

## —Coming Events Continued—

### Cedarkirk Women's Retreat

Last chance to join us on Jan. 22-24 for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing, while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend with awesome women, so sign up by Wednesday, January 6th. You know you want to!!!

### Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch January 31st at Noon

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 31st. It's the Annual Congregational Meeting and Church-wide Potluck. The Meeting starts at 12:00 pm and the Potluck lunch will follow. At the meeting we will hear reports from the Session, the Deacons and their Ministry Teams. We will also be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings its nominations. Look for luncheon sign-up in upcoming bulletins & on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

### Building Renovation Pledge Update

Total building pledges: \$62,090.00  
Total pledge gifts to date: \$55,885.00  
Total non-pledge gifts to date: \$35,527.00  
Total gifts to building fund to date: \$91,412.00  
Unpaid pledge balance: \$6,205.00  
Projected gifts as of 12/31/15: \$97,617.00  
Projected deficit to bid: \$10,383.00

### Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2016 are now available in the hall by the kitchen. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. Please remember that when making "Cash" contributions, include your first and last name on the envelope to be sure it is accurately recorded. In our continuing efforts to reduce the number of envelope sets that are wasted each year as more people choose online giving, we are again using perpetual envelopes. The individual envelopes in the box are marked for the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month rather than being dated. Envelopes for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, if needed, are at the back of the box.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS—January 3, 2016

### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. To learn more about our church we have our Discovering Northwood class on **January 17 in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 10:45AM-12:00PM**. 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 our Membership Coordinator, Tracy Donovan, at [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org) or 796-8090.

## —Coming Events—

### TCI Class

Today's Christian Issues has invited the Imam of the Islamic Society of Pinellas County, Sheikh Saad Slaoui, to present the theology of Islam in today's class. Next Sunday, January 10th, Imam Sheikh Saad will return to answer our questions about his faith. All are welcome to attend either or both presentations.

### Fun! Friends! Friday!

The Ren Crew 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday Fellowship will meet on January 8 at 10:30 a.m. in rooms 9 & 11. We will start the new year off celebrating God's grace by taking a look at Bill Moyer's documentary on Amazing Grace, one of the most beloved and inspiring hymns of the church. Following the program we will enjoy a delicious lunch at Positano's restaurant. Transportation is gladly provided for those needing a ride. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).



A Memorial Service celebrating the life and faith of Larry Cornillaud will be held this Saturday, January 9th at 11 AM with a reception following in the Education Building. There will be a time of visitation with the family in the sanctuary from 10-11 AM, prior to the service. We extend our Christian sympathy to Larry's wife, Elaine, his son Jason, and granddaughter Ava.

## —Get Involved—



### Garage Sale Donations

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 today. Thank you in advance for your generosity. This fundraiser benefits the Music Program all year. Please no old tvs, heavy exercise equipment like treadmills or entertainment centers. We will be picking up furniture and other heavy items today and Saturday and Sunday, January 7 & 8 only. We can pick up any other items whenever it's convenient for you. Please call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 to arrange for pick-up or if you have any questions about an item you would like to donate.

### Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Monday, January 25 and continuing through Monday, February 29, Pastor Paul will lead a six week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to death of a loved one, a life-threatening illness or some other life circumstance. The time of the seminar is from 1:30 to 3:30. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. The cost for materials is \$15. For more information contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

### Annual Report Deadline

To the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff: Please note that the deadline to submit your Annual Report is **tomorrow, January 4th** by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to Tracy Donovan (communications@northwoodpc.org). If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

More tickets still available! A group from the Kitchen Krew will be going to see **The Lion King** on January 21st. Please contact Charlotte McQuown at (727) 669-2571 as soon as possible so you can get the group rate of just \$52.00.

### Youth Upcoming Events



Calling all seventh graders and older who have not been Confirmed. We will be holding an organizational meeting for the students and the parents or guardians on Sunday, January 10 at 9:30 in room 18 to discuss the details for this year's Confirmation class. Please let me know if you and your child are interested in this year's classes.

If you are not receiving my email messages and would like to be added to the parent contact list please email me at:

*Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults*  
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### Children's Upcoming Events



#### Kings Kids 2016– Will Resume January 13th

This is a mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God. Wednesdays, 4:00-5:45 for children ages 3 through 5th grade.

#### Spring Bash 2016

Children grades 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> are invited to Cedarkirk, April 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested in sending your child(ren) or for more information contact Justine Ruisz.

#### VBS June 20-24

Parents, save the date for Vacation Bible School. More details to come in 2016.

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