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 A Stephen Ministry Congregation

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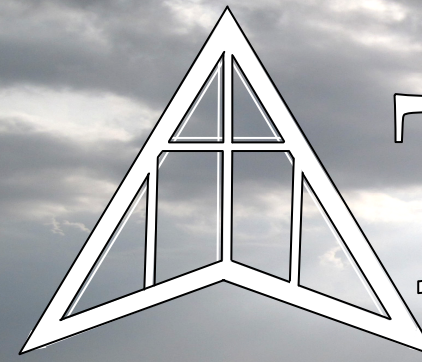
**New Members Class**

**Are You New to Northwood?**

Join us for our Discovering Northwood Class on Sunday, May 19th at 11:00 am in room 4. We meet one Sunday and discuss what it means to be a Presbyterian, the diversity of our Church, the role of membership, and more.

If you have any questions or would like to talk more about becoming a member of Northwood, please contact Pastor Chris Curvin at [chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org](mailto:chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org) or the Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana at [Katie@Northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@Northwoodpc.org). Both Pastor Chris and Katie can be reached at the church office, 796-8090.

We hope to see you there!



**The Window**  
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**LOOKING  
 FORWARD**

**NIGHT OUT AT BRIGHT HOUSE  
 FIELD, FRIDAY, MAY 3RD**

Sign up to take your family to see the Clearwater Threshers take on the Tampa Yankees. First pitch is at 6:30 and there will be fireworks after the game. The cost is only \$5.00 per person. SO sign up today on the bulletin board outside the Kitchen and enjoy an evening with your fellow congregants! For questions, contact Chris Hurst, 796-8090.

**CONYER'S PANCAKE BREAK-  
 FAST & COFFEE!!!**

Join us next Sunday, April 21st for a delicious pancake breakfast in Rooms 4, 5, 6, & 7! The breakfast is by donation only and all proceeds will go directly toward the 2013 Conyers Mission Team. This will also be the last chance to register! We thank you for your support and look forward to seeing you there!



**Vacation Bible School  
 June 24-28, 2013**

- Who?** Children 4 yrs. old (as of 9/1/13) through 5<sup>th</sup> grade (2012-2013 school year) Registration is now open to everyone
- When?** Registration is now open to everyone
- Where?** Northwood Presbyterian Church  
 2875 State Road 580  
 Clearwater, FL 33761  
 (1 mile E of Countryside Mall)
- How Much?** Registration is \$10 per child (Optional VBS t-shirts are \$5.00 per child) Note: Registration fee is waived for children of full-time VBS volunteers and for children registered for the Northwood Child Care Summer Camp.

**How Do I Register?**  
 Register online at [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org). Click on the "VBS 2013 Registration" link and follow the instructions provided.

*If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Marcy Kemerer, Interim Point Person for Children's Ministries, at 796-8090 or [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).*



# At A Glance

April 16, 2013

## This Month at Northwood

### Sunday, April 21st:

#### Pancake Breakfast

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

### Sunday, May 5th:

8:15 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM IGNITE Service

11:00 AM Traditional Service

### Sunday, May 12th: Mother's Day

#### Bake Sale

8:15 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM IGNITE Service

11:00 AM Traditional Service

### Sunday, May 19th: Pentecost

8:15 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM IGNITE Service

11:00 AM Traditional Service

11:00 AM New Member Class

### Sunday, May 26th:

8:15 AM Traditional Service

9:30 AM IGNITE Service

11:00 AM Traditional Service

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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).

# 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,

Insert Text

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.*

## 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.

## LIBRARY NEWS!!!

Wouldn't now be a good time to read or view something about the Resurrection? Easter books are still on display in both libraries. Check it Out!

## 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. Joan Baker, Search Committee Chair.

## EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

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

3 yrs. old – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Room 1

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

3-5 Yr. Olds Room 3

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grades Room 16

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> 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

No Sunday School Today—Youth Sunday!

### 9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### SERENDIPITY— Rooms 13 & 15

Our Journey into I Peter has begun. He's writing to scattered believers in Asia Minor (Turkey) because of persecution. We may not be persecuted for our faith, but problems are common to us all. How do we handle them as Christians? How did they? Come a little early to chat and have a cup of coffee.

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

Join us for weekly discussions about hot topics and current events. Led each week by a group of rotating volunteers, this class will be sure to provide lively discussion opportunities. We hope you'll consider joining us. Coffee and cookies will be provided.

### 11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

#### 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

## VBS YOUTH GUIDE REGISTRATION HAS STARTED!

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

## 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 May 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, 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:

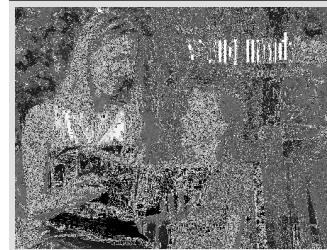
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 5-7 p.m. Youth Group

### Sunday, May 12th:

- Coffee & Bake Sale for Conyers
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Sunday School

### Future Dates:

June 9th-15th Conyers, GA Mission Trip



# Children's Ministry

### King's Kids:

End of the Year Party: 4/24 from 4:30-6 p.m.

Choir 4:30-5:00 p.m.

Party 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Children's Choir Church Dates: 4/28

### Vacation Bible School: Save the Date – June 24-28, 2013

Registration opened April 1, 2013 for all!

The Director Team: Marilyn Cromwell, Marcy Kemerer, Susan Curry & Pam Wood

The 2013 VBS Donation List is coming in May! Keep your eyes peeled for ways you can help!

### Important Dates: Sunday, 6/2 from 12:30-2pm All Staff & Youth Guide Meeting (BYOL)

*\*If you have any questions or would like to help with Sunday School, King's Kids, or VBS, please contact Marcy Kemerer at [Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org), or call/text 727-455-2583.*

## SUMMER MUSIC CAMP!!

**Who:** Kids rising into 3rd grade thru kids rising into 6th grade

**What:** We learn and perform a Christian musical, play music games, snack!

**When:** 8/12 – 8/16

**Time:** M-F 9-12:00 + Friday evening dinner/performance, 8/16 (extra nominal cost for dinner)

**Cost:** \$25 for the week

**How many:** Limited to 25

**Why:** Cause it's fun to perform and give our gifts back to God!!

**How:** Email or call me to reserve your spot!  
[stephanie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:stephanie@northwoodpc.org); 796-8090

# Get Involved!



## Caring for Our Church Family

### Presbyterian Women

Everyone is invited to the PW Installation Service, Covered Dish Luncheon, and Annual Birthday Party on Tuesday, May 7, 2013, starting at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary. Luncheon follows the ceremony. Bring a dish to share. Beverages and Birthday cake are provided! Questions? Contact Marian Hill, 723-3433.

### Northwood Photo Group

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](mailto:david@dlawrence.com) or 727-734-3884.

### Flower Sign-Up Sheet

Flower sign-up sheets for all of 2013 are 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!

### 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.

### 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!!

### 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.

### Mother's Day Bake Sale

It's our 3rd Annual Mother's Day Bake Sale to benefit Conyers! Be sure to stop by the church on **Mother's day, May 12th** and grab that Sweet Mom of yours a Sweet Treat!

### 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.

### 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.

### 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!

### Deacon's Hurricane Ministry Hurricane

Season begins June 1. Go to [www.baynews9.com](http://www.baynews9.com) & click on "Weather", then under "Hurricane Center" you will find all the information you need to prepare. If evacuation is necessary, the NPC Hurricane Ministry is asking for volunteers who would like to share their homes. If you are willing to make this kind gesture, please contact Ed Puschmann at (727)773-0764 or email him at [edjudi@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:edjudi@tampabay.rr.com), and type in the subject "Hurricane Request." Please include your name, address, phone number and how many people you can accommodate.

### PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Larry Cornillaud; Doris Croasmun; Jean Dayes; Ginny Drawbaugh; Dorothy Dykstra; Barb Finn; 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); 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 Thygerson; 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

### Our prayers and sympathy go out to:

- Roger & Janet Winder and Family on the death of Janet's father, Rev. F. Wayne Lawson, on March 20, 2013.
- The family and friends of church member, Diana Murray who died on March 29th, Good Friday. A memorial service was held at Northwood on Thursday April 4th.
- The Strelcheck family on news of the death of Andy's mother, Kathy.
- The family of Beverly Hanson on the news of her death Thursday, April 4th. A memorial service will be held Friday, April 19th at 11:00am at Northwood.
- The Kothe/Vigre family on the news of the death of Raymond Vigre Sunday, April 7th.
- Don Morrison & family on the news of the death of Don's son, John.

### MEMORIAL GIFTS

**In Memory of:**  
*Bernice Taylor*  
*Angelo Zaccari*  
*Lura Gillis*

*Alex Archibald*

*Diana Murray*  
*Marge Votta*

**Given by:**  
*Lorrie Janusik*  
*Jean DeFilippo*  
*Jean DeFilippo*

*Bill & Patty Martin*  
*Dan & Diane Musto*

*Jean DeFilippo*  
*Carmelee Andrews*

### 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).

## VITALS

**Weather:** Beautiful  
**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013**

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| (8:15)  | 234 |
| (9:30)  | 250 |
| (11:00) | 303 |
| Total:  | 787 |

**PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.**

## THANK YOU'S FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### NPC Food Pantry

On behalf of NPC Mission Ministry, we would like to extend our sincere "Thanks" to William Warren, Isaac Jeffre, David Hamilton, & the TCI Class for your outstanding efforts in helping to provide much needed food items to those in our community that are less fortunate. These collections were so timely and they have really helped stock our ever diminishing food pantry. Marking out the codes on each can was a great help. May God bless you!

### T.C.I. Thanks You

Thank you to all who continue to contribute Labels for Education & Box Tops for Thornwell Home for Children. The class also contributes to A.I.R. in Guatemala & Threads of Hope in Kenya. Our total offering for the three missions last year was \$2,530. We also donate canned goods to our church's food pantry. Please consider joining us for Christian fellowship and mission.

### Habitat for Humanity

Dear Northwood, Thank you so much for your \$1,420 donation on 3/22/13. It's donors like you that help us keep building. We are grateful for your kindness and support of our mission. Let's build!  
Steve Lightburn  
VP of Development

### Clearwater Free Clinic

Dear Northwood, I would like to thank you for the donation of medicine bottles and the time and effort you all took to clean them so that they looked brand new. We are truly grateful for your continued support.  
Sincerely,  
Jeannie Shapiro  
Executive Director