



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 starting TODAY. 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! TODAY, 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.

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.



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 waspfifinella@yahoo.com) or Nancy Johnson (727-366-7705 or johnso1472@gmail.com).



ANNOUNCEMENTS—November 22, 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 or 796-8090 or you may contact Tracy Donovan at communications@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090.

—Welcome New Members—

Gail Rothrock (8:15)
2543 Royal Pines Cir #L
Clearwater, FL 33763

Robert Walker (8:15)
(Husband of member,
Becky Sharp)
2655 Nebraska Ave #331
Palm Harbor, FL 34684

Anna Colon (8:15)
1694 Palm Lake Lane
Dunedin, FL 34698

Don & Polly Hamilton (8:15)
(Affiliates of Northwood)
2751 Regency Oaks Blvd Apt M501
Clearwater, FL 33759

Glenda Bell-Golec & Tom Golec (9:30)
933 Knollwood Drive
Dunedin, FL 34698

Jim Baker (9:30)
3049 Egret Terrace
Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Eve Walker (9:30)
(Daughters, Joyce & Sarah
Worley, 5th Grade)
105 Peacock Circle
Safety Harbor, FL 34695

Linda Johnson (11:00)
2550 State Road 580 #275
Clearwater, FL 33761

Sandy & Larry Ingram (11:00)
1358 Forestedge Blvd.
Oldsmar, FL 34677

Bob & Roxie Swartz (11:00)
2755 Curlew Road Unit 59
Palm Harbor, FL 34684

WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY

- Carol Rathmell and her family upon the news of the death of her grandson, Drew Carathanasis.
- Ed Bunch and his family upon the news of the death of his father, Edgar Bunch Sr.
- Barbara Musgrave and her family upon the news of the death of her brother, Bill Crowell.

Church Office Closed

The church office will be closed on November 26th & 27th as we celebrate and give thanks with our families.

—Coming Events—

Thanksgiving Service

Northwood Presbyterian Church will be the host church for this year's annual Community Thanksgiving Service

This Tuesday, 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.

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.



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!!

Sunday, November 22:
NO YOUTH GROUP

Friday, November 27:
Game Night 7:00-10:00 pm

Sunday, November 29:
Youth Group 5:00-6:30 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
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.