

2020 Contributions

Giving intended for 2020 must be received in the church office by noon on Thursday, December 31 or postmarked no later than December 31, 2020. Contributions which are processed electronically through your bank's online bill pay or via our website must be initiated much earlier (probably no later than December 26) so that the transaction will fully process and qualify for deduction in 2020.

Pledge Cards for 2021

Thank you for your faithful response to God's call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2020. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! If you have yet to do so, please do so as soon as possible as pledge cards are available in the sanctuary pews, in the Church Office and in the Narthex. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2020. We look forward to the work God is preparing for us in 2021.

Pledge Update (YTD)

	<u>As of</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Families/Givers</u>
Stewardship 2021	11/25/2020	\$390,133	123
Stewardship 2020	11/25/2019	\$444,706	144

Special \$300 Tax Deduction

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, includes a temporary special \$300 deduction designed for people who choose to take the standard deduction. This deduction lowers both adjusted gross income and taxable income for those making donations to organizations like Northwood and translates into tax savings for the donor. Be sure to consult your tax preparer to see how this new deduction might benefit you.

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



Announcements— December 6, 2020

WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to worship through our livestreaming while we are not gathering in public worship! We are all learning how to be a new 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!



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 Brown Bag Bible Study

Livestream and Facebook Live—Dec. 10, 12:00pm

Thursday, December 10th at noon, Pastor Paul will continue the study on the major themes of Advent. To guide us in our study, we will be using Timothy Keller's book, Hidden Christmas: The Surprising Truth Behind the Birth of Christ. Join us as we reflect on what it means to welcome anew the Christ Child into our hearts, and as a result what it means to live as a dearly beloved child of God.

Children & Youth: Do You Play a Musical Instrument?

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 by Dec. 13th.

Virtual Online Attendance for 11/29/2020

Livestream from the church website: Contemporary Service—82
Traditional Service—84

Facebook Live: 204 views between both services Total Views: 370

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!



The Christmas Joy Special Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received **Sunday, December 20th**. Your gifts make a difference in providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and in opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related ethnic colleges and schools. Your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering will make a difference in shining the One True Light of Christ's love.

Drop-n-Shop—Dec. 13, 2:00-5:00pm

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

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.

Citylight Schedule *Follow us* @CitylightNPC 12/6 - 12/13

- ★ **SUNDAY 12/6**
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
- ★ **TUESDAY 12/8**
8:00 PM - YOUNG WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM
- ★ **WEDNESDAY 12/9**
6:00 PM - 7:00 PM - OUTDOOR CITYNIGHT
(PREPPING FOR DROP N SHOP)
- ★ **SUNDAY 12/13**
9:00 AM & 11:00 AM LIVE STREAM CHURCH
10:15 AM - SUNDAY SCHOOL VIA TEAMS
2:00 PM - 5:00 PM - DROP N SHOP (YOUTH VOLUNTEERS ARRIVE AT 12:00 PM)
7:30 PM - YOUNG MEN'S BIBLE STUDY VIA TEAMS

Follow the link to view our weekly email:

<https://mailchi.mp/bb5a0a9ae1ee/citylightupdate-1212020>

Beth-El Angel Tree "Drop and Drive" Event Dec. 12—10:00am-12:00pm

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

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.