



Get Involved

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 **NEXT SUNDAY**. 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! **NEXT SUNDAY**, we will 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.

Next **Sunday, November 22**, we will begin our poinsettia orders. You may purchase a poinsettia for the sanctuary in honor or in memory of someone for just \$9. More information to come!



Lighting the Advent wreath during the weeks prior to Christmas is a great way for us to keep Christ at the center of Christmas, and for parents to teach their children our Christian tradition of preparing for the Christ child.

Would you like to take part in what has become a meaningful Northwood tradition? The Worship Team is looking for two or more friends or family members to light the candles of the Advent Wreath during each worship service of Advent.

If you are interested in volunteering, please call Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 (cell) or email her at lpf1967@yahoo.com.



ANNOUNCEMENTS—November 15, 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 **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 ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org or 796-8090 or you may contact Tracy Donovan at communications@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090.

—Coming Events—



Northwood Presbyterian Church will be the host church for this year's annual Community Thanksgiving Service on **November 24th** at 7:00pm. Northwood, along with Heritage United Methodist Church, Holy Trinity Episcopal Church and North Bay Community Church will gather together for a joyful service of thanksgiving, celebrating God's goodness and grace. Following the service there will be a time for fellowship and refreshments in the Christian Education Building. A nursery will be available for children ages 6 weeks through 2nd Grade. Come join us as we give thanks to Almighty God.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on November 26th & 27th as we celebrate and give thanks with our families. The office will reopen Monday, November 30th at 9:00am.

Ring, Sing & Mingle

Our annual Christmas Handbell Concert and Carol Sing is 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. Five bell groups will be playing and many carols and songs will be sung. 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. Please start saving your items so that this year's sale, benefitting the Music Program, is the best ever. 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

Join the women of Northwood for an amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. Info can be found on the bulletin board directly across from the kitchen. Sign up TODAY!!

W.A.Y. Dinner and Program

November 18th is our last W.A.Y. Dinner and Program! You will not want to miss a Roast Holiday Tom Turkey with gravy and all the sides. Don't forget to sign up by noon on Monday!



Building Renovation Pledge Update

Campaign Goal: \$80,000.00

Pledged to Date: \$62,943.00

Pledges Received \$53,985.00

Non-Pledged Gifts Received to Date: \$32,540.00

Total Gifts to Building Fund to Date: \$86,525.00

Unpaid Pledge Balance: \$8,958.00

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 \$95,483.00. 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.

Friday, November 13-15:

All Youth Retreat at Cedarkirk

Friday, November 20:

NO GAME NIGHT

Sunday, November 22:

NO YOUTH GROUP

Sunday, November 29:

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 pm

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



Children's Sunday School

These classes will meet and stay in assigned classrooms:

Pre-K/K – room 3

1st & 2nd Grade – room 4

3rd & 5th 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 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.

Save the Date: Drop N Shop on Saturday, December 5, 2015 9:00am-12:00pm (Cost \$10.00 per child). Ages 6 weeks – 5th grade. Sign up on children's ministry bulletin board.