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A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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Holy Week Schedule

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24

8:15 & 11:00 AM
Traditional Services
9:30 AM Contemporary Service
(Nursery available)

3:30 PM Lenten Cantata
"For Such a One as This"
By Mark Hayes

MAUNDY THURSDAY

MARCH 28, 7 PM
Joint service at Northwood PC
with Heritage UMC

GOOD FRIDAY

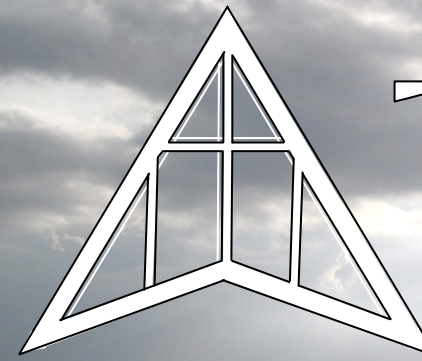
MARCH 29, 12:00 NOON
Joint service at Heritage UMC
with Northwood PC

EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 31

8:15 & 11:00 AM
Traditional Services—Sanctuary
9:30 AM Contemporary Service
(Outside, weather permitting; bring lawn
chairs or a blanket)
(Nursery available)

The "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering
will be received (see purpose of offering in
Sunday bulletins).

Photos Available at Floral Cross



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Lenten Cantata March 24, 2013 3:30 PM

The Cantata this year will be in the afternoon and is worth a trip back to church. *For Such a One as This* is a unique retelling of the greatest story ever told. Along with the powerful music are dramatic presentations on video of Holy Week participants: Judas, Peter, Pontius Pilate, Simon of Cyrene, Mary, the two thieves, Mary Magdelene, and John, the Beloved. They speak very emotional and powerful monologues that will pull you into this true story of betrayal and love. We pray after the exuberance of Palm Sunday in the morning, that this will help to focus your week leading up to the celebration of Christ's Resurrection. Our gifted Chancel Choir has worked very hard and invites you to this moving and free event. Please come!!

Stephanie Carson & Tom Huffman



Lenten
CANTATA

Vacation Bible School Needs You! Can You Help? SonWest Roundup! Vacation Bible School June 24-28, 2013

This year we're spending a week on Northwood Ranch to answer important questions kids have about Jesus. Each Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a total church ministry and we still have several needs. Please read over the list and pray about how God would have you get involved!

Before VBS

- Help Set-up VBS Classrooms - Friday, 6/21, 9 - 11 a.m.
- Help Teachers Decorate Classrooms - Saturday, 6/22, 9 a.m.–Noon
- Help Clear Chancel for VBS - Sunday, 6/23, 12–12:45 p.m.
- Help Decorate the Chancel - Sunday, 6/23, 1:00 pm

During VBS

- Teach Preschool Classes (3 Lead Teachers needed)
- Lead or Assist with Games
- Assist with the 5th Grade Class (off-site)
- Provide Registration Assistance - Monday, 6/24, 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.
- Host the Youth Guide Pool Party (one afternoon 12:30-3:30 p.m., membership at a pool?)
- Prepare Snacks for Volunteers
- Provide First Aid and be the Lounge Attendant, Tuesday, 6/25 & Wednesday, 6/26, 9:30 a.m. - Noon

End of VBS

- Set-up & Clean-up Closing Program Snacks, Thursday, 6/27, 6 p.m. & 8 p.m.
- Clear Chancel & Set-up for Sunday Services, Friday, 6/28, 9:30–10:30 a.m.

If you can help, please contact Marcy Kemerer (727-455-2583). Bless and be blessed by getting involved!

A Glance At The Window

March 19, 2013

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, March 24th:

Palm Sunday

8:15 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM IGNITE Service

11:00 AM Traditional Service

3:30 PM Lenten Cantata

Thursday, March 28th:

7:00 PM Maundy Thursday Service
at Northwood PC

Friday, March 29th:

12:00 PM Good Friday Service
at Heritage UMC

Sunday, March 31st:

Easter Sunday

8:15 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM IGNITE Service (Outside)

11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, April 7th:

8:15 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM IGNITE Service

11:00 AM Traditional Service

Saturday, April 13th:

8:00 AM All Church Work Day

Sunday, April 14th:

Youth Sunday

8:15 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM IGNITE Service

11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, April 21st:

8:15 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM IGNITE Service

11:00 AM Traditional Service

Sunday, April 28th:

Gifts of Women Sunday

8:15 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM IGNITE Service

11:00 AM Traditional Service

Vacation Bible School Needs You! 1

Easter Cantata, 3/24, 3:30 p.m. 1

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Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail 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.

From the PASTOR'S DESK

Rev. E. Chris Curvin, Pastor

Small Groups-The Pillars of Church Growth

The 5th Key Characteristic

(A series of articles on the 8 Key Characteristics of the Natural Church Development (NCD) Model for Church Growth and Being a Healthy Church.)

Dear Friends,

Of all the things we can learn from the NCD model, the most important principle has been identified as the multiplication of small groups within a congregation. It is within a small group that we get to know one another and become involved.

For example, a member of the choir invites someone they know to come to choir practice and immediately the person invited meets a key small group within the church. A winter guest decides to join one of the Dinner for 6, 7 & 8 groups and over the course of a few meals the new person or couple feels that they belong as part of a church family.

I remember Marilyn Martsof, who died just this past year, telling me a few years ago that after she and her husband, Harry, had initially joined Northwood they did not get involved as they had in previous churches; although they were asked. Marilyn shared with me shortly after Harry died that she had decided to become active in the church and she responded to the invitation from a member of the Kitchen Crew to help serve for a memorial service reception. She loved being a part of the ministry of the Kitchen Crew and felt Northwood was her church family. This brings us to another strong understanding of the importance and role of small groups. It is not so much just being in a group that is important, but rather, "holistic small groups" are places for Christians to learn to serve others with their spiritual gifts, both within and outside the group. Sometimes the group they feel connected to is a group that meets weekly (like an adult education class, a ministry team or committee), monthly (like a women's circle or Fresh Brewed Bible Study) or even annually (like the church garage sale or work day).

What I've learned about people is that they don't just join a church of 1,000 members out of the blue. More often than not, they join a church where they are already getting to know a small group of people. I hear this when a new member says, "We joined Northwood because we wanted our children to be in Sunday School and in a Youth Group." Is it any wonder then that we have families who join Northwood as members after first getting involved in King's Kids or having children in the Pre-School program? Another way to say this is that the larger any church grows, the smaller it must become by multiplying the number of small groups. When people participate in the Renaissance Crew, Marriage Alive, the annual Cedarkirk Retreat, VBS, or whatever it may be, this is where they initially get to know us as a church. There are many small "churches" or "groups" within any large congregation and this is important for people to feel a sense of belonging to the body of Christ.

How important is it that someone becomes a part of a group? So important that the NCD survey materials actually make the statement that "being involved in a small group is more important than attending worship!" That's a very strong statement!

As we celebrate Easter in the next week, we remember that Jesus started by calling a small group to follow him. After Jesus' death and resurrection, those disciples continued to meet and multiply as we read in the Book of Acts. All which is to say, the very essence of the true life of the church of Jesus Christ is worked out in small groups!

Your Pastor and Friend,
Chris



Christian Education

Joan Baker, Christian Education Team Chair

Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Thursday morning prayer group begins at 10 a.m. in the church parlor. New participants are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Holloway at 786-9440.

Fresh Brewed Woman's Bible Study

This Group of women meet the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in Room 15. We're reading Dramatic Encounters with God: Seven Life-Changing Lessons of Love, by Nicole Johnson. Consider joining! *Contact: Sally Uhler, 796-7563, Barbara Englehart, 791-4648, or Sandy Seckel, 787-1667.*



EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 yrs. old – 1st Grade Room 1

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3-5 Yr. Olds Room 3
1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
3rd – 5th Grades Room 8

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Children over three may remain with their parents in worship.

Middle & High School Christian Education

9:30 am Youth Room
11:00 am Youth Room

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

9:30 AM

SERENDIPITY– Rooms 13 & 15

Join us as we study 1 & 11 Peter. Class begins @ 9:45 but come a little early for coffee, cookies, and a time to chat.

TCI (Today's Christian Issues): Rooms 9 and 11

Join this class for weekly discussions on current events. The class is led by a group of teachers who rotate weekly. The class meets in rooms 9 & 11 with coffee and cookies.

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

11:00 AM

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15

If you are interested in joining our class, stop by! Please contact Vicki Krueger if you have any questions.



Youth & Young Adults

Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults ~ Ken Andreassen, Team Chair ~ Gene Weitz, Elder

CONFIRMATION

Please join us in praying for our 2013 Confirmation Class. They meet each Sunday from 9:30 am to 11:00 am until Easter. Please keep Andrew Carlstedt and David Robicheau in your prayers.

ACQUIRE THE FIRE!

Sign up today by contacting Pam Wood at 813-855-5504. ATF is April 19-20. There are a limited number of tickets and they are first come first serve. Contact Pam for more details.

CONYERS IS JUNE 9TH-15TH!

Sign up TODAY by filling out the information sheet on the youth bulletin board and placing it in the envelope outside the youth office or e-mail Peter and Susan Gajentan at pgajentan@juno.com. We must have enough adult chaperones to make this trip a success.

VBS YOUTH GUIDE REGISTRATION HAS STARTED!

Look for forms on the Bulletin Board or sign up online: www.northwoodpc.org. Training will be May 3rd or May 17th from 6-7:30. Contact: Pam Wood.

CEDARKIRK 2013 SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Cedarkirk has multiple camps this year that students can get involved in. The summer programs at Cedarkirk for students 6th-12th grade are offered during June, July and August with various activity options such as games, skits, songs, cookouts, canoeing, bible studies, ropes course, campfires, and zip-lining. Each camp emphasizes fun, relationship-building and spiritual growth. If you have questions, pick up a detailed camp flyer in the church office or go to Cedarkirk.org.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION TIME

NPC members who are high school seniors, college/vocational students or grad students are encouraged to pick up guidelines/applications from Katie Pacana in the church office now. Applications must be turned into Katie Pacana in the church office by April 1, 2013. 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.

Youth Highlights

Sunday, March 24th:

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 5-7 p.m. Youth Group

Friday, March 29th:

- 7-10 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, March 31st:

- NO Sunday School, Worship with Family!
- NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, April 5th:

- 7-10 p.m. Outside Game Night

Sunday, April 7th:

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 5-7 p.m. Youth Group

Friday, April 12th:

- 7-10 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, April 14th: YOUTH SUNDAY

- NO SUNDAY SCHOOL
- Lunch at Jason's Deli after Services
- NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, April 19th:

- 7-10 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, April 21st:

CONYERS PANCAKE BREAKFAST

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 5-7 p.m. Youth Group

Friday, April 26th:

- 7-10 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, April 29th:

- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 5-7 p.m. Youth Group

Let the LITTLE CHILDREN come to me ...

Luke 18:16

NURSERY WORKER NEEDED

(minimum part time)

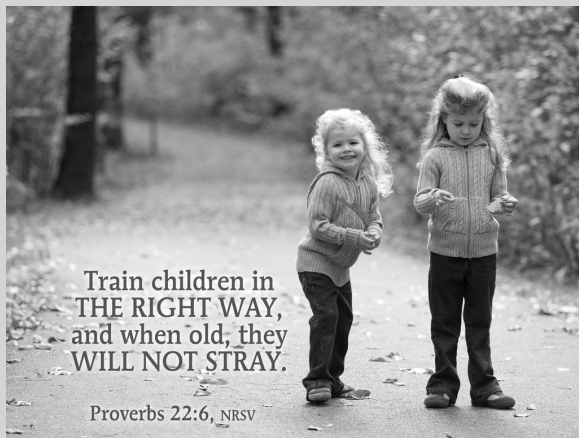
Responsible for caring for babies and children up to five years of age. Must have experience and pass a background check. Hours vary on Sunday mornings between 8 a.m. and noon and on some Wednesday afternoons and evenings between 3:45 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Other events of the church may require additional hours.

Search Committee for Director of Children's Ministry

The committee has been reviewing applications and conducting interviews. Updates will be communicated as we proceed with this search. Members include: Joan Baker (chairperson), Spencer Briggs, Anne Lanning, Jimmy Youngblood and Eric Kemerer.

Children's Library News!!!

Begin early preparing your child or grandchild for Easter with lots of exciting books and videos. Check it out!



Train children in THE RIGHT WAY, and when old, they WILL NOT STRAY.

Proverbs 22:6, NRSV

Children's Ministry News

Marcy Kemerer, Interim Volunteer Point-Person

King's Kids:

King's Kids every Wednesday from 4-6pm!
No King's Kids: 3/27 & 4/3

Children's Choir Church Dates:

March 31st-Easter Sunday at 9:30am
April 28th



Vacation Bible School:

Save the Date – June 24-28, 2013
Registration opens April 1, 2013 for all!

The Director Team:

Marilyn Cromwell
Marcy Kemerer
Susan Curry
Pam Wood

Wanted: A Few Great Volunteers!

Leader of Games & Assistants
3- Pre-School Teachers
1- 5th Grade Teacher, & Assistants

Important Dates:

Monday 3/18 from 7-8:30pm **Director & Coordinator Meeting**
Sunday, 4/7 from 1-3pm **Teacher Training & Staff Meeting**

*If you have any questions or would like to help with Sunday School, King's Kids, or VBS, please contact Marcy Kemerer, Interim Volunteer Children's Ministry Coordinator, at Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org, or call/text 727-455-2583.

MISSION & OUTREACH

Bill Martin, Mission & Outreach Team Chair

Honduras Mission Team Updates

Collecting School Supplies

We are collecting school supplies for the kids in Honduras. Our goal is to collect 1500 school kits so that every child we minister to receives one. We need crayons, pencils, sharpeners, erasers, and children's scissors. There is a blue bin in the entryway by the bookshelf to drop donations in if you'd like to participate. Thank you!

Upcoming Honduras fundraiser at Celebration Station!

We have arranged a great family night out. It's only \$12.99 per person and includes 2 hours of unlimited pizza, beverages, go-karts, bumper boats, mini golf and other rides. The event will be Thursday, April 4th from 6:30 - 8:30pm. In return, Celebration Station gives back a generous donation to our Honduras Mission Trip. So bring the family out for lots of fun!

AN ACOUSTIC NIGHT OF FELLOWSHIP April 14th - 5 to 7:30pm

Come enjoy an evening of acoustic entertainment with Dave Basti "Drummer Dave" and LBD (Little Big Duo) in addition to Larry Stephens and his Rivers Crossing music. We'll start the night out with a spaghetti dinner for families and youth from 5pm-6pm. Acoustic show will begin at 6pm. We'll also have bake sale items for purchase and raffle items. The event is free...donations and raffle proceeds go toward Honduras mission trip.

Northwood Meals on Wheels DRIVERS NEEDED!

Have you been looking for a way to share God's love with your fellow neighbor? Currently, we have an opening for a driver on the first Tuesday of each month. For more information call Blanche Parsons, 813-814-0818.

FOOD PANTRY NOTICE!

Thank you so much for all the support, financially and with supplies, that we have received for the church food pantry. Please be sure that the cans/jars donated are not out dated, as we have no outlet for outdated food. Thank you again!

THANK YOU'S FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Threads of Hope

Thank you all for your continued support. Our new Missionary Deb Deren, Director of Threads of Hope U.K., is presently with Dr. Gruber & Pastor William in Kenya. She is there to begin ground work for the new Women's Sewing Center & Co-op. We'll break ground soon! More to come!

Blessings,
AL

Beth-El Farmworker Ministry

Dear Northwood, Thank you for your donation of rice & beans. We appreciate your generosity in assisting our ministry to the Hispanic farmworker.

Once again, thank you for your donation, it is quite important to those we serve.

Blessings,
Dave Moore
Executive Director

RCS Food Bank

Dear Northwood, You made my day! Thank you for your thoughtful donation of \$300.00 to the RCS Food Bank. Your commitment to helping feed hungry people is sincerely appreciated, and your gift will be used to make sure families and individuals do not go without.

Sincerely,
Drina B. Meyer
Chair, Board of Directors

HEP

Dear Northwood, On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors at HEP, I gratefully acknowledge the gift of \$300.00 to the HEP Kitchen. This definitely stretches the budget allowing our cooks to provide an even larger number of more nutritional meals. We appreciate the confidence you have in HEP's mission.

Sincerely,
Barbara Green
President & CEO

Bay Area Pregnancy Center

Dear Friends, You have been such a tremendous help to us. Thank you for your continued donations of clothes, food, and gently used items for our monthly warehouse sale. Your faithfulness is greatly appreciated and has allowed us to truly make a difference in our community.

In appreciation,
Marsha Rimer
Executive Director

Get Involved!



Caring for Our Church Family

Northwood Photo Group April 9th

We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in rooms 13 & 15. All ages and experience levels are welcome. For more information contact David Lawrence at david@dlawrence.com or 727-734-3884.

Flower Sign-Up Sheet

Flower sign-up sheets for all of 2013 are now available on the Bulletin Board across from the Kitchen. The cost is \$27.50 and after the service, the flowers are arranged into small vases and distributed to those in the hospital or sick at home. Please be sure to fill it out completely and write legibly. Thank you!

Blood Drive, March 24th

The Blood Mobile will be here Sunday, March 24th. Mark your calendar!

All-Church Workday & Weiner Roast Saturday, April 13, 2013 8:00 a.m. – Noon

Come enjoy the fun, fellowship and blessing of sprucing up God's Church and yours inside & out. Look for a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board across from the kitchen.

We're Still Collecting Pull Tabs

Presbyterian Women are collecting aluminum pull tabs/pop tops for the Shriners. Please carefully pull tabs from empty cans and place only tabs in the labeled basket in the collection center in the South narthex. The profit from recycling is used to purchase hospital equipment. For questions contact Loisanne Bilka.

Prayer Shawls

The Women's Sewing Group has several beautiful handmade Prayer Shawls. If you know of a member or friend who is in a situation where they are in need of a Prayer Shawl, please contact Evelyn Towns (785-3743).

Per Capita Apportionment Envelopes are in the Pews!

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 2013 will be approximately \$24.00 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. Thank you for your gift.

RECITAL NOTICE

Northwood's Organist, Tom Huffman, will be presented in recital on the Reuter pipe organ of First Presbyterian Church of Dunedin on Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m. The concert is part of a series of events celebrating the 30th anniversary of the installation of the organ. The church is located at 455 Scotland Street in Dunedin. The public is invited. There is a freewill offering.

Kid's Corner News

Kid's Corner preschool has purchased 3 new kitchen sets, so we have 2 old kitchen sets to spare. They are made of either solid maple or birch, but could use a little work to bring them back to life. We also have a Little Tykes kitchen for sale as well. These items will be in room 4 and if you are interested make an offer and pay to NPC. Please put Kid's Corner in the memo line so Linda will know where to record it. Thank you Ms. Vicki

WE NEED VAN DRIVERS!!!!

We are in need of van drivers to serve in either a monthly rotation or as substitutes. Van drivers are responsible for picking up church members from around the area, bringing them to the 11:00 AM Service, and taking them home. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Cynthia Lawrence at 736-3919.

PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Larry Cornillaud; Doris Croasmun; Jean Dayes; Ginny Drawbaugh; Dorothy Dykstra; Barb Finn; Beverly Hanson; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Barbara Hunt; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Bea Kimball; Diane Luke; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Annie McElveen; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Melissa Mortin (Daughter of Pamela Peters); Diana Murray; Ron Nisk; Pamela Peters; Norman Phillips; Marian & Walter Rather; Helen Rice; Don Simcoe; Barbara Smith; Betty Smith; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot; Pat Thyger-son; 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.

Erik Desilets
2571 A Valencia Dr.
Holloman AFB
New Mexico 88330

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

A Word of Thanks

Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your caring and support these past weeks. I understand why Edna-May picked this church. So many of you helped me, many of you visited Edna, and so many of you sent prayers.

Bless you all, I know she is at peace with God.

Sincerely,
Bonnie Kissling (Niece of Edna Bechtold)

Dear Friends of Northwood,

Thank you to all of you for your prayers, support, and all you did for our family. We are truly blessed to be a part of this church family.

Thank you again,
Joan and Tom Baker & Family

Our prayers and sympathy go out to:

- The family and friends of Alex Archibald on his death, March 7, 2013.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of:
Lura Gillis

Angelo Zaccari
Marge Votta

Frank & Marge Votta
Alex Archibald

In Honor of:
Emily McMullen

Given by:
John & Janet George
Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler
Barbara Englehart
Barbara Schlerf
Dan & Diane Musto

Joe & Mary Ellen Zeigler
John & Janet George
Barbara Schlerf
Jean DeFilippo
Jean Swintek
Barbara Englehart

Walter & Sally Bromfield
Jean DeFilippo

Given by:
Jean DeFilippo

VITALS

Weather: Nice
Sunday, March 10, 2013
(8:15) 152
(9:30) 139
(11:00) 175
Total: 466

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

