Beth-El Thank You

The mission and Outreach team would like to thank the congregation for the large number of items donated to Beth El Farmworkers Ministry in Wimauma, Fl. The migrant farmworkers of Beth El are grateful for all the gifts and other necessities including warm hats, gloves, jackets, and 12 heaters so lovingly donated by the Northwood congregation through the Angel Tree program.

Pledge Cards for 2022

Thank you for your faithful answer to God's call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2021. 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. Pledge cards are available in the narthex and the church office. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2021. We look forward to the work God is preparing for us in 2022.

2021 Contributions

Giving intended for 2021 must be received in the church office by noon on Friday, December 31 or postmarked no later than December 31, 2021. 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 24) so that the transaction will fully process and qualify for deduction in 2021.

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshiping online, your giving matters too. 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.
- Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab. 2.
- 3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options







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NPC Guest Wi-Fi Now live streaming our 9:00 & 11:00 services on northwoodpc.org.



Announcements– December 19, 2021 WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching "Come, Grow, Go! online! Let us know of prayer requests by filling out the friendship sheet or through the church website, and seek to give online, by text, by mail or through offering boxes located in the narthex. Contact our church office at 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. Mark your calendar for our next Discovering Northwood presentation, January 16, 2022 at 10:00am. WELCOME!

CHRISTMAS JOY

The Christmas Joy Special Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received Sunday, December 19th. 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 Presbyterianrelated 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.



Blood Drive

December 19th from 9:00am-12:00pm the blood mobile will be located in the Northwood parking lot. All donors will receive a wellness check up including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening.

Upcoming Special Music and Worship Offerings



December 24: Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service 4:30pm

Christmas Eve Traditional Worship Service with Choir7:30pm

December 26:One Worship Service—10:00am

January 2: 9:00am Contemporary Worship Service 11:00am Traditional Worship Service

**There are informational cards with all of the musical event and special worship service dates in the narthex and in the church office to



share with family and friends!

Attendance for 12/12/2021 Livestream & In-Person

In-Person Contemporary—48 In-Person Traditional— 99 Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary Service-45 **Traditional Service**—64

Facebook Live: 193 views between both services **Total Views: 449** If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well.

NO Brown Bag Bible Study—Dec. 23 & 30

The Brown Bag Bible Study will not meet Thursday, December 23rd or 30th in observance of the Christmas holiday. We will resume on Thursday, January 6th.

Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Wednesday, January 12th and continuing through Wednesday, February 16th, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one or for those who are facing grief from other types of significant loss in their life. The time of the seminar is from 12:30 to 2:00. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

2022 Annual Garage Sale—January 14 & 15

It is getting closer! Our annual sale will take place on January 14 and 15, 2022 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Cards are available in the hallway to share and post in your clubhouse. Drop-offs begin on December 26 and continue through January 12, 2022. Please contact Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 if you need a pick-up. We sell almost everything – jewelry, clothes, furniture, sporting goods, toys, collectibles, plants, books, dvds and cds, electronics, household goods, linens, holiday, tools, outdoor items, etc. Volunteers are still needed to help with set-up, sorting, cashiering, security, and cleanup. Please call Susan or e-mail susankcurry@verizon.net.

Welcome Guest Organist Linda Pointer

Our guest organist today is Linda Pointer. Dr. Pointer teaches Humanities at St. Petersburg College and is retired from regular church work so she can enjoy making music at a variety of churches. She is happy to return to Northwood.



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Sunday School for Children

Sunday School Children's Sunday School for age 3 to 5th grade will be held weekly during the 11:00am church service in classroom 16. We will be learning

about young people who served God in the Old and New Testaments. We look forward to working with your children. Please contact the church office or send an email to childrensministry@northwoodpc.org if you have any questions. We hope you will join us on Sundays!

**There will be NO Sunday School December 19th & 26th

We Are in Need of Volunteers!

Are you interested in helping with the 11 o'clock children's Sunday School? We need assistants each week/or if you would like to teach, please join us. Send an email with your availability to: childrensministry@northwoodpc.org

Women's Retreat-Registration is Open!

The annual Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk will be held on March 4-6. 2022. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. Deposits will be accepted beginning Sunday, Dec. 19th. Look for more info and registration forms on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Any questions, please contact Jeanne Stephen at Jeanneestephen@gmail.com