

—Pledge Updates—

Online Giving

If you are interested in setting up online giving, visit the “Giving” link to the secure portal at www.northwoodpc.org or call the Church Office. For your convenience, gifts can be processed as credit card or e-check transactions. Additionally, you may make a one-time gift or set your contributions up for automated processing on a schedule that you select. Participation in the offering on Sunday morning is an act of worship and we wish to include those who choose to give online. If you so choose, you will find laminated cards in the Narthex that can be placed in the offering plate to say “My gift this week was made online.” Thank you for your continued and faithful support of the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church.



Building Renovation Pledge Update

Total building pledges: \$62,065.00
Total pledge gifts to date: \$57,410.00
Total non-pledge gifts to date: \$38,482.00
Total gifts to building fund to date: \$95,892.00
Unpaid pledge balance: \$4,655.00
Projected gifts as of 12/31/15: \$100,547.00
Projected deficit to bid: \$7,453.00

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2016 are now available in the hall by the kitchen. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. Please remember that when making “Cash” contributions, include your first and last name on the envelope to be sure it is accurately recorded. In our continuing efforts to reduce the number of envelope sets that are wasted each year as more people choose online giving, we are again using perpetual envelopes. The individual envelopes in the box are marked for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Sunday of each month rather than being dated. Envelopes for the 5th Sunday, if needed, are at the back of the box.



ANNOUNCEMENTS—January 17, 2016

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. To learn more about our church we have our Discovering Northwood class TODAY in **room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 10:45AM-12:00PM**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin at chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org or Tracy Donovan at communications@northwoodpc.org or the church office 796-8090.

—Coming Events—

Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Monday, January 25 and continuing through Monday, February 29, Pastor Paul will lead a six week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to death of a loved one, a life-threatening illness or some other life circumstance. The time of the seminar is from 1:30 to 3:30. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. The cost for materials is \$15. For more information contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch **January 31st at Noon**

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 31st. It's the Annual Congregational Meeting and Church-wide Potluck. The Meeting starts at 12:00 pm and the Potluck lunch will follow. At the meeting we will hear reports from the Session, the Deacons and their Ministry Teams. We will also be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings its nominations.

Elders

(Class of 2018)
Bob Meier
Tracey Birch
Ray Spigarelli
Keith Nadig
Stephen Cantin

Deacons

(Class of 2018)
Cynthia Lawrence

Nominating Com.

David Hamilton

Sign up for the lunch on the friendship sheet or on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

Kirkin' o' the Tartan Sunday, January 24

Northwood will celebrate our Scottish Presbyterian heritage at all three worship services on Sunday, January 24 in a service known as *Kirkin' o' the Tartan*. The Tampa Bay Pipe Band will join us in a procession of tartans with music for the pipe and drum along with hymns and anthems of our Scottish heritage.

In 1745, Scottish clansmen were forbidden by the British Crown to wear the tartans, and to play the bagpipes, and to acknowledge in any way their traditional clans. This prompted the stubborn Scots to secretly carry with them a piece of their tartans in their pockets as they went to church (kirk). On an appointed Sunday, the minister would slip into the service a blessing, or "kirkin" for the tartans and clans which the tartans represented. Our Kirkin' will be a celebration of the Scottish reformers as well as all those who have gone before us in the faith.



Annual Pancake Breakfast



It's that time of year again— **Sunday, February 7th** is Scout Sunday. Northwood's own Boy Scout Troop 413 will be preparing and serving our delicious Annual Pancake Breakfast. Come hungry for food and fellowship! Donations will be accepted to benefit the troop. Troop 413 thanks Northwood Presbyterian for their support.

Kid's Corner Registration

We are getting ready to hold registration for the 2016-2017 school year. In-house registration (currently enrolled students and siblings and church members) will begin **February 8th**. Public registration will begin **February 15th**. The registration fee is waived for church members, but they must be active church members. There is a \$15 supply fee for all 2, 3 and VPK students. The updated prices are on our website.



Wonderful Wednesday Dinners

Mark your calendars, the Wonderful Wednesday Dinners are coming up, **February 10, 17, 24, March 2, 9 & 16**. More information and sign-ups to come!



Youth Upcoming Events



Sunday, January 17

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 pm in youth room

Friday, January 22

Game Night 7:00-10:00 pm (youth room/gym)

Sunday, January 24

Youth Group from 5:00-6:30 pm in youth room

Friday, January 29

Game Night from 7:00-10:00 pm (youth room/gym)

Sunday, January 31—

5th Sunday (Youth to cover all of the greeting and ushering for all 3 services)

Sunday, January 31

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 pm in youth room

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults
troyharris1962@yahoo.com, 727-366-7762

Children's Upcoming Events



Kings Kids 2016

Will Resume this Wednesday, JANUARY 20th

This is a mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God. Wednesdays, 4:00-5:45 for children ages 3 through 5th grade.

Spring Bash 2016

Deposits are due by January 24th. Children grades 3rd-5th are invited to Cedarkirk, April 15th-16th. Please contact Justine Ruisz for deposit amount and more information.

VBS June 20-24

Save the date for Vacation Bible School. More details to come.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
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Please send articles for all publications to Tracy Donovan at Communications@northwoodpc.org.