

## —Get Involved—



Northwood will be supporting the **Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry** in Hillsborough County again this year. The gift requests are on multi-colored angels on the Christmas tree. Gifts range from \$1.00 up. Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 13th. For information contact Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help **Isaiah's Inn** with Christmas! We 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 6th.



Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? For just \$9, you can do so. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from Sunday's friendship sheet (through December 13) in the offering plate or drop off in the church office during regular office hours.

### [Alternative Gifts for Christmas](#)

Are you challenged to find the perfect, affordable gift for the person 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! Honor your loved ones with a donation to eight local, national, and international benevolences. The women of Lydia Circle will be available in the narthex each Sunday during Advent (November 29, December 6, 13 and 20) to help you choose just the right benevolence and give you a lovely card to announce your thoughtfulness. Questions? Contact Barbara Englehart (727-743-4886 or [waspfinella@yahoo.com](mailto:waspfinella@yahoo.com)) or Nancy Johnson (727-366-7705 or [johnso1472@gmail.com](mailto:johnso1472@gmail.com)).

Please send articles for all publications to Tracy Donovan at [Communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Communications@northwoodpc.org).



Loyal to His Church

## [ANNOUNCEMENTS—November 29, 2015](#)

### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. We invite you to our Discovering Northwood class **January 17 in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 10:45AM-12:00PM** to learn more about our church. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin, at [ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org](mailto:ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org) or 796-8090 or you may contact Tracy Donovan at [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org) or 796-8090.

## —Coming Events—



**Saturday, December 5th** is our Drop N' Shop. You can drop your kids off from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at the church and then go Christmas shopping or have some much needed time without the kids. There will be limited space so make sure to sign up early. The cost is \$10.00 a child with a max of \$30.00 a family. This is for children ages birth – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Sign up on the children's bulletin board across from the kitchen window.

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

The Ren Crew is a group that delights in sharing fun with friends, old and new, on the second Friday of the month (September – May). We gather at the church from 10:30 to 11:30. Following the presentation, the group enjoys going to a different restaurant each month. On **Friday, December 11th**, Associate Music Director and Organist, Tom Huffman, is sharing on Christmas Carols through the Ages. For more information contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### [Ring, Sing & Mingle](#)

Please pick up a flyer in the narthex for our Christmas Handbell Concert and Carol Sing on **December 13th at 4:00**. This is a festive celebration to get you in the holiday spirit as well as a great outreach to invite your friends. There is a yummy reception following the event. We are asking you to please help us by contributing some homemade baked goods or appetizers. Please contact our coordinator Bailey Shields (813)514-5772 if you are able to help.



## —Coming Events Continued—

### Yard Sale



It's almost here! Our annual Yard Sale will be held **January 15th & 16th, 2016** and we need your generous donations to support the Music Program. Items may be dropped off starting Friday, January 8th in rooms 12 & 14. If you have any questions, please call Carol Rathmell (813) 317-9227 or Susan Curry (727) 709-8237.

### Cedarkirk Women's Retreat— January 22-24

Leave your worries and your chores (and your husband!) behind. Join the women of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, and canoeing, while staying in air-conditioned lodges. Put in your deposit now!!

## —Pledge Updates—

### Building Renovation Pledge Update

Campaign Goal: \$80,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$62,943.00

Pledges Received \$54,215.00

Non-Pledged Gifts Received to Date: \$32,590.00

Total Gifts to Building Fund to Date: \$86,805.00

Unpaid Pledge Balance: \$8,728.00

If all of the unpaid pledges for the Building Renovation are paid by December 31, 2015, then the total given toward our original goal of \$80,000 will be \$95,533.00. As was announced recently during worship and through our publications, the best and lowest bid for the renovation was \$108,000. As a result of recent giving, the gap is now only \$12,517.00. Thank you to those able to make gifts and additional financial contributions to help us bridge this gap.

### 2015 Pledge Giving

If you are behind on your 2015 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.

### **Sunday, November 29:**

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 pm

### **Friday, December 4:**

Game Night 7:00-10:00 pm

### **Sunday, December 6:**

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 pm

### **Friday, December 11:**

Game Night 7:00-10:00 pm

### **Sunday, December 13:**

Youth Christmas Party 6:00-7:30 pm

We will have pizza, drinks and a "White Elephant Gift Exchange".

Please bring a wrapped gift of \$5.00 value for the exchange.

*Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults*  
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### **Children's Sunday School**

These classes will meet and stay in assigned classrooms:

**Pre-K/K – room 3**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade – room 4**

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade – room 8**

5th grade students are welcome to worship at the beginning of the service with their families or go to room 8 with the 3rd & 4th graders. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, 5th grade may join the Sunday school class in room 8 or remain in service.

### **Nursery Staff**

The church nursery is in need of 2 adult staff. This position would be for Sunday mornings as well as Wednesday afternoons. If you are interested or would like more details please contact Justine Ruisz in the church office.

*Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry*  
[Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) 796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140



### **Children's Upcoming Events**

**Do you play a Musical Instrument?** Kids and youth (1st-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 4:10pm, please contact Justine Ruisz.