

[Our Sympathy](#)

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to Jeri Heycock upon the news of the death of her husband, Rees Heycock, on November 17.

[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.

[Blood Drive](#)

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

[2016 Pledge Giving](#)

If you are behind on your 2016 pledge, please catch up as soon as possible before the end of the year. The operating budget is based on your faithful giving and church expenses do not stop. Thank you for your faithfulness. If you have any questions about your giving, please call the church office at 796-8090 and speak to Linda O'Leary or Chris Hurst.

[Fun! Friends! Friday!](#)



Ren Crew 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on December 9 at 10:30 in rooms 9 & 11. The theme for this year is, "Windows to the World." Associate Music Director, Tom Huffman, will lead us through "Christmas Carols from around the World." Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Olive Garden. Come join us as we share fun with friends, old and new. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Please send articles for all publications to Tracy Donovan at Communications@northwoodpc.org.



Loyal to His Church

[ANNOUNCEMENTS- November 27, 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—

[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 TODAY. 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.

[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.



[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.



Youth Ministry

Sun, Nov 27: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.
Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.
Wed, Nov 30: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.
Fri, Dec. 2: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.
Sun, Dec. 4: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.
Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.
Wed, Dec. 7: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.
Fri, Dec. 9: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.
Sun, Dec. 11: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.
Youth Group Christmas Party 5:00-6:30 P.M.

Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries
youthdirector@northwoodpc.org (813) 624-2593

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.

King's Kids

King's Kids will be on a break for the holidays until Wednesday, January 25th.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org 796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140

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.

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.

Women's Ministries

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)

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 (Today, December 4, 11 and 18) to help you select a PERFECT alternative gift.

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

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!