

## Annual Garage Sale

Our Music Ministry program needs your help! We can only top last year's record sales if everyone donates & attends, so invite friends! All funds go towards supporting our many music programs. The Garage Sale is scheduled for January 12 and 13, 2018 with donations accepted beginning December 27, 2017. Questions? Call Susan Curry at (727) 709-8237.

## Women's Retreat - January 19-22

Join the women of Northwood for an amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and nature walks. Enjoy the peaceful beauty of Cedarkirk while staying in a heated lodge, complete with fireplace and kitchen. Info coming soon!!!

## HYMN NOTES:

### **"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (88)**

In monasteries as early as the ninth century during Advent vespers the eight days before Christmas, seven "O"s were sung before and after the Magnificat (see two paraphrases of the "Song of Mary" in the hymnal at #99 and #100). The seven began: "O Sapientia" (Wisdom); "O Adonai" (Lord); "O Radix Jesse" (Root of Jesse); "O Clavis David" (Key of David); "O Oriens" (Dayspring); "O Rex" (King); "O Emmanuel" (God with us). It was customary for each of the principal officers of a monastery to 'keep his O' in turn, by singing his 'Great O' and then provide a pittance or feast for the monks.

## BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

**Sunday, Dec. 3:** Betty Beattie, Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz, Stacy Atkinson, Kerry McDermott  
**Monday, Dec. 4:** Jonathon Irion  
**Tuesday, Dec. 5:** Robert Fehringer, Jackie Rice, Mickey Stewart  
**Wednesday, Dec. 6:** Harry Seckman, Robert Fuoco, Zachary Cox, Shane Alexander  
**Thursday, Dec. 7:** Laura Turner, David Hamilton, Jr., Holden Patel  
**Friday, Dec. 8:** Dave Cody, Roger Snay, Sr., Wanda Fanning, Susan Glaser, Barbara Jordan

*If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!*



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on northwoodpc.org.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS- December 3, 2017

### **WELCOME GUESTS**

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities here. If you are interested in membership or learning more about our church, please join us on January 21st for our Discovering Northwood Class at 10:45 in room 4. Contact our Senior Pastor, Chris Curvin at (727) 796-8090 or by email at [chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org](mailto:chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org) if questions.

## Live Streaming At Northwood

All sermons at NPC are available on our website at [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) under the "Watch Live" tab. From there you can watch our 11:00 service live on Sundays or click on "Archives" to find previous weeks' services.

## Pancake Breakfast

Today the youth are hosting a pancake breakfast to raise money for their summer faith building trip. Please join us for pancakes, Christmas music, and laughter today after all three services. Donations are welcome.

## Save the Date for Special Music Events

**December 10:** 9:30 Ignite Service, Special Christmas Program  
**December 10:** 'Ring, Sing & Mingle' Handbell Concert, Carol Sing and Reception 4:00 P.M.  
**December 17:** 8:15 & 11:00 Traditional Services Cantata 'Carol Suites' by Mark Hayes

## Church Photo Directory

*Space is filling up! Be sure to sign up soon.  
Next sign-up date is Sunday, December 10!*

### **Remaining photography dates are:**

*December 27 (12:00- 7:00 P.M.)*	January 25 (10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.)
*To accommodate	January 26 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)
visiting students/relatives*	January 27 (10:00 A.M.- 5:00 P.M.)
January 24 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)	February 6 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)

*Without you, our new church directory will not be complete!*

## Directory Photos Pick-Up

If you did not order pictures at your directory photo session, you're free 8X10 photo is available for pick up in the church office during the week and at the reception desk on Sunday mornings. This is for those who received phone calls from the church office. If you ordered photo's your free 8X10 will be mailed to you directly.

# **Blood Drive Today! Help Save Lives!**

### [Presbyterian Women Invitation](#)

All women of Northwood Presbyterian Church are invited to "Get Together" on Tuesday, December 5, at 10:30 a.m. Pastor Chris will be teaching the Horizon Bible Study "Cloud of Witnesses," lesson 4. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Bring a friend! Contact Sue Miskiewicz (727-799-6767) for additional information.

### [Ren Crew- Fun! Friends! Friday!](#)

Our 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on December 8 at 10:30 in the sanctuary. 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. Join us as we share fun with friends, old and new. Questions? Contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### [Youth Ministry](#)

#### [This Week in the Life of Our Youth:](#)

**Sunday, December 3:** 9:30 A.M. Worship, **NO** Sunday School  
**Sunday, December 3:** 5-6:30 P.M. Youth Group  
**Wed, December 6:** 6:30-7:30 P.M. High School Bible Study  
**Friday, December 8:** 7:00-10:00 P.M. Game Night

#### [Upcoming Events:](#)

- Christmas Party: December 10th from 6:00-8:00 pm
- Feeding Tampa Bay: December 27<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-4:00pm

Youth Game Night is held on Friday night from 7-10:00pm here at Northwood. **We are in need of adult volunteers** to help out on **12/22**. If this is something that you may be interested in, please contact Vanessa Celotto at [youthdirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:youthdirector@northwoodpc.org). Thanks!

### [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](mailto: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 10) in the offering plate or drop off in the church office during regular office hours.

### [Large Print Hymnals & Bulletins](#)

Large print hymnals and bulletins are located in white binders with in the racks outside of the main sanctuary double doors. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

### [Support Kids' Corner Preschool](#)

Please consider supporting Northwood Presbyterian's Kids' Corner Preschool this year. They have a Target Registry for items they would like to enhance their classes. You can find their wish list online at [www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/kids/corner](http://www.target.com/gift-registry/gift/kids/corner). Items can be dropped off to the church or school office. Any questions? Contact Angie Miele Surowiec or Emily Cantin at (727) 723-7679 or email at: [schooldirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:schooldirector@northwoodpc.org). Thank you for your generosity!

### [Beth-El Adopted Families' Angel Tree](#)



A big THANK YOU to those of you who picked up Angels from the Angel Tree. All of the Angels have been picked up! As a reminder, gifts should be wrapped and should be returned to the Christmas tree area today. For information, contact Pam Means at (727) 386-0747 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 26. 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.

### [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 during Advent (December 3, 10, 17 and 24) to help you select a PERFECT alternative gift.

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

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