

Northwood's Presbyterian Women (PW) participate in Bible study, fellowship, service and prayer and become supportive friends along the way!

Our primary activities in 2016 were as follows:

- Donated quarterly support and holiday gifts to a cottage of young women at Thornwell Home for Children in Clinton, SC and to Beth El for scholarships
- Donated 307 handmade knitted, crocheted and sewn items such as prayer shawls, afghans, walker caddies for local rehab centers, little dresses for Haiti With Love, newborn caps for Mease Countryside Hospital, and baby items for The Pregnancy Center. Included in the above number of items donated were 5 quilts of valor donated to veterans.
- Managed a Collection Center in the south narthex for small collectible items such as aluminum can tabs for the Shriners, pill bottles for the Clearwater Free Clinic, and out-of-prescription eyeglasses for the Lions Club.
- Provided financial support to PW Church-wide missions through the annual and the Thank Offerings
- Gave funds to provide for Hurricane Matthew relief to the east coast
- Donated gifts and provided funds for Northwood's food pantry, Women on the Way at St. Petersburg College, Beth-El Farmworker Ministry, "From Haiti with Love," Alliance for International Reforestation, Heifer International, Homeless Emergency Project and Church World Service.
- Through the Alternative Gifts campaign sponsored by Lydia Circle, we honored 24 men and donated \$295 to Church World Service for Father's Day; and we honored 96 people and donated \$2,160 to eight local, national and international ministries for Christmas..
- Led the congregation on "Blanket Sunday" and collected 217 blankets, 70 suitcases and over \$500.00 in cash donations for Beth-El Farmworker Ministry.
- Donated homemade cookies and decorations and partnered with Northwood's Kitchen Krew to host memorial receptions.
- Served fellowship coffee and cookies one Sunday morning per month.
- Honored two women with the "Honorary Life Membership" during our "Gifts of Women" Sunday morning service. The women honored this year were Gerry Krause and Martha Tobiassen.
- Sent monthly cards of encouragement to homebound PW members.
- Sponsored Women on the Way students and their children for Christmas, and contributed to boutique and text book needs.
- Participated in Discovery Day
- Conducted monthly service projects such as collecting food for the Northwood Food Pantry, donating toiletries to the Homeless Emergency Project, holding a baby shower for the Pregnancy Center
- Donated a cabinet to the nursery in honor of a deceased member
- Welcomed 7 new members into active Circle Membership
- Initiated an annual December Event which provides Bible study, fellowship and refreshments for all women of the church
- Designed and fabricated a PW banner which will be displayed at Presbytery-level events

All women of Northwood are welcome at any time of year to join us at our Circle meetings, Bible study and book club and to volunteer to make cookies for memorial receptions. It is a meaningful way to serve the Lord while making new friends and feeling more at home at Northwood!

- Circles are currently using the Horizon Bible Study, “Who Is Jesus”, by Judy Yates Siker.
- Pastor Chris Curvin leads a bible study the first Tuesday of each month at 9:00 am at the church.
- Esther Elizabeth Circle, under the leadership of Sandy Gibson, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 9:30 am at the church
- Lydia Circle, under the leadership of Barbara Englehart, meets the third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm at the church
- Naomi Circle, under the leadership of Jean Swintek, meets the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm in the homes of members
- Fresh Brewed Life, under the leadership of Sally Uhler, meets the first Friday of the month at 10:30 am at the church. They are currently studying “The Girl’s Still Got It” by Liz Curtis Higgs
- The “4th Monday Book Club” meets at the church, and has been going strong for nearly 20 years.