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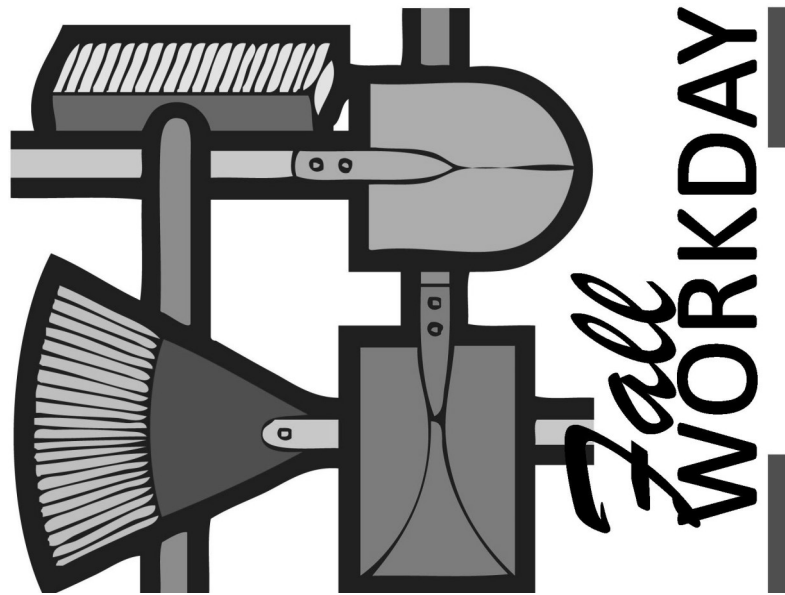
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All-Church Fall Workday & Weiner Roast!

Saturday, November 7 from 9:00 am-Noon

Come enjoy the fun, fellowship and blessing of sprucing up God's church and yours both inside and out. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchen or call Chris Hurst in the church office at 796-8090. Jerry Koski has kindly agreed to coordinate and supervise the work. If you are interested in cooking the dogs, please let Chris Hurst know!



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2016 PLEDGE CAMPAIGN "WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS..."

Dear Members and Friends of Northwood,

It is our belief as Christians that God calls us to live lives of simplicity and generosity. Each Fall, and at other times of the year, we emphasize the importance of our financial giving to the church. Giving has always been a mark of our Christian commitment. This is why as we enter this year's stewardship season, our theme is *"Where Your Treasure Is..."* We are reminded just where our treasure truly is from the teachings of Jesus' in Luke 12: 32-34:

"Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms; provide yourselves with purses that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

Our Stewardship Team hopes that for 2016 you will take the next step of faith by increasing your pledge/gift to the church from the current year. Tithing is a primary expression of our Christian commitment. Together, by committing a percentage of our income to God, we affirm that God has blessed us but calls us to be a blessing to others in Christ's name.

The wonderful things Northwood does in the name of Jesus Christ are not accomplished without significant volunteer and financial commitments by so many of you. As we look toward the coming year in order to plan an effective budget, we need everyone to consider turning in a pledge card. Your pledge can be adjusted at any point in the year simply by contacting the church office and speaking to Linda O'Leary, our Bookkeeper. Thank you to all of those who currently give so very faithfully. Every gift counts now and for 2016, no matter how small!

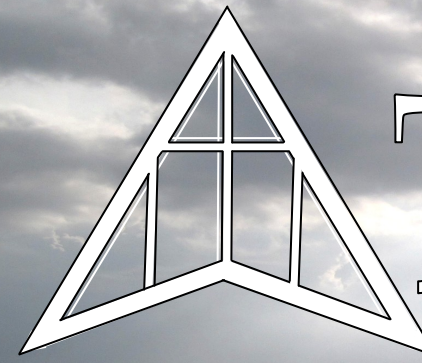
Finally, there are a growing number of people, myself included, who enjoy giving regularly to Northwood by utilizing our electronic online giving. When you make a gift using online giving through the church website, you will receive an electronic notice of your donation each week, as well as a thank you from the church. During the upcoming stewardship season, you may want to consider making your financial pledge through this increasingly popular method. All you have to do to take advantage of this method of giving is to go to the church website, www.northwoodpc.org, click on the tab "About Us" and choose the option entitled "Giving." There are very good instructions to lead you through making a gift online once you get to the website page.

Let us always remember that stewardship is everything we do from the moment we confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Finally, let us remember that stewardship in its fullest dimension always includes examining and opening our hearts to God to serve Him in the giving of our time, talent, and treasure. "For where our treasure is, there our hearts will be also."

Your pastor and friend,

Chris Curvin

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The Window

Northwood Presbyterian Church

At A Glance

October 20, 2015

This Month at Northwood

Wednesday, October 28:
6:00 P.M. W.A.Y. Dinner
6:35 P.M. W.A.Y. Program

Sunday, November 1:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 4:
6:00 P.M. W.A.Y. Dinner
6:35 P.M. W.A.Y. Program

Sunday, November 8:
Dedication Sunday
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
12:00 P.M. Loyalty Luncheon

Wednesday, November 11:
6:00 P.M. W.A.Y. Dinner
6:35 P.M. W.A.Y. Program

Sunday, November 15:
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

Wednesday, November 18:
6:00 P.M. W.A.Y. Dinner
6:35 P.M. W.A.Y. Program

Sunday, November 22:
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Tuesday, November 24:
7:00 P.M. Community Thanksgiving Service

Church office will be closed on November 26 & 27 as we give thanks with our families.

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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 Tracy Donovan's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

E-News:

If you are interested in receiving the bi-weekly Monitor via our e-news system, please send an email with your name and request to communications@northwoodpc.org.



October 28, 2015

Pineapple Coleslaw, Grilled Ham Steak, Sweet Potato Casserole, California Vegetable Medley, Homemade Corn Bread and Butter, Spooky Halloween Mini Cakes, Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assorted Herbal Teas, Lemonade, Iced and Sweet Tea

November 4, 2015

Traditional Caesar Salad, Stuffed Pasta Shells, Hearty Marinara Meat Sauce, Buttered Broccoli Spears, Fresh Baked Parmesan Garlic Bread, Italian Ice, Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assorted Herbal Teas, Lemonade and Iced and Sweet Tea

November 11, 2015

Spinach and Romaine Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette, Beef Burgundy, Buttered Egg Noodles, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots, Fresh Baked Rosemary Bread with Butter, Creamy Cheese Cake Americana, Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assorted Herbal Teas, Lemonade, Iced Tea and Sweet Tea

November 18, 2015

Garden Salad with Choice of Dressings, Roast Holiday Tom Turkey with Gravy, Old Fashion Holiday Bread Stuffing, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Homemade Green Bean Casserole, Orange Cranberry Relish, Fresh Dinner Rolls and Butter Traditional Pumpkin Pie with Whipped Cream Fresh Brewed Coffee, Assorted Herbal Teas Lemonade and Fresh Brewed Iced and Sweet Tea

Friendly Reminders

Food Pantry Request

We are in need of Food Pantry items! We need tuna, canned meats, canned pasta (such as ravioli or spaghetti), chili, beef stew, chicken and dumplings, pasta sauce, fruit, vegetables, and soups (chunky or condensed). Cans & glass jars only, please. We also need jelly which may be in plastic containers. Monetary donations are also appreciated. If you have questions please call Pat Rabenstine at 727-785-5080. Thank you for your help.

Transportation Available

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Fridays to reserve a seat.

Communion For You!

If you or someone you know is unable to get out to church for communion, we would be happy to bring Home Communion to you, even if it is just for a few weeks. We want you to know that the church cares about you and would like to provide this connection of love and care to you 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 Schlerf at 727-771-1998.



Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew is a group that delights in sharing fun with friends, old and new, 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.

Fall 2015 Ren Crew Schedule

September 11

Pastor Paul sharing experiences from his sabbatical, Part 1: Glacier National Park and the Canadian Rockies

October 9

Pastor Paul sharing experiences from his sabbatical, Part 2: Olympic National Park, Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Rainier

November 13

Bob Meier on Thanksgiving: Past and Present

December 11

Associate Music Director and Organist, Tom Huffman sharing Christmas Carols through the Ages

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

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR SUMMER

9:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year), Room 16

Join us in the multi-age Sunday School worship class after the Children's Message.

1st - 5th Grades, Rooms 8 & 10

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to rooms 8 & 10.

10:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The Children of NPC have the opportunity to worship with their parent or guardian. Regular Sunday school class is during the 9:00 hour, see above schedule. Nursery is available for children ages birth – 2nd grade if needed.

Children Welcome to the Lord's Table

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team. (Communion is normally celebrated on the first Sunday of each month).

Middle & High School Christian Education

We are on break for summer. See you in the fall!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—We are on summer break! We look forward to meeting again in the Fall!

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—We will begin the 2015-2016 year on Sunday, September 20th in Rooms 9 and 11 with a two-week study looking at the relationship between *truth* and *change* and dealing with the questions: "If something is true, how can it change?" and "If something changes, how could it have been true in the first place?" We will be seeing how we might face these questions both as members of the church and members of society. Garry Justice will be leading the discussion. At present, it is believed to be true that coffee and cookies will be available.

"CHEW ON THAT!"

Adult Summer Fellowship/Conversation Opportunity

August 23: Communion

Paul gives us a basic framework with which we celebrate the Lord's Supper (1Cor 11:23b-26) – and also provides some useful advice for our preparation and celebration (1Cor 11:27-34). How do we make this sacrament ours – individually and corporately?



Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

Children's Sunday School

We are so excited to announce that the 9:30 Children's Sunday school is growing. We have so many children that we are now in need of four different age groups. What a blessing! This means we need your help to teach the children! Please contact Justine or fill out the information sheet in your bulletin if you can help teach the children's Sunday school.

Discovery Day, 9/13, 9:30–12:30

Children and their family are invited to take part in this wonderful event here at Northwood. Come discover the different ministries Northwood is blessed with before and after the services.

King's Kids

Mark your calendars for Wednesday, September 16 from 4:30-5:30 for our King's Kids kick-off party. Parents, please sign up on the bulletin board to bring food to share. We look forward to another fantastic year!

Kid's Corner Pre-school

Kid's Corner begins Monday, August 24! We have openings for both the Monday-Wednesday-Friday and Tuesday-Thursday 2 year old classes. If you are interested, please contact the school by calling 727-723-7679. Ms. Vicki, Pre-school Director



Youth & Young Adults

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults
Cindy Huffman, Team Chair

Youth Events

Night of Joy

Saturday, September 12-Sunday, September 13
\$110 per youth, \$60 per adult (includes hotel and breakfast). Bring money for Saturday dinner, snacks & souvenirs, and Sunday lunch. First come, first served basis, only 23 spots available. **Full payment due Sunday, August 23.**

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



Financial Matters

A WORD FROM THE TREASURER

Summertime is upon us and history shows that pledge giving tends to slow down during this time. This is due to various reasons such as vacations, members returning North etc. Please remember your continuing gifts to meet expenses, some of which are heaviest at this time of year, and if you are away this may be a good time to consider automatic online giving. Thank you for your faithfulness.

Ed Bunch
Treasurer

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.

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 2015 is \$25.00 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. Thank you for your gift.

Building Renovation Pledge Update

For the latest update on the Building Renovation Pledge, see the weekly Bulletin!

