

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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### **Taco Tuesday - Tuesday, Sept. 24 at 5pm**

Calling all taco enthusiasts! Meet up at El Bosque to treat yourself to some good tacos and good company! (112 Shenandoah Drive.)

### **Chili Cook Off - Next Sunday!**

Get your best chili recipe out - Our annual service auction kick off event is coming soon! See the insert for more information.

### **Park Clean Up, Tuesday Oct. 1, 4:30 - 6:30pm**

The Woodlands Township is sponsoring a community wide "Green Up." Join Kasia ([kasia@lenio.net](mailto:kasia@lenio.net)/832-942-3311.) for a clean sweep through Tamarac park/our parking lot/roadside.

### **Baby Shower for Baby Foy - Saturday, Oct. 5 at 11am**

Alex and Monica are expecting Baby Foy #2 to arrive on November 19, 2024 - Friends and family are invited to a baby shower! They are registered at <https://my.babylist.com/monica-foy>.

### **The Woodlands Pride Festival - Saturday, October 12**

Check out the insert for details on Northwoods' participation at The Woodlands Pride!

### **Joys and Concerns**

*To share a joy or concert visit [www.northwoodsuu.org/support](http://www.northwoodsuu.org/support).*

Our hearts are heavy as we share the passing of Dorothy Kennedy, a long-time member Northwoods. She had a unique ability to captivate us with her story telling, and her warmth and wit will be greatly missed.

We will gather for a celebration of life for Bozena Gardner on Saturday, September 28 at 11:00 a.m. at Northwoods. If you can help by bringing finger foods or flowers, please see Sharla Hein at the back of the sanctuary after service.

### **Women's Choir**

Kasia Montgomery will be organizing a second Women's Choir to perform the first Sunday in February; rehearsals will be once a week for about a month prior to the performance. Please get in touch with Kasia (832-942-3311 or [kasia@lenio.net](mailto:kasia@lenio.net)) if you can sing or play an instrument!

**Visitors! Welcome!** We are so glad you're here. Stop by the visitors' table in the foyer to tell us a little about you, & scan this QR code to learn a little more about us.



NORTHWOODS UNITARIAN UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

*COMPASSIONATE COMMUNITY,*

*SPIRITED SEARCHING,*

*COURAGEOUS ACTIONS.*

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TODAY AT NORTHWOODS

September 22, 2024

## **SCREAMING INTO THE VOID AND OTHER FORMS OF PRAYER**

In a world too often filled with loss and loneliness, we crave connection. We are built for it. But many of us have at some point experienced losing our faith, or at the least, losing heart. Together, we will practice the gentle possibility for healing that comes from connecting authentically to one of life's larger truths: You are not alone.

By Rev. Sarah Prickett

With music by Courtney Thibodeaux and Friends

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## **ALSO THIS SUNDAY:**

### **SEE Justice Forum: Americans United for Separation of Church and State**

Join us at noon in the Garden Room as Keith Thompson from Americans United for Separation of Church and State will speak about how religious freedom and reproductive freedom are related.

Americans United for Separation of Church and State is a nonpartisan, not-for-profit educational and advocacy organization that brings together people of all religions and none to protect the right of everyone to believe as they want — and stop anyone from using their beliefs to harm others. We fight in the courts, legislatures, and the public square for freedom without favor and equality without exception.

**INVITATION TO BREATHE**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**PRELUDE** Count on Me by Bruno Mars

**\*CHALICE LIGHTING**

We light the chalice,  
the symbol of our Unitarian Universalist faith,  
as a beacon of hope for all who seek  
justice, dignity, and compassion,  
and in celebration of the life of truth  
and meaning that we share together.

**\*HYMN** When I am Frightened, Hymn 1012

**\*AFFIRMATION**

Love is the Spirit of this church and service its gift.  
This is our great covenant:  
To dwell together in peace,  
to seek the truth in love,  
and to help one another.

**TIME FOR ALL AGES**

**CENTERING** Spirit of Life, Hymn 123

Spirit of Life, come unto me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind, rise in the sea, move in the hand,  
giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close, wings set me free,  
Spirit of Life, come to me, come to me.

**MOMENT OF MEDITATION**

**GROWING A BELOVED COMMUNITY**

**OFFERING**

*To donate by text, text your donation amount and to  
844-328-9670. Your donations are gratefully received.*

**ANTHEM** You Will Be Found by Dear Even Hansen

**SERMON**

**\*CLOSING HYMN** Come Sing a Song with Me, Hymn 346

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*EXTINGUISHING THE CHALICE** Elizabeth Selle Jones

We extinguish this flame, but not the light of truth,  
the warmth of community, or the fire of commitment.  
These we carry in our hearts until  
we are together again.

**FINAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE** The Power of One, Israel Houghton

*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

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Children and Youth will begin each Sunday in the sanctuary then leave after the Time For All Ages. They will proceed to Room 10 for group fellowship. Class will begin at 11:15 and end at 12:00. This allows our teachers to enjoy the sermon, and our parents to enjoy fellowship with adults for about 30 minutes after the service.

Options for Younger Children: Children age 2-3 years of age can be dropped off in our childcare room for Chalice Children activities, or families can watch the service from the Family Room. Families are also welcome to keep young children at the front of the sanctuary in the Wee Worship.