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W.A.Y. (Wednesdays And You) Fall Dinner Menus 2019

October 23, 2019

Romaine & Spinach Salad with Mandarin Orange, Raspberry Vinaigrette Dressing, Mary Anne's Creamy Chicken Bake, Buttered Green Peas and Carrots, Fresh Baked Bread & Butter, Fresh Baked Lattice Apple Pie

October 30, 2019

Trick or Treat Dinner

Graveyard Greens Salad with Pumpkin Seeds, Green Slime Dressing, Swedish Meat "Eye" Balls, Buttered Wormy Egg Noodles, Eerie Vegetable Concoction, Skeleton Bone Breadsticks, Spooky Halloween Cakes

November 6, 2019

Traditional Caesar Salad, Italian Chicken Parmesan, Angel Hair Pasta Marinara, Buttered Green Bean Almandine, Fresh Baked Garlic Bread, Black and White Parfait

November 13, 2019

Marshmallow Fruit Salad topped with Toasted Coconut, Grandma's Old Fashioned Meat Loaf with Brown Gravy, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Honey Glazed Baby Carrots, Fresh Baked Rosemary Parmesan Bread and Butter, Keep Your Fingers Off My "Butterfinger Cheesecake"

November 20, 2019

Garden Greens Salad with Creamy Parmesan Dressing, Roast Holiday Tom Turkey with Gravy, Old Fashion Bread Stuffing, Creamy Mashed Potatoes, Buttered Peas & Mushrooms, 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 23, 30, November 6, 13, & 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**— Mission of the Church (6:40-7:15pm)
- **King's Kids**, our weekly program for children ages 3 years old-5th grade. (4:00– 5:45pm)
- **Chancel Choir** rehearsal 7:30-9:00pm.

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



Kids' Corner Preschool & Northwood Child Care

Northwood's Kids' Corner and NCC is off to a great start. We have new staff and returning staff that have done a wonderful job getting the school ready for our 88 students that will be attending the school this year. Our NAEYC accreditation has been renewed and we are also Gold Seal accredited. Early Learning Coalition came and we passed our inspection for licensing.

The children at Kids' Corner have been learning about how they are special and that God made each of them unique. The school is full of laughter and learning. We are continuing our gymnastics program and the children already love it. We look forward to the events we have coming up in the fall such as donuts with dads, muffins with moms, story time at the pumpkin patch, Native American presentation and Timeless Tales presentations.

The NCC students are enjoying their afterschool time here at Northwood with homework help and structured activities along with fun hang-out time. It is so nice to see kids interacting with each other instead of being on their electronics.

A nice change from previous years, the children are able to line up *inside* at the Elementary school while they wait at pick up rather than waiting in the heat.

I am excited for my first year in my new role as Director of Schools and I'm thankful to all the church staff, teacher staff, committee teams, parents and church members for their encouragement and support. I feel a great peace as we all work together to do God's will. We are blessed to have these programs at Northwood and I am blessed to be a part of these programs. Please keep our teachers and students in your prayers for a successful school year!

Blessings,
Justine Davis, Director of Schools

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, September 22:

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, September 25:

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

Sunday, September 29:

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

Wednesday, October 2:

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

Sunday, October 6:

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

Wednesday, October 9:

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

Sunday, October 13:

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

Monday, October 14:

Kids' Corner Preschool Closed

Wednesday, October 16:

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

Friday, October 18- Sunday, October 20:

All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk

Sunday, October 20:

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

Wednesday, October 23:

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

Sunday, October 27:

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

October 2019

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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



Children's Ministry



King's Kids

King's Kids begins Wednesday, September 18th from 4:00-5:45 p.m. Children ages 3 years (must be potty trained) through 5th grade are invited to come and experience a fun Christian environment where they learn songs, a Bible story and get time to hang out with friends and play games. King's Kids will continue every Wednesday through November 14th, then we break and start back on January 30th-April 20th. Parents, we ask that you or a family member volunteer once per month to help with the kids. For more information, please contact Justine Davis at 727-796-8090 or you may email her at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org

CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children's Sunday School 8:15 & 11:00 AM

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (19/20 School Year)
Children 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 Sunday School

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 for the Sunday school hour.

Spotlight on Deacons' Ministries

Hurricane Ministry

The Hurricane Ministry of our church's Board of Deacons assists members in need of temporary housing during or after hurricanes or severe tropical storms. If you are able to share your home with members-in-need, please contact Cassandra Fredriksen at sonna.fredriksen@gmail.com or the church office at 727-796-8090. 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. A source for weather advisories is <https://www.baynews9.com/fl/tampa/weather>.

This guide has valuable information for Pinellas County <http://www.pinellascounty.org/emergency/>.

College And Military Ministry

The College and Military Ministry seeks to reach out 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 out of town 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 Jay Basinger at jay38judy@gmail.com.



Around Northwood



Sing the Christmas Cantata

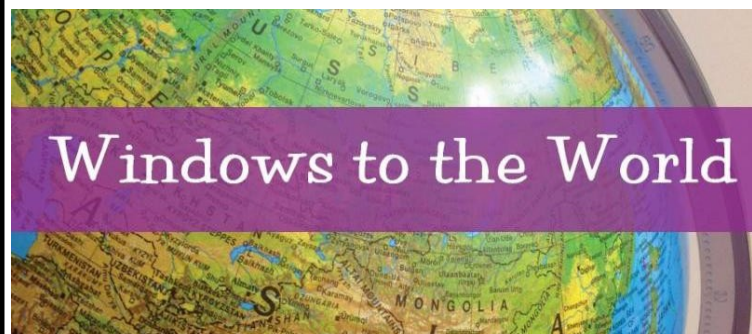
Our Christmas Cantata this year is “Come to the Manger” and “Hodie Christus Natus Est” by Mark Hayes to be presented on December 18 for both traditional services. Mark Hayes will be coming to our church at the end of February for our Composer Weekend – more on that to come, but very exciting! The cantata is fun and challenging – an excellent work. We need ALL voice parts. Your commitment is just the first 40 minutes of choir rehearsal beginning October 16 from 7-7:40 and then each Wednesday until the cantata. There is also a cantata sing-thru the morning of October 12 from 9:30-11:00 to introduce it to you. Please consider adding your voice to our wonderful choir. Contact Stephanie Carson stephanie@northwoodpc.org or 727-796-8090.

Marriage Alive

Marriage Alive is a Christian based marriage support group for couples that meet the first Saturday of every month. Our next meeting is October 5th from 6:00-8:00pm in rooms 5 & 7 of the Christian Education building. We will resume our study of “The Five Love Languages” by Gary Chapman. Married couples of all ages are invited to attend and don’t need to be members of Northwood. Each family please bring a heavy appetizer to share. Child care will be provided, if needed, and we ask that you reserve by October 3rd. Questions, please contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

Peace and Global Witness Offering

On **October 6th**, 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 sex 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!



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 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 2019.

October 11th—Earle & Jessie Lusk: “Reflections of Italy”

November 8th—David Lawrence: “An African Safari Across the Plains of Tanzania and the Serengeti”

December 13th—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.

Women's Retreat-Save the Date

Cedarkirk Women's retreat will be February 28-March 2, 2020! Any questions, please contact Jeanneestephen@gmail.com.

NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

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, Just over 500 pairs of shoes were donated along with 45 pairs of socks! Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus with others in this way. Sincerely, Kathy Dain, Executive Director

Thornwell

You are amazing! Your gift makes it possible for families to be heard and healed. Families are overcoming many challenges and are now realizing their dream to make things new. Thank you again for your prayers and offerings. Together by God’s grace, we are making a difference in the lives of children and families!

Bay Area Pregnancy Center

Thank you for your continued support! Your generosity keeps our small food pantry open. Our goal is to provide families with breakfast, lunch, and dinner. We also thank you for your quarterly support. With your help we have saved 36 babies from abortion!

Marsha Rimer, Executive Director

Prayer Ministry

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

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.

Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Roland Watkins
Roland Watkins
Doris Croasmun
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Given by:

Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler
Jean Swintek
Bill & Bunny Bitner
Jean Swintek
Ralph & Charlotte Jordan
Stephen Allen

In Honor of:

Jean Swintek

Given by:

Linda O’Leary

Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Penny Shore and family upon the news of the death of Penny’s brother, Bob Ghigli on August 24.
- Patty Martin upon the news of the death of her mother, Harriet McGrath on August 26.
- Charlotte and Fred McQuown and family upon the news of the death of Charlotte's son-in-law, Barry Bean on September 6.

Nominating Committee

NOMINATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED. Do you know of someone you would like to see serving as Elder or Deacon? The Nominating Committee will accept nominations for Church Officers now through November 15. Remember to get the person’s permission before nominating them. Nomination forms may be placed in the mailbox of Gene Weitz in the church office or in the offering plate.

I have the permission of

to nominate him/her for the office of

Elder or Deacon
(Please circle one)

Nominating Committee: Carl Corello, Barbara Moler, Ray Spigarelli, & Vickie Mills

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

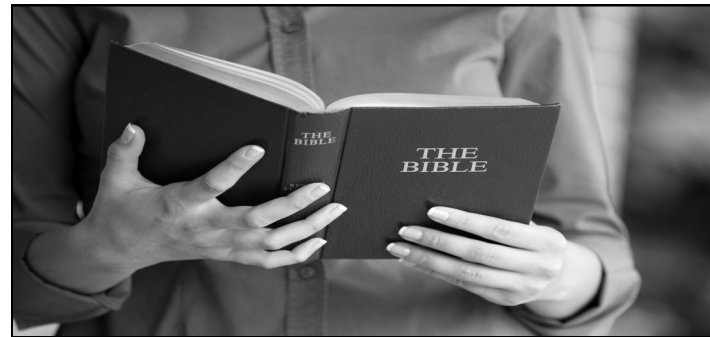
The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to 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 8 and will begin **October 6th**. We will be studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We will look at God's message of hope and reconciliation to God's people while they were in exile. The book we will use is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies- Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah by Bruce Epperly*. 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!

"Defenders"

This group will meet on Sunday mornings at both 9:30am & 11:00am in rooms 5 & 7. It is being taught by Michael Jahosky, a humanities professor at St. Petersburg College. The class focuses on defending the Christian faith in a secular world and is studying the book "Christian Apologetics: Renewing the Christian Voice, Conscience, and Imagination in a Disenchanted World" by Dr. Paul Gould. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com



Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Women's Bible Study— This group gathers the first Friday of every month. Our date for this month is Friday, October 4th at 10:30am in room 5. The book we will be working from this year is Fresh Brewed Life: A Stirring Invitation to Wake Up Your Soul. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin, lvnm1@hotmail.com .

Presbyterian Women Women's Circles



Presbyterian Women are starting a new 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!

—Session led by Chris Curvin; Tuesday, Oct. 1st at 9:00am, room 5

—Esther/Elizabeth Circle; Tuesday, October 8th at 9:30am, room 5 and will continue to meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

—Lydia/Naomi Circle; Begins Monday, Oct. 21st 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.

Welcome Rosalie Bradford Director of Youth & Family Ministry



We welcome Rosalie Bradford as our Director of Youth and Family Ministry.

Rosalie was born and raised in Clearwater, where she graduated from Clearwater High School and the University of South Florida with a degree in Psychology and Sociology. Rosalie is one of four children and is a twin. Rosalie is from a family of educators and proudly follows in that path.

Growing up, Rosalie loved to play outside and do anything creative. As a kid, people would always tell her she had "artist hands" and is still told that often as an adult. She spent her time in high school in the art program, anchored the morning announcements every day, was a percussionist in the Clearwater High School Tornado band and worked at a craft store. Rosalie loves to cook, travel, play with her dog Bella, spend time with family, rock climb, study Psychology, cars, anything creative and staying active. Rosalie calls herself a "Jack of All Trades, Master of Some."

Rosalie grew up going to camp at Cedarkirk and attended the high school youth conferences at Montreat. Rosalie is a proud Presbyterian and served as the Director of Youth Ministry at Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church from 2014-2018 and then went on to the Program Staff at Cedarkirk Camp and Conference Center for this past program year. She worked on site facilitating camp activities, leading worship, instructing crafts and organizing events. During the summer she was the Traveling Day Camp Site Director. As such, she traveled to a new church every week with a van full of counselors and camp supplies to host a Vacation Bible School for the week. Rosalie is a strong advocate for mission work and is excited to plan mission trips with the Citylight youth. Rosalie plans on pursuing higher education and continuing her call to ministering to youth and children.

Rosalie's mission is to "Connect children, youth and families with one another to grow in faith and express God through their spiritual gifts, thriving in community."

Friday, September 20th, 7-10pm: **Game Night**
Sunday, September 22nd, 9:30am: **Worship**
Sunday, September 22nd, 10:45am: **Sunday School**
Friday, September 27th, 7-10pm: **Game Night**
Sunday, September 29th, 9:30am: **Worship**
Sunday, September 29th, 10:45am: **Sunday School**
Wednesday, October 2nd, 6:15pm-8:15pm: **Youth Group**
Friday, October 4th, 7-10pm: **Game Night**
Sunday, October 6th, 9:30am: **Worship**
Sunday, October 6th, 10:45am: **Sunday School**
Wednesday, October 9th, 6:15pm-8:15pm: **Youth Group**
Friday, October 11th, 7-10pm: **Game Night**
Saturday, October 12th, 11am-2pm: **Fall Fest**
Monday, October 14th, 9am-4pm: **Trip to Busch Gardens**
Sunday, October 13th, 9:30am: **Worship**
Sunday, October 13th, 10:45am: **Sunday School**
Wednesday, October 16th, 6:15pm-8:15pm: **Youth Group**
Friday, October 18th: **No Game Night**
Friday, October 18th-19th: **All Church Retreat at Cedarkirk**
Sunday, October 20th, **No Sunday School**
Wednesday, October 23rd, 6:15pm-8:15pm: **Youth Group**
Friday, October 25th, 7-10pm: **Game Night**
Sunday, October 27th, 9:30am: **Worship**
Sunday, October 27th, 10:45am: **Sunday School**
Wednesday, October 30th, 6:15pm-8:15pm: **Youth Group**

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

What's going on in the City?

Youth ministry at Northwood is happy and healthy! We have started Sunday school back up with a new series called Amplify, where students focus on building their faith foundation. We are starting Citynight back up on Wednesdays from 6:15pm to 8:15pm where students will meet in the youth room to experience fellowship, eat dinner, play games and experience God through activities and a lesson. Check out our calendar for all of the activities planned for October, and make sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram page!

