

Email Scam Alert

Some members have received scam emails that appear to be from our pastor, in the past year. The emails, disguised as his, request you purchase gift cards and email the card's numbers to him. Other churches have had the same problem. As a rule, our church staff will never solicit funds by email. If you receive such an email, please forward the message to the church office but do not respond to it.

Kid's Corner Preschool Registration

Registration is currently open for the 2020-2021 school year! We have openings in our 2's, 3's, and VPK. Please share the news! If you are interested in a tour of the school, please contact Justine Davis at 727-723-7679 or email at schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

Homebound Care Ministry

Deacon Lynn Propst visits those who are unable to attend church. Please call the church office if you know a member who would benefit from this ministry.

Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org.

- Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.
- Publications for the *Window* newsletter must be received by the 2nd Monday of the month. (Please limit all announcements to 4 lines.)



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NPC Guest Wi-Fi Now live streaming our 9:30 & 11:00 services on northwoodpc.org.



Announcements—March 22, 2020

WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to worship through our livestreaming while we are not gathering in public worship! We are all learning how to be a new church in this unprecedented time. Let us know of prayer requests through the church website, and seek to give online, by text and by mail. We are already offering ways to meet on the computer or smart phones through existing programs called *Zoom* and *Microsoft Teams*. Contact our church office if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. WELCOME!

—Gifts of Women Sunday—

Welcome, Rev. Loli Reiter

Today is Gifts of Women Sunday, when women are prominent in our worship services. We welcome the Rev. Loli Reiter as our guest speaker this morning. She has been the pastor at the Presbyterian Church of Seffner since 2008. She graduated from the University of South Florida with a degree in Social Work and received her MDiv from Union-Presbyterian Seminary. Loli has preached in many youth and adult retreat settings also. She is married to the Rev John Reiter who is also a Presbyterian pastor.

Prayers, Joys and Concerns

Each Sunday we will be worshipping online at both 9:30 & 11:00am. The Ignite contemporary service has a time of “prayers of joy and concerns” where people individually offer prayer requests. While worshipping via livestream we wanted to make that possible. If you have a "prayers, joys or concerns" request you would like lifted up at the 9:30am service, please go online to our homepage at www.northwoodpc.org and click on “Prayer Request” under the “Resources” tab. Just remember that these prayer requests may be shared via livestream. If anything is private, do not submit it for sharing this way. We will share as many as the time permits.

W.A.Y. Dinner and Lenten Study

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings. The W.A.Y. dinners and study have been postponed until further notice.

Easter Lilies

You may still order Easter lilies in memory or in honor of a loved one by dropping by the church office with a note attached to your payment indicating the person(s) you wish to honor. You may also mail in your check but be sure to include a note indicating the names of your loved ones and whether it is in memory or in honor. If you pay on line for the lilies, in order to be sure their names are included, you will need to send an email to communications@northwoodpc.org with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in memory or honor. The lilies will be put in the church sanctuary whether we are meeting at the church or if the service will be live streamed. Requests with payment are due **no later than Palm Sunday, April 5.**



NORTHWOOD SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Emily Cantin, online, or in the church office now. Applications must be received by June 1, 2020. Applicants need to be involved in the life of the church (either here or at college/Seminary). This scholarship can only be received twice. We give thanks to the Bakers, Gordons, Wrights and others whose generosity to Northwood was reflected in their last will and testament. Scholarship funds come from interest earned from the following: (1) The Fred and Kay Baker Scholarship Fund, (2) The Walter and Catherine Gordon Educational Endowment, (3) Clarence and Florence Wright Scholarship Fund, (4) Monies received from other sources.

Children's Ministry

Given the guidance from the Presbytery and public health officials, we have suspended all group gatherings including all children's activities. King's Kids has been suspended until further notice and spring bash has been cancelled. Please contact Justine with any further questions.

Vacation Bible School 2020—June 1st - 5th

All aboard!! Save the date!! Get ready for a fun adventure with Rocky Railway.

Justine Davis, Director of Children's Ministry
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The Presbytery of Tampa Bay has urged us to suspend all in-person church events and activities which includes Sunday School, youth group, game nights and spring break events. We will reschedule these activities for another time. In the meantime, please pray for the safety and well being of our community and the impact COVID-19 will have on people physically, emotionally and financially. Let's be in communication during this tough time, supporting one another with love and prayer. I encourage you to not panic however find peace in this time. I will be integrating some virtual ways for us to connect in faith so stay tuned! I will give Wednesday nights lesson via video, post at-home lessons, family devotions, Netflix challenges, continue confirmation class via email and try to implement other fun ideas. As your Director of Youth and Families, my job is to always support you, especially in times like these. Please reach out with your prayers, needs and concerns. I will check in with you, pray with you and keep you updated on the situation and things move forward.

With Love and Support,
Rosalie Bradford

Your Giving Matters

Even when we can't be together, your giving matters. We want to continue being the church in our community and to each and every one of you in the days ahead. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click Give under the ChurchLife App menu options
4. Scan the QR code below with your smartphone's camera and click the link

