NPC Women's Retreat – February 19-21

Come join the women of Northwood for an amazing weekend of fellowship at our annual retreat at Cedarkirk. We're happy to announce that Debra Musgrave Cox will be our speaker! Registration is now open and forms are available in the church office or by email. Payment may be made online or by dropping off a check at the office (please earmark NPC WR). Cancellations due to COVID will be fully refundable.

Your Giving Matters

Even when we can't be together, your giving matters. We want to continue being the church in our community and to each and every one of you in the days ahead. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving throughout this time by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

- 1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
- 2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
- 3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options

Carenotes Ministry

Are you struggling to cope with grief or chronic illness? Are you overwhelmed with the challenges of care giving? CareNotes offer strength, help and healing for those who are hurting and provide a wealth of emotional, health, grief and eldercare support and information. CareNotes are also available for teens and children addressing such topics as bullying, social media safety and forgiveness.

You will also find greeting cards if needed. These free resources are found in the racks in the narthex. They are supplied by the Deacons and refreshed by Deacon Faye Mackie.

Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org.

• Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.







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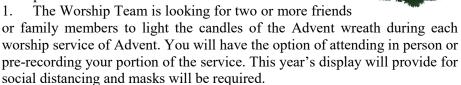
Announcements - November 29, 2020 WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to worship through our livestreaming while we are not

church in this unprecedented time. Let us know of prayer requests through the church website, and seek to give online, by text and by mail. We are offering ways to meet on the computer or smart phones through existing programs called **Zoom** and **Microsoft Teams**. Contact our church office- communications@northwoodpc.org if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. WELCOME!

Lighting the Advent Wreath

Celebrating with an Advent wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way for us to keep Christ at the center of our Christmas preparations. How would you like to take part in this meaningful Northwood tradition? Here are a couple of ideas:



2. Those watching the service by live streaming are encouraged to prepare a wreath at home to light during the appropriate time in worship. Inexpensive wreaths are available from a number of merchants, or better yet, get crafty and make your own! If you are interested in volunteering for option 1, please call Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 (cell) or email her at bikin-gringer@gmail.com.



Christmas Poinsettias

Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? For just \$9 you can make that happen. You can mail or drop off a check to the church office with a note designating "in honor of" or

"in memory of" and their name(s). If you pay on line for the poinsettias, in order to be sure their names are included, you will need to send an email to communications@northwoodpc.org with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in their memory or honor. The deadline for ordering poinsettias is December 13. The poinsettias will be put in the church sanctuary whether we are meeting at the church or if the service is only live streamed.

Virtual Online Attendance for 11/22/2020

Livestream from the church website: Contemporary Service—67 **Traditional Service—**76

Facebook Live: 204 views between both services **Total Views**: 347 If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well. You can call the church office and ask for help you if you are having trouble viewing. We encourage you to ask for help!

Presbyterian Women Livestreaming Dec. 3rd—11:00 am.

The Presbyterian Women study, "Into the Light: Finding Hope through Prayer and Lament" by P. Lynn Miller, is a 9-month study on reclaiming the practice of lament. Study books are available. The study is available through livestreaming on the first Thursday of each month at 11:00 AM and will be led by Pastor Curvin. If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

Children & Youth

We will continue the tradition of offering pre-service music on Christmas Eve again this year. If you play an instrument and are in 1st-12th grade, you are invited to prepare a sacred Christmas piece for the 7:30 p.m. Christmas service. All the performances will be recorded in advance and then be played prior to the start of the service. If you are interested, text or call Tom Huffman at (727) 409-8726 or send an email to hufftom@aol.com.

Drop-n-Shop

Drop-n-Shop gives parents the opportunity to drop their children off at the church for a few hours of fun while they can go get stuff done! Given our new way of living, this event will require a mask at all times and an updated 2020-2021 medical/consent form completed. We will have a blend of safe and socially distant indoor & outdoor activities! It's going to be like a mini day of Vacation Bible School. Kids will be in small groups with an adult counselor and a couple of youth elves! There will be games, craft projects, snack time, and Bible time! To better ensure the safety of our community we are limiting this event to 30 preschool and elementary-aged children and we will have the nursery available for our little ones. The deadline to sign up is December 10th. For more details and sign up, follow the link below that is also located on our social media pages & weekly email updates, or email Rosalie, our Director of Youth & Families at bradfordrosalie@gmail.com

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- ★ SUNDAY 11/29 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH 10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
- TUESDAY 12/1
 8:00 PM YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ WEDNESDAY 12/2 6:00 PM 7:00 PM OUTDOOR CITYNIGHT
- **★** SUNDAY 12/6 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH 10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS 7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS 8:30 PM - COLLEGE GROUP VIA ZOOM

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

https://mailchi.mp/346a79beaee7/citylightupdate11-22-2020

Beth-El Angel Tree "Drop and Drive" Event

On Saturday, December 12th, for this year's Angel Tree Outreach, the Mission and Outreach Ministry members will be accepting donations from the list below for the Beth-El farm workers. The Mission and Outreach members will be masked and ready to accept your donations from 10:00 a.m. until noon at the church. All CDC protocols will be in place and there will be no need to exit your vehicle as this will be another "drop and drive" event. Donations can be dropped off at the church prior to this event from 9:00 to 1:00 Monday through Thursday prior to December 12th. If you would prefer to give on line, please follow the prompts and select Beth-El Mission. Thank you Northwood for your continued generosity.

Beth-El Wish List

Paper towels, Toilet paper, Wipes, Napkins, Long sleeve shirts, Beanies/ caps, Bandanas, Head coverings, Fannie packs, Working gloves, Socks, Baby Items such as Diapers sizes 4 & 5 and Baby wipes, Gift Cards \$20.00 or more: Wal-Mart, Publix, Wa-Wa,

Gas Cards