

Northwood Presbyterian Church
Youth Room Movie Policy

We give thanks to God for the wonderful blessings God has bestowed upon us through the time and talent of our volunteers, the gifts of a meeting place, and the media in which our youth use to study, fellowship and grow in their personal and community relationships in Christ Jesus.

We recognize as leaders, we are to be stewards not only of tithes, talent and time but the education and witness of our church to our youth and local community. Northwood Presbyterian Church understands people are not all the same, each finds themselves in a different season, and as stewards of the church we work towards helping and rejoicing in all seasons. Paul tells us in Corinthians and Romans that what may be acceptable to some may not be acceptable to others and we as the church need to be sensitive to all who call Northwood home.

Therefore, Northwood Presbyterian Church Youth Committee proposes that in accordance with the witness of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ as a church community that:

There be no rated R movies shown to the youth in the youth room or anywhere else in the church unless approved by the youth committee, reviewed by the youth director/pastor and a study guide is submitted as to what purpose the movie is being reviewed by youth.

There will be no transportation provided by the church to rated R movies unless approved by the youth committee, reviewed by the youth director/pastor and study guide submitted as to what the purpose the movie is being reviewed by youth.

No rated R movie will be shown twice unless permission is given by the youth committee and a member of staff is aware of the reasons for the second showing.

No rated R movie will be endorsed by Northwood Presbyterian Church unless:

1. Parents and Youth are given a two week notice as to the nature, purpose and rating of the movie.
2. The person(s) showing or transporting the youth to such a movie receive a verbal or written permission from the parents of any youth under the age of 18 years of age. A form will be submitted showing that persons attending such a movie have parental consent including phone numbers of parents.
3. The youth director/pastor is given enough time to review and collect information on the film before any church endorsement is given.
4. Approved by the youth committee.

Rated PG 13 movies will be shown in the youth room under these conditions:

1. Persons under the age of 13 have written/verbal permission by parent or guardian to watch PG 13 movies in our youth room or movie theater.
2. PG 13 movies are to be shown after 8 PM in the youth room, unless arrangements have been made between the youth pastor/director to show at a different time.
3. The youth pastor/director reserves the right to refuse the showing of PG-13 that in their judgment inappropriate for the audience in attendance.

This policy is designed to protect the youth, youth facilities, volunteers and staff that have worked so very hard to make our ministry and witness a shining jewel in the crown our church community wears. In all things we strive to bring glory and honor to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ so that the world may know Him and the wonderful deeds He has done for us.