

Get Involved!

Advent Candle Lighters & Readers Wanted

The Worship Team is looking for two or more friends or family members for each worship service of Advent to light the candles of the Advent Wreath. If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 (cell) or email her at lpf1967@yahoo.com.

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.

Per Capita Apportionment

The administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) are funded through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per capita assessment for 2014 is \$24.22 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering.

Building Renovation Pledge Update

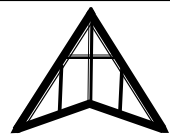
Thank you to all those who made pledges or gifts to our building renovation campaign. To date we have pledges of \$61,813 toward our goal of \$80,000. We have already received \$36,245.25 toward the amount pledged thus far!

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.

NPC Food Pantry

The number of people requesting assistance from our food pantry has grown significantly in the past few months and the supplies on hand are getting very low. Please help by donating canned or jarred food. Items needed at this time are: 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. If you prefer 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.



"Taking the Next Step
of Faith"

ANNOUNCEMENTS—November 16, 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 **TODAY 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 Chris-Curvin@Northwoodpc.org. Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

Important Publication Submission Reminder

Please continue to send all Announcements and publication information to Katie@Northwoodpc.org with a subject line indicating for which publication and what dates the information is to run.

This Month...

W.A.Y. Dinners

Be sure to sign up on the bottom of the friendship sheet or on the signup sheet next to the kitchen door! The guest speaker will be The Rev. Joel Alvis, interim pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Clearwater.

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. **On November 23**, 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 will be available **November 23**. Gifts are due **December 14**. For details, contact Evelyn Towns, 785-3743.

This Month (con't)

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

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.

Christmas Cantata is Sunday, December 21, 2014

Our Chancel Choir is already hard at work practicing for this year's Cantata! Join us at either the 8:15 or 11:00 Traditional Service on December 21 for this special presentation.

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 4:10 p.m., please contact Justine Ruisz.

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

Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed the following days in December:

- Wednesday, December 24, 2014 at Noon
- Thursday, December 25, 2014
- Friday, December 26, 2014
- Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at Noon
- Thursday, January 1, 2015

Youth Events

Sunday, November 16: Combined Youth Group 4:15-6:00 p.m,

Friday, November 21: 7-10pm Game Night

Sunday, November 23: Gatti Town 4:00-7:00 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.

Date 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. There is limited space so make sure you register early. 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 1st grade -12th grade. Registration is 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.

*Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
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