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From the Facility Manager

It's hard to believe that September 10th marked my one year anniversary. It's been a great and busy first year and I'm looking forward to an equally great second year.

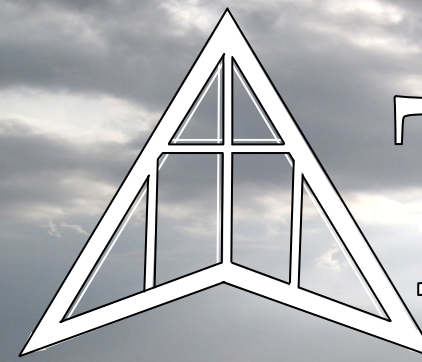
I'd like to thank Justine and the older V.B.S. participants for helping to rework and rejuvenate two of the park benches by the South entrance. And also thank Troy and the Youth Group for reworking and rejuvenating the other two benches which also reside at the South entrance.

As many have already noticed, the work to replace the tile floor at all the entrances is complete and looks very good. The installation by Jeff Schalmo was excellently done.

I have also been working with the Memorial Garden Committee to revitalize the entire area. It is not something that will happen overnight, but we are in the process of making things happen. The committee has done a great job of getting this project rolling.

In closing, I want to thank each and every one of you, my Northwood family, for accepting me and making me feel welcome during my first year. I look forward to my continued work with and for you!

Jeff Mossolle
Facility Manager



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New Members Class

Are You New to Northwood?

Join us for our Discovering Northwood Class on Sunday, November 16th at 10:45 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 or the Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana at katie@northwoodpc.org. Both Pastor Chris and Katie can be reached at the church office, 796-8090. We hope to see you there!

Important Publication Submission Reminder

Please continue to send all Announcements and publication information to Katie@Northwoodpc.org. Katie is scheduled to work through October. After Katie goes on leave, all information should still be sent to her e-mail with a subject line indicating for which publication and what dates the information is to run. Thank you!

Wi-Fi? Why Not?

According to Nielsen Research, 65% of all Americans owned a smart phone in 2013. Even if you dispute their research methodology, all you need to do is take notice when you're out and about. Everyone seems to have a smart phone in their hand, on their belt or at their ear. The more we come to rely on these devices and their data capabilities and the more we become accustomed to hopping on the free Wi-Fi at Starbucks, Publix, and even Michael's craft store, the more we come to expect it everywhere we go...maybe even at Northwood.

Some of you may not believe this, but people have been asking me for Wi-Fi passwords at the church for about four years. We do have Wi-Fi in the church office, but since that network is for church payroll and banking, that is not a password that we release. Furthermore, since Wi-Fi signal quality is largely a function of distance and the number of users, having the password doesn't do you much good unless you are sitting right in the office as the signal would be insufficient.

Why do people want Wi-Fi at the church? There are several answers. If a person has a smart phone, using Wi-Fi as opposed to a 3 or 4G Network from the service provider saves the user money. If a person has a laptop or tablet-type device, they cannot access the internet at all while on our campus. And if you're asking why someone coming to the church needs internet access anyway...that list gets longer every day.

Sunday School curriculum used to be supported by DVD's and audio tapes. More and more of those resources are made available to teachers/facilitators online via a laptop or monitor in the room. Vendors like those who were recently here for the Craft and Vendor Fair have a need for internet access to process payments electronically. Children in the Before/After School program need to access class and homework materials online. And while some of us may not be ready for it, others have expressed an interest in being able to access the Bible online during the worship service.

So, why don't we just put an unsecured wireless router in the Christian Education Building and call it good? The bottom line is that it simply won't work. Remember, signal quality is a function of distance and number of users. Unlike your home where you're always in range and maybe one or two of you are using the network, such a solution on our campus with multiple users across the campus would be like doing virtually nothing at all. All of this is to say that if you're wondering about Wi-Fi at Northwood, we're working on it and we realize the increasing need. If you are not interested in Wi-Fi and internet access at Northwood, just know that there are some very legitimate reasons to consider it and address the need.

To that end, we have met several times with the Director of Information Technology at a neighboring church that has successfully implemented Wi-Fi across a much larger campus than ours. I am in the process of getting bids for the inside wiring that is necessary for wireless. (Ironic, isn't it?) And we know the cost of the necessary hardware that will be placed strategically across the campus. Initially, it appears that it will be about a \$4,000 project with the potential to grow as demand is expected to increase. When the fact finding is complete, we will determine the next steps relative to the budget and in concert with the Stewardship/Property/Finance Ministry Team. I'll keep you posted!
~Chris Hurst, Business Administrator

At A Glance

October 21, 2014

This Month at
Northwood

Friday, October 24-26:
Cedarkirk All-Church Retreat

Sunday, October 26th:
8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Wednesday, October 29th:
6:00 PM W.A.Y. Dinner
6:30 PM W.A.Y. Program

Saturday, November 1st:
8:30 AM-Noon All-Church Work Day

Sunday, November 2nd:
Blanket Sunday
8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

Wednesday, November 5th:
6:00 PM W.A.Y. Dinner
6:30 PM W.A.Y. Program

Sunday, November 9th:
Stewardship Dedication Sunday
8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service
12:00 PM Loyalty Luncheon

Wednesday, November 12th:
6:00 PM W.A.Y. Dinner
6:30 PM W.A.Y. Program

Sunday, November 16th:
8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service
11:00 AM Discovering Northwood Class

Wednesday, November 19th:
6:00 PM W.A.Y. Dinner
6:30 PM W.A.Y. Program

Sunday, November 23rd:
8:15 AM Traditional Service
9:30 AM IGNITE Service
11:00 AM Traditional Service

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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.

For more information about The Presbytery of Tampa Bay go to www.presbyteryoftampabay.com or about The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) go to www.pcusa.org.

"Taking the Next Step of Faith"

2015 Pledge Campaign

“TAKING THE NEXT STEP OF FAITH IN OUR GIVING”

Dear Members and Friends of Northwood,

It is our belief as Christians that God calls us to live lives of simplicity and generosity. Each Fall, and at other times of the year, we emphasize the importance of our financial giving to the church. Giving has always been a mark of our Christian commitment. This is why as we enter this year’s stewardship season, our theme is “*Taking The Next Step Of Faith In Our Giving.*” The Apostle Paul reminds us in 2 Corinthians 9:6-7:

“The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

Our Stewardship Team hopes that for 2015 you will take the next step of faith by increasing your pledge/gift to the church from the current year. Tithing is a primary expression of our Christian commitment. Together, by committing a percentage of our income to God, we affirm that God has blessed each and every one of us and calls us to be a blessing to others in Christ’s name.

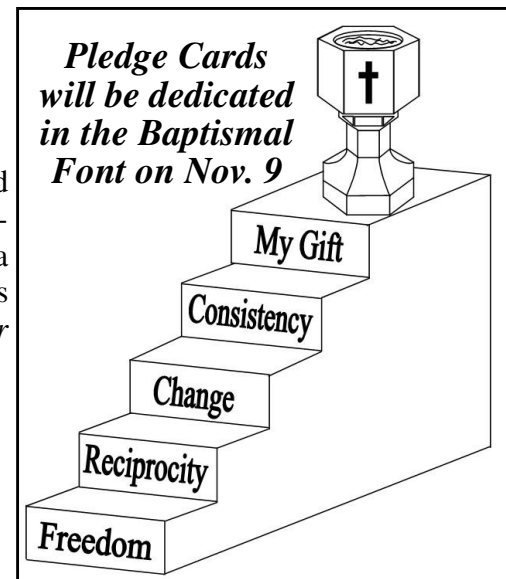
The wonderful things Northwood does in the name of Jesus Christ are not accomplished without significant volunteer and financial commitments by so many of you. As we look toward the coming year in order to plan an effective budget, we need everyone to consider turning in a pledge card. Your pledge can be adjusted at any point in the year simply by contacting the church office and speaking to Linda O’Leary, our Bookkeeper. Thank you to all of those who currently turn in a card or give so very faithfully. Every gift counts now and for 2015, no matter how small!

Finally, there are a growing number of people, myself included, who enjoy giving regularly to Northwood by utilizing our electronic online giving. In making my pledge to the “Building Renovation Fund” I was able to make a financial commitment to the campaign over an eighteen month period. I receive an electronic notice of my donation each week, as well as a thank you from the church. During the upcoming stewardship season you may want to consider making your financial pledge through this increasingly popular method. All you have to do to take advantage of this method of giving is to go to the church website, www.northwoodpc.org, click on the tab “About Us” and choose the option entitled “Giving.” There are very good instructions to lead you through making a gift online once you get to the website page.

Let us always remember that stewardship is everything we do from the moment we confess Jesus Christ as Lord. Stewardship in its fullest dimension always includes taking the next step of faith and being open to serve in the giving of our time, talent, and treasure to the glory of God.

Your pastor and friend,

Chris Curvin



Christian Education

Susan Curry, Christian Education Team Chair

Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Fresh Brewed meets the first Friday of the month. We are studying a new book *A Million Little Ways: Uncover the Art You Were Made to Live* by Emily P. Freeman. All are welcome. Contact: Sally Uhler, 727-795-7563.

Renaissance Crew

We will meet on November 14 at 10:30 a.m. in rooms 9 & 11. From his trip to Oregon this fall, Pastor Paul will combine photographs with biblical and spiritual reflections to present a program entitled, "Exploring God's Inspiring Creation along the Oregon Coast." Following the program we will enjoy a delightful lunch at a favorite restaurant. Join us for joyful Christian fellowship! Contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org with questions.

Take a Tour of the Library!

Have you walked through the library lately? Adults, check out the new books on the table, including a best seller by Dr. Ben Carter. Children will find lots of family DVDs! Check it out.



EDUCATION MINISTRY FOR ALL AGES

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds-5th Grade (14/15 School Year) Room 3, dismissed to the multi-age Sunday School class after the Children's Message

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-Kindergarten (14/15 School Year) Room 3

1st & 2nd Grades Room 16
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 16.

3rd-5th 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 8.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION
3 Yr. Olds - 5th grade (14/15 school year) join us as we bring the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 4 beginning at 11:00. Children will move to room 3 at 11:20 where they can be picked up after service. Should your child like to attend service up until the Children's message, they can join in on the fun in room 3 after the Children's Message or return to worship with their parents.

Middle & High School Christian Education

Come join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum, we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

9:30 AM Youth Room
11:00 AM Youth Room

Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Jackie Koski (jackieandjerry@verizon.net), Chair of Worship Team.

9:30 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

SERENDIPITY—Rooms 13 & 15
Join us as we study different Biblical Figures each week! Coffee and cookies are provided!

TCI (Today's Christian Issues)—Rooms 9 & 11
The TCI class is filled with great discussion based on current events. We invite you to join us each Sunday as we take on a new current issue. Coffee and cookies will enhance the conversation.

11:00 AM ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

EXPERIENCING GOD – Rooms 13 & 15
Led by Vicki Krueger.



Children's Ministry

Drop'n'Shop

Parents, December 6, 2014 you can drop your kids off from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at the church and then go Christmas shopping. There will be limited space so make sure you register early. The cost is \$10.00 a child with a max of \$30.00 per family. This is for children ages birth-5th grades. You must register to participate. Money collected is going into a Cedarkirk Camp scholarship fund for children and youth. Registration for church members/families opens November 3, 2014! You can register online at www.northwoodpc.org/dropnshop. Save the date!

Halloween Candy!

The children's choirs use candy treats as incentives and we would be very grateful to take your Halloween leftovers or any BOGO's that you would like to donate. Please drop them off in the music office or in Stephanie's box in the office. Thank you!! Stephanie Carson

King's Kids Every Wednesday!

From 4:00-6:00 PM

King's Kids is our midweek program for children ages 3yrs -5th grade, from 4:00-6:00 pm. We could use 4 more volunteers for October 29. If you can help out this one time please let Justine Ruisz know.

Sunday School Classes

See page 4 for more information about available Sunday School Classes.

Youth & Young Adults

Gene Weitz, Elder

Youth Events

Sunday School

Join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school at both 9:30 and 11:00. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

Dates to Remember:

- Sunday, October 26- Pumpkin Carving Contest 4:15-6:45 (Middle-High School combined)
- Sunday, December 14, Youth Christmas Party following "Ring, Sing, Mingle"

Calendar

Friday, October 24th:

- Game Night 7-10 PM

Sunday, October 26th:

- Pumpkin Carving Contest for MS & HS beginning at 4:1

Friday, October 31st:

- No Game Night

Sunday, November 2nd:

- Combined Youth Group 4:15-6 pm

Friday, November 7th:

- Game Night 7-10 PM

Sunday, November 9th:

- Combined Youth Group 4:15-6 pm

Troy Harris, Director of
Youth & Young Adults
troyharris1962@yahoo.com, 366-7762

Get Involved

Caring for Our Church Family

Craft & Vender Market Thanks

A BIG "Thank you" to all for coming out to support the 1st Annual NPC Craft and Vendor Event that was held on October 4th. We had a great turnout and fun was had by all. NPC has many talented members.

We are already looking forward to the 2nd Annual NPC Craft & Vendor Event. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 3, 2015.

If you are ever in need of an Event or Party Planner, please keep D-K Planners in mind. Thank You!

Dianna Hatch and Karol Combs
D-K Planners & Designs, Event Planners
813-814-5811
Dianna@techgecko.com

All-Church Fall Workday and Weiner Roast!

Come enjoy the fun, fellowship and blessing of sprucing up God's church and yours both inside and out on Saturday, **November 1** from 8:30am-Noon. Sign up on the bulletin board across from the kitchen or online: www.northwoodpc.org/workday

Blanket Sunday is November 2, 2014

It's that time of year again. Please be thinking about picking up new or setting aside gently used blankets that we can give to those in need this winter. Once again, the blankets will be donated to Beth El Ministries. Please contact Sue Miskiewicz with any questions at 727-799-6767 or susan.miskiewicz@yahoo.com.

Dedication Sunday & Loyalty Luncheon

Mark your calendar for our annual Covered Dish Loyalty Luncheon to take place at Noon on **Sunday, November 9**. This tradition follows a meaningful morning worship in which we dedicate and re-dedicate our time, talents, and offerings to God! More information to come!

Community Thanksgiving Service November 25, 2014, 7pm at Heritage

Join us as we come together with three other area churches for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service held this year at Heritage United Methodist Church. Pastor Danny of North Bay Community Church will be preaching! See you there!

W.A.Y. Dinners

Be sure to sign up on the bottom of the friendship sheet or on the signup sheet next to the kitchen door! The Kitchen Krew has a delicious menu prepared and the Pastors have prepared another line up of amazing Mission presentations. Sign up today!

Office Angels Needed

We are in need of volunteers to work in the office on either a weekly, bi-weekly, or substitute basis. Work days are either 9-12:30 in the morning or 12:30-4 in the afternoon. Work requires answering phones, making copies, assisting with the food pantry, and more! Mobility is a must! If you are interested in learning more or finding out which days we are in need, please contact Katie Pacana in the church office!

Building Renovation Pledge Update

Thank you to all those who made pledges or gifts to our building renovation campaign. To date we have pledges of \$61,813 toward our goal of \$80,000. We have already received \$34,070.25 toward the amount pledged thus far!

Per Capita Apportionment

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 2014 is \$24.22 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift.

Nominations Being Accepted This is your last opportunity!

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 10/31**. Remember to get the person's permission before nominating them. Nomination forms may be placed in Ray Spigarelli's mailbox in the church office or in the offering plate.

I have the permission of _____

to nominate them for the office of **Elder** or **Deacon**
(Please circle one)



PRAYER MINISTRY

Ken Andreassen; Burt & Dottie Benziger; Larry Cornillaud; Kimberly Corrello; Doris Croasmun; Jean Dayes; Shirley Gleason; Hugh Gott; Fred Inkles; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Diane Luke; Lois Marsh; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Major Brendan McEvoy; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian & Walter Rather; Barbara Smith; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot; Barbara Yontek.

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

Our thoughts and prayers go out to:

- The family of Paul E. Dillon who died September 3, 2014 in Ohio. Condolences can be sent to the family by visiting www.schoedinger.com.
- Sue Miskiewicz and family at the death of her mother, Dorothy Dykstra, on October 3, 2014 in Clearwater.
- The family of Jean DeFilippo at the news of her death on September 29, 2014.
- Mildred Martin and Nancy Turner on the death of Mildred's sister (Nancy's Aunt), Olie Fernam of Columbia, SC.

MEMORIAL GIFTS

In Memory of:
Ruth Teal

Dorothy Dykstra
Jean DeFilippo

Given by:
Carmele Andrews
Earl & Jessie Lusk

Joe & Mary Ellen Ziegler
Jean Swintek
Jan Hewlett
Nancy Cotter
Joe & Mary Ellen Ziegler
Jane Urban

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

VITALS

Weather: Sunny	
October 12, 2014	
(8:15)	153
(9:30)	140
(11:00)	148
Total:	441

Dear Northwood Family,

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards and visits during my illness. It is greatly appreciated and warmly felt!

Thanks again,
Lois Marsh

Thanks From the Mission Field

BETH-EL

Thanks for your donation of \$250. Through donations such as yours we are able to assist the local Hispanic farm worker community.
Dave Moore, Executive Director

For Haiti With Love

Thank you for your continuing support.
In His Love, Eva

RCS

Thank you for your thoughtful donation of \$930 to The RCS Food Bank.
Sincerely, Drina Meyer, Chair, RCS Board of Directors

FFIM

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250 for the work of the New Hope Clinic in Honduras.
Sincerely, Beth A. Houghton, Treasurer

Presbyterian World Mission

On behalf of PWM, please allow me to express our appreciation to you for your faithful support of our mission co-workers with your gift of \$250.
Yours in Christ, Chris Roseland, Church Support Associate

Isaiah's Inn, Inc.

Thank you for your generous donations of \$250. We have completed our Summer Camp Program and our Back to School Program.
Very truly yours, Robert E. Crown, President

Clearwater Free Clinic

Thank you so much for your generous gift to our Annual Fund.
Sincerely, Jean Shapiro, Executive Director

Thornwell

Thank you for your prayers, your partnership and your compassion for children and families who experience the love of God through your generosity.

For all God's children, Louise Cooper, VP