

## Get Involved!

### Women's Retreat, February 6-8

Leave your worries (and your chores!) behind! Join the women of Northwood in fellowship and fun at Café Chocolat, a retreat where the focus is on God's Grace—with a bit of chocolate sprinkled on top! Today is the last day to sign up for the 2015 Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk! Final payments are due today as well.

### Stephen Ministry: An Active Caring Ministry

Our Stephen Ministry program consists of church members who have been equipped with 50 hours of training to provide confidential, emotional, spiritual, one-to-one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing struggles in their lives. These difficult circumstances include loss of a loved one, illness, aging, spiritual crisis, a lay-off, relocation, divorce, single parenthood, loneliness, or discouragement, as well as many other life challenges. A Stephen Minister is a caring, Christian friend who will walk beside a person who is hurting and listen, pray, support and encourage them. Typically, a Stephen Minister will meet faithfully with his or her care receiver for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need. To learn more about how you, a family member or a friend can benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Come and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit! Join us at the Thursday Morning Prayer Group. We meet at 10:00 am in the Parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Holloway at 727-786-9440.

### NPC Libraries

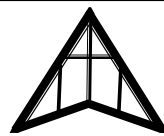
This month we are featuring faith-based fictional series in the adult library. Featured items include the Red Glove and Sunrise series by Karen Kingsbury, the Martyr's Song series by Ted Dekker, the Cape Refuge series by Terri Blackstock and many of the Joshua books written by Joseph Girzone. Check it out and get hooked on reading!

## Kid's Corner Registration Dates

**In House Registration:**  
February 2-6

**Public Registration:**  
February 9-12

For more information, see the Window or go online to [www.northwoodpc.org/schools](http://www.northwoodpc.org/schools)



Loyal to His Church  
"Count on Me!"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS—January 18, 2015

### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. We invite you to our Discovering Northwood class **TODAY in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 10:45AM-12:00PM** to learn more about our church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin, at [ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org](mailto:ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org) or Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana, at [Katie@Northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@Northwoodpc.org). Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

### Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon Sunday, January 25th at Noon & Lunch to Follow

At the Annual 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, and consider changes in the pastors' terms of call.

#### Elders

**(Class of 2017)**

Loisanne Bilka

Jerry Koski

Allen Hurst

Charlotte McQuown

Doug Winder

#### Deacons

**(Class of 2017)**

Lindsey Childs-Kean

Cindy Whiteside

Carol Bushnell

Carol Zieres

Cookie Roffey

#### Nominating Com.

Patti Martin

Dan Jeffre

Nate Rodewald

We will also elect members to the Nominating Committee and the Memorial Garden Board.

**A Covered Dish Luncheon follows:** Please sign-up on the friendship sheet bulletin insert or the Covered Dish Luncheon sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

## This Month...

### Youth Choirs

This would be a great time join the youth vocal choir or youth handbell choir (grades 6-12). Singing begins at 4:50 p.m. followed by handbells from 5:30-6:15 p.m. each Wednesday. Call or text Tom Huffman if you want to join the bell group (727) 409-8726

### Attention Youth & Adults

Are you interested in joining the puppet ministry group? We are re-starting the program, so no experience is needed—only your enthusiasm and interest in learning! Join us on Monday, January 26th at 6pm. If you are interested and can't attend the first meeting, send an email to [kscheuerman@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:kscheuerman@tampabay.rr.com).

Kat Scheuerman & Pam Wood

## Coming in February...

### W.A.Y. Dinners

Mark your calendars! The W.A.Y. (Wednesday And You) Dinners will begin February 11 with a Mardi Gras inspired meal. February 18th will be the Ash Wednesday meal and service. The meals run through March 19. More information can be found in this January edition of the Window, or go online to [www.northwoodpc.org/way](http://www.northwoodpc.org/way).

### Spring Women's Bible Study

Knowing how to pray can change your life! Join us for a five-week study on prayer, using Kay Arthur's study, Lord Teach Me to Pray. We will begin on Tuesday, February 17th at 7:00 p.m. Contact Pam Means to sign up and order a workbook! (386-0747 or [psm260@gmail.com](mailto:psm260@gmail.com))

### Ash Wednesday Service

Even if you can't make it to the W.A.Y. Dinner, we invite you to join us for the Ash Wednesday Service held in the sanctuary on February 18 at 6:40 pm.

## Youth Events

<b>Sunday, January 18:</b>	No Youth Group
<b>Friday, January 23:</b>	Game night 7-10
<b>Sunday, January 25:</b>	Youth group 4:15-6:00
<b>Friday, January 30:</b>	Game night 7-10
<b>Sunday, February 1:</b>	Youth group 4:15-6:00
<b>Friday, February 6:</b>	Game night 7-10
<b>Sunday, February 8:</b>	Youth group 4:15-6:00
<b>Friday, February 13:</b>	Game night 7-10
<b>Sunday, February 15:</b>	Youth group 4:15-6:00
<b>Friday, February 20:</b>	Game night 7-10
<b>Sunday, February 22:</b>	Youth group 4:15-6:00
<b>Friday, February 27:</b>	Game night 7-10

### Sunday School

Join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school at both 9:30 and 11:00.

*Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults*  
[troyharris1962@yahoo.com](mailto:troyharris1962@yahoo.com), 727-366-7762

## Children's Ministries

### Children's Sunday School @ 9:30:

Teachers needed!! We need help once a month with two children's Sunday school classes: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. The lessons are easy to teach and the children do all the work! Everyone is learning! Please contact Justine if you can help build the foundation for our children.

### Worship Prep Class:

This is a class for 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and older who have not taken the class before. Parents save the date for February 15 & 22<sup>nd</sup>, from 10:30-12. For questions please contact Justine Ruisz.

### Spring Bash:

Parents your 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grader is invited to enjoy an overnight experience at Cedarkirk on March 20-21<sup>st</sup>. Please sign up on the Children Bulletin Board if your child would like to attend. For more information and details please contact Justine Ruisz.

### King's Kids:

We need volunteers to help assist with the children during our Wednesday afternoon program from 4-6. Please contact Justine Ruisz if you can help, King's Kids will resume on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry**

[Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) 796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140

## Financial Matters

### Building Renovation Pledge Update

Campaign Goal: \$80,000.00

Pledged to date: \$62,293.00. Received \$45,655.53.

### 2015 Envelopes

2015 Giving/Pledge Envelopes are available in the hall by the kitchen. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. When making "Cash" contributions, please include your name on the envelope to ensure it is accurately recorded. If you wish to set up online giving, go to [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click the "Giving" link to our secure online portal. Thank you for your faithful support.