered, empower others, and create a sacred space where God can work in and through our lives.

### Middle School Trip:

On June 24-29 our Citylight Middle Schoolers will be going on a mission trip to Vero Beach, Florida. This trip will be with Epic Missions and we will be working together as we do things like serve at food banks, host a dinner and game night for the elderly, and lead VBS. Our group can have a huge impact on the Vero Beach community by showing the love of Christ to the people that we'll be serving.

### High School Trip:

On July 15-21 our Citylight High Schoolers will be going on a mission trip to Jacksonville, Florida. This trip will be with TEAM effort and we will be working together in a community that was affected by the Hurricane Irma and storms that came through the area. The impact our group can have showing the love of Christ to the families and children who live there is immeasurable.

## Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

### Hurricane Season 2018 Begins June 1st

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 able to share your home with members-in-need, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi at [ecicerchi@gmail.com](mailto:ecicerchi@gmail.com) or 607-382-1781. 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. One helpful resource is [baynews9.com](http://baynews9.com). Click on "Weather," then "Hurricane Center." There you will find weather advisories, maps of evacuation zones, and checklists for your family and pets.

