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### Citylight Middle School Youth Mission Trip to Vero Beach

June 24th-29th, our middle school students went on a mission trip to Vero Beach, Florida where they were able to broaden their perspectives, challenge their comfort zones, be empowered and empower others. God did amazing work in and through their lives as they worked together to lead VBS at another church, served at a food bank, visited the elderly and worked with at risk youth in the area. Our group had a huge impact on the Vero Beach community by showing the love of Christ to the people that they served!




Kids' Corner News

### 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).

# At-A-Glance

## July 17, 2018

### This Month at Northwood

**Sunday, July 22:**  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, July 29:**  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, August 5:**  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, August 12:**  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, August 19:**  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Sunday, August 26:**  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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#### Church Office Schedule

Beginning the week of May 14, church office hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4:00 P.M. Regular Friday office hours 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.

#### 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).

#### Presbyterian Women visit Beth-El

On July 10th, our Presbyterian Women took a trip to Beth-El to deliver school and dental supplies that have been collected throughout the year. The dental supplies are to help with their new dental clinic. Kathy Dain, the Executive Director, gave a tour of the facility and a presentation on the programs that Beth-El has through their ministry.



Beth-El  
Farmworker Ministry, Inc.

#### Congrats to Scholarship Recipients!

The Scholarship team met on Tuesday, June 19, 2018.

Congrats to the following students who were awarded scholarships:

First time applicants: Joshua Luther, Brianna Winder

Second year recipients: Anna Hamilton, Jeremy Stephen.

Joshua Luther was selected as the Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship recipient.

Funds Provided by: Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship, Walter and Catherine Gordon Scholarship, Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship, Monies received from other sources.



#### Show & Dinner

You are cordially invited to see our Summer Music Camp musical, "Splash Kingdom." After a week of rehearsals, thirteen rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders will be presenting this fun musical on Friday evening, August 10th at 6:15pm in our sanctuary. **No admission fee!!** Before the show at 5:30, there will be a fabulous kitchen crew dinner at our normal dinner costs: \$5/adult, \$4/child, \$18 maximum/family. Come and support your Northwood kids and sign up for the dinner on the kitchen bulletin board! Call Stephanie Carson, Director of Music, with any questions 727-458-9749.

#### Sing, Fellowship, Worship!

If you love to sing, this is an opportunity you can't pass up - Chancel Choir! It's something we all look forward to - the time of the week when we get to harmonize with our voices and our souls and fellowship and worship all at the same time.

We need ALL voice parts, but especially men. The choir takes a break in the summer for 8 weeks. Our first choir rehearsal back is Wednesday, August 22. We will meet at 6:15pm in room 5 for 'Strawberries and Cream' and other goodies followed by choir rehearsal from 7-8:30pm.

Please pray about it, and then put it on your calendar and join us! We need YOU!! Call Stephanie Carson, Director of Music, with any questions 727-458-9749.



#### Women's Retreat-Save the Date

Cedarkirk Women's retreat will be February 8-10, 2019! Any questions, please contact Jeanneesphen@gmail.com

#### 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. running through August 10th. 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)



# Get Involved

## New Photo Directories Are Here!



Lifetouch has provided one directory per household for those that had their picture taken. If you were photographed, you may pick up the copy provided for your household in the church office during business hours Monday-Thursday 8:30-4, or you may call to make other arrangements if you cannot come during business hours. If you were unable to have your picture taken and you wish to obtain a copy of the directory, please contact the church office.

## —Coming Events—

### 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. Sign up early for best choice of rooms! Questions, contact Jeanne Stephen [Jeanneestephen@gmail.com](mailto:Jeanneestephen@gmail.com).



### Discovery Homecoming Sunday

Save the date! August 26 from 9:00am-11:00am in the Christian Education building rooms 4-7. Information about the many educational activities and education programs for all ages will be available as well as information about the many opportunities to serve at Northwood. There will be games and crafts available for children in the Family Life Center and there will be a continental breakfast available.

### Discovery Day Mission Opportunity



On Sunday, August 26, as part of Discovery Homecoming Sunday, Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth-El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or gently used shoes for the children, youth and adults of the Beth-El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL. Beginning July 29th, there will be tubs in the church hallway to drop off your shoes. These shoes will be extremely helpful and appreciated as the kids and youth get ready to go back to school and for the farm workers as they prepare to continue their work in the fields this fall. Last time we collected over 400 pairs of shoes, plus a \$50 donation! Our goal this year is to be able to distribute at least 400 pairs of shoes to the families in the Beth-El community. Thank you in advance for participating in Beth-El Shoe Sunday and sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way.

### Pierced Youth Band Auditions



Our Youth Band 'Pierced' will be holding auditions for new band and vocal members on August 21st in the sanctuary immediately following the 11:00 service. No experience is necessary and if you would like to learn how to play bass, guitar, keys, drums, etc. we will train you (free music lessons!). Contact Mark Johnston at 727-688-5123 to reserve your audition time.

### Acoustic Guitar Needed

Do you have an acoustic guitar that you don't use anymore? Our youth would like to start playing their own worship music before bible studies and youth events. They have a cajon and an egg shaker but are in need of a guitar that they can keep in the youth room for worship. Please contact Vanessa Celotto at [youthdirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:youthdirector@northwoodpc.org).



# Caring for Our Church Family

**Beth-El**  
Thank you for your donation of \$550. Summer is the time of year for our children and youth activities. This July we have two churches leading VBS. We also collect backpacks for back to school and take the kids shopping for new shoes. We are especially excited for our dental clinic grand opening in the next few months. Once open, the clinic will be the only source in our area to provide free dental care to income qualified uninsured adults. Your continued support is making a difference in the lives of those we serve. Thank you!  
Kathy Dain, Executive Director

**Habitat For Humanity**  
Thank you for your generous gift of \$640 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. To date, Habitat Pinellas has served 535 families in our community. Thanks for your support! Mike Sutton, CEO

**RCS**  
Thank you for your generous gift of \$936.80. We rely on supporters like you to help us provide help and hope to make a difference in the lives of the Pinellas County residents served annually by RCS. We thank you for your ongoing support. Kirk Ray Smith, President & CEO

**HEP**  
On behalf of the HEP staff and board of directors, we graciously acknowledge your generous gift of \$500. We could not be more grateful for your support!  
Ashley Lowery, President & CEO

**The Outreach Foundation**  
We are delighted and honored to receive your gift of \$500. Our work isn't possible without the generosity and prayers of our donors. Thank you for your generosity!

### Memorial Gifts

#### In Memory of:

Gerry Krause  
Jane Sutton  
Gerry Krause

#### Given by:

Bill & Patty Martin  
Bill & Patty Martin  
Sheri Griffin

### 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.

### 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.



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

Toby Shugart on the news of the death of Toby's Husband, Bruce Shugart on July 7.

### Westchester Gardens

Just a short note to thank you so much for the shawls/lap robes. We always need them! We appreciate you and all your hard work!  
Ann Padovani, Activity Director



A huge thanks to our own "Citylight" youth for your outstanding contribution of several hundred canned goods for Northwood's Food Pantry. During the spring we tend to run short of food items and these contributions will help insure that our food pantry doesn't run dry!! Thanks again for your support of this important mission as you are a blessing to Northwood and the community!!  
Northwood's Food Pantry would like to express our heartfelt "Thanks" to the TCI Sunday school class for your continued monthly support, both in monetary donations and also much needed canned goods. You have helped to sustain Northwood's pantry and we are so grateful for your ongoing dedication in helping to feed those that are less fortunate.

# Christian Education

## Children's Ministry



# CITYLIGHT

### 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.

This class is not meeting during the summer months and will resume back in the fall.

#### Sunday Bible Study

"Isaiah, Trusting God in Troubled Times" by Howard Peskett is the book the Sunday Bible study group is studying this summer. This study covers how to trust God even when life doesn't go as we want it to go. The group is meeting on Sundays at 12:30pm 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.

### Presbyterian Women

August 2-5 is the National Church wide Gathering for Presbyterian Women in Louisville, Kentucky. The theme is "Arise, Shine, Your Light Has Come!" based on Isaiah 60:1. Two of your Presbyterian Women will be attending this event. The Gathering is asking for donations of a \$10 gift card from Target, Walmart, CVS, or Walgreens to be donated to the following organizations:



1. The D.I.A.P.E.R Project which provides diapers, nutritious food and first-aid supplies to families who are struggling.
2. Kentucky Refugee Ministries, Inc. which provides resettlement services to refugees through faith and agency based sponsorship.
3. Lily's Place which provides medical care to infants suffering from neonatal abstinence syndrome and offers nonjudgmental support, education and counseling.

If you would like to donate a \$10 gift card, please bring them to Ellen Stoup or Sue Miskiewicz.

### 9:30 Summer Sunday School for Children

During the summer months we group the classes into 2 groups; 3yrs – 1<sup>st</sup> grade in room 3 and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade – 5<sup>th</sup> grade in room 4. Children 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> will start off in the sanctuary in the first 2 pews on the praise band side, after the joys and concerns the children will go to their Sunday school class for their lesson.

### VBS Thank You!

We had a wonderful week at VBS! The church was filled with 130 kids who learned about how Jesus rescues us and loves us. We could not have had a great week if it wasn't for all the amazing volunteers and youth. We had 30 adults helping through the week and 24 youth that guided the kids around their island adventure. We are VERY blessed here at Northwood with all the items donated and time spent helping! Thank you all!

### King's Kids

King's Kids will resume with the kick off party on September 5th from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Children ages 3 years (must be potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to come from 4:00-6:00 p.m. to experience a fun Christian environment where they learn songs, a Bible story and get time to hang out with friends and play games. King's Kids will be September 12th-November 14th, then we break and start back on January 30th-April 24th. Parents, we ask that you or a family member volunteer once per month to help with the kids. For more information, please contact Justine Ruisz at 727-796-8090 or you may email her at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).

Justine Ruisz,  
Director of Children's Ministry  
[Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org)  
796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140

### Looking for Outdated & Expired Pantry Items!



The Youth are having their *Annual Messy Game Night*. We use all kinds of canned goods & liquids/syrups in our competitive games. We don't eat it – we step, slide, squish and slime each other with it. If you have any **outdated or expired pantry items** to donate (not obviously spoiled or rotten), please leave them in the hallway donation box before August 7. Thank you!

- Sunday, July 22nd (9:30am) – Worship
  - Sunday, July 22nd (3-8:00pm) – Parent Day Beach BBQ
  - Friday, July 27th from 7-10pm – Game Night
  - Sunday, July 29th at 9:30am – Worship
  - Tuesday, July 31st (TBD) – Weekie Wachee
  - Friday, August 3rd from 7-10pm – Game Night
  - Sunday, August 5th at 9:30am – Worship
  - Sunday, August 5th at 6pm – Hail and Farewell Dinner
  - Monday, August 6th Noon-6pm – Honeymoon Island
  - Tuesday, August 7th from 7-9pm – Bowling
  - Wednesday, August 8th from 6:30-8pm – Messy Game Night
  - Friday, August 10th from 7-10pm – Back to School Bash
- \*\*\*Sunday School, Youth Night, & Bible Study **RESUME** on August 12th!\*\*\*

### Volunteers Needed:

- M.S. Game Night on July 20th (2 Adult Volunteers)
- Parent's Day Beach BBQ on July 22nd (1 Adult Volunteer)
- Game Night on July 27th (1 Adult Volunteer)
- Weekie Wachee on July 31st (2 Adult Volunteers & 1 w/ CDL)
- Game Night on August 3rd (1 Adult Volunteer)
- Hail and Farewell Dinner on August 5th (3 Adult Volunteers)
- Honeymoon Island on August 6th (1 Adult Volunteer w/ CDL)
- Bowling on August 7th (1 Adult Volunteer)
- Messy Game Night on August 8th (2 Adult Volunteers)
- Back to School Bash on August 10th (1 Adult Volunteer)

### Metropolitan Ministries Trip:

Our Citylight group (15 youth & 3 adults) were at Metropolitan Ministries in Hillsborough on July 10th helping out with working the clothing shop, preparing and sorting donated food and cleaning the cafeteria. They worked super hard and had a fantastic morning serving together!



## Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

### Hurricane Season 2018

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 upon us, 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.



### Greeter Ministry

Northwood Presbyterian has a reputation for being a warm, friendly and welcoming church. Our Greeter Ministry plays a very important role in this reputation. Our greeters are volunteers who are the first point of contact for our visitors and members.

Wouldn't you like to greet and be blessed as well? If you are interested in becoming involved in this very important ministry, please contact Polly Brown, the deacon responsible for greeters. She can be reached at 727 648-4203 at home, 678 425-8556 cell or email [ivbrown45@yahoo.com](mailto:ivbrown45@yahoo.com).