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Registration for current students, siblings and for the public is open for the 2020-2021 school year! You may stop in the church office and pick up your registration forms any time during church office hours, 9:00am-2:30pm. If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact Justine Davis at 727-723-7679 or email at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

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The Window

Chartering Organization of Boy Scout Troop 413

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**Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
Menus Lent 2020**

February 26

Ash Wednesday Service 6:45

Hearty Potato Soup with Ham Tidbits, Baked Cured Ham and Smoked Virginia Turkey Hoagie Sandwich, Cape Cod Potato Chips, Petite Lenten Cakes

March 4

Romaine and Spinach Salad with Mandarin Orange Sections, Vinaigrette Dressing, Blackened Roast Loin of Pork, Saffron Yellow Rice, Garden Vegetable Medley, Fresh Baked Rosemary Parmesan Bread & Butter, Creamy Banana Pudding

March 11

Shades of Green Salad with Buttered Croutons, Green Goddess Dressing, Traditional Irish Beef Stew, Cubes of Tender Beef, Carrot Rings, Onions & Celery, Fresh Baked Irish Soda Bread & Butter, Key Lime Pie with Drizzled Melba Sauce

March 18

Traditional Caesar Salad, Grilled Chicken Breast Alfredo, Al Dente Penne Pasta, Buttered Green Bean Almondine, Fresh Baked Parmesan Garlic Bread, All American Chocolate Cake with Salted Caramel Sauce

March 25

Creamy Pineapple Cole Slaw, Sweet Baby Ray's Pulled Pork, Seasoned Roasted Potatoes, Buttery Peas & Carrots, Fresh Baked Dinner Rolls and butter, American Lattice Apple Pie

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

Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches will be available at all dinners

**2020 Wonderful
Wednesday Series
"The Life of
David"**

**Meal: 6:00- 6:40 P.M.
Study: 6:40-7:15 P.M.**



The first meal together for this Lenten season is on Ash Wednesday, February 26th.

The Wednesday evening Lenten study will focus on "The life of David," one of the greatest characters of the Old Testament. He experienced unparalleled fame, triumph and power as he moved from an obscure shepherd boy to celebrated national war hero and undisputed king of Israel. And yet, his life was scarred by sexual scandal, murder by proxy and heartbreaking personal tragedy.

On this Lenten journey we will prepare for Easter traveling towards the horror of the cross and on to the triumph of the empty tomb. We will learn lessons from David, the man who is called, "a man after God's own heart." His life speaks to us of empowering faith, humble confession, sincere repentance and a grace that is greater than all our sin.

Note: Except for the Ash Wednesday Service, which takes place at 6:45 pm in the Sanctuary on February 26th, the study series will be held in the Education Building following the Wednesday meal.

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

March 2020

Wednesday, February 26:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids Resumes
6:00 P.M. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:45 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, March 1:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
4:00 P.M. Mark Hayes Concert

Wednesday, March 4:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00 P.M. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:45 P.M. Wonderful Wednesday Study

Friday-Saturday, March 6-7:

Children's Choral Festival

Sunday, March 8:

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

Wednesday, March 11:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00 P.M. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:45 P.M. Wonderful Wednesday Study

Friday-Saturday, March 13-15:

Confirmation Retreat, Cedarkirk

Sunday, March 15:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
10:30 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, March 18:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00 P.M. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:45 P.M. Wonderful Wednesday Study

Sunday, March 22:

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

Wednesday, March 25:

4:00-5:45 P.M. King's Kids
6:00 P.M. Wonderful Wednesday Dinner
6:45 P.M. Wonderful Wednesday Study

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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.

Around Northwood



Women's Retreat 2020

"Where's the Forest? All I See Are Trees!" was the theme to the annual Women's Retreat this year at Cedarkirk. This was a weekend of spiritual growth, worship, friendship, fun & games, crafts, laughter and relaxation! Our Service project this year was to collect toiletries for the RCS Grace House. Thank you Cindy Huffman for your leadership as our guest facilitator and Stephanie Carson for providing the music.



Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Compassionate Care Cards Ministry

When a member is ill or suffers a loss, a Deacon sends get well or sympathy card. Deacon Kim Blackmore faithfully sends these cards of comfort. If you are aware of someone in need, please contact the church office, or Kim at kblackmore32@gmail.com or 727-331-0882.



Around Northwood



Summer Music Workshop/Music Camp

SAVE THE DATE!

June 7-12, 2020

Music Camp and Workshop in Leesburg, FL
(rising 6th grade through adult)

For more information, contact Tom Huffman at
727-796-8090 or hufftom@aol.com



Easter Lilies

Order Easter Lilies beginning March 8, only \$9 each. Use the order form on the friendship sheet. Purchase a lily to help decorate the Easter worship services in memory or in honor of a loved one. Attach the completed form to your payment so we can be sure to include you in our bulletin. Order forms with payment are due by Palm Sunday, April 5th.

Northwood Photo Group



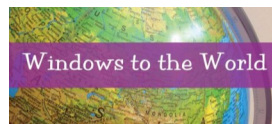
Please join us for the regular monthly meeting of Northwood Photo Group on Tuesday, March 10th at 7:00pm in rooms 13 & 15 of the Christian Education building. If you're interested in photography, you're invited whether you are a beginner or expert! If you have questions you may contact David Lawrence at david@primeimagesinc.com or Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com.

Youth Fundraiser "The Giving Wall"

There will be *Giving Envelopes* on the WALL of the Youth Ministry Bulletin Board beginning in March, (opposite the Church Kitchen), decorated by our youth for this annual fundraising event for you to support our youth mission trips. Each envelope has a number with a dollar amount. All are invited to take an envelope with a dollar amount and make a gift you feel led to give and return it to the church. Checks should be made out to Northwood for "Youth Mission" in the memo line. Thank you!

Fun! Friends! Friday!

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 from 10:30-11:30am. We will meet in rooms 9 & 11 on March 13th where Margaret and Tom Michaels will provide the program entitled "Traveling through Israel, Experiencing the Holy Land." Following the presentation the group will enjoy having a delicious lunch at a popular restaurant. For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or email at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Discovering Northwood Class

To learn more about our church or church membership, we have our Discovering Northwood class **March 15th in room 4** of the Christian Education Building from **10:30am-12:00pm**. Hope you will join us! For more information about church membership, please contact Pastor Chris Curvin at chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org or the church office 796-8090.

Northwood Food Pantry

The food pantry is a vital mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church. We help serve the community by distributing bags of food to those families and individuals that come to the church seeking help. This mission is supported by YOU, the congregation, with your donations of non-perishable food items and monetary gifts.

Food Pantry items needed:

- Canned Meat
- Pasta Sauce
- Beef Stew
- Chili
- Beef Ravioli
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Jelly
- Tuna
- Soup
- Canned Vegetables
- Canned Fruit



NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Presbyterian Mission Engagement and Support

Please allow me to express our appreciation to you for your gracious and faithful support of Presbyterian Mission personnel. Your contribution of \$250 changes people's lives for the sake of the gospel around the world.

Yours in Christ, Sy Hughes, Mission Engagement Advisor

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

Thank you for your generous gift of \$1,500 to disaster/hurricane/typhoon relief. Your prayers and gifts enable Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help those afflicted by disaster and violence. With Gratitude and Peace,
Rev. Dr. Laurie A. Kraus

Habitat For Humanity

Thank you for your generous gift of \$320 to continue helping families achieve their dream of homeownership. Thanks to donors like you, Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas and West Pasco Counties is able to continue building safe, affordable homes for hard working members of our community. Mike Sutton, President & CEO

Prayer Ministry

Bill Allen, Ken Andreassen, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Sue GaVette, Shirley Gleason, Jeri Heycock, Fred Inkles, Jane Kaempfer, Joyce Klotz, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Charlotte McQuown, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Al & Ethel Holden, Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond, Jane Urban, Ruth White.

Online Giving

If you are interested in setting up online giving, visit the "Giving" link to the secure portal at www.northwoodpc.org or call the Church Office. For your convenience, gifts can be processed as credit card or e-check transactions. Additionally, you may make a one-time gift or set your contributions up for automated processing on a schedule that you select. Participation in the offering on Sunday morning is an act of worship and we wish to include those who choose to give online. If you so choose, you will find laminated cards in the Narthex that can be placed in the offering plate to say "My gift this week was made online." Thank you for your continued and faithful support of the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Fred Drew
Fred Drew
Fred Drew
Fred Drew
Fred Drew
Fred Drew

Given by:

Don & Polly Hamilton
Ray & Joanne Spigarelli
Dennis & Sandra Rasmussen
Jean Swintek
TCI Class
Gloria Whitfield

In Honor of:

Mary Kreuziger
Beth & Raymond Linville

Given by:

Beth & Raymond Linville
Mary Kreuziger

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Taryn and Chris Lumia on the birth of their daughter Camryn Rose born on January 27th. And to Jim and Sharon Lumia on becoming grandparents.



Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Dale Goodman and family upon the news of the death of Dale's sister-in-law, Carolyn Goodman, on January 30.
- Donna Elwood upon the news of the death of her mother.

Email Scam Alert

You may be aware that some of our members have received scam emails in the past month, and once over a year ago, that appear to be from Pastor Chris. The emails request financial support in the form of gift cards. Our pastor does NOT send these emails although the email address is very similar to his. This email scam is also happening to pastors in other churches in our area. Please know that your pastors and the church staff will never solicit any funds in this manner. Simply forward the message to the church office so they can be collected for the police. It saddens us when anyone seeks to do harm but especially when they prey on the kindness and Christ-like hearts of our members.

Christian Education

Sunday Morning Classes



TCI Class (Today's Christian Issues) 9:30am, rooms 9&11

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.

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00am, room 15, led by Vicki Krueger

The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 6. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God's message of hope and reconciliation to God's people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies*- Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, and Malachi by Linda B. Hinton. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!



The Project Group

We're women of all ages who sew, knit and crochet items with a mission purpose. We sew little dresses for Haiti or walker bags, make lap robes or knit caps for newborns. We need new members! Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in Room 13. We share ideas, get encouragement to finish projects, sort through donated material and enjoy Christian fellowship. Questions? Call Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 or join us on Tuesday, February 25th and March 24th at 9:30 in Room 13.



Presbyterian Women Women's Circles

Presbyterian Women are using a Bible study called "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Gamble. This is a 9-month study of the Ten Commandments. Come and join one of our study sessions, everyone is welcome!

—Esther/Elizabeth Circle; Tuesday, March 9th at 9:30am, room 5 and will continue to meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

—Lydia/Naomi Circle; Monday, March 16th at 11:30am, room 5 and will continue to meet the 3rd Monday of every month.

Study books are available for purchase at each session. If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Women's Bible Study— This group gathers the first Friday of every month. Our date for this month is Friday, March 6th at 10:30am in room 5. The book we are working from this year is *Fresh Brewed Life: A Stirring Invitation to Wake Up Your Soul* by Nicole Johnson. All are welcome! This month we will follow the study with lunch at Positano's. Please RSVP to Jean Swintek at 727-786-1689 if you'd like to attend the lunch. If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin, lvnml@hotmail.com.

Children's Ministry



King's Kids

King's Kids has resumed and will continue through Wednesday, April 4th. This is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. This is a mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment, strengthen faith and bring children closer to God.

Cedarkirk Spring Bash 2020

Children grades 3rd-5th are invited to this overnight camp at Cedarkirk on March 27-28. If you are interested in sending your child, please contact Justine. More info to come!

VBS June 1-5

Parents, save the date for Vacation Bible School. More details to come.

2020 Confirmation Class

This year's Confirmation schedule is made up of eight classes, a session meeting, a retreat at Cedarkirk, a confirmation breakfast and introduction in worship on Palm Sunday. The Confirmands completing the training will be examined by session and received on Palm Sunday. Please keep them in prayer as they continue on their faith journey. Brianna Adkisson, James Birch, Andrew Bryant, Julie Bryant, Nikki Bonfiglio, Meaghan Caccamise, Claire Cantin, Alexis Cote, Hannah Gipson, Aiden McDermott and Delaney Pope.



Ways for adults to serve this month:

- Chaperone at Citynight
- Chaperone at Game Night
- Bring in items from our grocery list posted on our bulletin board
- Visit and donate to our Giving Wall Located outside of the kitchen
- Keep us in prayer

If you would like to support this thriving ministry, contact Rosalie Bradford at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org

Sunday, February 23, Confirmation Class #3, 10:45-11:30, Rm 5
 Sunday, February 23, Amplify Sunday School, 10:45-11:30am
 Wed., February 26, WAY Dinner and Ash Wed, Service
 Friday, February 28, Game Night, 7:00pm-10:00pm
 Sunday, March 1, Amplify Sunday School, 10:45-11:30am
 Sunday, March 1, Confirmation Class #4, 10:45-11:30, Rm 5
 Wed., March 4, Citynight, 6:30pm-8:15pm (dinner provided)
 Friday, March 6, Game Night, 7:00pm-10:00pm
 Sunday, March 8, Confirmation Class #5, 10:45-11:30am, Rm 5
 Sunday, March 8, Amplify Sunday School, 10:45am-11:30am
 Wed., March 11, Citynight, 6:30pm-8:15pm (dinner provided)
 Friday, March 13, Game Night from 7:00pm-10:00pm
 Friday-Sunday, March 13-15, Confirmation Retreat at Cedarkirk
 Monday, March 16, Bowling Night, 7:00-10:00pm, Maple Lanes
 Wed., March 18, Citynight, 6:30pm-8:15pm (dinner provided)
 Friday, March 20, Youth Lock-in, 9:00pm-8:00am
 Sunday, March 22, Confirmation Class #6, 10:45-11:30am, Rm 5
 Sunday, March 22, Amplify Sunday School, 10:45am-11:30am
 Wed., March 25, Citynight, 6:30pm-8:15pm (dinner provided)
 Friday, March 27, Game Night from 7:00pm-10:00pm

What's going on in Citylight

Youth ministry at Northwood has been busy! We kicked off the new year with so many faith-building experiences. We've got our three ongoing programs a week: Citynight on Wednesdays, Game Night on Fridays and Sunday School. Citynight is from 6:30 pm to 8:15 pm where students will meet in the youth room to experience fellowship, eat dinner, play games and experience God through activities and a lesson. Our Sunday school class is exploring a series called Amplify where students focus on building their faith foundation. We are also in the midst of the Confirmation Class of 2020! Please pray for our eleven confirmands, teachers and mentors. In February, we prepared ourselves for Lent by focusing on our Bible lessons and personal faith journey. We also went to Busch Gardens, made Valentine's for the homebound and got an early start on some spring cleaning. We are preparing for our summer mission trip to Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry and our high school retreat to Montreat Conference Center. We love all of our volunteers who help make events like this happen! Please pray for us and our volunteers as we approach Confirmation and prepare for our summer trips. We can always use more help and would love to make new friends. There is always a way to support this thriving ministry!