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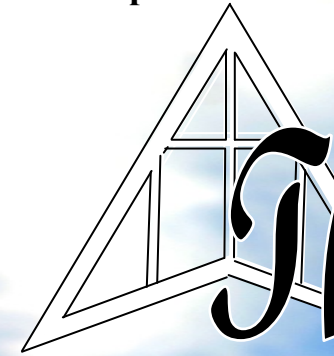
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Registration had begun for the 2018-2019 school year. If you or anyone you know that has children ages two to four and are interested in attending a quality preschool, please invite them to come for a tour of our school. At Kids' Corner, we have a 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 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.

Save the Date!!

**VBS 2018
 Shipwrecked**

June 4th-8th
 Ages VPK-5th Grade



Composer Weekend with Joel Raney!

Joel Raney is one of the best known sacred choral composer/arrangers writing today. With a Master's in Piano performance from Juilliard and editor of Hope Publishing Company, he is sought after as a clinician and concert pianist. He will be working with our Chancel Choir and Handbells on Saturday and presenting in Sunday worship and in concert at Northwood. Please put this date on your calendar now!

Joel Raney in all three worship services, March 18, 2018 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00.

Concert at 4:00 PM with Joel Raney piano solos and duets, plus stories (he was once a jingle writer), Chancel Choir, Jubilation Ringers, Children's Choir Concert.

This is a free concert and you will not want to miss it! Bring friends and get there early for a good seat!

*For additional information, please contact Stephanie Carson:
stephanie@nothwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090*



At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

February 20, 2018

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

Sunday, February 25:
2nd Sunday in Lent
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, February 28:
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Series
 6:00- 6:40 P.M. Meal
 6:41-7:15 P.M. Study

Sunday, March 4:
3rd Sunday in Lent
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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

Sunday, March 11:
4th Sunday in Lent
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, March 14:
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Series
 6:00- 6:40 P.M. Meal
 6:41-7:15 P.M. Study

Sunday, March 18:
5th Sunday in Lent
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
 10:45-12:00 P.M. Discovering Northwood Class

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-Holy Week Begins
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, March 28:
Wonderful Wednesday Dinner & Series
 6:00- 6:40 P.M. Meal
 6:41-7:15 P.M. Study

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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.



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
- Pasta Sauce
- Beef Stew
- Chili
- Beef Ravioli
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Tuna
- Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit



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

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Sharron Brown and family on news of the death of Sharon's brother, Ken Shaw, on January 28.
- Diane Lynn and family on the news of the death of Diane's sister, Sue Allen, on January 28.
- Curtis Krueger and family on the news of the death of Curtis' father, John R. Krueger, on February 7.
- Pat Cheek & Hallie Pelham and their families on the news of the death of Pat's son and Hallie's brother, Robert Langille, on February 9th.



A Concert for Peace will be presented by the Clearwater Bach Choir, Carol Alexander, director, on Sunday, March 4 at First United Methodist Church, Clearwater beginning at 3:00 p.m. A variety of choral music will include spirituals, classic anthems and world music accompanied by Tom Huffman on organ and piano. There is no admission charge but an offering will be received for Religious Community Services (RCS).



The Ren Crew - Fun! Friends! Friday!

The Ren Crew 2nd Friday Fellowship is a group of adventuresome, 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.

- March 16** - David Lawrence: "World Wanders and Wonders"
- 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.

Around Northwood

2018 Wonderful Wednesdays Series

Meal: 6:00-6:40 P.M.

Lenten Series: 6:40-7:15 P.M.

The Wednesday dinners are in full swing! They begin at 6:00 PM. and follow with the WAY study series held in the Christian Education Building.

The Wonderful Wednesday Study Series topic will be, "A Way Other Than Our Own?" Our pastors will lead us in this series reminding us how Lent can be a time of wilderness and wandering, from the newly freed Hebrew slaves in exile to Jesus' temptation in the desert. God often seems to call us to a way other than our safe, walled lives into paths we would never have chosen on our own. Each Wednesday the study will invite us to consider the challenging, beautiful life that comes with walking God's way of humility, justice and peace.

Please remember to invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join you. Your first-time guest's meal is complimentary. Please use the First Time Guest side of the reservation form. While the Wonderful Wednesday study series and dinners end on Wednesday, March 21st, we will still gather for worship during Holy Week for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

Maundy Thursday

Worship with the Lord's Supper

March 29th, 7:00 P.M.

Good Friday

Worship reflecting on Jesus Crucifixion and Death

March 30th, Noon

Easter Sunday

April 1st

Traditional Services- 8:15 & 11:00 A.M.

Contemporary Service- 9:30 A.M.



Wonderful Wednesdays- WAY Dinner & Program Series

Mark your calendars! Sign-up is coming soon!

February 21, 2018

Field Greens Salad with Croutons, Italian Dressing, Tender Chicken Breast Parmesan, Angel Hair Pasta Marinara, Green Beans Almandine, Homemade Garlic Bread, Plant City Strawberry Shortcake.

February 28, 2018

Baby Lettuces with Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing, Tender Beef Burgundy, Buttered Egg Noodles, Buttery Green Peas and Onions, Parmesan Rosemary Bread and Butter, Creamy New York Style Cheesecake dusted with Cocoa Powder and a splash of Dark Chocolate Sauce.

March 7, 2018

Creamy Pineapple Cole Slaw, Northwood Barbecue Pulled Pork, Herb Seasoned Roasted Potatoes, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots, Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls and Butter, Florida Key Lime Pie Drizzled with Melba Sauce

March 14, 2018

Dublin Greens, Green Goddess Dressing, Traditional Irish Stew with Potatoes and Carrots, Irish Soda Bread & Butter, Killarney Parfait

March 21, 2018

Traditional Caesar Salad, Grilled Black Forest Ham Steaks, Scalloped Potatoes, Buttered Norway Vegetable Blend, Fresh Rye Bread and Butter, Fresh Baked Apple Pie accented with Salted Carmel Sauce.

We Need Your Help!

Now that you've had your new photos taken, we'd also like to make sure your contact and family information is current and complete for our church directory. If you've had a recent change to your address, phone numbers, email, or family members, and have NOT notified the Church office, please contact Emily Cantin in the front office at communications@northwoodpc.org.

"Look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting."

JOHN 4:35, NRSV

News From the Mission Field

Beth El

Dear Northwood,
Thank you for your donation of \$180. We simply could not assist the local farm worker community without wonderful supporters like you!

Blessings,
Kathleen Dain, Executive Director

SPC

Dear Northwood,
Thank you so very much for your gracious donation of \$400 to the St. Petersburg College, Women on the Way Program. We would like to extend our heartfelt appreciation for your generosity with regard to the Women on the Way students, who will unquestionably benefit from your kindness.

Sincerely,
Rosemary King, Student Support Advisor

Heifer International

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your generous gift to Heifer International. Your contributions have helped in proving livestock and training to families in countries that struggle with what they need to improve their farms. With your commitment and their hard work, they are on their way to building lives of self-reliance and dignity, uplifting entire communities in the process.

Sincerely,
Pierre U. Ferrari, President & CEO

Thornwell

Dear PW & Northwood,
Thank you for your gift of \$80. Your gift makes it possible to help many families to overcome their daily challenges and to receive daily essentials like food and clothing. With Gratitude for All You Do,
The Rev. Elliot M. Smith, President

Garage Sale Update & Thank You!

WOW! Another very successful Music Ministry Garage Sale for one very special reason – YOU! We raised over \$15,500 – a 20% increase over last year.

We had so many wonderful, very generous donations – from antique bunk beds, gold and silver, adult bicycles and tricycles, gorgeous furniture including Queen Anne dining rooms, antique stereos and expensive room dividers, unique jewelry, beautiful clothing and gadgets galore. Your generosity and the outpouring from friends, neighbors and family members is truly a blessing for the music program of our church.

Of course, the sale couldn't happen without the support of so many. We appreciate the countless hours put in by the Department Chairs and their helpers, the Youth and their families who helped move, set-up and then put everything back in order, the Youth who came every morning or every afternoon to help anywhere they could, the Cashiers, Security, Kitchen Krew, Clean-up. So many of you and each one of you contributed to the fantastic success. A very heartfelt Thank You!

Stephanie Carson, Susan Curry and Carol Rathmell

Dear Northwood Family,

I would like to thank Pastor Chris & Pastor Paul and everyone for their prayers, phone calls, cards, food, and visits. I am so blessed to be a member of a church that is so caring!
Sincerely, Sue GaVette

The Christian Education Committee would like to thank the Presbyterian Women for their generous contribution to our scholarship program. This will allow the youth in our church to attend camps at Cedarkirk.

Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

Sunday Evening Lenten Study

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

Think On These Things

The Think on These Things monthly reading group, led by Pastor Paul, will meet on Monday afternoons from 12:00 pm to 1:15pm in rooms 13 and 15. The theme for the group is "Engaging books a thoughtful Christian ought to read. This month we are reading G. K. Chesterton's classic book, *Orthodoxy*. People are welcome to bring a lunch or snacks. For more information, contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

8:15 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School following the anthem.

9:30 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds- Kindergarten, Room 3
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.
1st-2nd Grade, Room 2
Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.
3rd-5th Grades, Room 8
Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4.

11:00 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (17/18 School Year)
Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School following the anthem.

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 Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.

Kings Kids 2018

King's Kids will resume on Wednesday, January 17th and then run through Wednesday, April 4th. This is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. It runs from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. throughout 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.

9:30 AM Middle & High School Christian Education

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30 AM service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for their lesson.

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



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Upcoming Schedule:

- Sunday, Feb. 18th (9:30am) – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, Feb. 18th (9:30-11am) – Confirmation Class #5
- Sunday, Feb. 18th (5-10:00 pm) – Youth Group & Nerf War
- Wednesday, Feb. 21st (6:15-7:30pm) – H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, Feb. 23rd (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Sunday, Feb. 25th (9:30am) – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, Feb. 25th (9:30-11am) – Confirmation Class #6
- Sunday, Feb. 25th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Sunday, Feb. 25th (6:30-8pm) – Youth Parent Meeting
- Sunday, Feb. 26th (7pm) – NPC Session for Confirmation Class
- Wednesday, Feb. 28th (6:15-7:30pm) – H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, March 2nd (5:30-6:30pm) – M.S. Bible Study
- Friday, March 2nd (7-10pm) – **NO** Game Night
- Sat. and Sun., March 3rd and 4th – Confirmation Retreat
- Sunday, March 4th – **NO** Sunday School
- Sunday, March 4th (5-6:30pm) – **NO** Youth Group
- Wednesday, March 7th (6:15-7:30pm) – **NO** H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, March 9th (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Saturday, March 10th (12-2pm)-Y.A Meet up at the Dali Museum
- Sunday, March 11th – Confirmation Class #7
- Sunday, March 11th (9:30am) – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, March 11th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group
- Monday, March 12th (11-4pm) Youth St. Pete Beach and Art Tour
- Wednesday, March 14th – **NO** H.S. Bible Study
- Thursday, March 15th (5-7pm) – Youth Escape Room
- Friday, March 16th (7-10pm) – Game Night
- Saturday, March 17th (12-2pm) – St. Patty's Pup Party
- Sunday, March 18th – Confirmation Class #8
- Sunday, March 18th (9:30am) – Worship and Sunday School
- Sunday, March 18th (5-6:30pm) – Youth Group

Volunteers Needed:

- Random Acts of Kindness event on Feb. 17th (adult volunteers only)
- Game nights on Fridays in March from 7-10pm (adult volunteers only)
- Middle School Bible Studies on first Fridays from 5:30-6:30pm (adult volunteers only)

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



Shine On!

2018 Confirmation Schedule Summary

The dates for confirmation are listed below and consist of eight classes, one morning trip to a Presbytery meeting, a retreat at Cedarkirk, a Confirmation breakfast, and introduction in worship on Palm Sunday. All Confirmands will be introduced in worship on Palm Sunday at one service of their choosing.

2018 Confirmation Schedule

Orientation: Sunday, January 15th, 9:30 to 11:00 AM – Room 18

- Class 1 (1/21) You Are What You Wear: Baptism, clothed in Christ, beginning of a lifelong journey.
- Class 2 (1/28) How Do You Spell Presbyterian: How the church organizes itself to fulfill the call to God's purposes in the world
- Class 3 (2/4) Being Presbyterian
- Class 4 (2/11) Old Testament
- Class 5 (2/18) Worship and the Sacraments
- Class 6 (2/25) New Testament
- Session: Monday, February 26th at 7:00pm
- Cedarkirk Retreat: March 2nd through 4th- Confirmands will be leaving Friday night and returning Sunday morning.
- Class 7 (3/11): Going Out: How God can use us as instruments to fulfill God's purpose.
- Class 8 (3/18): Grace and Gratitude: How we respond to God's grace in love and gratitude daily.

Confirmation Breakfast: Saturday, March 24th at 9:30am.
Breakfast with Northwood's Ruling Elders, Pastors, Mentors, along with the Confirmands and their families.

Confirmation Introduction: Sunday, March 25th during all three Services.

2018 Confirmation Class

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| Kaleb Adkisson | Matthew Nigels |
| Dylan Cantin | Jacob Pope |
| Ethan Crossley | Drew Strelcheck |
| Kylie Crossley | Atticus Ulrich |
| Eli Jeffre | Joyce Worley |
| Isaac Jeffre | Sarah Worley |
| Kassandra Mattson | Jeffrey Wulf |