

## Coming in January

### Church-wide Yard Sale

Please begin saving your items for the Church wide yard sale that will be held Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17. Please save your items to drop off between January 4-16. If you have need of an earlier drop off time, call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 for off-site storage.

### Acclaimed Handbell Choir Here

The world famous Westminster Choir College Handbell choir will be in concert here at Northwood on Thursday, January 15, 2015. This group plays the largest set of handbells in the world (from C1-C9). You will not want to miss this!

## Get Involved!

### 2015 Pledge Card Update

As of Tuesday, November 18, we have received 148 pledge cards totaling \$414,285.00. Additional pledge cards are available.

### Women's Retreat

Does simply thinking about chocolate bring a smile to your face? Then join us and our speaker, Jennifer Weldon, at Café Chocolat for the 2015 Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk on Feb. 6-8. Info can be found on the bulletin board across from the water fountain. Mark your calendars and sign up TODAY!

### Building Renovation Pledge Update

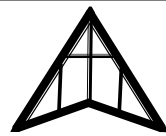
To date we have pledges of \$62,293.00 toward our goal of \$80,000 for the Building Renovation Campaign. We have already received \$36,037.25 toward the amount pledged thus far!

### 2014 Pledge Giving

If you are behind on your 2014 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 questions about your giving, please call the Church Office and speak to Linda O'Leary or Chris Hurst, 796-8090.

### NPC Food Pantry

Requests are high for food pantry items and supplies are low. Please help by donating canned or jarred food like meats (especially ham and chicken), beef stew, corned beef hash, chili, spaghetti sauce, canned pastas, fruit, vegetables, baked beans, chunky soups, peanut butter, and jelly. Donation baskets are located in the hallways. To make a monetary donation, please indicate "Food Pantry" on your check and place it in the offering plate. For information, contact Pat Rabenstine at 727-785-5080.



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of Faith"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS—November 23, 2014

### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. We invite you to our Discovering Northwood class **Sunday, January 18 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 Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

### Important Publication Submission Reminder

Please continue to send all Announcements and publication information to [Katie@Northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@Northwoodpc.org) with a subject line indicating for which publication and what dates the information is to run. Thank you!

## This Month...

### Poinsettia Orders Begin Today

Sign up for poinsettias at the bottom of the Sunday Friendship Sheet. The cost is a \$9 donation for each poinsettia ordered. A listing of those who gave in honor or memory of their loved ones will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Feller at [lpf1967@yahoo.com](mailto:lpf1967@yahoo.com).

### Community Thanksgiving Service November 25, 2014, 7pm at Heritage UMC

Join us as we come together with three other area churches for the annual Community Thanksgiving Service held this year at Heritage United Methodist Church. Pastor Danny McDonald of North Bay Community Church will be preaching.

### 2014 Angel Tree Projects

**ISAIAH'S INN:** Jean DeFilippo served the Angel Tree Prison Ministry for 19 years, coordinating our giving of gifts to children at Christmas. The Mission Team of which Jean was a part decided to begin supporting Isaiah's Inn Angel Tree Ministry by providing gifts of \$15-25 for families. **Today**, please visit the Christmas tree in the narthex and choose an angel. Gifts (please do not wrap) are due **December 7**. Questions? Contact Pam Means at 386-0747.

**BETH-EL MIGRANT WORKERS:** Please bring unwrapped gifts to be donated to migrant workers. These gifts will be on multi-colored angels on the Angel Tree and are \$1.00 up. The requests are available **today**. Gifts are due **December 14**. Questions? Contact Evelyn Towns, 785-3743.

## This Month, Cont...

### Daily Advent Devotionals Available

Devotional books can be found in the racks outside the sanctuary. We hope these daily readings add to your excitement and preparation for the birth of the Christ Child.

### Office Closed

The Church office will be closed **Thursday, November 27 and Friday November 28** as we celebrate and give thanks with our families. The office will re-open Monday, December 1 at 9:00 am.

## Coming in December

### Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Fresh Brewed meets the first Friday of the month. We are studying a new book A Million Little Ways: Uncover the Art You Were Made to Live by Emily P. Freeman. All are welcome. Contact: Sally Uhler, 727-795-7563.

### Drop'n'Shop is Saturday, December 6, 2014

Need a day to shop for Christmas presents without your kids? This is the perfect opportunity. For more information, see the "Drop'n'Shop" under the "Children's Ministries" section of the announcements.

### Ring, Sing & Mingle is Sunday, December 14, 2014

The tradition continues! Mark your calendar for this special seasonal concert and sing-a-long with all four of Northwood's handbell groups. A sign-up sheet is on the bulletin board across from the kitchen for donations of *homemade* cookies to make our Ring, Sing & Mingle handbell concert even more merry!

### Christmas Cantata is Sunday, December 21, 2014

The Chancel choir will present "Darkness into Light" by Mary McDonald at the 8:15 and 11:00 services. The choir will be joined by soloists and instruments presenting the journey and joy of the Christmas experience through beloved carols and exciting new songs.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services Wednesday, December 24, 2014

4:30 pm Children's Pageant with Puppets (Nursery Available)  
7:30 pm Choirs & Carols (Nursery Available)  
11:00 pm Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

## Youth Events

**Sunday, November 23:** Gatti Town 4:00-7:15 p.m.

**Friday, November 28:** NO Game Night

**Sunday, November 30:** NO Youth Group

### Sunday School

Join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school at both 9:30 and 11:00. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith.

### Dates to Remember:

- Sunday, December 14, Youth Christmas Party following "Ring, Sing, Mingle"

*Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults  
troyharris1962@yahoo.com, 727-366-7762*

## Children's Ministries

### Sunday School Classes

See back of bulletin for Sunday School information!

### Drop'n'Shop

**Parents:** On Saturday, December 6, you can drop off your kids (ages birth-5th grade) from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. at the church and then go Christmas shopping. The cost is \$10.00 per child with a max of 30.00 a family. You must register to participate. Money collected will support a Cedarkirk camp scholarship fund for ages 1<sup>st</sup> grade -12<sup>th</sup> grade. Registration is now open.

**Wanted:** Adult and youth volunteers for Drop 'n' Shop. If you are available to help with crafts, snacks, gift wrapping or games, please notify Justine Ruisz. Drop 'n' Shop donation items: wrapping paper, tape, bows, gift labels.

### Do you play a Musical Instrument?

Children and youth are invited to play a sacred piece at the 4:30 Christmas Eve service. Contact Justine Ruisz if you're interested.

### Nursery Staff Needed

We are looking for nursery staff workers to look after children age 4 and under. This is a paid position. If you love children and would like to help please contact Justine Ruisz: 727-796-8090 or email at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).

### Kings Kids

We will be taking a break from November 26 – January 14, 2015, and will resume on January 21<sup>st</sup>.