

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

- Monday, Mar. 6:** Virginia Cromwell
Wednesday, Mar. 8: Connie Evans
Thursday, Mar. 9: Liana Stephen, Dallas Voytko
Friday, Mar. 10: Gale Dufresne, Alexander Scales,
Declan McManus
Saturday, Mar. 11: Graham Gordon

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Jon & Vickie Mills

In Memory of our son, Kevin Jon Mills



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2017 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

(11:00) Adam Booth



GREETERS:

(8:15) Betty O'Shea
Lorrie Janusik

(11:00) Judy Hood
Martha Tobiassen



USHERS:

(8:15) Rocky & Natalie Davis
David & Suzanne Hamilton
(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein

VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann

Please send articles for all publications to Tracy Donovan at
Communications@northwoodpc.org.



ANNOUNCEMENTS- March 5, 2017

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. Each week's sermon is available for you in a printed booklet in the narthex as well as a video on our website at www.northwoodpc.org. To learn more about our church we have our Discovering Northwood class **Sunday, March 26 in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 10:45am-12:00pm**. For more information contact Tracy Donovan at communications@northwoodpc.org or the church office 796-8090.

Get Involved

Pretzel Sunday

Pretzel Sunday is TODAY. Hot baked pretzels will be served from the kitchen during the fellowship time between services!



In about 610 A.D. a very creative Alpine Monk decided to make use of the pieces of dough left over from baking bread. The monk formed them into thin strips folded into a looped twist to represent the folded arms of children in prayer. This scrumptious treat was given to the children as they learned their prayers. They began calling the treat "Pretiola", which is Latin for "little reward". Soon it was known the world over as a pretzel. Many churches still practice the tradition of a Pretzel Sunday, some the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and some on the first Sunday in Lent to remind people to be in prayer as we journey through Lent to Easter. So, every time you see a pretzel, remember prayer.

Fun! Friends! Friday!

Ren Crew 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on March 10 at 10:30 in rooms 9 & 11. The theme this year is, "Windows to the World." Art Holloway will share his experiences from his trip to China. Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Rodies Restaurant. Come join us as we share fun with friends, old and new. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Children's Ministry

Spring Bash

Spring Bash at Cedarkirk, for children 3rd-5th grade, is **May 5-6**. Please contact Justine for more information or to reserve your spot.

King's Kids

King's Kids will meet every Wednesday, through March 29th. 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.

3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Children, ages birth - 5th grade, are invited to join us for our annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 8th at 10:00 A.M. Save the date!

Vacation Bible School

Save the date! June 26-30

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org
796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140



Youth Ministry

- Sunday, Mar. 5:** Confirmation Class 9:30-10:30 A.M.
Sunday, Mar. 5: Worship in Service 9:30- 10:30 A.M.
Sunday, Mar. 5: Youth Group 5:00- 6:30 P.M.
Wednesday, Mar. 8: Bible Study 6:15- 7:15 P.M.
Friday, Mar. 10: Game Night 7:00- 10:00 P.M.

Spring Break Activities

Monday, Mar. 13, 5:00 P.M.-12:00 P.M.
"Lock Out" - Air Heads, Tampa Bay Escape Room (in Clearwater), and Countryside Bowling lanes. Price is \$40.

Wednesday, Mar. 15, 5:00 P.M.- 8:00 P.M.
Scavenger Hunt around Clearwater, starts at Northwood.

Friday, Mar. 17, 5:00- 8:00 P.M.
Man Hunt and Games at Northwood.

Summer Dates for Music Camp

June 11- 16: Music Camp in Leesburg, FL
(rising 6th grade through adult)

Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
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Online Giving Through Church Website

If you have set up a recurring gift through the church's online portal, a few changes are coming that you should know about. Our processing provider is changing and your participation is required. Those who are affected will be receiving an email from Linda O'Leary with the details the week of March 13th. This email is legitimate and you should follow the directions provided to insure that your giving to the church continues according to your wishes. If you have questions, please call the church and speak to Linda at 727-796-8090.

Congratulations!

The rose on the baptismal font is in honor of Carley Lynn Lumia, infant daughter of Chris and Taryn Lumia. Carley was born on Thursday, February 23 weighing 7 lbs, 3 oz and 20 inches long.

Music Notes

In October of 1791, Mozart's *Concerto for Clarinet in A Major* received its premiere performance by the famous clarinetist Anton Stadler. It was one of Mozart's final works, and was his final purely instrumental work. He died only two months later while working on his *Requiem*. The Concerto was written for a little known instrument called the basset clarinet which had a range four notes lower than the standard clarinet. Even in Mozart's day, the basset clarinet was a rare, custom made instrument, so when the piece was published posthumously, a new version was arranged with the low notes transposed to regular range. You may recognize the second movement (heard today during communion) used in the movie *Out of Africa*. Heather Wood is a ninth grade student at Sickles High School in Tampa and recently performed this piece at the District Solo and Ensemble Music Performance Assessment for which she received a "superior" rating.

Affirmation of Faith

Our affirmation of faith today is from *The Heidelberg Catechism*. This confession of the Reformed Church was developed in Germany in the mid 1500s. Over the past several centuries it has been used by many Christian churches to explain and affirm our belief in some of the key doctrines revealed in the Bible.