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 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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YOUTH CHOIRS

All youth in grades 6 through 12 are invited to be a part of the music making we do here at Northwood. We will begin on Wednesday, September 2 (a week after Pinellas school starts).

Vocal choir 4:45-5:30 p.m.

Handbells 5:30-6:15 p.m.

If you haven't played bells with me before, I need to hear from you so I know how to choose music, assign bells, etc. Also if you are interested in the youth praise band, Pierced, contact the leader, Mark Johnston.

Tom Huffman
 Associate Music Director
 Organist



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**Top Ten Reasons to
 Join the Chancel Choir**

10. You never have to worry about what to wear.
9. You have a reserved seat on all major holidays – including Christmas Eve and Easter. And on Christmas Eve you get to see the candles being lit during 'Silent Night' – incredible!
8. From your advantageous seat, you can gawk, smile, see who is sleeping and otherwise enjoy the rest of the congregation.
7. No auditions or solos required!
6. Intellectual Stimulation – singing uses both sides of your brain simultaneously.
5. Make new friends!
4. Choir parties – they're fun!
3. Free Child Care!!
2. "He who sings prays twice"! (*St. Augustine*)
1. Every once and a while you might see heaven's choir singing right along with you – I'm not kidding!

CHANCEL CHOIR RETURNS

Our Chancel Choir is VERY good and we have a lot of great music planned, but as we think about returning to the choir loft, we have a couple of challenges:

- 1.) There are no basses that regularly sing at the 8:15 a.m. service. (We generally sing music in four parts: soprano, alto, tenor and bass)
- 2.) We need new members in all voice parts!

Our choir is shrinking due to age and illness and we **NEED YOU!**
 This is a fun way to give of your time and talents!
 Make new friends!
 Feed your soul!
 Free childcare at every rehearsal! We need some younger members with children to join us!

We are serious about wanting to **GIVE OUR BEST** to God. The past few years we have lost dear members. Their loss has impacted us in our hearts and in our sound. We have exciting things planned this year, including a Composer Weekend in February with pianist and composer Joseph M. Martin right here at Northwood. We would love for you to be a part of that and the joy we have every week.

I pray that God speaks to your heart. It is only 90 minutes on Wednesday nights (7-8:30 p.m.) and on Sunday morning when you are here anyway. If you worship at the ignite service simply stay for the first part of the 11:00 a.m. service or come early and sing at the 8:15 a.m. service. See, we can make this work!

Choir starts back on Wednesday, August 26 at 6:15 p.m. with a Strawberries and Cream reception followed by our first rehearsal. I hope you can join us, along with our wonderful returning members!

~Stephanie Carson, Director of Music



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At A Glance

August 18, 2015

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, August 23:

9:00 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:30 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, August 26:

6:15 P.M. Chancel Choir Start-Back Party
7:00 P.M. Chancel Choir Practice

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

Friday, September 11:

10:30 A.M. Ren Crew Kick-Off

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

Wednesday, September 16:

4:30-5:30 P.M. King's Kids Kick-Off Party

Sunday, September 20:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:45 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

**Save the Date:
October 16-18**

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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.



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 Tobiassen

Aimee McDermott

Bob Meier

Garry Justice

Spencer Briggs

Linda Ciokan

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

Discovery Day MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Sunday, September 13 Northwood is inviting everyone to participate in Beth El Shoe Sunday by bringing new or used shoes in good condition for the children, youth & adults of the Beth El Farm Workers Mission in Wimauma, FL. Our goal this year is to collect 400 pairs of shoes! Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in this way!

Beth-El
Farmworker Ministry, Inc.



Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew is a group that delights in sharing fun with friends, old and new, on the second Friday of the month (September – May). We gather at the church from 10:30 to 11:30 for presentations and conversations that are entertaining, educational and inspiring. Following the presentation the group enjoys going to a different restaurant each month.

Fall 2015 Ren Crew Schedule

September 11

Pastor Paul sharing experiences from his sabbatical, Part 1: Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies

October 9

Pastor Paul sharing experiences from his sabbatical, Part 2: Olympic National Park, Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Rainier

November 13

Bob Meier on Thanksgiving: Past and Present

December 11

Associate Music Director and Organist, Tom Huffman sharing Christmas Carols through the Ages

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!

For more information, contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

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 will begin the 2015-2016 year on Sunday, September 20th in Rooms 9 and 11 with a two-week study looking at the relationship between *truth* and *change* and dealing with the questions: "If something is true, how can it change?" and "If something changes, how could it have been true in the first place?" We will be seeing how we might face these questions both as members of the church and members of society. Garry Justice will be leading the discussion. At present, it is believed to be true that coffee and cookies will be available.

"CHEW ON THAT!"

Adult Summer Fellowship/Conversation Opportunity

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?



Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

We are so excited to announce that the 9:30 Children's Sunday school is growing. We have so many children that we are now in need of four different age groups. What a blessing! This means we need your help to teach the children! Please contact Justine or fill out the information sheet in your bulletin if you can help teach the children's Sunday school.

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.

King's Kids

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 16 from 4:30-5:30 for our King's Kids kick-off party. Parents, please sign up on the bulletin board to bring food to share. We look forward to another fantastic year!

Kid's Corner Pre-school

Kid's Corner begins Monday, August 24! We have openings for both the Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Tuesday-Thursday 2 year old classes. If you are interested, please contact the school by calling 727-723-7679. Ms. Vicki, Pre-school Director

Youth & Young Adults

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

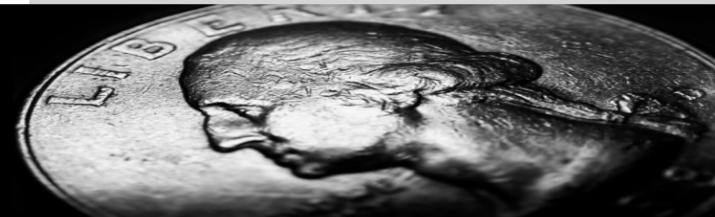
Youth Events

Night of Joy

Saturday, September 12-Sunday, September 13
\$110 per youth, \$60 per adult (includes hotel and breakfast). Bring money for Saturday dinner, snacks & souvenirs, and Sunday lunch. First come, first served basis, only 23 spots available. **Full payment due Sunday, August 23.**

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults
troyharris1962@yahoo.com, 727-366-7762

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.

Per Capita Apportionment

Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per capita assessment for 2015 is \$25.00 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift.

Building Renovation Pledge Update

For the latest update on the Building Renovation Pledge, see the weekly Bulletin!

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 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 12:30-4 p.m.. 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.

DINNER FOR 6-7-8

DINNER FOR 6-7-8 will be starting new groups in September for dinners to be scheduled in October, November, January, and/or February, depending on the number in a group. If "snowbirds" will be here those months they are welcome to join us. The host provides the main entree and guests bring appetizers, salad, or dessert as requested by the host. Hosts rotate so that everyone participates fully. This is a great way to get to know some of your fellow church members in a relaxed home setting. There is a Christmas brunch held for all groups at the home of Ken and Martha Tobiassen. For more information or to sign up please call Martha Tobiassen, (727)669-5517.

ALL-CHURCH RETREAT

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 – January 22-24, 2016!

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.

Food Pantry Request

We are in need of Food Pantry items! We need tuna, canned meats, canned pasta (such as ravioli or spaghetti), chili, beef stew, chicken and dumplings, pasta sauce, fruit, vegetables, and soups (chunky or condensed). **Cans & glass jars only, please.** We also need jelly which may be in plastic containers. Monetary donations are also appreciated. If you have questions please call Pat Rabenstine at 727-785-5080. Thank you for your help.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Burt & Dottie Benziger; Larry Cornillaud; Doris Croasman; 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 Rather; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot.

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

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.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of: Barbara Yonteck
Given by: Jane Urban

Our Sympathies and Prayers to:

- Chris and Katrina McCully and family, niece of Peter Gajentan, at the loss of their stillborn child, Bryson Walter McCully, on July 21, 2015.
- The family of Barbara Yonteck who died July 25, 2015 in Clearwater, FL.
- Sandy Schwebel and family, daughter of Bill and Louise Mylin, at the loss of Sandy's husband, David Schwebel, on August 3, 2015 in Clearwater, FL.
- Glenna Stevens and family at the loss of her husband, Jonathan Stevens, on Monday, August 10, 2015 in Clearwater, FL.

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

VITALS

Weather: Cloudy
Sunday, August 2, 2015
 (9:00) 128
 (10:30) 192
 Total: 320

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Church World Service

Dear Friends,
With your donation to CWS Tools, families are empowered and communities are strengthened. Your support helps to equip people with not only solutions, but resilience. On behalf of all the people who feel more hopeful and less alone because of your generosity, we thank you. Sincerely, Rev. John L. McCullough, President & CEO

Habitat for Humanity

Dear Northwood,
Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$1280 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County. Your investment helps families in our community achieve what they thought was just a dream. Let's build! Mike Cutton, CEO

A Note from a Family who received Utility Assistance:

Dear Northwood Presbyterian Church,
Thanks for everything, we really appreciate you all! Thank you for the electric help for us! Thanks, God bless you!
The Lucas Ladies