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**Wonderful Wednesday Fall
 Dinner Menus 2018**

October 10, 2018

Creamy Cole Slaw, Breaded Chicken Fingers with BBQ dipping sauce, Homemade Macaroni & Cheese, Buttered Baby Carrots, Fresh Rolls & Butter, Drumstick Ice Cream Treats

October 17, 2018

Field Greens Salad with Croutons & Vinaigrette Dressing, Grilled Black Forest Ham Steaks, Southern Style Baked Beans, Buttered Whole Kernel Corn, Fresh Rye Bread & Butter, All American Lattice Apple Pie

October 24, 2018

Romaine & Spinach Salad with Mandarin Orange, walnuts & Vinaigrette Dressing, Mary Ann's Creamy Chicken Bake, Normandy Vegetable Medley, Fresh Baked Rosemary Parmesan Bread & Butter, New York Style Cheesecake with Melba Sauce

October 31, 2018

**Happy Halloween
 No WAY Dinner**

November 7, 2018

Traditional Caesar Salad, Seasoned Roast Loin of Pork, Sweet Potato & Pecan Casserole, Green Beans Almondine, Fresh Baked Rolls & Butter, Black and White Parfait

November 14, 2018

Garden Greens Salad with Creamy Parmesan Dressing, Roast Holiday Tom Turkey with Gravy, Old Fashion Bread Stuffing, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Peas & Carrots, Orange Cranberry Relish, Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls and Butter, Traditional Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream

Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assorted Herbal Teas, Lemonade, and Fresh Brewed Ice Tea and Sweet Tea are available at all dinners.



Come and get involved in a Wonderful Wednesday activity! It is a busy day at Northwood, filled with fellowship and friends. Here is some of what is going on each Wednesday.

- **WAY Dinners**– October 10, 17, 24, November 7 & 15 (6:00–6:40 P.M.) Sign up using the pink reservation form by Noon on the Monday before the dinner. Be sure to invite a guest– a reserved, first-time guest's dinner is free!
- **WAY Dinner Series**– Discussion led by our pastors (6:40-7:15 P.M.)
- **King's Kids**, our weekly program for children ages 3 years old-5th grade. (4:00– 5:45 P.M.)
- **High School Bible Study** in the Youth Room (6:15-7:30 P.M.)
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsal 7:30-9:00 pm.

For more information on any of our Wednesday programs contact the church office at (727) 796-8090.

Kids' Corner Preschool Happenings



The year is off to a great start at Kids' Corner Preschool!

September is an exciting time as our children are learning all about apples, fall leaves, and their five senses. They are attending Chapel on Mondays and gymnastics on Wednesdays. We just completed individual fall pictures and they turned out amazing!

We are looking forward to Donuts with Dad at the end of this month. One of our Dads will be sponsoring this event with Jupiter Donuts!

I'm very impressed each day as I visit the classrooms and see all that the teachers are doing with our students. They go above and beyond and it shows on the happy faces of the children in their classrooms. I have received several positive comments and emails from parents and we have only just begun! This team makes my job easy and I am proud to be a part of it!

Sincerely,

Michelle Episcopo, Director of Schools

At-A-Glance

September 2018

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, September 23:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, September 26:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

Sunday, September 30:

Discovering Northwood 10:45am Room 4

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 3:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

Sunday, October 7:

World Communion

Peace Offering Sunday

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 10:

Wonderful Wednesdays Begin

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner
6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

Friday, October 12:

10:30-11:30 A.M. Ren Crew

Sunday, October 14:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 17:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00-6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner
6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

Friday, October 19-Sunday, October 21:

Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat

Sunday, October 21:

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 communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

E-News:

If you are interested in receiving emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to communications@northwoodpc.org.



Around Northwood

Dinner for 6-7-8

What is it? A group of 6-7-or 8 folks who get together monthly for four months for a potluck dinner on a rotating basis hosted by a couple or one or two members from the group.

How do I get involved? Sign up on the sheet posted on the Family Fellowship bulletin board across from the kitchen window. If you were part of a group last fall, you will automatically be included. This is a marvelous way to get to know fellow members and regular guests of Northwood Presbyterian Church on a relaxed informal basis. It's a great program! Join us! You'll be glad you did! For more information call Linda Diamond at 727-796-3751.

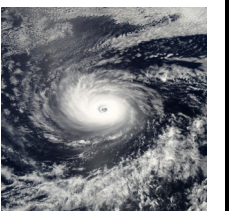
Home Communion For You!

If you or someone you know is unable to attend church, either short-term or long-term, to receive communion, Northwood's Home Communion Ministry Team would be happy to bring Home Communion to you. We want everyone to know that the church cares and we are glad to provide this connection of love and care 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 Moler at (727) 734-3331 or Sandy Gibson at (727) 791-4265.

Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

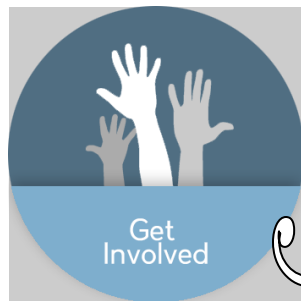
Hurricane Season 2018

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are able to share your home with members-in-need, please contact Eleanor Cicerchi at ecicerchi@gmail.com or 607-382-1781 or Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org. If emailing, please use the subject "Hurricane Volunteer." Please include your name, address, phone number, email address, number of people you can accommodate and whether you have pets. With hurricane season upon us, we are all encouraged to prepare for a possible storm. One helpful resource is baynews9.com. Click on "Weather," then "Hurricane Center." There you will find weather advisories, maps of evacuation zones, and checklists for your family and pets.



College and Military

You may be in the above season of life; or possibly a parent or grandparent of one of these valued young adults. We know that life can bring joy and adventure, as well as daunting challenges and uncertainty. The College and Military ministry seeks to reach to those who are in this stage of life by letting them know they are in our thoughts and prayers. The focus is relational, emphasizing that whether they are living close by or across Florida or in another state or country they are valued members of our church family. If you are a young adult in college or the military, or a family member or friend, please contact Vanessa Celotto, Director of Youth and Family Ministries, at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org or Jay Basinger at jay38judy@gmail.com.



Around Northwood

All-Church Fall Workday and Weiner Roast!

Come enjoy the fun, fellowship and blessing of sprucing up God's church and yours both inside and out on Saturday, **September 29th** from 10:00am-2:00pm. Sign up on the Family Fellowship bulletin board across from the kitchen window.

Sing in the Christmas Cantata

Want to sing in the choir without the full commitment? Join us for the Christmas Cantata! This year we are singing John Rutter's arrangements of Christmas Carols and, in addition, his stunning composition "Angels' Carol". Wonderful choral music. We need all voice parts. We will begin on Saturday morning, October 13 with a read-through rehearsal. Every Wednesday evening after that the cantata choir rehearses for 30 minutes before regular choir rehearsal. The WAY dinners will have begun, so rehearsal will be 7:30-8:00 every Wednesday. Please give me a call or email me so I can reserve music for you! We need you!!



Marriage Alive

Marriage Alive is a Christian based marriage support group for couples that will be returning to Northwood beginning on Saturday, October 6th from 6:00-8:00pm in rooms 4&6 of the Christian Education building. Married couples of all ages are invited to attend. We will have a potluck dinner and study materials to support and encourage married couples. Our first book will be "The Five Love Languages" by Gary Chapman. Child care is always provided and many couples choose to go on a date night immediately after the class. Sharing the seasons of a marriage between families and couples has been proven to strengthen marriages and lead to lifelong friendships. This is also open to couples who may not be members of Northwood. All are invited. Any questions, contact Spencer Briggs at 727-776-9295.

Peace and Global Witness Offering



On **October 7th**, we will collect the annual Peacemaking Offering. Eighty per cent of the offering will be divided between Bridging Freedom and Samaritan Village, both organizations fighting against the sexual trafficking of women and providing victims safety, healing and hope. The PCUSA will receive 20% of the offering. Let us give generously for Jesus' sake!

All-Church Retreat

The annual Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat will be October 19-21, 2018. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and campfire with sing-along and s'mores. Rooms are filling up fast, so mark your calendars and sign up TODAY! Information can be found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen window. Questions, contact Jeanne Stephen Jeanneestephen@gmail.com.



Women's Retreat-Save the Date

Cedarkirk Women's retreat will be February 8-10, 2019! Any questions, please contact Jeanneestephen@gmail.com.

New Photo Directories Are Here!

Lifetouch has provided one directory per household for those that had their picture taken. If you were photographed, you may pick up the copy provided for your household in the church office during business hours Monday-Friday 8:30-4. If you were unable to have your picture taken and you wish to obtain a copy of the directory, please contact the church office.

Guitar player needed!

The Stephen Family is moving and we will miss them terribly! Because of that, we now have a need for an acoustic guitar player. One has volunteered, but we could use some more in our rotation. If you have that gift, please contact Stephanie Carson at 727-458-9749



Caring for Our Church Family

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for Supporting Habitat for Humanity with your generous gift of \$960. Your investment helps families in our community achieve what they thought was just a dream. Your support allows us to remain focused on our mission to promote family stability through innovative housing solutions. Mike Sutton, Chief Executive Officer

RCS

Thank you for your generous gift of \$500 to RCS. We rely upon supporters like you to help us provide help and hope in the lives of the many Pinellas county residents served annually by RCS. Kirk Ray Smith, President & CEO

Missionary Ventures

Thank you for your financial partnership with Missionary Ventures International. Your prayers for our missionaries throughout the world are deeply appreciated, and your financial support encourages and equips mission personnel as they train indigenous, national leadership to cooperate with what God is doing. Bill Snell, President

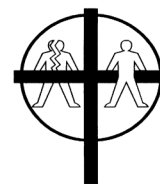
Shoes for Beth-El

Many thanks to the Northwood church family from the Beth-El farm worker's ministry and Northwood's Christian Education and Mission Teams. Through your generous participation in Beth-El Shoe Sunday, 435 pairs of shoes were donated, along with \$100, 27 pairs of socks and 2 suitcases. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with others in this way. Kathy Dain, Executive Director

Prayers for our Military Families

- SrA Benjamin A Cernansky, MacDill AFB, FL.
- SPC Glen Nadig, Ft. Campbell, KY.

If you have an immediate family member in the military that you would like added to our prayer list, please contact us.



Stephen Ministry

Northwood's Stephen Ministry consists of church members who have been equipped with 50 hours of training to provide confidential, emotional, spiritual, one-to-one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing struggles in their lives. These difficult circumstances include loss of a loved one, loss of a job, illness, aging, spiritual crisis, loneliness or discouragement, as well as many other life challenges. A Stephen Minister is a caring, Christian friend who will walk beside a person who is hurting and listen, pray, support and encourage them. Typically, a Stephen Minister will meet faithfully with his or her care receiver for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need. To learn more about how you, a family member or a friend can benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Bruce Shugart
Jan Hewlett

In Honor of:

Sheena Watkins
Loisanne Bilka

Given by:

Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler
Barbara Schlerf

Given by:

Jane Urban
Jane Urban

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- The family of Jan Hewlett on the news of Jan's death on August 28, 2018.
- The Family of Claudia Alwood on the news of the death of her brother Theodore P. "Ted" Holcomb, III on September 9, 2018.
- The family of Bill Sutton on the news of Bill's death on September 12, 2018.



Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen, Doris Croasmun, Shirley Gleason, Howard Green, Fred Inkles, Kelly Jordan, Jane Kaempfer, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Helen Meier, Norman Phillips, Marian Rather, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Al & Ethel Holden, Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond, Connie Zaccari.

Christian Education

TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

TCI provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives. TCI chooses topics from suggestions by participants and our leadership team. We fuel our always-lively conversations with coffee and cookies.

September 23rd: Nevertheless, She Persisted
September 30th: How does Northwood "work?"

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Every day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

Sunday Evening Bible Study "Isaiah"

This Sunday evening Bible study meets at 6:30pm in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

Fresh Brewed

Women's Bible Study— Friday, October 5th at 10:30am in room 5. *A Woman of Wisdom*, by Dee Brestin, Chapter 6 - page 61, Action Assignment, day 3,4 &5. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Sally Uhler, 727-796-7563.

"Journey Through"

"Journey Through" is an adult Sunday school class that meets from 11:00-11:45am in room 4 of the Christian Education building led by Vanessa Celotto. This class coincides with the youth Sunday school class. It's an awesome opportunity for your family to study the Bible cover to cover and grow together especially since you and your youth will be studying the same topics each week, but in a way that's relevant to each of your lives. Don't have a child in the Youth Ministry program? That's okay! The class is open to everyone and it's the perfect place to study the Bible while building relationships with other members of Northwood.

Fun! Friends! Friday!

The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew is a group of adventuresome, young at heart 50+ adults that enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. We meet 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.

Back by popular demand the theme for this year is, again, "Windows to the World." Listed below is an engaging slate of programs for the fall of 2018.

October 12th— Earle and Jessie Lusk:

Exploring and experiencing Machu Picchu and the Galapagos Islands.

November 9th— Barbara Englehart and Nancy Johnson: Our Cuban Experience.

December 14th— Associate Music director and Organist, Tom Huffman: Christmas Carols from around the world.

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, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or email at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Presbyterian Women

Women's circles are starting this month!

Esther/Elizabeth Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9:30am in rooms 5 & 7.

Lydia Circle meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm in room 5.

Naomi Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm in members homes.

Please come and try out one of our circles! Everyone is welcome!



Children's Ministry



CITYLIGHT

Children's Sunday School

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 4

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 4.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

King's Kids

King's Kids is back in action and we are excited for the new session. If you are interested in volunteering and helping with this program you are welcome. We could use help with assisting in Music and with the transitions from one activity to the next. We meet every Wednesday afternoon from 4:00-5:45 through Nov. 14th. King's Kids is open to all kids ages 3 (must be potty trained) – 5th grade. Questions? Contact Justine Ruisz at (727) 796-8090 or childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.



Acolytes Needed

Parents, Northwood is in need of acolytes for the 8:15 & 11:00 services. Children must be 2nd grade and up. Training and instruction will be provided as will learning the importance of bringing God's light into our worship services and then taking it out into the world. Please contact Justine Ruisz if your child is available and interested. childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

Justine Ruisz,

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

- Sunday, September 23rd at 9:30am: Worship
- Sunday, September 23rd at 11:00am: Sunday School
- Sunday, September 23rd from 5-6:30pm: Youth Night
- Wednesday, September 26th from 6:30-7:30pm: H.S. Bible Study
- Friday, September 28th from 5:30-6:30pm: M.S. Bible Study
- Friday, September 28th from 7-10pm: Game Night
- Saturday, September 29th from 10am-2pm: Youth Service Day at Northwood
- Sunday, September 30th at 9:30am: Worship
- Sunday, September 30th at 11:00am: Sunday School Social
- Sunday, September 30th from 5-6:30pm: Donor Thank You Dinner
- Wednesday, October 3rd from 6:30-7:30pm: H.S. Bible Game Night
- Friday, October 5th from 5:30-6:30pm: M.S. Bible Game Night
- Friday, October 5th from 7-10pm: Game Night
- Sunday, October 7th at 9:30am: Worship
- Sunday, October 7th at 11:00am: Sunday School Picnic
- Sunday, October 7th from 5-6:30pm: Youth Night at Philippe Park
- Wednesday, October 10th from 6:30-7:30pm: H.S. Bible Study at Starbucks
- Friday, October 12th from 5:30-6:30pm: M.S. Bible Study at Rita's
- Friday, October 12th from Midnight-8am: Youth Lock-in at Airheads
- Sunday, October 14th at 9:30am: Worship
- Sunday, October 14th at 11:00am: Sunday School
- Sunday, October 14th from 5-6:30pm: Youth Night
- Friday, October 19th from 7-10pm: Game Night

Rock the Universe

On September 8th & 9th, 40 of our Citylight youth and chaperones from Northwood got to rock, ride, and rejoice at Rock the Universe which is a huge Christian music festival at Universal Studios. They had an awesome time of community together as they shared in the music of For King and Country, Casting Crowns, and Andy Mineo. They were able to grow in leadership as well as see God work in unexpected ways!

