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Northwood Presbyterian Church
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Three exceptional worship services of celebration
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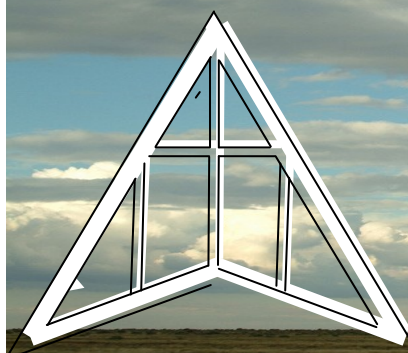
Featuring Dunedin High School Pipers and Drummers
There will be music for the pipe and drum along with hymns and
anthems of our Scottish heritage.

If you would like the honor of carrying a tartan in procession at one of the services,
contact Justine Davis at the church office (727)796-8090 or email childrensministry@northwoodpc.org

In 1745, Scottish clansmen were forbidden by the British Crown to wear the tartans, and to play the bagpipes, and to acknowledge in any way their traditional clans. This prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartans in their pockets as they went to church (kirk). On an appointed Sunday, the minister would slip into the service a blessing, or "kirkin" for the tartans and clans which the tartans represented.

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The Window

Chartering Organization of Boy Scout Troop 413

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"Looking Back and Looking Ahead"

Someone once said, there are three kinds of people:

First, there are those who make things happen.

Secondly, there are those who watch things happen.

Then thirdly, there are those who have no idea what is happening!

As a congregation, you have proven to me over and over again that Northwood wants to be among those people who make things happen to grow in mission and service and glorify God in all that we do! As I look back over December 2018, it was a month full of treasured worship & music, activities and ministry for all ages. The church calendar, just for the last month, recorded activities such as Ring, Sing and Mingle, the Small Group Ministry Dinners for 6,7 & 8, "Drop and Shop" for families with young children, multiple Christmas Cantatas, our Staff Christmas luncheon, the Alternative Gift Market, Renaissance Crew, PW Bible circle meetings, Christian Education on Sunday mornings, Sunday evening studies with Cindy Huffman, Fresh Brewed Bible Study, Stephen Ministry training, Nominating Committee and other committee/team meetings, multiple youth events, Chancel Choir and Voices in Praise rehearsals, along with multiple bell groups ringing and Christmas services. Along with the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts, we have three support groups meeting weekly at NPC and two home owner associations meeting each month on our campus. Whew! I will mention just one event which took place in January, the Westminster Bell Choir Concert. We had 350 present on Friday evening, January 18th. We also had 85 people watch through our live streaming service from all over the United States and eight viewed the concert live from China! (One of the Westminster College students is from China).

I find that our church staff and members work well together to be a welcoming church to others. Keeping up with our calendar of activities and avoiding conflicts in room usage is working incredibly well. Along with people coming to our doors for assistance, on a daily basis, we have two school programs, the Kids' Corner Preschool and the Before and After Care program, helping us reach out to children and families.

All of these activities, and some not mentioned, would not be possible without hours and hours of dedication by our members and staff. As they hymn goes, "God is our help in ages past and our hope for years to come!" God has richly blessed us as we journey together in this new year. As I look ahead I want to thank you in advance for your incredible commitments and giving to Northwood mission and ministry in Christ's name. Inside this Window newsletter you will find many activities and plans for the future. Northwood is a church with nearly 1,000 members and it is filled with people who make things happen!

With Great Expectations,
Pastor Chris

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

January 2019

Sunday, January 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

Sunday, January 27:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
 12:00 P.M. Annual Congregational Meeting

Wednesday, January 30:
 4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids Resumes

Saturday, February 2:
 6:00-8:00 P.M. Marriage Alive Group

Sunday, February 3:
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, February 6:
 4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

Friday-Saturday, February 8-9:
 Women's Retreat, Cedarkirk

Sunday, February 10:
Scout Sunday
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, February 13:
 4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

Sunday, February 17:
Kirkin o' the Tartan
 8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, February 20:
 4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids

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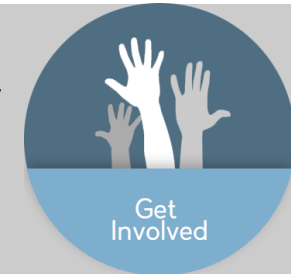
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Submissions:
 If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

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



Wonderful Wednesdays at Northwood

Save the dates on your calendar! WAY Dinners are scheduled for March 6, 13, 20, 27 and April 3. 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**— March 6, 13, 20, 27, and April 3
- A Lenten Study for Unsteady Times, "Embracing the Uncertain" 6:40-7:15 pm
- **King's Kids**, our weekly program for children ages 3 years old-5th grade. (4:00– 5:45 pm)
- **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.



SCOUT SUNDAY

Scout Sunday

Northwood Celebrates Scouting Programs in our Community! On **February 10th**, Northwood invites all scouts, leaders and family members to all 3 worship services for Scout Sunday. This church hosts close to 150 scouts and their families on this campus each week as a part of Northwood's commitment to ministering to the youth of our community. On this special Sunday, those involved in Scouting programs within Northwood and our community will assist and

lead parts of each worship service. All Scouts are encouraged to come in full uniform. Plan to be a part of this time on Sunday, February 10th, as we highlight the impact of scouting in our community.

Northwood's own Boy Scout Troop 413 will be offering a Pancake Breakfast on this Sunday after all 3 services. Donations to the Troop are welcome. Make plans now to come hungry for warm pancakes, eggs and sausage!

Garage Sale Thank You!

WOW! We are amazed and humbled by your generosity to the Garage Sale. Because of YOU and the outpouring from friends, neighbors and family members, we broke another garage sale record. The total right now exceeds \$16,000. This is a true blessing to the music program.

We would love to individually thank each person who spent countless hours setting up, sorting, pricing, picking up furniture, cashiering, arranging, bagging and wrapping, fixing meals, cleaning up, boxing up and doing all the other many tasks necessary for success. Our appreciation is heartfelt and although we don't mention you by name, we could not be successful without you.

A special thank you to Linda Earl (Susan's sister) who came from her home in Montana to be co-chair this year.

Thank you, **God is SO Good!**

Stephanie Carson, Director of Music & Susan Curry, Chairperson



Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Transportation Ministry

This ministry provides transportation for the 11:00 a. m. service. It is for members and friends who are unable to drive themselves to church. There are several volunteers who drive our church van covering a radius of 5 miles. At present, residents of Stratford Court and St. Marks Village are among the riders. Curtis Krueger is the Deacon heading this ministry. Volunteer drivers are always welcome. If you need the service of this ministry, please call the church office at 727 796-8090 by 12 noon on Thursdays.



Around Northwood



Marriage Alive

Marriage Alive is a Christian based marriage support group for couples that meets the first Saturday of every month from 6:00-8:00pm in rooms 4&6 of the Christian Education building. Our next gathering will be **February 2nd**. If you need a copy of "The 5 Love Languages," we will get you one free of charge! Married couples of all ages are invited to attend. Each family please bring a heavy appetizer to share and child care is always provided. 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.

Cedarkirk Women's Retreat

Cedarkirk Women's retreat will be February 8-10, 2019! Join the women of Northwood for an amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and nature walks. Enjoy the peaceful beauty of Cedarkirk while staying in a heated lodge, complete with fireplace and kitchen. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend and our inspirational speaker, Rev. Debra Musgrave-Cox. Info can be found on the bulletin board in the church hallway outside of the kitchen. Any questions, please contact Sharon Brown at ib-sugar44@gmail.com.



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 bulletin board next to the kitchen by February 20th. 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 in a relaxed informal setting. It's a great program! Join us! You'll be glad you did! For more information call **Linda Diamond at 727-796-3751**.

Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Thursday, January 17th and continuing through Thursday, February 21st, Pastor Paul will lead a six week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one or for those who are facing grief from other types of significant loss in their life. The time of the seminar is from 12:30 to 2:30 and meets in rooms 13&15. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. The cost for materials is \$5. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.



Annual Congregational Meeting

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, January 27th**. The Meeting will begin as soon as the 11 AM service concludes at noon. Annual Reports will be distributed with information from the Session, Deacons, Ministry Teams and church staff and others. The Nominating Committee will present the following below for election at the Annual Meeting:

Elders

(class of 2021)
Cindy Huffman
Dan Jeffre
Jackie Koski
Earle Lusk
Charlotte McQuown

Deacons

(class of 2021)
June Arnold
Lyn Propst
Murle Whitten
Fleet Wulf

2019 Nominating Committee:

Carl Corello
Barbara Moler
Katie Pacana
Ray Spigarelli

The members of the 2018 nominating committee are:
Richard Evans, Bill Martin, Vickie Mills, Bailey Shields, Gene Weitz



Caring for Our Church Family

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for supporting Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County with your generous gift of \$640. Your investment helps families in our community with innovative housing solutions. To date, Habitat Pinellas has served 580 families in our community! Mike Sutton, CEO

Missionary Ventures

Thank you for partnering with Missionary Ventures and for your gift of \$100 to help people in taking the gospel to the nations. Bill Snell, President

Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church

Once again, we find ourselves searching for words to express our gratitude for your most generous gift. We will continue to work to identify the most effective way to put these contributions to work. Linda Coleman, Elder

Beth-El

Thank you for your donation of \$615. Because of you we strive to help farmworkers meet most of their basic needs, including providing food through our food pantry. You make a difference in the lives of those we serve.

Kathy Dain, Executive Director

HEP

On behalf of the HEP staff and Board of Directors, we graciously acknowledge your generous gift of \$250 as well as the sponsorship of 4 families through our annual Adopt a Family Christmas program. Your donation will help change the lives of homeless and very low income individuals and families who turn to HEP for assistance. Ashley Lowery, President & CEO

Clearwater Free Clinic

Thank you for your support of the Clearwater Free Clinic. Your contribution allows for our medically needy patients to receive comprehensive healthcare that provides them with the necessary support services to manage their medical and behavioral health issues. Jeannie Shapiro, Director

Samaritan Village Team

Thank you so much for your generosity! Your donation will have a direct impact on survivors of sex trafficking. It takes a village to fight the injustice of sex trafficking and we are so happy that you are a part of ours. Blessings!

Bay Area Pregnancy Center

Thank you so very much for your very faithful and generous support all year long! Together we are making a difference in our community. Marsha Rimer, Exec. Director

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Jan Hewlett
Jan Hewlett
Gene Tosie
Bill Sutton

Given by:

Sandy Seckel
Art & Jeanette Holloway
Allen & Chris Hurst
Art & Jeanette Holloway

In Honor of:

TCI Class

Given by:

Jane Urban

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen, Doris Croasmun, Shirley Gleason, Howard Green, Fred Inkles, 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, Jane Urban.

Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Bob Redpath on the news of the death of his wife, Mary Jane Redpath on January 8.
- Melissa Hanson on the news of the death of her mother, Barbara Heck-Englehart on January 12.

Thanks from the Mission & Outreach Team

The mission and Outreach team would like to thank the congregation for the large number of items donated to Beth El Farmworkers Ministry in Wimauma, FL. The migrant farmworkers of Beth El are grateful for the canned food, diapers, clothing, toothbrushes, toothpaste and other items so lovingly donated by the Northwood congregation through the Angel Tree program.

RCS

Thank you for your generous gift in support of RCS for \$260. We rely on supporters like you to make a difference in the lives of 130,000 residents who rely upon RCS. Kirk Ray Smith, President & CEO

Special Offerings

Thank you for your support of \$168.00 to the Peace and Global Witness Offerings. You are a valued Partner in mission. Bryce Wiebe, Director

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 meet in rooms 9&11 and we fuel our always-lively conversations with coffee and cookies.

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— This group meets the First Friday of each month at 10:30am in room 5. February 1st is our next meeting and is our Valentine Tea. All ladies are welcome and please bring a dish to share: tea sandwiches, scones, muffins, cupcakes, fruit or whatever you think will go along with our teas. Our book this year is *Becoming More Than a Good Bible Study Girl*, by Lysa Terkeurst, Part 1 Sections 2 & 3. 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 10:45-11:30am 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 in rooms 9&11 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."

February 8th— Pastor Paul Means: Exploring the Grand Canyon's North Rim and Utah's Zion and Bryce Canyon National Parks.

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



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



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 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8.

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.

Worship Preparation Class

Children 2nd grade – 5th grade are invited to participate in the worship prep class to learn about Sunday worship services and about being Presbyterian. There are two classes; dates are January 27th & February 3rd from 9:30-11:00. On February 3rd a parent class will be available so parents can hear what the children will be learning about. In addition, we will have the kids recognized in the 9:30 Ignite service on February 24th. Please let Justine Davis know if your child would like to participate.

King's Kids

King's Kids will resume Wednesday, **January 30th**. This is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. It runs from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. throughout the school year. This is a mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment, strengthen faith, and bring children closer to God. If you have questions, please contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org

- **Wednesday, January 23rd** from 6:15-7:30pm: H.S. Bible Study
- **Friday, January 25th** from 5:30-6:30pm: M.S. Bible Study
- **Friday, January 25th** from 7-10pm: Game Night
- **Saturday, January 26th** from 1:00-4:00pm: Salvation Army
- **Sunday, January 27th** at 9:30am: Worship
- **Sunday, January 27th** at 10:45am: Sunday School
- **Sunday, January 27th** at 1:30pm: YLT Meeting
- **Sunday, January 27th** from 5-6:30pm: Youth Night
- **Wednesday, January 30th** from 6:15-7:30pm: M.S. & H.S. Bible Study
- **Saturday, February 2nd - Sunday, February 3rd**: Rock the Universe
- **Sunday, February 3rd** at 9:30am: Worship
- **Sunday, February 3rd** at 10:45am: Sunday School
- **Wednesday, February 6th** from 6:30-7:30: City Group: H.S.
- **Friday, February 6th** from 7-10pm: Game Night
- **Sunday, February 10th** from 9:30-11am: Confirmation Class #1
- **Sunday, February 10th** at 9:30am: Worship
- **Sunday, February 10th** at 10:45am: Sunday School
- **Sunday, February 10th** from 5-6:30pm: Youth Night
- **Wednesday, February 13th** from 6:30-7:30: City Group: H.S.
- **Friday, February 15th** from 7-10pm: Game Night

**Vanessa will be on vacation in Germany visiting family from January 13th through February 3rd. If needed, please contact Steve Cantin at scantin13@yahoo.com while she is away.

Confirmation

Interested in going through Confirmation? If you're in the 7th grade or older and have not been through the class, we'd love for you to join us. Confirmation classes begin on February 10th and run until Confirmation on April 14th. If you're interested in joining the 2019 Confirmation class or would just like more information, please contact Chris Curvin at 796-8090 while our Director of Youth and Family Ministry, Vanessa, is on vacation.