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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER | NORTHWOODS PRESBYTERIAN | MARCH 2018

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NORTHWOODS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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SHAMROCK THE BLOCK

MARCH 11th
SUNDAY
1:00 - 4:00

FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES
LIVE MUSIC - FREE HOT DOGS - KONA ICE
DRAWINGS - GAMES - BEADS - TREATS
BOUNCE HOUSES - ROCKWALL

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

March 31st
From 10-Noon

Bounce Houses, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides,
games AND Easter Egg Hunts for 5th
grade and younger!

The Next Step...

Dear Friends,

This past year our country experienced incredible natural disasters. The storms, floods, and fires destroyed cities, homes, and even countries. Lives were lost, families separated and homes demolished. I still struggle to adequately describe the magnitude of Hurricane Harvey to others. Why God allows such natural disasters will always be a mystery, but one thing we do know is that God wants us to respond to the needs of others. The light continues to shine even in the darkness as neighbors continue to help neighbors rebuild their lives.

GIVE TO
ONE GREAT
HOUR OF
SHARING.



Since 1949, One Great Hour of Sharing has drawn Christians together to provide disaster relief, address the plight of the hungry and homeless, and bring development assistance to those in need. Part of your contribution to last year's One Great Hour of Sharing provided immediate assistance to this year's natural disasters. That is just one of the many reasons why Debbie and I give to this annual offering.

This year we will collect our One Great Hour of Sharing on Palm Sunday, March 25th. Fifty dollars can provide essential resources for displaced victims or feed a person in a developing country for one year! Please keep that in mind when praying about what to give. You might consider giving \$50-\$75 for each member in your family, or \$100 for every grandchild or grandparent.

You and I have been blessed to be a blessing. Any gift will be a blessing for people in need. And by joining together, we can truly make a difference and help our neighbor. Please prayerfully consider giving generously to truly make it One Great Hour of Sharing.

With much anticipation, appreciation and love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paul".

Dr. Paul Nazarian

Congregational Care

Congratulations to Tim and Paula Siekas on the birth of their son, Trent Matthew Siekas, on January 11, 2018.

Congratulations to Ryan and Lauren Reitzammer on the birth of their son, Nolan Welles Reitzammer, on February 8, 2018.

Sympathy is extended to Norma Laughlin, our Business Administrator, and her family on the passing of her father, Ralph McCormick, who died on January 13, 2018.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Vicky Monroe who died on January 18, 2018.

Sympathy is extended to Sara Yates and Marion Calvert and their family on the death of their sister, Ann Walraven, on January (20) 21, 2018.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Irma Stadig who died on January 25, 2018.

Sympathy is extended to Stephanie Farrell and her family on the death of her father, Mick Kromer, on February 5, 2018.

On-going Support Groups:

AA—Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays at noon in Room 404

SAA—Tuesday Evenings, 6:30-8:30 in Room 404

OA—Wednesday Evenings, 7:00-8:00 in Oasis

RheumaTALK—Second Tuesday of the month (February 13) 1:00-2:30 in Oasis

Congregational Care—Guest Speaker Angela Wrigglesworth
Congregational Care volunteers extend care and hospitality to our church family. If you currently volunteer in Congregational Care or would like to find a way to get involved in one of our caring ministries you are invited to our meeting on **Monday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. in 211/212.**

Our guest speaker, Angela Wrigglesworth will share, "Everything I Know About Life, I Learned From Having a Disability". Angela is a native Houstonian and a 1999 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is a third grade teacher in HISD at the School at St. George Place. She spent sixteen years in the Klein Independent School District (ISD) and was named Klein ISD Elementary Teacher of the Year in 2012. Angela has been an active volunteer for the Muscular Dystrophy Association for many years and is a member of the National Task Force on Public Awareness. She is a former Ms. Wheelchair Texas and serves on the Board of Directors for several nonprofits, including the Camp for All Foundation Advisory Board. All are invited to join us for this night of learning, inspiration and fellowship!



Powerful Tools for Caregivers
Beginning Tuesday, April 17—Rev. Ann Marie Quigley-Swanson and Carmalyn McCracken will lead an educational and support group for caregivers. We will meet in the morning for six weeks. More information is coming soon!



Help us celebrate the ministry and 15th Anniversary of Reverend Dr. Paul Nazarian at Northwoods on Sunday, April 15, 2018!

On Sundays, March 4, 11, and 18, we will have notes and pens available for you to write your message to Paul. Tell him how he has inspired you to a deeper faith, thank him for the specific spiritual gifts you have received because of him, remind him of how his sense of humor has touched you and made you laugh. The memories are individual and accumulate over 15 years! We

need to write them down and tell him. You can also email your message to Norma at norma@northwoods.org.

Do you have favorite photos? Please share those with Norma also. Provide a brief description of the event and setting for the photo.

Get prepared for a thank you celebration for Pastor Paul and what he has brought to Northwoods!

After almost 12 years of faithful service, our Sanctuary Choir Director, Kinley Lange, will leave his position at Northwoods on February 28. Kinley has had a tremendous impact on our music program.

Under his choral leadership, the choir has performed many major works, including a fully staged Russian cantata. He has led the choir in both regional tours to Austin, Galveston and Santa Fe, New Mexico and internationally to the countries of Croatia and Italy.

A talented composer who is well respected for his contributions to the contemplative worship genre, Kinley worked closely with Pastor AnnMarie to develop our contemplative worship services. Members who attend the 9:30 service will miss the beautiful musical pieces he both composed and sang for our communion services. He also wrote many hymns for special services and celebrating special occasions.

Especially notable were his hymns celebrating Northwoods 35th anniversary, the ministry of Sharyl Davis and the most recent hymn he composed for our spiritual renewal weekend. He has composed many special anthems for the choir, including a large work for Todd Nolde's 20th Anniversary celebration, and a full length Christmas Cantata which featured soloists and visual art. Additionally, his music was featured in a special monograph concert as part of the Northwoods Concert Series.

We will miss the passion he brings to his music - his dedication to making real connections between the performers and the listeners. We wish him well in his next adventure.

Todd Nolde
Director of Music and Fine Arts



Calendar & Events

Weekdays

Mondays

AA 12:00 PM | Room 404

Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study 6:30 AM | Room 211

Tai Chi 8:45 AM | Gym

Meaningful Myths 10:00 AM | Room 211

ESL Class 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM | Rooms 406 & 211

AA 12:00 PM | Room 404

RheumaTalk (2nd Tuesdays) 1:00 PM | Oasis

SAA 6:30 PM | Room 404

Wednesdays

Jesus & The Gospels Class 9:30 AM | Room 211

AA 12:00 PM | Room 404

Youth Group 6:00 PM | Youth Building

OA 7:00 PM | Oasis

Yoga 7:00 PM | Room 211

Thursdays

ESL Class 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM | Rooms 406 & 211

Spanish Class 9:00 AM | Room 211

Fridays

Classics Class 10:30 AM | Room 211

AA 12:00 PM | Room 404

Sundays

Worship Services

Chapel Service 8:15 AM | Chapel

Traditional Service 9:30 AM | Sanctuary

Modern Service 11:00 AM | Fellowship Hall

Bilingual Service 5:00 PM | 406 (Yth Bldg.)

Sunday School

Elementary 9:15 AM | Grace Place

Preschool 9:15 AM | Yellow & Green

Family Fellowship 10:30 AM | Grace Place

Youth Sunday School 9:30 AM | Youth Bldg.

World Craft Store 10:30 AM | By Oasis

Bible Studies & Other Classes

Parents Bible Study 9:30 AM | Scout Bldg.

Gospel of John 9:30 AM | Room 211

Gospel of Luke 10:00 AM | Conf. Room

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Contemporary Issues 11:00 AM | Chapel

CELEBRATE EASTER AT NORTHWOODS

Palm Sunday—March 25th

On Palm Sunday, the children process into the worship service with palm branches to remind us of Jesus Christ's arrival in Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday – March 29th from 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner followed by Worship with Communion

Good Friday – March 30th - Service at 7:00 pm.

Easter – April 1st – On Easter, you will find palm crosses at each of the Northwoods worship services. All are asked to celebrate this special day by bringing a fresh flower to place on the cross. **Services will be at 8 a.m., 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.**

Worship Work Day

We welcome help on our work day Friday March 23rd at 9:00am to help set up the Sanctuary for Easter. Come to the Narthex at 9:00am or call Sylvia McLarty at 281-320-8159 Also the envelopes for the Easter lilies will be in the church pews on 3/11, 3/18 & 3/25 at a cost of \$15.00 if you wish to order one.

ADULT *Ministries*

MIDWEEK CLASSES

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 6:30 a.m., Room 211
Led by Pastor Paul

MEANINGFUL MYTHS OF THE BIBLE

Tuesdays at 10:00 a.m., Room 211
Led by Stewart MacColl

JESUS AND THE GOSPELS

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., Room 211
Led by Phineas Washer & David Puig

SPANISH CLASS

Thursdays in Room 211 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Led by Lic. Yelitza Caraballo and Dr. David Puig.

ESL CLASS

For beginner students

Tuesdays & Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. in Room 406 and 6:30 p.m. in Room 211

Led by Anne Swisher and Carmen Gonzalez, Melissa & Dick Nelson, Mary Kimball & Lucy Blome.

CLASSICS CLASS

Fridays, 10:30 a.m., Room 211

This class enjoys learning together by bringing professors into the classroom through DVD classes offered by the The Great Courses company.

SUNDAY CLASSES

BIBLE STUDIES

GOSPEL OF JOHN—Led by David Gordon

9:30 a.m. in Room 211

GOSPEL OF LUKE—Led by Johnie Wood

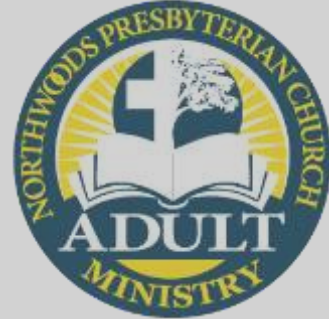
10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room

GOSPEL OF JOHN—Led by David Puig

Coming up after Easter - 11:00 a.m. in Room 211

PARENTS BIBLE STUDY—Led by Ryan Reitzammer

9:30 a.m. in the Scout Bldg.



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

March 4th - What's All the Ruckus about (in our denomination)? Sadly, many congregations and their members have left the Presbyterian Church (USA) (of which Northwoods is a part). Why this exodus? Pastor Paul Nazarian, who has been at the heart of negotiations on this matter in our Presbytery, will speak to this issue.

March 11th - SHAMROCK THE BLOCK. No class.

March 18 - We look forward to a second presentation by member (and author) Roger Stacy who now has his second book out. Its title is *The Wall 2058*. Roger describes it as a murder mystery. He will talk about the book and what brought him to writing it.

March 25 - What's Going on with Public Citizen? When you turn on your lights, file an insurance claim, or buy gas, your rights have been affected by Public Citizen. Ade Shelley will tell us about his new job in Austin as director of this branch of Public Citizen based in Washington, DC.

LOOKING AHEAD. There will be no class on Easter, April 1. Join us, April 8-May 20 for a special series on Aging with Grace and Gusto. Member John Leslie, who has written a couple of books on this subject, will kick off the series on April 8.

DISCOVERY WOMEN MARCH 13, 2018

Ladies, looks like we are in for an interesting program for our March meeting. Our own Sherry Schultz will be directing us in this meeting. Leading us through a brief session on meditation. Sherry will be the leader for the Discovery Women this next year. This will be a good time to get to know her better. Come and join us for a brief session on mediation on Tuesday, March 13, in Room 221.

If you have any questions, please contact Barb Owen at 713 252-5655 or Sherry Schultz at 281 793-1810.

50+ ADVENTURE: Thursday, March 8th

Join us on a Precinct 4 Bus to visit the largest, and arguably most elegant, Hindu Temple in Texas. After a delightful Dim Sum lunch at the Ocean Palace restaurant, enjoy a FotoFest 2018 two-photographer photo exhibition at the Art Car Museum.

Departure time: 8:30 a.m. Return time: 4:00 p.m. Cost: \$16 per person.

For additional details, contact David or Betty Dodd, 281-893-5869.



Dinner and a Movie

On movie nights, dinner will be provided and served in **Grace Place at 6:00 PM**, followed by commentary by **Debbie Shelley** with the film in the **Chapel at 7:00 PM**. The price for dinner is **\$10 per person with a reservation or \$12 at the door** (cash only – no checks or credit cards). Popcorn and candy will be available for a donation in the Narthex before the film. Make your reservation in the Narthex before and after the 9:30 service the two Sundays before the movie. If you have never attended Movie Night, you are in for a treat, so please join us!

UPCOMING FILMS:

MARCH 23: *Bell, Book, and Candle* – Jimmy Stewart & Kim Novak

MAY 18: *The Lady Killers* – Alec Guinness & Peter Sellers

One Great Hour of Sharing

Through our gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing (OGHS), Presbyterians have for many years faithfully heeded God's call to serve people seeking to reclaim and restore their lives. **Checks should be made to "Northwoods Presbyterian Church" or donate at www.northwoods.org; designate for "One Great Hour of Sharing."**



Your gift allows **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** to restore communities around the world affected by natural and human-caused disasters.

Your generosity helps the **Presbyterian Hunger Program** work with Presbyterians and other partners to alleviate hunger and eliminate its causes in this country and internationally.

Your sharing makes it possible for **Self-Development of People** to affirm the dignity of all by assisting in the empowerment of economically poor, oppressed and disadvantaged people.

The programs supported by OGHS depend on continued and increased support from congregations like ours. Give generously to bring hope and God's love to those who need it most.



Thank you for the great job that our Youth did on Souper Bowl Sunday. They collected over \$3,550 in soup pots from our generous congregation to Help NAM Replenish the Nutrition Center. This year's Souper Bowl also resulted in over 150 pounds of food donated to NAM's Nutrition Center making this a winning touchdown for NAM and all the people they will be able to help because of your generosity. Thank you!!

A Note From Beth

I want to say how thankful I am for the love and support I have felt from Northwoods members during my two and a half years you have allowed me to serve as your Missions Director. It hurts to say goodbye as Northwoods has felt like home to me and I have felt welcome from the first day.

Toward the end of last year, I was encouraged to apply for the Presbytery of New Covenant Disaster Recovery Coordinator position; I received and accepted the position. I truly feel God is calling me to work with disaster recovery. I felt that the experience I had coordinating the relief work after Hurricane Harvey with Northwoods was preparing me for the Disaster Recovery Coordinator position with the Presbytery.

Sunday February 18th was my last day working for Northwoods in a full time capacity, but I will continue to help part time in the interim as Northwoods searches for a new Missions Director. Please know how much I appreciate serving with Northwoods and how much the staff and members have helped me to grow and learn. I am thankful for the amazing Missions Team for supporting me and stepping up during this transition. I will forever be grateful for the friendships I have made while serving at Northwoods. Thank you!

MISSIONS

Ministries



Habitat for Humanity

Help Build Family's Dreamhouse

On Saturday, March 17th 8:00-3:00, join our team to work on a "dream house" for a family. Both skilled and non-skilled hands can be put to work. The Habitat for Humanity neighborhood is located in Fairfax. Sign up with Beth Kauffman (281-444-8861; Beth@northwoods.org).

Glennloch Pines Golf Club will be hosting a Spring Golf Tournament benefiting **The 1960 HOPE CENTER on Friday, April 20, 2018**. To register, visit 1960HopeCenter.com, or call 832-965-5511.

The 1960 HOPE CENTER is a faith-based agency that offers a safe space and caring community for our brothers and sisters who are homeless. The daytime shelter provides a place where guests can enjoy a healthy meal, can shower, have their laundry done, and receive clean clothes. They have access to job searches, AA meetings, Bible study, GED classes, and access to volunteer professionals that may be able to assist with resolutions to specific challenges.

Navajo Reservation Arizona

Mission Trip

April 21- 28th

Information Meeting Sunday, March 17th
10:30am

Per person expenses are \$275 & includes transportation to Albuquerque and most meals. Scholarship assistance is available. April 1 is the deadline to sign up! The reservation's Navajo Missions Inc. will coordinate work. If you are interested, please E-mail Beth Kauffman at Beth@northwoods.org.



Children and Family Ministries

“LIKE” us on FACEBOOK to receive updates and parent resources!

Check out our Northwoods website page!
Contact Lindsay@northwoods.org for any questions.



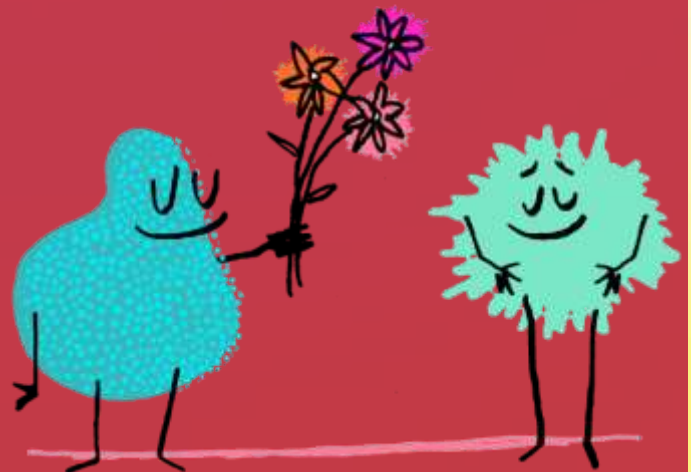
Thank you to our wonderful singers who served in worship on January 28th! We are so thankful these kiddos shared their talents with the congregation!



We have several events coming up in March! Join us for the annual Easter Eggstravaganza on Saturday, March 31st, from 10 am - 12 pm. Egg hunts will start at 10:45! We will also have our traditional Butterfly Release on Easter morning, April 1st, at 10:45. Please join us for both wonderful events!



In February, we focused on *Kindness*. God was kind to us even when we didn't deserve it. Even when we were still sinners, Jesus died for us. Because of God's great love for us, we can be kind to everyone. Jesus personified kindness in the way He lived and interacted with the people He met. But, as we read the Gospels, we find that Jesus didn't just model kindness. He commanded it. By treating others the way we want to be treated, we live out the way Jesus taught us to live.



YOUTH

Contact ryan@northwoods.org

Ministries

YOUTH SUNDAY: APRIL 8TH

This Sunday will be a special Sunday as we hand over all three services to our Youth Ministry! Youth Sunday is led by our graduating class, who help run the services and enjoy a cake and punch reception before the Journey service. Enjoy youth greeters & ushers, as well as musicians & even those taking the stage (and sharing the message)!

Please come out and support our youth on this special day! Please email ryan@northwoods.org if you would like your senior included in this special day!



CONCLAVES RETREAT

Please pray for our youth ministry as we join friends from all over the presbytery for a fun and faith-filled weekend at Camp Cho Yeh led by PYCC. Our PYCC representatives have worked countless hours to help prepare for and lead this great event! Please pray for our drivers, chaperones, youth & PYCC team as we go to the woods to draw closer to God!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Shamrock The Block: March 11th
Youth Sunday: April 8th
Confirmation Sunday: May 20th
Mission Trip to Osage Nation: June 25th-29th
Synod Youth Workshop: July 8th-14th
Junior High Jubilee at Mo Ranch: July 8th-12th
VBS: July 16th-20th
Summer Quest: July 23rd-27th
Mess Fest: August 1st
Fall Parents' Meeting: August 29th

Upcoming Events:

Northwoods Presbyterian Church

3320 Cypress Creek Parkway
Houston, TX 77068-3688

Next Logger Deadline – March 12th!

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Women's Spring Conference 2018 – Your Spiritual Compass

Do you love the praise music and lively worship services, or do you prefer the quiet calm of the contemplative services? Some of our worship preferences can be explained by our spiritual type. Following *your* spiritual compass can help you better understand God's gifts for you and how to use them to God's Glory, as well as celebrate differences among us.

Rev. Dr. Nora Fitch will lead us through the day with thought-provoking, interactive and fun exercises.

Women's Spring Conference on Saturday, April 21, 2018 from 10 AM to 3 PM. Registration will begin mid-March online and in the Narthex. Continental breakfast, lunch and conference fee is \$25. Childcare will be available. Please contact Ann Marie with any questions at annmarie@northwoods.org.

Rev. Dr. Nora Fitch is currently serving as Head Pastor for St. Thomas Presbyterian Church on Memorial Drive in Houston.

