

RING, SING & MINGLE

Save the date!



Who: Five NPC Handbell Choirs
What: Handbell Concert, Carol Sing and Fellowship/Food!
When: Sunday, December 11, 4:00 PM
Where: NPC Sanctuary
Why: To Ring and Sing-in the season. Also, a chance to reach out to family, friends and neighbors and invite them to our church for something festive and fun!
Help: We need HOMEMADE Christmas cookies and a lot of them. Can you please bake some extra ones and let us know you can help? Other food will be provided. Please contact Gale DuFresne if you can help. (727) 736-2326

Have you considered the benefits of directing your IRA distribution to your church?

A Qualified Charitable Distribution permits annual direct transfers to a qualified charity totaling up to \$100,000 of tax-deferred IRA savings. (Funds that have been distributed from the IRA to the IRA owner and are then contributed to charity don't qualify.) QCDs offer advantages over taking a taxable IRA distribution and then contributing the proceeds of that distribution to a charity. That's because taxable IRA distributions must be included in adjusted gross income. As a result:

- Income taxes on Social Security benefits can increase,
- Adjusted gross income (AGI) limitations on annual charitable deductions can defeat current deduction of the charitable contribution of IRA distribution proceeds (carryovers to a limited number of future tax years is available),
- AGI limitations trimming itemized deductions can apply, and
- Medicare insurance premiums can increase.

QCDs avoid those results. These types of distributions have now been made permanent under the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2016. If you'd like to make a gift to Northwood in this way, please speak to Chris Hurst in the church office.

Thank You Northwood!

My heartfelt thanks to my Northwood family for your prayers and support during the recent illness and death of my mother, Inez Kramer. It was comforting to see so many of you at her memorial service. -Melanie Brown



ANNOUNCEMENTS- November 20, 2016

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. Each week's sermon is available for you in a printed booklet in the narthex as well as a video on our website at www.northwoodpc.org.

—Around Northwood—

Discovering Northwood Class

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. Please come join us!



We want to remind everyone that on Tuesday, November 22nd we will gather at 7:00 PM for our Community Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church along with other local churches. Holy Trinity Church is located at 3200 N McMullen Booth Road across from Mease Countryside Hospital.

Cedarkirk Women's Retreat- January 20-23

Join the women of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, and canoeing. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend and our inspirational speaker, Vicki Taylor. Info can be found on the bulletin board across from the water fountain. Mark your calendars and sign up TODAY!

Kids & Youth: Do you play a Musical Instrument?

Kids and youth (ages 1st grade through 12th grade), come play your instrument on Christmas Eve...your gift to the Lord! If you have a sacred song to play during our pre-service concert at 4:00 P.M. please call Justine Ruisz at (727) 796-8090 or email her at: childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

Poinsettia Orders

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. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from Sunday's friendship sheet (through December 11) in the offering plate or drop off in the church office during regular office hours.

[Isaiah's Inn Angel Tree](#)

It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help **Isaiah's Inn** with Christmas! Today we will have "angels" on our Christmas tree in the narthex so that you can choose a gift to provide for a family in need. (Gifts should cost \$15-\$20.) Please make sure you sign out the angel in the church library before taking it home. Gifts should not be wrapped and should be returned to the Christmas tree area by Sunday, December 4th. For information contact Pam Means or Nancy Johnson at 727-366-7705.

[Beth-El Angel Tree](#)

Northwood will be supporting the **Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry** in Hillsborough County again this year. The gift requests will be on multi colored angels on the Christmas tree starting November 27. Gifts range from \$1.00 up. Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 11th. For information contact Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

[Annual Garage Sale](#)

Are you saving all your treasures that you want to donate to the church for the annual Garage Sale? Hold on to them just a little longer. We will begin collecting items at the church starting Saturday, December 31, 2016. The fundraiser benefits the Music Program all year. Please no old TVs, heavy exercise equipment like treadmills or entertainment centers. If you have a question about an item you would like to donate call Susan Curry, (727) 709-8237.

[Alternative Gifts for Christmas!](#)

Are you challenged to find a perfect, affordable gift for someone who has everything? Do you want to show your children and grandchildren that you believe the greatest gift is helping others? Consider an Alternative Gift! For as little as \$5.00 you can honor a loved one with a donation to a local, national or international benevolence. The women of Lydia Circle will be in the Narthex before and after each worship service during Advent (November 27, December 4, 11 and 18) to help you select a PERFECT alternative gift.

Contact Barbara Englehart (743-4886 or waspfifinella@yahoo.com) or Nancy Johnson (366-7705 or njohnso1472@gmail.com)

[Blood Drive](#)

Save the date! Our next blood drive is Sunday, December 4.

[Women's Ministries](#)

Mon, November 21th 7:00 P.M. Lydia Circle rooms 5 & 7
Mon, November 28th 10:00 A.M. Book Club rooms 13 & 15
Tues, November 29th 9:30 A.M. Project Day room 14
Fri, December 2nd 10:30 A.M. Fresh Brewed, rooms 5 & 7
Tues, December 6th, 9:00 A.M. Coordinating Team, rooms 5 & 7
Tues, December 6th, 10:00 A.M. Bible Study & brunch, rms 5 & 7

*Questions? Contact Patty Martin
(813-855-0851 or bill.martin2@verizon.net)*

[Presbyterian Women Invitation](#)

All women of Northwood Presbyterian Church are invited to come and see what Presbyterian Women Circles are all about....all women, all for Christ. Please join us on Tuesday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study, information, coffee and pastries. Pastor Chris will be teaching Lesson 4, according to John, from our 2016-2017 Bible study book, "Who Is Jesus". Study materials are available on the church's website at www.northwoodpc.org/pw. Contact Patty Martin (813-855-0851) or Sue Miskiewicz (727-799-6767) for additional information.

[Children's Ministry](#)

[Drop N' Shop](#)

Parents, save the date for Saturday, Dec 3rd for our annual Drop N' Shop! You are welcome to drop your children off 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. so you can get some time to yourself or get some Christmas shopping done if you want! While you are away, your children will be having a Christmas celebration with crafts, games and a lesson about Jesus. This event is \$10.00 per child with a max of \$30.00 per family, for ages birth - 5th grade. Mark it on your calendars and sign up on the sheet on the children's ministry bulletin board. The money raised will go to the children and youth of Northwood for Cedarkirk Camp scholarships.

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