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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 Contemporary Service
 (Nursery available)

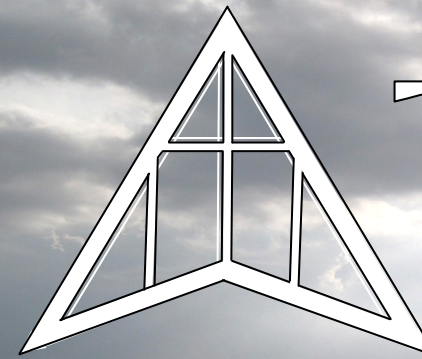
Lenten Cantata (Time TBA)
 "For Such a One as This"
 By Mark Hayes

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

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



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**YOUR DONATIONS HAVE HELPED
 HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS!**

When Hurricane Sandy hit, many in our congregation wanted to lend a helping hand. Thanks to your generous support, we were able to send funds to a specific family in need. You will find below some information about the family you helped. For privacy purposes, we will not list their names. Thank you again for your support!

This is a family of 5, Mom, Dad, 2 kids in College, one in High School. The Kids all grew up in the church, and were involved in the music program as bell ringers. Mom is involved in leadership at the church.

The family's home was on the Shrewsbury River. Dad was the only one home the night the storm struck. The storm surge rushed in through the back of the house and washed the house off its foundation. Dad had to swim from his house to the neighbor's house.

Because of hold-ups with insurance and the urgency of stabilizing the house, they have had tremendous out of pocket expenses. With 2 kids in college, there is not much discretionary income.

Since the storm they have been staying at the home of the Dad's sister where they plan to remain for now. The Mom has just had a serious health diagnosis which requires her to be out of work for a few months.

2013 W.A.Y. Series
 (Wednesdays And You)
 February 6th through March 13th

Lenten Bible Study
"A Clearing Season"

Meal: 6:00-6:40 PM
Lenten Series: 6:40-7:15 PM

***Ash Wednesday Service: 6:45 PM**
In the Sanctuary on February 13th
Topic: "A Clearing Season" Reading: Mark 1:12-13

During this year's Lenten study on Wednesday evenings our pastors will help us discover how to clear space in our lives for God and identify obstacles that keep us from God so we can move forward in our faith.

While the W.A.Y. series and dinners end on Wednesday, March 13th, we will still gather for worship during Holy Week with our Heritage United Methodist Church neighbors for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday on the following dates and times:

March 28th 7:00 PM-Maundy Thursday at Northwood

March 29th- Noon-Good Friday at Heritage

Easter Sunday - at Northwood
 8:15 and 11:00 AM - Traditional Services
 9:30 AM Contemporary Service

A Glance At The Window

February 19, 2013

This Month at Northwood

Sunday, February 24th:

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

Wednesday, February 27th:

6:00 W.A.Y. Dinner
6:35 W.A.Y. Series

Sunday, March 3rd:

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

Wednesday, March 6th:

6:00 W.A.Y. Dinner
6:35 W.A.Y. Series

Sunday, March 10th:

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

Wednesday, March 13th:

6:00 W.A.Y. Dinner
6:35 W.A.Y. Series

Sunday, March 17th:

8:15 Traditional Service
9:30 IGNITE Service
11:00 Traditional Service
11:00 New Member Class

Sunday, March 24th:

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

Thursday, March 28th:

7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service
at Northwood PC

Friday, March 29th:

12:00pm Good Friday Service
at Heritage UMC

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The Window

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Edited by Katie Pacana

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

INSPIRATIONAL WORSHIP

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 Church Family and Friends of Northwood,

In this series of articles on the Natural Church Development Model the fifth key, quality characteristic of healthy and growing churches is "Inspiring Worship."

I want to quote from the pamphlet entitled "The ABC's of Natural Church Development" to explain this particular quality in which Northwood scored a **very good score** based on the NCD definition of "inspiring worship." Here's what the NCD model says about this characteristic:

"There is probably no other area of church life where the distinction between models and principles is so frequently violated as in the area of the public worship service. Countless Christians believe that they must adopt a particular worship model of other churches, because they supposedly represent a church growth principle.

Our research indicated that the question is not whether our services target Christians or non-Christians, whether they celebrate "in the language of Canaan" or in a more secular language, or whether we worship using a liturgical or a more free flowing approach. It can be demonstrated that these are simply not the deciding factors for the growth of the church. Instead the key criterion is something else: Is the worship service an inspiring experience for those who attend it? It is this area that clearly separates growing from non-growing churches. People who attend inspiring worship services, (according to our study), declare that the church service – and for some Christians this is almost a heretical word – 'fun'."

I believe we have outstanding worship at Northwood. I don't believe that we would use the word "fun" to define "inspiring worship" as the NCD model does, but I would agree that worship should be both reverent and enjoyable. As Reformed/Presbyterian Christians we are "to glorify God and enjoy God forever."

The music leadership by our music staff, Stephanie and Tom, and our many choirs (hand bell, youth, children and others) is simply outstanding. By far this is the highest committed music staff and multiplicity of choirs devoted to offering inspiring worship than any church I have served. We have much to be grateful for as a church.

As your pastor I am joyfully committed to the teaching and preaching of God's Word. I believe that each time we gather for worship there is another opportunity for a life to be turned around, for a broken heart to be mended, for a life to be transformed, for spiritual growth to occur, for an encouraging word to be heard for a family member or friend. If this were not so, as I said to our new officers recently during officer training, "I'd take my robe off one Sunday morning and walk out the door."

During this season of Lent I hope you will seek to be faithful in worship as we celebrate faith in our Lord, Jesus Christ. You will discover each Sunday that your pastors wear their robes here... because of what we believe!

Your Pastor and Friend,

Chris

Christian Education

Joan Baker, Christian Education Team Chair

Children's Ministry News

Marcy Kemerer, Interim Volunteer Point-Person

King's Kids

King's Kids every Wednesday from 4-6pm!
Children's Choir Church Dates: 3/24 and 4/28

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
Leader of the Crafty Kitchen
Teachers & Assistants

Important Dates:

Monday, 3/18, 7-8:30pm

Director & Coordinator Meeting

Sunday, 4/7, 1-3pm

Teacher Training & Staff Meeting

*If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, King's Kids, or VBS, please contact Marcy Kemerer, call/text 727-455-2583 or email marcykem07@gmail.com.



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 learn about the disciple Peter through small and important incidents in Matthew and Acts. 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

We've started back with another great year. If you are interested in joining our class, stop by! Please contact Vicki Krueger if you have any questions.

Youth & Young Adults

Ken Andraessen, Team Chair ~ Gene Weitz, Elder
Sarah Mattheus, Director of Youth & Young Adults

In the next few months as we head into summer we have a lot of opportunities for our students to be involved in the life of the church. Please mark the dates on your calendar and for future dates, check the Youth Page's calendar on the church's website. Also we are about to start sign-ups for Conyers, our annual summer mission trip with Smyrna Presbyterian Church in Conyers, GA. Keep a look out for an upcoming informational meeting date.

Confirmation Has Begun!

As we look towards Easter, I would ask that you would be in prayer for the students as they learn about the church. The students who are involved are Sydney Blackmore, Andrew Carlstedt and David Robicheau. Confirmation is a special opportunity for these students to decide as individuals to affirm their faith and join the church.

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

Middle & High School Christian Education

- 9:30 & 11:00 Sundays (Rm. 14)

Sunday, February 24th:

- No Youth Group – due to 30 hour famine

Friday, March 1st:

- 7-10pm Game Night - Gym

Sunday, March 3rd:

- 5-7pm Youth Group – Youth Room

Friday, March 8th:

- 7-10pm Game Night - Gym

Sunday, March 10th:

- 5-7pm Youth Group – Youth Room

Friday, March 15th:

- 7-10pm Game Night – Gym

Sunday, March 17th:

- 5-7pm Youth Group – Youth Room

Friday, March 22nd:

- 7-10pm Game Night – Gym

Confirmation Schedule

February 24th:

- 9:30am Worship & Sacraments (*Teacher: Pastor Chris*)

February 25th (Monday):

- 7pm Session Meeting (*Room 5*)

March 1-3

- Confirmation Retreat @ Cedarkirk (*If parents and students desire.*)

March 10th:

- Old Testament (*Teacher: Pastor Paul*)

March 17th

- New Testament (*Teacher: Denise Cernansky*)

Around Northwood



PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Alex Archibald; Larry Cornillaud; Doris Croasman; 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 Thygeron; 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

Yard Sale Thanks!

Many, many thanks to all who contributed their time and talents and items to the annual yard sale which benefits the music ministry. Carol Rathmell in particular who was in charge this year and was there daily. If I begin naming I will leave someone out, but it could not happen without you and you know who you are! Thank you also for your generous donations because after all, that is what makes the money! We made over \$7500 this year and have big plans for next year's sale already. God is so good!

- Our prayers and sympathy go out to:**
- The family of Marge Votta on the news of her death on February 5, 2013.
 - Joan & Tom Baker and family on the news of the death of Joan's mother, Lura Gillis, on February 16, 2013.
 - Pete & Mimi Judd and family on the news of the death of Mimi's sister, Laura Jane Motz.

Change of Address:

Ruth & John Orban 315 Jackson Drive Cranford, N.J. 07016 908-276-1724	Doris Strathearn 2655 Nebraska Ave. Apt. #250 Palm Harbor, FL 34684 727-785-2576
Rees & Jeri Heycock 1487 Heather Ridge Blvd. Dunedin, FL 34698	Jean Dayes 101 Main Street Apt #303 Safety Harbor, FL 34695

MEMORIAL GIFTS

<u>In Memory of:</u> <i>Angelo Zaccari</i>	<u>Given by:</u> <i>Art & Jeanette Holloway Barbara Schlerf</i>
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<u>In Honor of:</u> <i>Michael Cromwell, Charlotte McQuown & Kitchen Krew Aurelia Pears</i>	<u>Given by:</u> <i>Jean Swintek Carol Hopkins</i>
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VITALS

Weather: Beautiful
Sunday, February 10, 2013

(8:15)	128
(9:30)	91
(11:00)	145
Total:	364

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

Northwood Photo Group March 14th

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 broken down and distributed to those in the hospital or sick at home. Please be sure to fill it out completely and write legibly. Thank you!

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.

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 to sign up.

Library News!

- Yes, there are new books on the display table.
- Parents and children enjoy the Children's Library.
- Have all read the Library report in the annual reports???

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.

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).

Fresh Brewed Woman's Bible Study

This Group of women meet the first Friday of the month at 10:30am in Room 15. We've started a new book: 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.*

The Honduras Mission Team

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!

Dinner for 6-7-8

LAST CALL FOR THE SPRING SESSION OF DINNER FOR 6-7-8! The sign up sheet is waiting for your signature...or you may call Martha Tobiassen at 727-669-5517. Remember, you host only one dinner at your home, and then you get to visit others when they host and you bring a side dish per your host's instructions. We hope you'll join us!

A Word of Thanks

Dear Friends,
We want to thank all of you who helped us when I needed help Friday, January 11th. Thanks for either bringing food, sending cards and for your prayers. We were so blessed for your loving acts and thoughts.
Blessings,
Mimi & Pete Judd

THANK YOU'S FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Presbyterian Mission Agency

Dear Northwood,
I deeply appreciate your commitment to Presbyterian World Mission. May you experience God's richest blessings as you celebrate God's wonderful gift to us.
Together in Mission,
Hunter Farrell
Director

Habitat for Humanity

Dear Northwood:
Thank you so much for your \$1,420. It's donors like you that help us keep building. We are grateful for your kindness and support of our mission.
Let's Build,
Barbara Inman
CEO/President

RCS

Dear Northwood:
Thank you so much for your continued support for The Haven of RCS and the RCS Food Bank. You make it possible for us to empower the survivors of domestic violence and feed the hungry. You're gift of \$578 is greatly appreciated.
Sincerely,
Caitlin Higgins Joy
President/CEO

FFIM

Dear Friends,
Thank you for your faithful contributions to the Foundation for International Missions. We received your contribution of \$250. We are grateful for your steady stewardship and contribution to this ministry.
Thank you,
Beth A. Houghton
Treasurer

Thornwell

Dear Northwood,
Your generous gift of \$250 this Christmas season is deeply appreciated—Thank you! May the joy and peace of Christ be with you and yours.
For All God's Children,
Louise Cooper
Vice President for Advancement