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Renewal Weekend



On Saturday, October 12th, Northwoods is hosting a Day of Renewal. This is a special time set apart to refocus on how to get the most out of life. Our special guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell, will be presenting a dynamic, interactive presentation that is sure to inspire all who join.

Children through 5th grade are invited to join us for their own special activities. Childcare will be available for the younger ones and we will have games and surprises for our older ones.

The events kick off at 8:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast and is scheduled to go until 3:00 p.m. A delicious lunch catered by Saint's restaurant is also included so be sure to reserve your spot by October 8th.

The cost for the event is \$15 each or \$30 for the family.

If you have any questions or need additional details please reach out to David Gordon at <u>dgordon13090@yahoo.com</u> or David Puig at <u>davidpuig@northwoods.org</u>.

Also, we will be having ONE worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Renewal Sunday, October 13th. The Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell will be preaching! There will be a free lunch served after the service in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP on Sunday mornings!



Dear Friends,

Many of you know that one of my favorite scriptures in the Bible is John 10:10 where Jesus said, *"I have come that you might have life, and have it abundantly."* Eugene Peterson paraphrases Jesus' words, *"I came so they can have real and eternal life, more and better life than they ever dreamed of."* What type of "full" life do you dream of? And how do you experience that life?

Coming up on Saturday, October 12th, we are having our Day of Renewal with the Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell. His theme is *"How to Get the Most Out of Life."* Tom is one of the best preachers we have in our denomination. I had the privilege of working with Tom for six wonderful years in the late 80's and early 90's at the Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church here in Houston. God has blessed him with the gift of preaching as he has an extraordinary ability to connect with people. He has led renewal conferences in churches all over our country. Now I know it is sometimes difficult to add to an already busy schedule, but I don't want you to miss out. I want you to experience more life in your life!

And the next day, Sunday, October 13th, Tom will be preaching at one worship service at 10:00 a.m. We will sing some of our favorite hymns and have an opportunity to renew our faith as we commit our time, talent and treasure to God. After the service you are invited to join us for lunch in our Fellowship Hall. You can RSVP at church on Sunday or by calling the church office.

In the meantime, please join me in praying that God will work in powerful ways during this upcoming Renewal Weekend.

With much love and appreciation,

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Pastor Paul

Sympathy is extended to the family

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Joan Gould who died on August 21, 2019.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Janice Leslie who died on August 27, 2019.



Never believe that a few caring people can't change the world. For, indeed, that's all who ever have. - Margaret Mead



Many thanks to all the volunteers who helped create and deliver our gifts to our members who are homebound on Make a Difference Day!

Prayer Partners

Often when someone is going through an ongoing difficult time there is a lot of support to begin, but then it fades. Our Prayer Partner ministry is designed to offer long term support through listening and prayer. This ministry is different from our Prayer Chain. It is a one-on-one relationship and conversations are confidential unless the person asks for something specific to be shared with the church Prayer Chain. If you would like to be a Prayer Partner or if you would like the support of a Prayer Partner please contact Pastor Ann Marie (annmarie@northwoods.org or 281-444-8861). Our next meeting for Prayer Partners is Tuesday, October 15th, at 7:00 p.m. in Oasis.

Ministries

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 RheumaTALK—Second Tuesday of the month (April 9) 1:00-2:30 in Oasis

October 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
		6:30 Men's Bible Study 8:45 Tai Chi ESL 10:30 & 6:30	9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Yoga	ESL 10:30 & 6:30 9:30 Presby Women 10:00 Spanish 7:00 Men's Bible and Brew	9:00 Quilters 9:30 Coffee Talk 10:30 Classics Class	8:00 Property Work Day 8:00 Quilters
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
World Communion Sunday		6:30 Men's Bible Study 8:45 Tai Chi 10:00 Disc. Women ESL 10:30 & 6:30	9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Yoga	10:00 Spanish ESL 10:30 & 6:30	10:30 Classics Class	9:00 Day of Renewal
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Renewal Sunday One Service at 10 a.m.		6:30 Men's Bible Study 8:45 Tai Chi ESL 10:30 & 6:30 7:00 Prayer Partners	9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Yoga	10:00 Spanish 10:00 Golden Gathering ESL 10:30 & 6:30	10:30 Classics Class	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
4:00 Symphony North Concert	7:00 Session Meeting	6:30 Men's 8:45 Tai Chi Bible Study ESL 10:30 & 6:30	9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Yoga	10:00 Spanish ESL 10:30 & 6:30	10:30 Classics Class	Youth Fall Retreat
27	28	29	30	31		
3:00 Interactive Movie Night		6:30 Men's Bible Study 8:45 Tai Chi ESL 10:30 & 6:30	9:30 Bible Study 7:00 Yoga	10:00 Spanish ESL 10:30 & 6:30		

Calendar & Events

8:15 AM | Chapel

9:30 AM | Sanctuary

9:15 AM | Grace Place

9:15 AM | Yellow Room

10:30 AM | Grace Place

9:30 AM | Youth Bldg.

10:30 AM | By Oasis

9:30 AM | Room 211

11:00 AM | Room 211

11:00 AM | Chapel

11:00 AM | Fellowship Hall

Sundays

Worship Services Chapel Service Traditional Service Modern Service

Sunday School

Elementary Preschool Family Fellowship Youth Sunday School World Craft Store

Bible Studies & Other Classes

1 Corinthians Biblical Literature **Minor Prophets Contemporary Issues**

Here are a few things you should always do for car theft protection:

1) Lock your car.

2) Be sure your valuables are out of sight. Never leave things lying out on your seats, dashboard or floor.

3) Don't leave your car unattended if it's running.

How to Leave a Legacy with a gift that provides you income now

Giving is a wonderful expression of faith. And there's a way to receive lifetime income as well as make a future gift to Northwoods Presbyterian Church. A charitable gift annuity is an irrevocable gift that provides you or a designated recipient a fixed income. In exchange for your gift, the Texas Presbyterian Foundation pays a lifetime fixed annuity based on the annuitant's age and the date the payments are to begin. In addition, you may also gualify for tax benefits. For more information on Charitable Gift Annuities or other forms of Legacy Giving, please contact Norma Laughlin in the church office.

Weekdays

Mondays

AA Tuesdays Men's Bible Study Tai Chi ESL Class

AA RheumaTalk (2nd Tuesdays) SAA Wednesdays Biblical Literature Study AA 10:00 AM | Conf. Room Choir Rehearsal Youth Group Yoga Thursdays ESL Class

> Spanish Class Fridavs Classics Class AA

12:00 PM | Room 404

6:30 AM | Room 211 8:45 AM | Gym 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM | Rooms 213 & Scout Bldg 12:00 PM | Room 404 1:00 PM | Oasis 6:30 PM | Room 404

> 9:30 PM | Room 211 12:00 PM | Room 404 7:00 PM | Choir Room 6:00 PM | Yth. Bldg. 7:00 PM | Room 211

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Adult Ministries

MIDWEEK CLASSES MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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

ESL CLASSES

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Rooms 213 & Scout Bldg. Classes Start September 3rd

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., Room 211 Led by David Puig Reading Biblical Literature: Genesis to Revelation

SPANISH CLASS Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., Rooms 211 and Oasis (231)

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 Great Courses company.

SUNDAY CLASSES

BIBLE STUDIES 1 CORINTHIANS—Led by David Gordon 9:30 a.m. in Room 211 NARRATIVE BIBLICAL STORIES THAT SHAPE YOUR FAITH- Led by David Puig 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room (Starts on October the 6th) STUDY OF MINOR PROPHETS— Led by Tom Franklin 11:00 a.m. in Room 211



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Chapel at 11:00 am

The Contemporary Issues class meets in the chapel of the main building most Sundays. We deal with a wide variety of subjects, understanding that the earth is the Lord's and all that is in it (Psalm 24:1). The class runs from 11:00 a.m to 12:00 noon. All are welcomed. Here is the line-up for October:

Oct. 6th - *Faith of Our Friends*. Three of our members - Doug Thomas, Anne Swisher and Kortni Mann - will share something of their faith journeys. Come prepared to be inspired. Thanks to Elizabeth Jeter for engineering this continuing series on the spiritual pilgrimage of our fellow church members.

Oct. 13th - Weekend of Renewal. No class.

Oct. 20th - A representative of the Security and Exchange Commission established to protect investors; and to maintain fair, orderly and efficient markets, topics will include dealing with topics such as computer scams seniors need to be aware of, what the SEC can do for you, and how you can safely invest for retirement.

Oct. 27th - The Presbyterian Children's Home and Service Agency has proven an invaluable asset to homeless children.

LOOKING AHEAD: Nov. 3rd, Making Sense of Modern and Contemporary Art. Or Not!, Nov. 10th, Why I Am a Baha'i.

DISCOVERY WOMEN

October 8th 10:00 a.m. Room 221-222 In October, the Discovery Women, will be privileged to learn about the life-changing work in which a group of Northwoods men are engaged. Longtime member, John Kenyon, will present the program "Prison Ministry", a ministry at the Polunsky Prison Unit in Livingston, Texas.

The October program on Tuesday, which is open to all to attend, will "lift our hearts in praise" when we learn more about what this ministry is accomplishing as it changes lives. Come and join us for coffee at 10:00 on and stay for a light lunch from Jimmy John's.



Bible & Brews will be held on Thursday, October 3rd at 7 p.m. at Saints. (not October 10 as originally scheduled)

Wine & the Word will be held on Thursday, November 7th at 7 p.m. at Saints. (not November 14 as originally scheduled)



MISSIONS Minister Builds this Month!

Join our Northwood team and other volunteers to help build a Dream House for a deserving family. Experience the satisfaction and joy knowing that you are helping a family build a better life! Both skilled and unskilled hands can be put to work and there are a variety of tasks both indoors and outdoors. The builds will be on Saturday, October 5th and on October 19th, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. Why not gather some friends together and sign up! If you are interested, contact David Puig (281-444-8861; <u>davidpuig@northwoods.org</u>).

Help Those on the Path to Citizenship

On Saturday, October 5th, Bonding Against Adversity will be holding a workshop here at Northwoods starting at 8 a.m., A Citizenship Workshop will be held to help legal residents fill out the required N400 form helping them become US citizens. If you know of anyone who could benefit from this service, please share this information with them. If you are previously trained to assist and are available, please join us! If interested, contact David Puig (281-444-8861; davidpuig@northwoods.org).

Faith in Practice 2019 Gala Featuring Two Of Our Own!

For the past 25 years, Faith in Practice has stepped out in faith, from a small nonprofit to an elaborate network of continuous medical care for those in need in Guatemala. Among the committed volunteers being featured this year are David and Bette Chenault who have served in Guatamala. Through their leadership and fundraising, the Chenaults have set an incredible example of servant leadership. The Gala is on Friday, October 18th. If you are interested in attending, contact David Puig (281-444-8861; <u>davidpuig@northwoods.org</u>).

<u> Kairos Prison Ministry – October 10-13</u>

The Northwoods Kairos team is preparing to take participants on a journey that demonstrates the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ! This team will need dozens of homemade cookies (find directions and collection dates in eflashes). Pray for our Kairos Team throughout their transforming and community-building weekend. Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff.

Gathering Table/Golden Gathering Workshop at Northwoods

Each month, here at Northwoods, Golden Gathering volunteers throw a theme party with fun, music, entertainment, and lunch for our guests who are challenged by dementia and/or Alzheimer's. On Wednesday, October 30th, Northwoods will also be hosting **The Gathering Table** – an event where care team members from our area come looking for education, inspiration, and new ideas to benefit their local programs. Please join us if you are currently volunteering for Golden Gathering or if you would like to learn more.



More Opportunities to Get Involved this Month

Each Monday – Habitat ReStore Northwood Work Team Sat., October 5th – BAA Citizenship Workshop at Northwoods Sat., October 23rd – Lunch Prepared/Served for Hope Center

More information in weekly e-flashes or e-mail <u>davidpuig@northwoods.org</u>

MUSIC AND WORSHIP

As we wrap up our Sesame Street sermon series, I have renewed gratitude for all the people in our neighborhood here at Northwoods. I imagine Heaven will be a bit like Sesame Street ... people from all walks of life, different colors, different perspectives, different strengths, all coexisting as neighbors, as brothers and sisters. And, I see Northwoods a bit like this, too, and for that, I'm grateful.

One of the services I'm looking forward to in October will be our celebration Sunday during Renewal Weekend. On Sunday, October 13th, we will worship only one service at 10 a.m., and it will have a taste of an old-fashioned tent revival. Guest preacher (and Renewal Day speaker) Dr. Tom Tewell will have an amazing message for us, and our musicians will lead music in the gospel style.

Our Summer Bell Choir had so much fun ringing together that we'd like to continue ringing this Fall. If you can count, you can ring. If you would like to consider ringing handbells, please let me know!

I am delighted to share that Ryan Thibodeaux has stepped into the role of Assistant Worship Leader for our Journey service. Ryan has been a musical force from the keyboard, and we are so pleased to have his extensive talents be used in new ways.

We welcomed some new voices into the Sanctuary Choir this Fall, and there's still room for more! If you're interested in singing, even if just for our Christmas Cantata or working with us for the special collaborative spring presentation with Symphony North of John Rutter's <u>The Gift of Life</u>, please give me a shout so I can give you further details.

Speaking of Symphony North, you will want to mark your calendars to attend their opening concert on Sunday, October 20 at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The concerts are free and are quite enjoyable!

Blessings, Jennifer Klein Salyer Director of Music and Worship



Free Symphony North Concert Sunday, October 20th, 2019, 4:00 pm at Northwoods

Children & Family "LIKE" us on FACEBOOK to receive undates and parent resources!

Check out our Northwoods website page! Valerie@northwoods.org



There will be a fun Scooby Doo mystery adventure for kids during Day of Renewal on October 12. RSVP to Valerie@northwoods.org.



On September 15th, we presented Bibles to our third graders, the graduating class of 2029! We were able to share this very special moment.

Our families with young children made a **BIG difference** for Make a Difference Day! We

assembled 70+ bags of snacks for homeless people and decorated 63 pillowcases for Sleep In Heavenly Peace! Thank you to everyone who helped!!!









YOUTH GROUP:

Wednesdays we continue to offer youth group from 6:30-8:30 p.m. We enjoy dinner, games, and time together. We'd love for you to join us!

Contact chelsea@northwoods.org



FALL RETREAT:

On Saturday, October 26th the youth will be spending the day togethergrowing closer to God, finding time to learn more about ourselves, and draw together as a community. We will have worship, small groups, a Labyrinth experience, spend time with a service project, and end the day with some fun together. This event is free and it is our hope that this day becomes a regular time of connection with each other! If you're interested in signing up, please email Chelsea.





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Next Logger Deadline - October 14th!

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Return Service Requested







Church Life invites everyone, young and old, to our 3rd Annual Interactive Movie on Sunday, October 27th at 3 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be watching and participating in "It's the Great Pumpkin, Charlie Brown." Everyone is encouraged to wear Halloween costumes!

Mark your calendars for the Fall Family Hoe-down on November 16th at 6 p.m! More details to come.