

Workshop of Wonders! Vacation Bible School ~ June 23-27, 2014

This year we're spending a week at the Workshop of Wonders to answer important questions kids have about Jesus. Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a total church ministry, and we still have several needs. Please read over the list and pray about how God would have you help!

Paper Goods:

75 Paper/Styro Plates
2000 4oz paper cups
250 8oz plastic cups
500 plastic spoons

Non-Perishable Needs:

6 Large bags mixed flavor corn chips/cheetos
8 2 Liter bottles mixed diet soda
8 2 Liter bottles mixed soda
6 Large bags mixed flavors Potato Chips
9 cases (24 each) bottle water
75 individually wrapped cookies
75 individually packaged potato/corn chips
6 gallon size boxes Goldfish crackers

Additional Needs:

2 pool noodles
20 shoe boxes
30 hula hoops
31 Poster Boards
5 packs flower seeds
Small & Large Dollar Store Toys

Crafty Snack Needs:

5 #10 size cans vanilla pudding (avail. @ GPS, Gulf to Bay Blvd)
16 pkg Oreo type chocolate cookies
200 Gummy Worms (avail in bulk candy case @ Publix)
10 lg bottles sprinkles, mixed colors
10 boxes Teddy Graham Crackers, mixed flavors
5 lg boxes Cheerios
5 lg containers raisins
2 lg bags pretzel sticks
10 cans of mixed colors frosting (no chocolate please)
10 jars marshmallow cream
10 pkgs fruit roll up snack
10 lg boxes of Rice Krispies
5 boxes plain graham crackers
3 bags mini marshmallows
150 pieces of candy

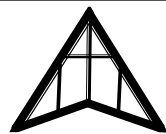
Perishable Goods:

5-7 pkgs cubed cheddar cheese
2 lg bags baby carrots

- Monetary donations (or gift cards @ Aldi or Publix) for fresh fruit. *Please put in envelope and Designate for VBS, and place in collection plate.*
- Fresh fruit daily during VBS

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 2014 will be \$24.22 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. Per capita envelopes can also be found in the pews. Thank you for your gift.



ANNOUNCEMENTS—May 18, 2014

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. We invite you to our Discovering Northwood class on **TODAY in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 10:45AM-12:00PM** to learn more about our church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin, at Chris-Curvin@Northwoodpc.org or Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana, at Katie@Northwoodpc.org. Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

Building Renovations Approved

The Session has approved a Capital Campaign for needed renovations to the restrooms in the main building of our church. These renovation plans were the result of the 2010 Vision Task Force from two years of prayer, discernment and seeking input from the congregation and its leaders about ministry needs at Northwood. While these renovations will not begin until the summer of 2015, members of the congregation will receive a letter inviting them to make a pledge to the campaign in the coming month. These renovations, the first in nearly 35 years, will bring our restrooms up to required codes for both the school and church. It is envisioned that those making pledges toward the building campaign, over and above regular financial gifts to the church budget, will be asked to complete their pledge in no more than 18 months by December 2015 or before. A campaign letter and pledge card with more information about the project will be mailed to members in June. The Financial Goal of the Campaign is \$80,000.

Summer Music Camp, Rising 3rd through Rising 6th Graders

We have 15 kids registered so far and we can only take 25! If you are a rising 3rd-rising 6th grader and want to learn and perform a Christian musical, play music games and enjoy snacks, join us August 11-15, 9-12:00, with a performance Friday evening 8/15. The cost is only \$25 for the week + minimal cost for dinner before the show. Auditions will be held VBS week. To Register, email or call Stephanie Carson: stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090.

Be a Sunday Greeter!

We're looking for volunteers to Greet on Sunday mornings! If you are interested, check the "I'd like to be a Greeter" box on the Friendship sheet, sign up on the bulletin board, or call Barbara Moler at 734-3331.

News About Our Children's Ministries

Robot building Competition

Today from 9:15am-12:30pm stop by the Family Life Center and pick up your supplies (boxes, paper, etc) to build the best robot. Gather your friends and family and enter the robot building competition for VBS. Sign up your team today on the Noah's Ark Bulletin Board. Robots need to be returned on Saturday June 21st. Voting will be on Sunday June 22nd. The winning team will be announced on Thursday June 26th at the VBS closing program. The winning team and robot will be featured on Rally Day and pictured in church publications.

Today is the last day to pay for your VBS T-Shirt.

We will only be able to place an order for t-shirts that have been paid for. Please make checks out to Northwood and put VBS t-shirt on the memo line. If you pay cash make sure to put your name and t-shirt money on the envelope. Any concerns or questions please email or call Justine Ruisz.

Summer Sunday School Classes: Summer Sunday school is going to be at 9:30 only for children ages 3 years old (must be potty trained) - 5th grade. 3 years old – Kindergarten will meet in room 3. 1st – 5th Grade will attend the first part of worship and sit in the two front rows on the pulpit side with Sunday school teachers. After joys and concerns prayer time, they will be dismissed to room 8 for the Bible story and activities.

VBS Donations:

Items to be collected:

Fruit and soup cans- emptied, cleaned and wrappers off.

Duct Tape – decorative and colorful

Old hardware- nuts, wing nuts, electrical wire (multicolored), metal shower rings and wire nuts.

Donated items can be placed in the collection box by the robot in front of the Noah's Ark table.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org, 796-8090/ Cell- 641-8140

Today is the last day to register as a Youth Guide for VBS!

Mandatory training is today: 10:30-12 for new youth guides & 11:00-12:00 for returning youth guides in rooms 12 & 14. Contact Pam Wood for questions: 813-431-2706.

Youth Events

- **Sunday, May 18:**
5-7 PM End of the Year Banquet
- **Friday, May 23**
7-10 pm Game Night
- **Sunday, May 25**
5-7 pm Youth Group
- **Friday, May 30**
7-10 pm Game Night

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 9:30 AM and 11:00 AM in the Youth Room. Join us before or after the service you worship!

End of the Year Banquet, May 18th: All are welcome as we say good-bye to our seniors, as well as welcome our incoming 6th grade students. A time of great fellowship and good food. It will be during regular youth group time, Sunday, from 5:00-7:00 PM. Please plan on being there with the whole family.

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

Facility Note

After the long cold winter, the warmer temperatures are here. Please help us be good stewards by being sure to set thermostats to 79 degrees and turning off all lights when you leave areas you have been using at the church. If ever in doubt, turn it off and lock it up! Also, please help us in being safe and compliant with fire code by leaving the area clear in front of all exit doors and fire extinguishers. In particular, silk trees/plants in the Christian Education building may not be stored in such a way that hides extinguishers from sight. Thank you for your help.

Library

Children and parents, DVD's are now available for checkout. Be sure to sign the check out card and leave it in the basket on the desk. When returning the DVD, leave it in the slot on the desk drawer marked "DVD".

Church Office Closed, Monday, May 26

The church office will be closed Monday, May 26th in observance of Memorial Day. We will re-open Tuesday, May 27th at 9:00 am.

No Prayer Group Until September

Thursday morning prayer group will not be meeting now through the summer. We will resume in September. Thank you.