

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



*Melissa & Steve Schultz
In Memory of Melissa's Parents,
Mitchell & Lucille Skaff*



*Carol Curry
In Memory of My Mother,
Lucille McCormick*

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2013 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

PLEASE REMEMBER THE CHURCH IN YOUR WILL.

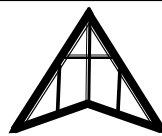
HYMN NOTES: We open the traditional services today with a grand and thoughtful hymn by the British minister and hymnwriter, Fred Pratt Green (1903-2000). This hymn was a commission for University United Methodist Church, Austin TX. Their director wrote to Pratt Green: "We are in need of a hymn...for the closing service of [a worship, music and the arts] festival centering around the dedication of new reading desks, communion table and font, and finally, the rededication of the people to the life commanded of us and given through Jesus Christ...We would prefer a metre of 8.7.8.7.D, since we could then use your text to introduce the tune ABBOT'S LEIGH to our congregation." This exchange illustrates Pratt Green's extraordinary gift to craft a text within the guidelines of a somewhat narrow commissioning. The hymn was sung for the first time on April 30, 1978.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Sunday, November 17th: Don Booth
Monday, November 18th: Ruth Thomson
Tuesday, November 19th: Nellie Elzerman
Wednesday, November 20th: Karl Groff, Betty O'Shea
Thursday, November 21st: Murial Antonakes, Don MacLennan, Bill Newman
Friday, November 22nd: Tracey Birch, Shayna Davis, Wanda King, Josh Luther
Saturday, November 23rd: Steve Fisher, Chris Means, Beth Saperstein

If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!

Library News: Have you or your child checked out a book on Thanksgiving? You'll be surprised at the selection -most books have wonderful pictures of this historical event. Check it Out!!!



Loyal to His Church
"Count on Me!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS—November 17, 2013

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. Our Discovering Northwood class is for newcomers as well as those of us who have been around awhile to simply learn more about us or to become a member of our church family.

The next Discovering Northwood class is **TODAY in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 11:00 am-12:00pm**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin, at ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org or Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana, at Katie@Northwoodpc.org. Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

Community Thanksgiving Service

We want to remind everyone that on Tuesday, November 26th we will gather at 7:00 PM for our community Thanksgiving Service held this year at North Bay Community Church, along with Holy Trinity Episcopal and Heritage United Methodist Church. Our choir will be singing. See you there!

It's the most wonderful time of the year... for gathering friends and family to light the Advent Candles! The worship team is seeking groups of two or more to light the candles on the Advent Wreath and provide the readings for this annual Northwood tradition at all three morning services on Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22, and at all evening services on Dec. 24. Please contact Susan Gajentan at pgajentan@juno.com or 727-481-3635 to reserve your spot!

Ring, Sing, Mingle!! Our Christmas handbell concert is Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 PM. All 4 bell groups (children, youth and 2 adult) will be performing and everyone will have the chance to sing Christmas Carols and songs to bring us, and ring us, into the Christmas Season. The concert will be followed by a reception of homemade goodies and treats. The cost? FREE! Our gift to you. Please bring your friends, relatives and neighbors for a fun and festive afternoon at NPC!!

Philippines Typhoon Haiyan One of the worst recorded typhoons in history, Haiyan has left many dead, hundreds of thousands displaced, and extensive damage. The initial response includes provision of non-food items, drinking water and emergency shelter kits. All PC(USA) mission workers are reported safe. The Presbyterian Church (USA), our denomination, is currently responding with One Great Hour of Sharing funds and an appeal for assistance is issued. If you would like to give over and above your regular gift to Northwood simply mark on your additional gift for "Typhoon Victims." (You can read more about the PCUSA response at www.pcusa.org.)

News About Our Children's Ministries

Sunday School Classes Please see the back panel of the bulletin for information about our Sunday School Classes.

King's Kids: November 20 is the last King's Kids!

King's Kids resumes on Wed., January 15, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

Volunteers this week, 11/20: Karen Garrett, Kristen Williamson, Angel Kumar, Richelle Kerns, Jana Davis, Nancy Turner, Karen Gipson, Karen Dillard, Grace Fulford, Kim Metschke, Stephanie Strelcheck, Kelsey Propst, Susan Curry, & Tracey Birch.

December Choir

During the month of December (Dec. 4, 11 & 18), the Angels (3rd-5th graders) will continue to meet weekly from 4-6pm in choir.

Safety Harbor Holiday Parade: Come march with us in the Parade!



Who: Everyone of all ages!

What: March in the SH Parade as part of NPC

When: Saturday, December 21 from 12:30-3pm

Where: Downtown Safety Harbor on Main Street

Why: To invite the community to Northwood

How: Sign up on the Noah's Ark Bulletin Board in December!

Our Vision: A Northwood banner will lead our group, followed by the children and families walking (with puppets, signs of kid's programs, optional dressed in church costumes, giving out candy canes). Christmas music will play from a CD player on a wagon in middle of the group. The church van will follow at the rear of the group.

Important Dates:

Sunday, 12/8, 10:30-10:55am Adult & Children's Meeting (sign waivers)

Friday, 12/20, 7-9pm, Make signs/banners, pick up costumes, prep candy canes

Saturday, 12/21, 12:30pm Meeting Time for the 1pm Parade

Family Christmas Eve Service at 4:30pm: Kids & Youth Wanted!

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 4:10pm, please contact Marcy Kemerer.

*Marcy Kemerer, Interim Director of Children's Ministry
Marcykem07@gmail.com 727-455-2583 cell/text*

Church Office Closed: The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in Observance of Thanksgiving. The Office will re-open Monday, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Happy Thanksgiving!

Youth Events

- **Sunday, November 17:** Youth Group 5-7pm
- **Friday, November 22:** Game Night 7-10pm
- **Sunday, November 24:** Youth Group 5-7pm

Christmas Party: It's almost time for the annual Youth Christmas Party. This year it will Sunday, December 15th from 5-7pm. More information to come.

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 9:30am and 11:00am in the Youth Room. Join us before or after the service you worship!

Confirmation: Calling all 7th graders or older who have not been confirmed! If you are interested in participating in the 2014 Confirmation Class, please contact Troy Harris. An organizational meeting will be held in January for more information, but in the meantime a list of those interested is being compiled. It is the church's sincere hope that if you have not already been through that you will consider doing so!

*Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults
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Food Pantry Request - Due to increased requests and the holidays, we need (cans & glass jars only, please) tuna, meats, pasta (such as ravioli or spaghetti), chili, beef stew, chicken and dumplings, pasta sauce, fruit, and chunky soups. We also need peanut butter and jelly which may be in plastic containers. Monetary donations are also accepted. If you have questions please call Pat Rabenstine at 727-785-5080. Thank you for your help.

THE BLOOD DRIVE IS DECEMBER 15th

The Blood Mobile will be here at church **Sunday, December 15th** from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Give Blood and help save lives!

2013 ANGEL TREE PROJECTS

PRISON FELLOWSHIP: Give gifts between \$15-20 for kids whose parents are in Prison. The tree will be up November 24th for you to take an Angel (be sure to sign it out). Wrapped Gifts should be returned by **December 4th**. We Need Deliverers! **Contact Jean DeFilippo, 470-9652.**

BETH-EL MIGRANT WORKERS: Please bring unwrapped gifts to be donated to migrant workers. These gift requests will be on **multi-colored angels** on the Angel Tree and are \$1.00 up. The requests will be available **November 24th**. Gifts are due **December 11th**. For details, contact **Jean DeFilippo, 470-9652** or **Evelyn Towns, 785-3743.**

