#### **Pledge Cards for 2020**

Thank you for your faithful response to God's call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2020. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! If you have yet to do so, please do so as soon as possible as pledge cards are available in the sanctuary pews, in the Church Office and in the Narthex. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2019. We look forward to the work God is preparing for us in 2020.

#### **2019 Contributions**

Giving intended for 2019 must be received in the church office by noon on Tuesday, December 31 or postmarked no later than December 31, 2019. Contributions which are processed electronically through your bank's online bill pay or via our website must be initiated much earlier (probably no later than December 26) so that the transaction will fully process and qualify for deduction in 2019.

### **Memorial Gifts**

If you wish to make a gift to the church in honor or in memory of someone, please be sure to attach the blue Memorial Gifts form to your contribution. Completing the form ensures that we have all the information necessary to properly direct the gift and acknowledge it to both you and the recipient. Forms are located near the memorial book in the Narthex or in the Church Office. Thank you for your assistance.

#### **Flower Ministry**

The flowers that are placed in the sanctuary are assembled into smaller arrangements to be distributed to those in the hospital or in need of encouragement. The congregation is welcome to take one of these vases of flowers if needed. Vases can be picked up in the church office during business hours, Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00pm. Deacon Murle Whitten faithfully arranges the flowers weekly.







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# Announcements – December 8, 2019 WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching livestream! We invite you to participate in the many oppor-

tunities here for you. If you are interested in learning about Northwood, or church membership, please join us January 19 for our Discovering Northwood Class at **10:30am in Room 4** of the Christian Education Building. You are also encouraged to contact our Pastor, Chris Curvin at chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org or call the church office to reach him.

<u>Nursery</u>: Infants and toddlers (up to age 3) are provided excellent care in our nursery during all worship services and Sunday school hour. Parents are asked to sign in and out when dropping off and picking up your child.

## **Upcoming Special Events**

Today, December 8: 'Ring, Sing & Mingle' Handbell

Concert, Carol Sing and Reception 5:00 P.M.

**December 15**: 8:15 & 11:00 Traditional Services

Cantata "Come to the Manger" and "Hodie Christus Natus Est" by

Mark Hayes.

Sunday, December 22: 10:00am One Worship Service

Tuesday, December 24: 4:30pm Family Candlelight Service.

7:30pm Traditional Candlelight Service with Choirs & Carols.

Sunday, December 29: 10:00am One Worship Service



\*\*There are informational cards with all of the musical event and special worship service dates in the narthex and in the church office to share with family and friends!

### **Beth-El Angel Tree**

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 in the narthex. Gifts range from \$1.00 up. Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 15th. For information contact Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.



#### The Christmas Joy Special Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received next Sunday, December 15th. Your gifts make

a difference in providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and in opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related ethnic colleges and schools. Your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering will make a difference in shining the One True Light of Christ's love.

### **Poinsettia Orders**

Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? For just \$9, you can make that happen. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed signup form from Sunday's Friendship Sheet (through December 15) in the offering plate or drop off in the church office during regular office hours.



#### Ren Crew- Fun! Friends! Friday!

Our 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on December 13th from 10:30-11:30 in the sanctuary. Associate Music Director, Tom Huffman, will share "Advent Music from around the World." Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Eve's Family Restaurant. Join us as we share fun with friends, old and new. Questions? Contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

#### **Annual Music Ministry Garage Sale**

The Garage Sale is scheduled for January 10th and 11th, 2020. We will begin collecting your donations at the church on December 27<sup>th</sup> in the Family Life Center and room 14. The dates and times will be published in the newsletter and bulletins. We also will be able to pick-up items if needed. A sign-up sheet for people who would like to help in various capacities with the sale is located on the Music Bulletin Board. The proceeds from the Garage Sale benefit all of Northwood's music programs. We have been blessed over the last several years to have very successful sales with your help. Please call Susan Curry 727-709-8237 if you have questions.





#### This Week in the Life of Our Youth:

Sunday, December 8: 9:30am
Sunday, December 8: 10:45am
Wednesday, December 11: 6:30-8:30pm
Friday, December 13: 7:00pm-10:00pm
Game Night

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Friday, December 20th-21st: Christmas Lock-in—9:00pm-8:00am Friday-Sunday, January 24-26: Rock the Universe

If you're interested in volunteering with the youth program or have any questions, please contact Rosalie Bradford at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org

#### **Women's Retreat**

Cindy Huffman will be leading our 2020 Women's Retreat along with Stephanie Carson as our music director February 7th-9th. Our topic this year is "Where's the Forest? All I See Are Trees!" Please take a brochure located on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Fill out and put into the "WOMEN'S RETREAT" mailbox in the church office with your deposit. Please have your deposits and room requests in by January 20th to reserve your spot! This year we will be donating toiletries to help RCS Grace House. Please bring all toiletries with you to the retreat. Questions? Contact Jeanne Stephen 727-433-7060.

# Kids & Youth: 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 4:00 P.M. please call Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

# **Annual Report Deadline**

Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff is Monday, January 6th by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to <a href="mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org">communications@northwoodpc.org</a>. There are copies of last years annual report in the church office if needed. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!