ANNOUNCEMENTS- August 6, 2017

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. All sermons at NPC are available on our website at www.northwoodpc.org under the "Watch Live" tab. From there you can watch our 11:00 service live on Sundays or click on "Archives" to find previous weeks' services.

Coming Up!

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat- Just few rooms left!

Don't miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges! Info can be found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Join us on Oct. 20-22, 2017 – sign up today!



Discovery Day

Please mark the date, **Sunday**, **August 27**, 9:15 A.M- 12:30 P.M. for Northwood's Third Annual Discovery Day, "You're Part of the Picture, Where Do You Fit?" The Christian Education Committee has exciting plans for this year's event and we would love to have everyone participate. Come learn more about all our groups and events here at Northwood. Also, don't forget to start saving gently used or new shoes for our Discovery Day Mission Opportunity! Any questions or to get involved contact Bailey Shields, bshields4@tampabay.rr.com or (727) 223-9687.

Need Van Drivers

We're looking for a few good drivers -- to drive Northwood's van on Sunday mornings. This helps some of our members who need a ride to and from the 11 a.m. service. We're looking for good, safe drivers, and we'll train you on driving the route and the van. If you are interested in doing this once a month, or if you know someone else who might be interested, please contact Curtis Krueger.

curtis.krueger@gmail.com

or call him (after 5 p.m. weekdays) at (727) 580-1813

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

Get Involved!

Do You Love to Sing?

Our Chancel Choir needs you! We are in need of all voice parts and in dire need of basses. The commitment is small – Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 and Sunday mornings when you are here anyway! We have choir members who attend both traditional and contemporary worship. We can make it fit your schedule. In the next few weeks you will hear why our members come to choir rehearsals. Speaking as a singer, anytime I get a chance to sing in a good choir, I jump at it – it's fun, it is challenging, voices joining together to make a beautiful sound to God – there is nothing better. Please consider giving it a try. We begin Wednesday night August 23 for our new season. Choir reception of 'Strawberries and Cream' at 6:15 followed by choir rehearsal at 7:00. Hope to see you there!!

Discovery Day Mission Opportunity

On Sunday, August 27, as part of Discovery Day, 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. 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.

Music Need!

We are looking for two handbell ringers for our intermediate handbell group. If you have never rung, but read music, the basics are easy to teach you. We are taking a break for the summer. When we return, our rehearsals are on Sunday at noon. We play in worship and for our annual Christmas concert "Ring, Sing & Mingle". We fellowship, have fun and learn and make beautiful music together. It's a great way to plug yourself into a small group here at NPC. Please consider it and email or call Stephanie Carson! stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090.

Youth Ministry

This Week in the Life of Our Youth:

Sunday, August 6: No Sunday School. We will all worship in 9:30

service together.

Sunday, August 6: Youth Group 5:00– 6:30 P.M. (We will have our

kick-off dinner for youth and their families in

Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, August 9: No High School Bible Study **Friday, August 11:** Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.

- The first day of school begins on Thursday, August 10 for Pinellas County Schools. Hope our youth have a great start to a new school year!
- Youth week was a great success! Thanks to our many adults and parents who helped out with all the week's activities!

Volunteers are always needed for youth activities! Parents, please sign up for one of our exciting events or projects by emailing Emily Cantin at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org.

Youth Music

School begins this week and we will resume youth choir and bell rehearsals beginning August 15-16. The plan is to have the same schedule as last year:

Tuesday: Middle School Handbells--5:10-6:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Youth Vocal Choir--4:45-5:30 p.m.

Wednesday: High School/College Handbells--5:30-6:15 p.m. If you have a desire to ring bells and were not in the group last season, please contact Mr. Huffman at 727-409-8726 or hufftom@aol.com.

King's Kids

Mark your fall calendar! The King's Kids kick-off party is 4:00-5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, September 13. The fall session of King's Kids starts September 20 and runs through November 15, meeting 4:00-5:45 each Wednesday. King's Kids is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. The program helps build friendships in a Christian environment, and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God. The program includes rotations through Bible lessons, music/choir, guided activities (crafts, organized games) and free playtime. The success of the ministry is based on our volunteer teachers and assistants. We ask parents to volunteer monthly to help sustain this wonderful program. Questions? Contact Justine Ruisz at (727) 796-8090 or childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.