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 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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**2014 WOMEN'S RETREAT!!**

Be sure to put this date on the calendar for next year's Women's Retreat: February 7<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup>!! More info to follow at a later date!!

**Join our Bi-Weekly E-mail List**

Are you on our Constant Contact Mailing list? Constant Contact is our way to keep you informed about current events around Northwood. These e-mails include, but are not limited to, special events, the bi-weekly monitor, as well as memorial notices. To join this list, e-mail Katie Pacana (Katie@northwoodpc.org) or call the church office at 796-8090.

**Yummy Coffee & Cookies!!**

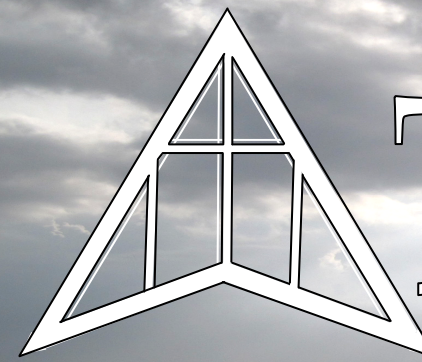
We need YOUR help with the Sunday morning coffee. It's easy. It's fun, and it only takes a little bit of your time. Assisting with this ministry does not take any additional commitment because you are already at church.

All supplies are provided, and the Tang is already prepared. It only takes a few minutes before the first service to set the coffee to brew, and about 15 minutes after the service to serve. Second service it only takes about 15 minutes after the service. Please help with this special fellowship time. The signup sheet is located across from the kitchen. You can choose which time period you would like to help.

Thank you from the Kitchen Crew

**“Sign Up To Greet”**

Please check your schedule and sign up to greet your fellow parishioner with a smile and a hand shake, it's painless! Interested in a week or two? Please call Barbara Moler, 734-3331, and she will sign you up. Thank you!



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**October 16, 2013**  
 Field Greens Salad  
 with Balsamic Basil Vinaigrette  
 Northwood Barbecue Pulled Pork  
 Country Style Baked Beans  
 Broccoli Florets with Cheese Sauce  
 Fresh Dinner Rolls and Butter  
 All American Apple Pie with Carmel Sauce

**October 23, 2013**  
 Romaine and Spinach Salad  
 Mandarin Oranges and Walnuts  
 with Vinaigrette Dressing  
 Mary Ann's Creamy Chicken Bake  
 California Vegetable Medley  
 Fresh Artesian Bread and Butter  
 Traditional Key Lime Pie with Melba Sauce

**October 30, 2013**  
 Fresh Pineapple Coleslaw  
 Oven Baked Black Forest Ham  
 Pecan Sweet Potato Casserole  
 Buttered Green Beans  
 Home Baked Corn Bread with Butter  
 Halloween Mini Cakes

**November 6, 2013**  
 Traditional Caesar Salad  
 Italian Style Chicken Parmesan  
 Marinara Angel Hair Pasta  
 Buttered Whole Kernel Corn  
 Fresh Baked Garlic Bread  
 Chocolate Éclair

**November 13, 2013**  
 Baby Greens with Raspberry  
 Vinaigrette Dressing  
 Gourmet Beef Bourguignon served on a bed of Buttered Egg Noodles  
 Glazed Peas and Carrots  
 Fresh Baked French Bread with Butter  
 Strawberry Glazed Creamy Cheese Cake

**November 20, 2013**  
 Thanksgiving Jell-O Salads  
 Roast Holiday Tom Turkey with Gravy  
 Old Fashion Black Walnut Bread Stuffing  
 Homemade Green Bean Casserole  
 Orange Cranberry Relish  
 Fresh Dinner Rolls and Butter  
 Traditional Pumpkin Pie & Whipped Cream



**2013 Fall WAY Dinners**

**October 16th—November 20th**  
**Meal: 6:00—6:35 PM**  
**W.A.Y. Series: 6:35—7:20 PM**

Our Wednesday meal gatherings are back! They provide a happy harvest of friendship and opportunity for the whole family. On the tables at each meal will be our 3 Cent-a-Meal Jars which benefit the hungry locally and worldwide. This Fall we will hear presentations about "The Mission and Ministry of Northwood."

While the last Wednesday meal concludes on November 20th we want to remind everyone that on Tuesday, November 26th we will gather at 7:00 PM for our community Thanksgiving Service held this year at Heritage United Methodist Church, along with other local churches.

*Invite a friend to join you for our evening meals and then invite them to join us for our Sunday worship services:*

**8:15 & 11:00 AM-Traditional Services**  
**9:30 AM-IGNITE Service**

# At A Glance

September 17, 2013

## This Month at Northwood

### Sunday, September 22nd:

8:15 AM Traditional Service  
 9:30 AM IGNITE Service  
 11:00 AM Traditional Service  
 5:00 PM Honduras Sharing & Dinner

### Sunday, September 29th:

8:15 AM Traditional Service  
 9:30 AM IGNITE Service  
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

### Sunday, October 6th:

World Communion Sunday  
 8:15 AM Traditional Service  
 9:30 AM IGNITE Service  
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

### Sunday, October 13th:

8:15 AM Traditional Service  
 9:30 AM IGNITE Service  
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

### Wednesday, October 16th:

6:00 pm W.A.Y. Dinner  
 6:30 pm W.A.Y. Program

### Friday, October 18th–Sunday, October 20th:

Cedarkirk All Church Retreat

### Sunday, October 20th:

8:15 AM Traditional Service  
 9:30 AM IGNITE Service  
 11:00 AM Traditional Service

### Wednesday, October 23rd:

6:00 pm W.A.Y. Dinner  
 6:30 pm W.A.Y. Program

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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 [Katie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@northwoodpc.org), or place it in Katie Pacana’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 [Katie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@northwoodpc.org).



# "Opening the Door!"

2014 Stewardship Season

Dear Friends of Northwood,

Today, and for the coming months, I want to offer in our Window Newsletter a series of articles about the importance of Christian stewardship and key dates for our Annual Stewardship Campaign. It is our belief as Christians that God calls everyone to a life of service and generous giving. This is why each Fall, and at other times, we emphasize the importance of giving which includes the giving of our time, talents and treasure. As we enter this year’s stewardship season, our theme will be “Opening the Door” which comes from Revelation 3:20, “Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me.” Our Stewardship Team hopes that each one of us will open the doors of sharing our gifts more fully in ministry and mission in Christ’s name this coming year.

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. Thank you for your faithful giving this year thus far which has been at 95% of pledges made to date! This being said, our current budget and giving helps us to maintain existing programs but not grow ministries or increase giving to mission. In order to plan an effective budget for the coming year, we need everyone to turn in a pledge card. This request includes all those who have been confirmed as church members—all ages. While we experience generous giving at Northwood, over the past several years our record keepers tell me that we have a downward trend in the number of pledges made for each year. This is a national trend and is not unique to Northwood. Indeed we began this current year by adopting a deficit budget. As we each plan and consider our giving for the coming year I want to ask you to consider several ways of giving.

**Pledge Envelopes:** Personally, I grew up as many of you did learning the discipline of using the pledge envelope each week for my Sunday offering. I found great value in this as a young person for it helped me be accountable to God for my financial giving. I remember if I missed a Sunday of church the envelopes would remind me that I was behind in my giving by noting the dates of the unused envelope. As I began working as a teenager, my parents reminded me to tithe from my earnings and again the pledge/giving envelopes were a faithful reminder. Many people still enjoy giving with envelopes which are provided for the new year beginning in December at Northwood.

**Online Giving:** There are a growing number of people among us who give regularly to Northwood by utilizing our electronic online giving. During the upcoming stewardship season you will hear more and more about this increasingly popular way to give.

However you make your gift at Northwood always remember that stewardship is everything we do from the moment we confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Stewardship in its fullest dimension includes opening the door to God which includes the giving of time, talent, and treasure.

Your pastor and friend,

Chris Curvin

### Save the date:

Loyalty Luncheon Covered Dish  
 November 10th, Noon

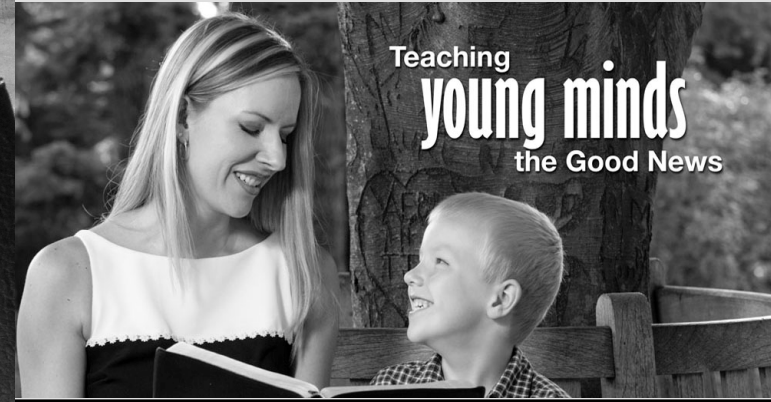




# Christian Education

Joan Baker, Christian Education Team Chair

THE BIBLE



# Children's Ministry

## Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat October 18-20, 2013

Don't forget that NOW is the time to register you and/or your family for the All Church Retreat. This annual event is open to young, old, single, married, & families.

Mornings begin with a group devotion and the days are spent in leisure. You'll have the opportunity to canoe or kayak down the Alafia River, as well as join the group for the traditional campfire where you can roast marshmallows and make s'mores.

We hope that you will consider joining us for an exciting weekend filled with joy, laughter, rest & rejuvenation of the body and heart! Sign up forms are located in the church hall on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

## EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

### 8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

### 9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (13/14 School Year) Room 3

1<sup>st</sup> & 2nd Grades

Rooms 16

3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grades

Room 8

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 room 6.

### 11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-5<sup>th</sup> Grade (13/14 School Year) Room 1, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message.

### 9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15

Join us as we open the book of John. Class starts at 9:45, but come at 9:30 for coffee, cookies, and a time to chat. Bibles are provided, or bring your own. Discussion led by Doug Shierling.

#### TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11

9/8-9/29: 4 week DVD series "The Case for Faith" by Lee Strobel & Garry Poole. Investigation of the Toughest Objections to Christianity. Georgianna Winder will lead the discussion using scripture and a Bible study guide addressing the most common objections to the Christian faith over the 4 week series. Everyone is welcome to join the discussion.

### 11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

"Christian." Ask 100 people to define what it means, and you'll get 100 different answers. In this series, we will explore the truth and fiction behind one of the most famous brands in all of history.

## Rally Day Roundup Winners!

We had a rip roarin' good time at the NPC Corral, 8/25, kicking off the new Sunday School year! The morning program was followed by some yummy grub at the Chuck Wagon & Olde Fashioned Fun & Games Under the Trees! Listed below are the winners of the games:

#### Water Balloon Toss

1. Pam Wood & Robert Wood
2. Amy Kemerer & Sydney Blackmore

#### Pool Noodle Horse Race

1. Jimmy Birch & Sarah Birch
2. Meaghan Caccamise & Sonya Weidner
3. Isaac Jeffre & Brandon Strelcheck

#### 3-Legged Race

1. Bryce Fulford & Irvin Salinas



## King's Kids:

### King's Kids Every Wednesday!

From 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Register at the Noah's Ark Bulletin Board, or just show up! Parents/caregivers volunteer monthly (unless your child is in the Before/After Care program).

## Sunday School Classes

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## Handbells & Xylophones for Kids!!

Northwood offers a ministry for children in grades 3-5 that is totally hands-on. They will learn to play Handbells and Orff instruments (pitched and unpitched percussion: xylophones, glockenspiels, drums, etc) in a one hour class offered on Tuesday afternoons from 4-5:00. There is no cost monetarily – just the commitment of one hour per week and occasionally playing in worship services. They will also play in the annual 'Ring, Sing, Mingle' event on Sunday afternoon, 12/8. I am capping the class at 10 children and we have 2-3 openings. If you are interested please e-mail or call Stephanie Carson ASAP.

[stephanie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:stephanie@northwoodpc.org); 796-8090.



# Presbyterian Women

Ellen Stoup, Presbyterian Women Moderator

# Caring for Our Church Family



## Fresh Brewed Woman's Bible Study

We meet on the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in Room 6. WE ARE STARTING A NEW BOOK, UNGLUED, by Lysa Terkeurs. We will discuss making wise choices in the midst of raw emotions. Consider joining us! *If you have any questions, please contact: Sally Uhler, 796-7563, Barbara Englehart, 791-4648, or Sandy Seckel, 787-1667*

## Join A Circle

**Presbyterian Women** have begun the new Horizon Bible Study, "An Abiding Hope: The Presence of God in Exodus and Deuteronomy." We welcome all women to join us at the time that suits you best. Pastor Chris Curvin leads the study on the first Tuesday each month at 9:00 am at the church. Esther Elizabeth meets the second Tuesday at 9:30 am at the church; Lydia, the third Monday at 7:00 pm at the church; and Naomi, the second Monday at 1:00 pm in the homes of members. Come and study God's word with your sisters in Christ! For more information call Ellen Stoup at 415-6585.

## PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Babs Avery; Larry Cornillaud; Doris Croasman; Jean Dayes; Dorothy Dykstra; Barb Finn; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Barbara Hunt; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Bea Kimball; Bill Kopp (father of Katie Pacana); Diane Luke; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Annie McElveen; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Melissa Mortin (Daughter of Pamela Peters); Pamela Peters; Nancy Phillips; Norman Phillips; Marian & Walter Rather; Barbara Smith; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot; Alice Wilson.

Please keep the following who are serving in the military in your prayers. Addresses have been included should you wish to send cards of support.

Capt. Daniel Doverspike  
2044 Pratt Court  
Evanston, Illinois 60201-3116

## Prayer Chain (A Deacon Ministry)

This is a network of members who are committed to prayer who intercede on behalf of others in need by lifting up requests or concerns. You may call the church office with your request or you may contact the chairperson, Mary Jane Redpath, at 940-7042.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS

*In Memory of:*  
Pat Thygerson

*Given by:*  
Barbara Englehart  
Art & Jeanette Holloway  
Barbara Schlerf  
Bill & Patti Martin

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

## VITALS

Weather: Beautiful  
September 8, 2013  
(8:15) 111  
(9:30) 126  
(11:00) 123  
Total: 360

# Youth & Young Adults

Ken Andreassen, Team Chair ~ Gene Weitz, Elder

## Parent Meeting September 22nd, 4-5pm:

Join us for an important, informational and organizational meeting for all parents of students from 6th -12th grade. This meeting will cover the direction we would like the program to take and how families can get involved. The meeting will take place in the Family Life Center before the Honduras Dinner. We hope you will attend this important meeting and stick around for the Honduras Dinner and Sharing.

## YOUTH MUSIC

Youth vocal and bell choirs are meeting on Wednesdays.

Youth Choir 4:45-5:30  
Handbells 5:30-6:15

Call or text Tom Huffman at (727) 409-8726.

## Youth Events

- **Friday, September 20:** Game Night 7-10pm
- **Sunday, September 22nd: Parent Meeting 4-5pm** (Attend Honduras Dinner & Sharing 5-7pm with family.)
- **Friday, September 27th:** Game Night 7-10pm
- **Sunday, September 29th:** Youth Group 5-7pm
- **Friday, October 4th:** Game Night 7-10pm
- **Sunday, October 6th:** Youth Group 5-7pm
- **Friday, October 11th:** Game Night 7-10pm
- **Sunday, October 13th:** Youth Group 5-7pm
- **Friday, October 18th:** No Game Night. Church Retreat weekend.
- **Sunday, October 20th:** No Youth Group. Church Retreat weekend.

Troy Harris, Interim Director of  
Youth & Young Adults

YouthMinistry@Northwoodpc.org, 796-8090

# Thanks From the Mission Field

## Presbyterian World Mission

Dear Northwood,  
On behalf of Presbyterian World Mission, please allow me to express our appreciation to you for your gracious and faithful support of our mission co-workers. Thank you for your recent donation of \$250.00. Your church's support changes lives for the sake of the gospel around the world.  
In Christ,  
Chris Roseland  
Church Support Associate

## Habitat for Humanity

Dear Friends,  
Thank you so much for your \$1,420 donation on 8/16/13. It's donors like you that help us keep building. We are grateful for your kindness and support of our mission.  
Let's Build!  
Ronald E. Spoor  
Interim President & CEO

## Thornwell

Dear Brothers & Sisters,  
Thank you! As a member of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in the Synod of the South Atlantic, YOU, the members of NPC are our partner in this "Joyful Christian Community" that is Thornwell Home. It is through YOUR support that we are able to offer hope and wholeness to children and families.  
For the children,  
Louise Cooper  
VP, Mission Advancement

