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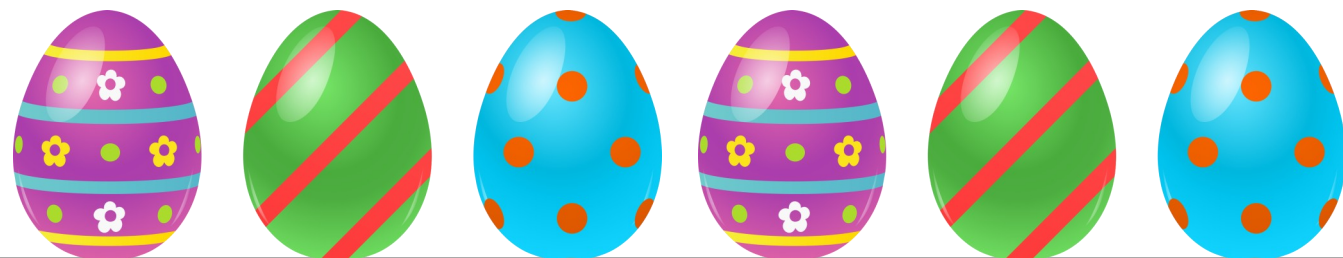
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Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 31st, 10:00 A.M.

All children, 5th grade and younger, and their families are invited to attend! Children will be divided into Egg Hunt groups by age. Be sure to invite a friend, there will be plenty of eggs to find! Don't forget a basket!

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Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 25, 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00

Maundy Thursday

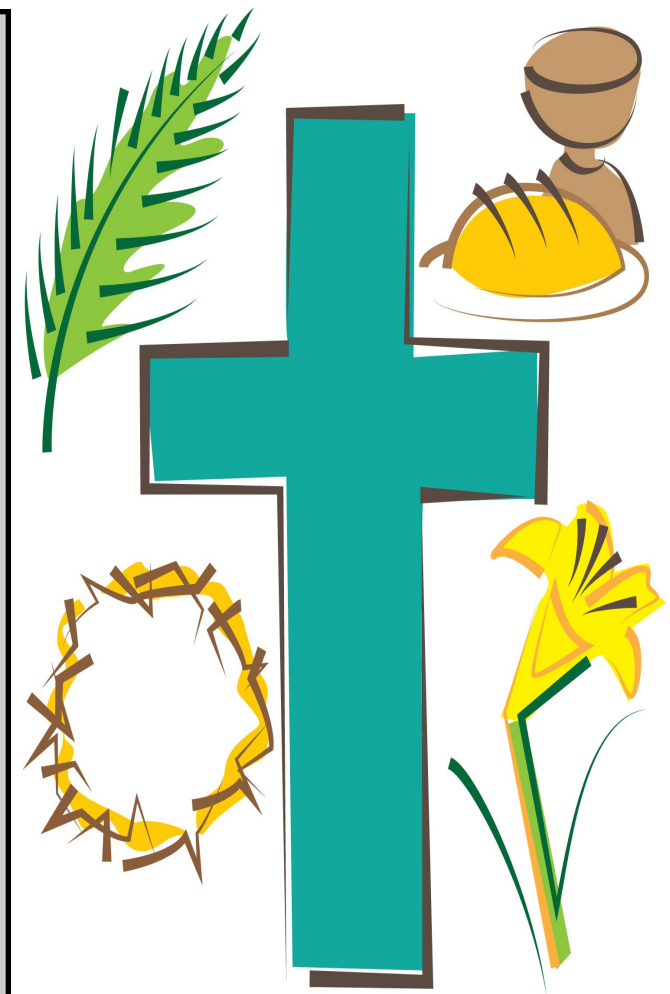
Thursday, March 29, at 7:00 P.M.
 Worship with the Lord's Supper

Good Friday Reflection

Friday, March 30
 Sanctuary will be open from
 12:00-1:00 P.M. for a time of silence
 and reflection.

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 1
 Traditional- 8:15 & 11:00
 Contemporary- 9:30
 (outside, weather permitting)



Holy Week

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

March 20, 2018



Wednesday, March 21:
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Series
 6:00- 6:40 P.M. Meal
 6:41-7:15 P.M. Study

Sunday, March 25:
Palm Sunday
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Thursday, March 29:
Maundy Thursday Service
 7:00 P.M.

Friday, March 30:
Good Friday
Reflection Service
 12:00 noon

Saturday, March 31:
 10:00 A.M. Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 1:
Easter Sunday
 :15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, April 2:
 Church Office Closed

Sunday, April 8:
2nd Sunday of Easter
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, April 15:
3rd Sunday of Easter
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, April 22:
4th Sunday of Easter
 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, 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.



Welcome to all our new Church Officers who were installed and ordained on March 11th.

DEACONS:
 (Class of 2020)

- *Jay Basinger
- *Kim Blackmore
- *Dennis Rasmussen
- *Eleanor Cicerchi

(Class of 2018)
 *Earle Lusk

ELDERS:
 (Class of 2020)

- Louise Navarro-Mylin
- Will Parker
- *Cookie Roffey
- *Vickie Mills
- Mike O'Leary

*those ordained

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 & Jane Sutton; Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond

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.



Registration had begun for the 2018-2019 school year. If you or anyone you know that has children ages two to four and are interested in attending a quality preschool, please invite them to come for a tour of our school. At Kids' Corner, we have a quality program with quality activities that engage the whole child. Our program uses the Creative Curriculum which is recognized by the state and N.A.E.Y.C. The children are taught within an environment designed to help each child develop emotionally, intellectually, physically, socially, and spiritually. We provide stimulating activities to help each child grow and develops at his or her own pace in accordance with their own abilities and experiences. You may contact us at 727-723-7679, or email schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

Around Northwood

Easter Egg Item Donations

We are excited for our 4th annual Easter Egg Hunt. We have 3000 empty eggs that we need to fill, we would love your help in getting those items to fill the eggs. A donation bin will be by room 4 to collect the small goodies. Thank you for your help. Any small items that can fit inside a plastic egg; such as...

- Pencil erasers
- Stickers
- Plastic rings
- Rubber bracelets
- Small toys
- Individually wrapped candy for goodie bags (no peanuts, please)



For more information, contact Justine Ruisz: (727) 796-8090 or childrensministry@northwoodpc.org

Facility Update

Keeping our facility clean and in a good state of repair is, of course, a never-ending opportunity! I thought that you might like to know that since last August, nearly every floor in the church has received a thorough cleaning. All of the school/children's areas along with the CE building received the new carpet and new hard surface flooring, all the floors that have tile/grout have been cleaned, the sanctuary carpet has been cleaned and floors that require wax in the classrooms, gym, youth room and kitchen have been waxed. The staff offices and the main hallways outside of the sanctuary have not yet been cleaned. They're up next but we'll probably wait until after Vacation Bible School.

We've had some ongoing challenges with our cleaning company as of late after a fairly good seven year relationship. On March 14th, Anago Cleaning Systems took over the care of our facility. We are very hopeful that this is the beginning of another long and mutually beneficial relationship. Anago came highly recommended by Faith Presbyterian Church and Baycare. As with all new things, there will be a learning curve. Your continued patience is appreciated as they come onboard.

Bids are in the works for painting of the exterior of the facility and for the replacement of cabinets in the Christian Education building. Both of these projects are going to be fairly expensive. The painting will definitely be done in stages and it is being bid that way. We'll decide how to move forward on the cabinets once we see the bid.

Thanks for your continued and faithful support through your tithes and offerings. Your faithfulness allows us to keep our facility looking in a way that brings glory and honor to God.

Order Easter Lilies



Order Easter Lilies now, only \$9 each. Use the order form on the friendship sheet. Purchase a lily to help decorate for the Easter worship services on Easter Sunday in memory or in honor of a loved one. Be sure to attach the completed form to your payment so we can be sure to include you in our program. Order forms with payment are due by Sunday, March 25.

"Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."
JOHN 4:35, NRSV

News From the Mission Field



Pastors Chris Curvin and Paul Means pictured above with Religious Community Services representatives, Kirk Smith, President and CEO and Melinda Perry, Chief Operating Officer. Kirk and Melinda visited with Paul and Chris at Northwood recently to personally thank our congregation for over \$200,000 of support over the last 20 years!

RCS was founded in 1967 by a network of churches and houses of faith in response to common social ills.

RCS Mission Statement:

To feed the hungry, help families facing homelessness, return to self-sufficiency and empower survivors of domestic violence.

Beth El

Dear Northwood,
Thank you for your donation of \$50. The strawberry season is reaching its peak and is a very busy time for our farmworkers. We simply could not assist the local farm worker community without wonderful supporters like you!
Blessings,
Kathleen Dain, Executive Director

Thank You Northwood

The Northwood Food Pantry would like to express our sincere "Thanks" to the TCI Sunday School class for your on going monthly donations of food and also for your monetary gifts. You have helped to sustain this very important mission for Northwood. Thank you for your continued support.

On February 3rd, the girl scouts in Pinellas County held "World Thinking Day" in Northwood's Family Life Center. It was a great event with over a hundred girls participating. Each girl brought in canned goods to help support Northwood's Food Pantry. We would like to extend our thanks for your generous donation of over 300 canned items. Thank you for thinking of those that are less fortunate in our own community.

Northwood Food Pantry

The food pantry is a vital mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church. We help serve the community by distributing bags of food to those families and individuals that come to the church seeking help. This mission is supported by YOU, the congregation, with your donations of non-perishable food items and monetary gifts.

Food Pantry items needed: Canned Meat, Past-Sauce, Beef Stew, Chili, Beef Ravioli, Spaghetti-Sauce, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Tuna, Soup, Canned-Vegetables, Canned Fruit.

Christian Education

Nancy Johnson, Christian Education Team Chair



Sunday Evening Lenten Study

A Sunday evening Lenten study is gathering together on Sunday evenings from 6:30-7:30pm in room 6 of the Education Building. The book being used in this study is "Forgiveness-A Lenten Study" by Marjorie Thompson. You may purchase your book for the study online or call Cindy Huffman at 727-409-8727 if you would like a book ordered for you. Join us as we prepare our hearts for Easter!

Dinner for 6-7-8

What is it? A group of 6-7-or 8 folks who get together monthly for four months for a potluck dinner on a rotating basis hosted by a couple or one or two members from the group.

How do I get involved? Sign up on the sheet posted on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. If you were part of a group last fall, you will automatically be included. This is a marvelous way to get to know fellow members and regular guests of Northwood Presbyterian Church on a relaxed informal basis. It's a great program! Join us! You'll be glad you did! For more information call Linda Diamond at 727-796-3751

Fun! Friends! Friday! Ren Crew

The Ren Crew 2nd Friday Fellowship is a group of adventure-some, young at heart 50+ adults that delight in sharing fun with friends, old and new. We gather at the church from 10:30 to 11:30 for programs and conversations that are entertaining, educational and inspiring. Following the presentation, the group enjoys lunch at a different restaurant each month. For the spring of 2018, the Ren Crew programs continue to open "different windows to the world" as Northwood members share their fascinating travel experiences in the U.S. and from around the world.

April 13 Northwood Members: Celtic Encore: Northwood Members with composer Joseph Martin in Scotland, Northern Ireland and the Republic of Ireland

May 11 Heather Villafranca: Eastern Europe Experiences

All are welcome! Transportation is gladly provided for those needing a ride. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! Questions? Contact Paul Means: paul@northwoodpc.org or (727) 796-8090.

Bible Study

Professor Michael Jahosky will be teaching an Adult Sunday School Bible Study at 9:30, starting on April 8th – May 13th. This class is a Bible study that will give you the basic tools to talk about your faith with non-Christians. Please let us know if you are interested in attending the class, by contacting Justine Ruisz at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

Adult Ministry

TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

Sundays at 9:30 AM, Rooms 9&11

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM, Room 15



GETALIGHT

Upcoming Schedule:

- Sunday, March 18th (9:30am) – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, March 18th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Wednesday, March 21st (6:15-7:30pm) – H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, March 23rd (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Saturday, March 24th (9:30am) – Confirmation Breakfast
- Sunday, March 25th – NO Sunday School
- Sunday, March 25th – Confirmation
- Sunday, March 25th (5-6:30pm) – NO Youth Group
- Sunday, March 26th (5-10pm) – Spring Break Movie Night
- Wednesday, March 28th (6:15-7:30pm)– NO H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, March 29th (3pm) – Youth Paintball
- Friday, March 30th (7-10pm)– Easter Party and Egg Hunt
- Sunday, April 1st – NO Sunday School
- Sunday, April 1st – NO Youth Group
- Wednesday, April 4th – NO H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, April 6th (5:30-6:30pm) – M.S. Bible Study
- Friday, April 6th (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Sunday, April 8th (9:30am) – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, April 8th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Tuesday, April 10th (6:00-7:00pm) Siblings Ice Cream Social
- Wednesday, April 11th (6:15-7:30pm) – H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, April 13th (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Sunday, April 15th - Youth Sunday
- Sunday, April 15th – NO Sunday School
- Sunday, April 15th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Wednesday, April 18th (6:15-7:30pm) – H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, April 20th (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Sunday, April 22nd (9:30am) – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, April 22nd (TBD) – Earth Day Event
- Sunday, April 22nd (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Wednesday, April 25th (6:15-7:30pm) – H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, April 27th (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Sunday, April 29th (9:30am) – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, April 29th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group

Volunteers Needed:

- Middle School Summer Trip from June 24th-29th (1 male volunteer w/ CDL)
- High School Summer Trip from July 15th-21st (1 male volunteer)

Vanessa Celotto, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
youthdirector@northwoodpc.org



Shine On!

Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry



4th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday March 31st at 10:00 A.M. All children 5th grade and younger and their families are invited to attend. Don't forget a basket!

King's Kids

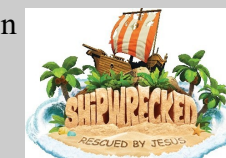
King's Kids will continue through Wednesday, April 4th. This is our Wednesday program for children ages 3-5th grade. It runs from 4:00-5:45 p.m. during the school year. This is a mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment, and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God.

Cedarkirk Spring Bash 2017

Spring Bash at Cedarkirk, for children 3rd-5th grade, is **April 13-14**. Please contact Justine for more information or to reserve your spot.

Vacation Bible School June 4-8

Parents, save the date for Vacation Bible School. More details to come.



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