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 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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DON'T QUIT

When Things Go Wrong, as they sometimes will,
 When the road you're treading seems all up hill,
 When the funds are low and the debts are high
 And you want to smile but you have to sigh,
 When care is pressing you down a bit,
 Rest, if you must—but don't you quit!

**DON'T EVER
 GIVE UP!**



Picture sent in from one of our members after listening to the sermon, "Never, ever give up!"

SAVE THE DATE!

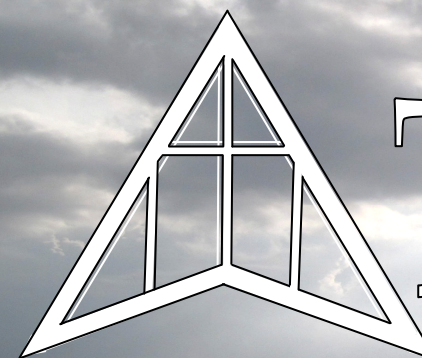
The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 16-18. Poster and brochures can be found on the bulletin board directly across from the kitchen. Deposits with room requests are currently being accepted. Sign up early for best choice of rooms! Also, save the date for the Women's Retreat – Jan. 22-24, 2016!

NPC LIBRARIES

Due to the restroom renovations, the adult library is now closed for the summer. We have moved some of our most well-liked books into the children's library—fiction books (both individual books by author and several of our popular series), commentaries, famous people of the Old and New Testaments and various other topics. We have also moved the book return box into the children's library. Come visit us in our temporary home and check it out!

**Kid's Corner
 Before and After School
 Registration is now open!**

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Discovery Day 2015

(Known previously as Rally Day)

Have you ever wondered what programs are available in the life of the church? Discovery Day, formerly known as Rally Day, is the fall kick-off and celebration of all Northwood Presbyterian Church programs. It is scheduled for Sunday, September 13, 2015 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. in rooms 4-15. All church members and guests are invited, before or after your church service, to discover the programs, groups, committees and educational classes we have to offer.

Over 20 tables will be hosted by various groups within the church to provide information about each program. It is a great opportunity to learn more about Northwood. Some of the groups include: Adult, Youth and Children Sunday School classes, Presbyterian Women, Choirs, King's Kids, Renaissance Crew, Deacon's Ministry, Photography Group, Dinner for 6,7,8, Ministry Teams, and many more. A Continental Breakfast will be served all morning by the Kitchen Krew, who will also have a table available for more information about their ministry.

An Explorer game with prizes is available to anyone who would like to play. There are also crafts planned for the children.

Mark your calendar now for a fun-filled time of discovery for everyone. Please invite your friends, neighbors and family to discover more about Northwood during this exciting morning!

See you there!
 The Christian Education Ministry Team
 Bailey Shields, Chair
 Susan Curry
 Martha Tobiasen
 Aimee McDermott
 Bob Meier
 Garry Justice
 Spencer Briggs
 Linda Ciokan
 Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

At A Glance

July 21, 2015

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, July 26:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 2:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 9:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 16:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 23:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, August 30:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, September 6:
9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Monday, September 7:
Labor Day
Office Closed

Sunday, September 13:
DISCOVERY DAY
Resume Three Services
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, September 20:
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 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 MISSION FIELD

For Haiti With Love

Dear Northwood,
Thank you! You make it possible to continue to help the poor in Haiti.
God Bless,
Rosaline

Homeless Emergency Project (HEP)

Dear Pastor Curvin and Northwood,
On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors at HEP, we gratefully acknowledge your gift of \$250. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for your generosity and friendship. Your gift will be used wisely so HEP can open our doors and hearts to even more individuals, families, and veterans experiences homelessness.

Sincerely,
Terrance McAbee
President & CEO

Habitat for Humanity

Dear Northwood,
Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$25 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County. Your investment helps families in our community achieve what they thought was just a dream. Thanks to you, we will hand the keys to 40 struggling families by years end and look forward to celebrating with them as they start their new lives.

Let's build!
Mike Sutton
Chief Executive Officer

Presbyterian World Mission

Dear Partners in Mission:
On May 20, 2015, we received \$250.00. Thank you for your support, your prayers, and your words of encouragement. You helps us all "bear one another's burdens" and in doing so, we become the church that God has called us to be.

In Christ,
Chris Roseland
Church Support Associate

Thornwell

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
Your faithful support of \$250 helps children learn how to live in a healthy family, how to be successful in school, and how to build relationships with peers and their Lord and Savior. Thank you for providing hope and wholeness to hurting children and families.

Sincerely,
Chandra Coleman
Mission Advancement Officer

Clearwater Free Clinic

Dear Northwood,
What a please it is to thank you for your donation of \$250.00 to the Clearwater Free Clinic's Annual Fund. Your gift is truly appreciated. Our Board, staff, volunteers and patients sincerely thank you for your support of the Clearwater Free Clinic.

Sincerely,
Jeannie Shapiro
Executive Director

Shriner's Hospital

Dear Northwood Presbyterian Church,
We have received your kind contribution of can tabs. Please accept our sincere gratitude for your gift. Your concern for the hospital and the many children we serve is appreciated.

Sincerely,
Jeannette Skinner
Administrator

Isaiah's Inn

Dear Rev. Curvin & Members of Northwood :
Thank you for your generous gift of \$250. We housed 45 families in May and, of course, are working on our Summer Camp Program now. We greatly appreciate your support.

Very truly yours,
Robert E. Crown
President

Isaiah's Inn

Dear Members of Northwood Presbyterian:
Thank you for your generous donation of \$451.20 earmarked for summer camp. With your support and others, we are assisting approximately 150 children to attend summer camp. Thank you for all you do!

Very truly yours,
Robert E. Crown
President

Beth-El

Dear Northwood,
Thank you for your donation of \$671.20 that greatly assists the local community. Your donation is quite important to us!

Blessings,
Kathy Dain
Executive Director



Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

“CHEW ON THAT!”

Adult Summer Fellowship/Conversation Opportunity

“CHEW ON THAT!” provides a time and place to love each other, eat and have scripture driven “Chew” on some out-of-the-ordinary topics. We meet from 9:45 AM – 10:25 AM on July 26, August 9 and August 23. Join us as we share love and concern, delicious nibbles, and discussion. Topics are as follows:

July 26: Fellowship

Fellowship blossoms as the new Christian Church is born and grows. Explore the early institutionalized example in Acts 2:42-47. And then, experience Peter’s call to joyful fellowship in 1Peter 4:8-10.

August 9: Charity

Moses laid down the law regarding our obligation to the poor in Deut 15:11 (see also Deut 15:4, 10). Have we progressed beyond obligation to fully involved Christian love (1Cor 13:3 – gulp!)? How do we “do” charity?

August 23: Communion

Paul gives us a basic framework with which we celebrate the Lord’s Supper (1Cor 11:23b-26) – and also provides some useful advice for our preparation and celebration (1Cor 11:27-34). How do we make this sacrament ours – individually and corporately?

Christian Education Survey

The Christian Education team would like your input! Please help us assess our CE programs by filling out the short survey found online at www.northwoodpc.org/survey. The survey will be available online through July 31. Thank you for your participation!

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR SUMMER

9:00 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year), Room 16

Join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children’s Message.

1st - 5th Grades, Rooms 8 & 10

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 rooms 8 & 10.

10:30 AM CHILDREN’S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Children of NPC have the opportunity to worship with their parent or guardian. Regular Sunday school class is during the 9:00 hour, see above schedule. Nursery is available for children ages birth – 2nd grade if needed.

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 Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

We are on break for summer. See you in the fall!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—We are on summer break! We look forward to meeting again in the Fall!

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—We are on summer break! Look for us at Rally Day in September!



Children’s Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children’s Ministry

Girl’s Night In

Girls ages 4 years old – 5th Grade are invited to a Girl’s Night In here at Northwood. On Friday July 24th from 6:00 – 9:00, we will be painting nails, making girly accessories, doing a devotional and spending time together. Please RSVP on the Children’s bulletin board or call Justine at 796-8090. Invite a friend to join in on the fun!

Save the Date: Discovery Day, 9/13, 9:30–12:30

Children and their family are invited to take part in this wonderful event here at Northwood. Come discover the different ministries Northwood is blessed with before and after the services.

Acolyte Training

Parents if you are interested in having your child, grades 3rd – 6th, learn to be an acolyte, please contact Justine Ruisz. Classes will be held in August after service, dates to be determined. This is a great opportunity to have your child be a part of the traditional worship services.



Financial Matters

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

Summertime is upon us and history shows that pledge giving tends to slow down during this time. This is due to various reasons such as vacations, members returning North etc. Please remember your continuing gifts to meet expenses, some of which are heaviest at this time of year, and if you are away this may be a good time to consider automatic online giving. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Ed Bunch
Treasurer

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.



Youth & Young Adults

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

Youth Highlights

Sunday, July 26:

WATER WARS 5-6:30

NPC Scholarship Team

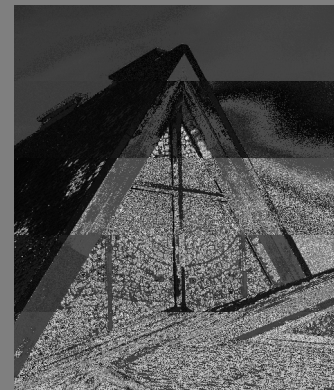
Funds Provided by: Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship, Walter and Catherine Gordon Scholarship, Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship, monies received from other sources

The Scholarship team met on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 to review and award the scholarship dollars. The following students were awarded scholarships:

First time applicants included Eric Briggs, Scott Lee Curkan, Katelyn Nelson, Jeremy Stephen, Emily Thompson. Second year recipients include William Curvin and Allyson Wolf. Eric Briggs was selected as the Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship recipient.

Around Northwood

Caring for Our Church Family



Office Angels Needed

We are in need of volunteers to assist in the church office during the week. Weekdays are split into two shifts—9-12:30 and 12:30-4. We have openings for Monday afternoon, Wednesday afternoon, every other Friday morning, and substitutes. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katie Pacana at 796-8090. Duties include answering phones, assisting with the food pantry, sorting mail, and other administrative duties. Training is available.

Newsletter Assemblers Needed

Are you interested in joining the Newsletter Assemblers? We are a fun group who meets at 9:00 a.m. on the third Tuesday of every month to fold, seal and label all 650+ newsletters. We could use a few extra hands to help! If you are interested or have questions, please contact Katie Pacana in the church office (727-796-8090).

Deacons News

Please stop by the Deacon's updated bulletin board in the narthex to learn more about our ministries. Please feel free to call the appropriate deacon to request assistance or to become involved in one of our ministries.

Thank You

A huge "Thank you" to Sharon Brown and "Clowns Galore" for their generous donation of much needed canned foods to our Northwood food pantry. You are a true blessing to Northwood and a great help to those in our own community that might otherwise go hungry. Thank you!

Chancel Choir and Handbell Summer Break

Many thanks to the Chancel Choir for their service in worship as well as the two cantatas and Fall AGO choral workshop. A thank you also goes out to the Handbell Choirs for their "Ring, Sing, & Mingle" concert during Advent and the many pieces throughout the year. We will be looking for new members for both choir and bells. I pray God will work on your heart to join us. We need you! Please give a warm "thank you" to a choir or bell member!

Voices In Praise, No Summer Break

A big thank you to the praise band family who do not take a break during the year! There will be needed vacations and fill-ins during the summer. Ignite worshippers, please give your VIP & HIP worship leaders a good word of thanks if you see them for helping us "make a joyful noise to the Lord."

Deacon's Hurricane Ministry

Hurricane Season began June 1. Go to www.baynews9.com, click on "Weather," and under "Hurricane Center" find all the information you need to prepare. If evacuation is necessary, we need volunteers to share their homes. If you are willing, please contact Sue Miskiewicz at (727) 799-6767 or email her at susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com, and type in the subject "Hurricane Request." Please include your name, address, phone number and how many you can accommodate.

Little Dresses for Haiti

The Project Day Group is currently sewing little dresses for To Haiti With Love, a charity which has a burn clinic and mission in Cape Haitian, Haiti. We need donations of fabric for dresses and bias tape. If you would like to help sew little dresses you may download a pattern at: https://www.nancysnotions.com/text/pdf/LittleDressesforAfrica_pattern.pdf

We will be collecting the dresses for the charity's annual Christmas in August event. Look for the picture and story about the dresses on the Presbyterian Women bulletin board. The pattern for the dresses is also on the bulletin board. For information call Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

Communion For You!

If you or someone you know is unable to get out to church for communion, we would be happy to bring Home Communion to you, even if it is just for a few weeks. We want you to know that the church cares about you and would like to provide this connection of love and care to you through the sacrament of Holy Communion with Jesus. No preparation on your part is needed, we bring everything. We visit homes, rehab centers, hospitals, etc. For more information or an appointment, please call Barbara Schlerf at 727-771-1998.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Burt & Dottie Benziger; Larry Cornillaud; Kimberly Corrello; Doris Croasmun; 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

MEMORIAL GIFTS

<u>In Memory of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Bill Blair	Robert & Marlene Moore
Winifred Kelly	John & Gail Atwater
<u>In Honor of:</u>	<u>Given by:</u>
Bill Sutton	Jane Urban
Justine & NPC Youth Ministry	Kay Scheuermann

Our Sympathies and Prayers go out to:

- Agnes Blair and family for the death of her husband, William Blair, on April 21, 2015.
- Dan and Anna Hyden and family for the death of their son, Dan Hyden, on May 22, 2015.
- Irv Lamphere and family for the death of his beloved, Win Kelly, on May 29, 2015.
- Donna Lakey and family for the death of her son, Donald Lee Lakey, in Hawaii.
- Chris Hurst and family for the death of her mother, Madeline Herbert, on June 16, 2015 in Eustis, MO.
- Don & Amy Ericson and family for the death of his father, Don Ericson, Sr. on Sunday, July 19, 2015 in Clearwater.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

VITALS

Weather: Thunder and Rain
Sunday, May 12, 2015

(9:00)	138
(10:30)	164
Total:	302

Dear Northwood Family,
Many thanks for all your support, cards, calls, etc. while I've been recovering from my accident. Special thank you to Chris & Paul for their visits and prayers and all of you who have been praying for me too. Your prayers are helping me as I begin therapy and rehab on my shoulder at home.
Love & blessings,
Barbara Schlerf

NORTHWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THE SESSION		
Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Babs Bailey <i>Membership & Evangelism</i>	Cindy Huffman <i>Youth & Young Adults</i>	Loisanne Bilka <i>Schools</i>
Louise Mylin <i>Stewardship, Finance & Property</i>	Sam Musgrave <i>Human Resources Nominating Committee</i>	Jerry Koski <i>Stewardship, Finance & Property</i>
Norm Roffey <i>Mission & Outreach</i>	Bailey Shields <i>Christian Education</i>	Allen Hurst <i>Membership & Evangelism</i>
Jane Sumwalt <i>Schools</i>	Rich Spoenlein <i>Mission & Outreach</i>	Charlotte McQuown <i>Membership & Evangelism</i>
Lou Weislogel <i>Stewardship, Property & Finance</i>	Dawn Winder <i>Worship Human Resources</i>	Doug Winder <i>Stewardship, Property & Finance</i>
THE DEACONS		
Class of 2015	Class of 2016	Class of 2017
Carl Corrello <i>College/Military</i>	Linda O'Leary <i>Moderator</i>	Lindsey Childs-Kean <i>Secretary</i>
Pamela Peters <i>Flower Ministry</i>	Nancy Turner <i>Prayer Chain</i>	Cindy Whiteside <i>Hospital Visitation</i>
Ed Puschmann <i>Transportation Ministry</i>	Carol Rathmell <i>Prayer Chain</i>	Carol Bushnell <i>Homebound Care</i>
	Linda Diamond <i>Care Notes</i>	Carol Zieres <i>Greeting Cards</i>
	Sue Miskiewicz <i>God's Tool Box Hurricane Ministry</i>	Cookie Roffey <i>Greeters</i>