

The *Logger*

NORTHWOODS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
MARCH 2020

JOIN US MARCH 15TH 1-4 P.M.



FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES

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Dear Friends,

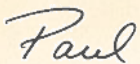
I think most of us are searching for meaning and purpose in life. What is your purpose in life? Why are we here and what should we be doing? Are you headed in the right direction? Who are you following? As we approach the season of Lent, these are good questions for us to consider. Lent is a great time for self-examination and self-assessment.

Our Lenten Sermon Series is entitled, "Made for Mission." Jesus invites all of us to follow him and to join him on a mission to usher in God's kingdom. Kingdom Building is one of our LOOK Goals for our 2020 Vision. But what exactly does that look like? How do I participate in this calling? One thing this series will make crystal clear is that no matter where you are in life, whatever career path you have chosen, whatever gifts you think you have (or don't have), God has made each of us unique and has called us to follow after Jesus. We will once again affirm that God calls ordinary people who are willing to work in extraordinary ways to change the world.

Besides worshipping with us on Sunday mornings, we would love to see you at one of our upcoming Lenten Lunches out in our community. We have selected a number of different local restaurants that will allow us to fellowship together and to hear a brief devotional relating to our weekly "Made for Mission" theme. You might consider inviting a friend or neighbor to join you. You can sign up by contacting davidpuig@northwoods.org.

During this season of Lent, please join me in praying that God will help us take another step forward on our journey of faith.

With much love and appreciation,



Pastor Paul

You were made for mission.
Called to live a life
bigger than yourself.

THIS IS YOUR CALLING.
THIS IS YOUR LIFE.



Congregational Care

Sympathy is extended to Bill and Karen Brehm on the death of Bill's brother, Richard Brehm, on January 17, 2020.

Sympathy is extended to Earl and Mary Ann Godkin on the death of Earl's mother, Gladys Godkin, on January 23, 2020.

Sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Bob Sloan who died on January 27, 2020



Contemplative Service

Is God reworking something in your life? What are some of the old ways that are being left behind? What is being formed in place of the old? On Sunday, March 22, at 7:00 p.m. we will hold a Contemplative Service in the Chapel. Through scripture, music, quiet, prayer and anointing we will explore our theme: *We are the clay, and you, O Lord, are our potter.* All are welcome.

New medical equipment loan program

As a service to our members we want to help recycle some small, gently used medical equipment for use when needed. This would save both personal and insurance dollars. Our goal is to have on hand a couple of walkers, canes, pairs of crutches and manual wheelchairs. We only have a small area to store a few items. Please DO NOT drop off items to the church. If you have something gently used that might be helpful to another family, please email Anne Swisher at antomswish@aol.com. She can check it out and decide if we have room for the item in our small storage closet or if we need to add it to the database of available items and call you when someone needs it. We will try to list available items in the Logger and/or in a weekly bulletin or E-flash. Again, please DO NOT bring items to the church. Email Anne if you need a small piece of equipment or if you have a gently used item that can be used by another family. Thank you!

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 (March 10) 1:00-2:30 in Oasis



March 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>1</p> <p>4:00 Symphony North Concert</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 8:45 Tai Chi ESL 10:30 & 6:30 6:30 Book Study</p>	<p>4</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Spanish 1 7:00 Yoga</p>	<p>5</p> <p>ESL 10:30 & 6:30 9:30 Presby Women 10:00 Spanish 2</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Conclaves 9:30 Coffee Talk 10:30 Classics Class 6:00 Dinner & Movie</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Conclaves 8:00 Property Work Day</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Conclaves 12:00 Cuba Info. Meeting</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 8:45 Tai Chi ESL 10:30 & 6:30 10:00 Discovery Women 6:30 Book Study</p>	<p>11</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Spanish 1 7:00 Yoga</p>	<p>12</p> <p>ESL 10:30 & 6:30 10:00 Spanish 2</p>	<p>13</p> <p>9:00 Quilters 10:30 Classics Class</p>	<p>14</p> <p>9:00 Quilters</p>
<p>15</p> <p>1:00 Shamrock the Block</p>	<p>16</p> <p>7:00 Session Meeting</p>	<p>17</p> <p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 8:45 Tai Chi ESL 10:30 & 6:30 6:30 Book Study</p>	<p>18</p> <p>9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Spanish 1 7:00 Yoga</p>	<p>19</p> <p>ESL 10:30 & 6:30 10:00 Spanish 2 10:00 Golden Gathering</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10:30 Classics Class</p>	<p>21</p> <p>FIP Trip</p>
<p>22</p> <p>FIP Trip 7:00 Contemplative Service</p>	<p>23</p> <p>FIP Trip</p>	<p>24</p> <p>FIP Trip 6:30 Men's Bible Study 8:45 Tai Chi ESL 10:30 & 6:30 6:30 Book Study Study</p>	<p>25</p> <p>FIP Trip 9:30 Bible Study 10:00 Spanish 1 7:00 Yoga</p>	<p>26</p> <p>FIP Trip ESL 10:30 & 6:30 10:00 Spanish 2</p>	<p>27</p> <p>FIP Trip 10:30 Classics Class</p>	<p>28</p> <p>FIP Trip Presbyterian PAN American Dinner</p>
<p>29</p> <p>4:00 Symphony North Concert</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>6:30 Men's Bible Study 8:45 Tai Chi ESL 10:30 & 6:30 6:30 Book Study</p>				

Calendar & Events

Sundays

Worship Services

Chapel Service	8:15 AM Chapel
Traditional Service	9:30 AM Sanctuary
Modern Service	11:00 AM Fellowship Hall

Sunday School

Elementary	9:15 AM Grace Place
Preschool	9:15 AM Yellow Room
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

Studies of Paul	9:30 AM Room 211
Biblical Stories	10:00 AM Conf. Room
Women of the Bible	11:00 AM Room 211
Contemporary Issues	11:00 AM Chapel

Weekdays

Mondays

AA	12:00 PM Room 404
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Tuesdays

Men's Bible Study	6:30 AM Room 211
Tai Chi	8:45 AM Gym
ESL Class	10:30 AM & 6:30 PM Rooms 213 & Scout Bldg
AA	12:00 PM Room 404
RheumaTalk (2nd Tuesdays)	1:00 PM Oasis
SAA	6:30 PM Room 404

Wednesdays

Biblical Literature Study	9:30 PM Room 211
Spanish Class Level 1	10:00 AM Oasis
AA	12:00 PM Room 404
Choir Rehearsal	7:00 PM Choir Room
Youth Group	6:00 PM Yth. Bldg.
Yoga	7:00 PM Room 211

Thursdays

ESL Class	10:30 AM & 6:30 PM Rooms 213 & Scout Bldg
Spanish Class Level 2	10:00 AM Room 211

Fridays

Classics Class	10:30 AM Room 211
AA	12:00 PM Room 404



SPOTLIGHT ON SAFETY

Watch your step while walking in and around church buildings and property. Report any broken or uneven walkways to our Facilities Manager Anthony Mireles anthony@northwoods.org.



Cuba Partnership Trip

Our Northwoods delegation (12 maximum) will be traveling as a religious group and will be hosted by First Presbyterian Church of Havana November 5-11, 2020.

Absolute deadline is June 1 for initial Registration Application and \$200 deposit.



There will be an informational meeting March 8th at Noon in the Chapel/Parlor.

Contact paul@northwoods.org for more information.



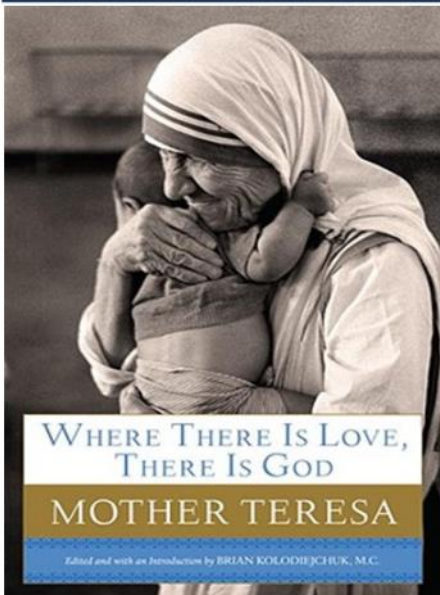
Ash Wednesday

A service of quiet reflection, scripture, music and the imposition of ashes.

February 26th at 7pm



Lenten Series 2020



Book Discussion Group

Where There Is Love, There Is God

By Mother Teresa

Tuesdays March 3rd – 31st

6:30 p.m.

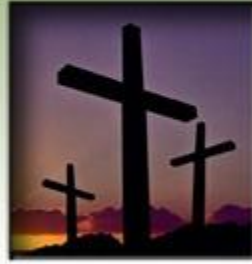
In Grace Place (Room 221)



Book available on Amazon

Contact David Puig, davidpuig@northwoods.org

Holy Week Schedule



CELEBRATE AT NORTHWOODS

Palm Sunday – April 5, 2020

Maundy Thursday – April 9, 2020 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Pot Luck Dinner followed by Worship with Communion

For the pot luck those with last names beginning with:

A-F Bring Main Dish G-M Bring Dessert N-Z Bring Salad/Side Dish

Worship will be an interactive reflection of the disciples reaction to the Last Supper.

Good Friday – April 10, 2020 - Service at 7:00 p.m. with choir in the Sanctuary.

Easter Eggstravaganza – April 11, 2020 – From 10-Noon

Bounce houses, a giant slide, an obstacle course, carnival games, cotton candy, popcorn AND Easter Egg Hunts for 5th grade and younger!

Easter – April 12, 2020 – 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.



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.

***WHERE THERE IS LOVE, THERE IS GOD* BOOK GROUP**

Tuesdays March 3rd—31st at 6:30 p.m., Room 221 Grace Place
Led by David Puig

WEDNESDAY BIBLE CLASS

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

SPANISH CLASSES

Level 1 Class—Wednesdays at 10:00 a.m. Oasis (231)
Level 2 Class—Thursdays at 10:00 a.m., Room 211

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. Western Literary Canon in Context. The lectures include a couple from the bible, some of the ancient Greek authors to modern English authors.

SUNDAY CLASSES

BIBLE STUDIES

LETTERS FROM PAUL—Led by David Gordon
9:30 a.m. in Room 211

NARRATIVE BIBLICAL STORIES THAT HAVE SHAPED YOUR FAITH— Led by David Puig
10:00 a.m. in Conference Room

WOMEN OF THE BIBLE— Led by Tom Franklin
11:00 a.m. in Room 211



CONTEMPORARY ISSUES

Sundays in the Chapel at 11:00 am

The Contemporary Issues Class invites all interested to meet most Sundays in the chapel (in the same building as the sanctuary), 11:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

March 1st - *Sapiens: A Brief History of Mankind* by Yuval Noah Harari.

Explores the ways in which biology and history have defined us and enhanced our understanding of what it means to be human. On the best seller list since May 2015; over 1.2 million copies sold.

Member Dick Shallenberger will review.

March 8th - *REPORT on The United Nations Climate Change Conference.*

Deborah and Adrian Shelly will share impressions. (Google "Madrid Climate Change Conference" for background information.)

March 15th - (Shamrock the Block, no class)

March 22nd - Travelogue of Vietnam, Thailand, and Cambodia with stopovers in Dubai and Singapore. Members Bill and Nancy Strange will reflect on their latest travel adventure.

March 29th - Advanced Listening II: The significant communication skill (a review and follow up) with communication authority, member Deborah Shelley

April 5th - *What's Going on with the New Covenant Presbytery.* Moderator of Presbytery (and member of Northwoods) Melissa Nelson will give us an insider's view on the life of our presbytery.

DISCOVERY WOMEN

Tuesday, March 10, 2020

10:00 A. M.

The speaker for the Discovery Women's Group in March will be Anna Embick. Anna and her husband Frank have been members of Northwoods for many years. What you may not know is that the early years of her life were spent in turmoil as she and her family spent the early years as refugees fleeing for their lives.

Anna was born in Tripoli, Libya. Her parents were born in Italy so she was an Italian citizen. She and her mother evacuated from Tripoli with the Italian Airforce in 1941 when the English started bombarding Tripoli and they went to Sicily, Italy. They were evacuated by plane and the war followed them as they moved from place to place. All they could do was hide and protect themselves. Later when she was a young woman, she worked for the Libya Government. She married Frank and came to the United States In 1970 where she became an American citizen in 1978.

We invite you to come and join us as we hear Anna's story of her early life. So different from many of us. This program is open to everyone – men, women, neighbors. Please help us to spread the word to those who might be interested. If any questions, you can call Barbara Owen at 713-252-5655. We will be having a light lunch after the program to provide a time for visiting with one another. Hope you can plan to stay with us for that time.

Spring Landscape Work Day

March 7th 8:00am - 12:00pm

We need your help at our upcoming property work day, where we plan to work on landscaping projects around the church campus. We'll have donuts and coffee available for breakfast. No experience required! Families are welcome to serve together. Please sign up on your connect card. Contact Anthony (anthony@northwoods.org) with any questions.



Dinner and a Movie Night

March 6th: **THE LETTER**

Bette Davis

April 24th: **PICNIC**

Kim Novak & William Holden

May 22nd: **BREAKFAST AT TIFFANY'S**

Audrey Hepburn & George Peppard

Friday Night Movies begin at 6:00 PM in Grace Place with a catered meal, followed by commentary by Debbie Shelley and screening of the film in the Chapel at 7:00 PM; please don't be late! All films will have closed captioning.

Reservations can be made in the Narthex before and after the 9:30 service for the two Sundays preceding the film. The cost is \$12 per person (cash, please – no checks), payable when you register.





The annual “Honoring First Responders” Event will take place on Saturday, March 21st 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Champions Mosque at 16700 Old Louetta Rd. in Spring. Please consider contributing to this community event by:

- 1.) Attending the event and bringing your family!
 - 2.) Donating items for the bake sale (proceeds go to Emergency Chaplains Group, emergencychaplains.org)
 - 3.) Donating gift cards worth \$25 or less for the first responders
 - 4.) Assist with children’s activities.
- To volunteer or make a donation contact Mary Lee Tilson at mtilson@comcast.net.

Women’s Conference



“Let There Be Joy”
--GOD
--And it was so...

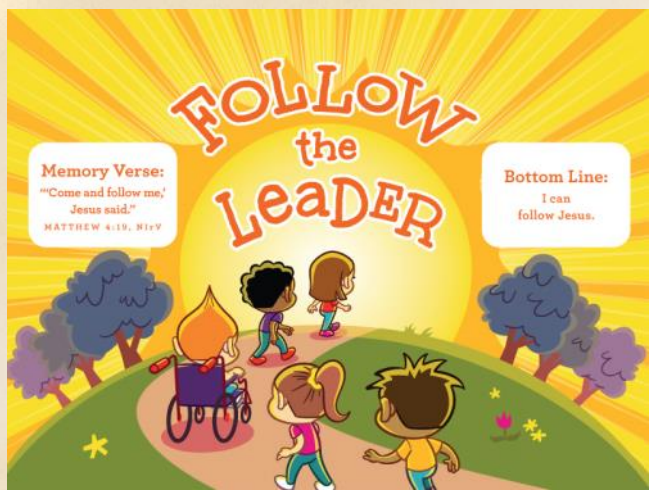
Saturday, April 25, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
Cost \$15.00
Childcare available

**Speakers: Pastor Ann Marie and Life Coach Carmalyn
McCracken, MA**



Children and Family Ministries

“LIKE” us on FACEBOOK to receive updates and parent resources! Check out our Northwoods website page! Contact valerie@northwoods.org for any questions.



Please join us in March as our preschoolers learn about following the best leader (Jesus!) and our elementary students learn about the importance of forgiveness.



Children's Ministry Team enjoyed dressing up as bugs to serve peach cobbler to represent James and the Giant Peach at the Youth Cook-off. Thank you to everyone who stopped by our booth!



Mark your calendars! On April 9th families are invited to enjoy a Living Last Supper skit at the Maundy Thursday service at 6:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more info on a special table reserved for our 5th graders. Join us for some bouncing and outdoor fun at Eggstravaganza on Saturday, April 11th from 10 a.m. to noon. On Easter Sunday we will have snacks and a live butterfly release.

YOUTH *Ministries*

Contact chelsea@northwoods.org for any questions.



This month the youth department is really looking forward to heading to Camp Cho-Yeh for Conclaves. We can't wait to spend a weekend together worshipping God and enjoying the beauty of camp. Please be praying for our students while they're away (3/6-3/8).



Our summer trips are officially open for sign-up's. Please see the details below:

Jr. High Jubilee (current 5th graders-current 8th graders): Jr. High Jubilee is our camp experience at Mo Ranch. It is a super fun week filled with games, worship, and fun with our friends. The cost this year is \$250 per student. The dates are July 5-9.

SYNOD (current 8th graders-current 12th graders): SYNOD is a wonderful way for our students to connect with other Christian youth from all over! It's a week of connection, vulnerability, and support. It's a great high school experience and it happens at the University of Tulsa. The cost is \$450 per student and the dates are July 12-18.

Summerquest (current 5th graders-current 12th graders): Summerquest was my favorite week last summer! It is a time when our youth work together to serve their local and church community. We don't have a lot of details yet, but last year we worked a couple days with Sleep in Heavenly Peace and a couple days we served doing work projects at Northwoods. We may do some of the same this year, but we're also planning to incorporate some new fun as well. The week culminates with a fan day at the end. This is not a sleep-away adventure and runs around 9 a.m.-3 p.m. for the week. It costs \$100 and the dates are August 3-7.

MISSIONS

Ministries



Missions Biblical Challenges

The pursuit of holiness during Lent

"But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: Be holy, because I am holy". 1 Peter 1:15-16

One of the biblical directions that has challenged Christians for centuries is the call for holiness. For many Christians to be holy should be the ultimate concern in Christian faith. The author of Hebrews even states that "without holiness no one will see the Lord". But, what does it mean concretely? Everyone has an idea of what holiness means, yet it is something that is often missing in the Christian's daily life.

As we enter the Lenten Season, the subject of pursuing holiness becomes central in the reflection of the church. It challenges Christians to be

prepared for the big celebration of Easter.

During her whole ministry among the poorest and the least, Mother Teresa dealt with this challenge, which made her develop concrete ways of showing holiness.

Without ignoring the power of prayers and silence, she understood that the call for holiness, ultimately the path to encounter God, should be fulfilled through service to others.

This year, we will be reflecting on Mother Teresa's book "Where There is Love, There is God". My hope is that it can help us find ways to a closer union with God and a greater love for others, which definitely will make us fulfill the biblical command of being holy as God is.

Mission Ministries Events

Mondays

March 2-30

Habitat Restore
Work Team

Saturday

March 15

Shamrock the
Block

Thursday

March 19

Golden Gathering

March 21 – 28

Guatemala Trip
Faith in Practice

March 22-28

Host Habitat
Collegiate
Challenge

Monday

March 30

Make/Serve Lunch
for 1960 Hope
Center

*"Somebody,
somewhere is
depending on you,
to do what God has
called you to do"*

GETTING TO KNOW OUR MISSIONS PARTNERS:

Faith and Justice Worker Center

Faith and Justice Worker Center is an institution that believes everyone should have a safe and healthy workplace. They also believe in working-class people's collective power to create change. FJWC has been the premier worker rights community organization in Houston for twelve years. They are dedicated to creating positive change with and for low-wage workers by leading research, providing services, building peer support networks, and mobilizing campaigns. Their model is one of empowerment that ensures a sustainable and growing impact. All their efforts, whether to educate the public, to provide case resolution services, or to lead advocacy campaigns, are driven by members.

For more information about this organization you can visit their website:

<https://www.houstonworkers.org/about>

MUSIC AND WORSHIP



In his posthumous devotional book, “My Utmost for His Highest,” Scottish-born Christian missionary Oswald Chambers (d.1917) wrote: “God did not direct His call to Isaiah— Isaiah overheard God saying, “. . . who will go for Us?” The call of God is not just for a select few but for everyone. Whether I hear God’s call or not depends on the condition of my ears, and exactly what I hear depends upon my spiritual attitude.”

Looking back on my life, I see numerous opportunities God provided for me to answer God’s call on my life. And whether it was the condition of my ears or my spiritual attitude, I didn’t hear the call – didn’t recognize the call – for many years. Yet God is faithful and patient . . . and persistent!

As we enter this introspective time of Lent and embark on a new sermon series designed to help us delve deeper into our own spiritual callings, I invite you to join me in opening our ears, realigning our vision, and unclenching our hands to be fully ready to “overhear” what God is saying to all of God’s children and to each of us personally.

Of special note this month, we are delighted to be welcoming the choir of Presbyterian Pan American School to Northwoods! These High School students who hail from all over the world attend the PPAS boarding school in Kingsville, Texas. On Sunday, March 29th, the 46-member student choir will provide musical leadership at our 9:30 and 11:00 worship services. I am confident you will be profoundly blessed by their presence in worship.

Looking ahead, please mark your calendars for Sunday, May 17th at 4 p.m., when the Northwoods Sanctuary Choir joins forces with the choir of The Woodlands Community Presbyterian Church and Symphony North of Houston to present a concert of English music, featuring a relatively new work by John Rutter, “The Gift of Life.” Because of the volume of performers, the performance venue will be at the Klein High School performing arts center. More details to come!

Blessings,
Jennifer Klein Salyer



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Free Symphony North Concerts
Sunday, March 1st and Sunday
March 29th
Both 4:00 pm at Northwoods