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.

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.

Large Print Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print hymnals and bulletins are located in white binders with in the racks outside of the main sanctuary double doors. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

Children's Bulletins

Children's Bulletins for ages 3-6 and for ages 7-12 are available in the Narthex.



Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the hallway past the Library and in the hallway across from the kitchen. Hand Sanitizers are conveniently located at each exit.









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Announcements – December 22, 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.

Christmas Eve Worship

There will be TWO Christmas Eve Candlelight Services on Tuesday, December 24th. A Family Candlelight Service at 4:30 PM and a Traditional Candlelight Service with Choirs and Carols at 7:30 PM.

There will also be ONE worship service on Sunday, December 29. All three services of 8:15 & 11:00 AM traditional and our 9:30 contemporary service will resume on January 5th.

Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Wednesday, January 8th, and continuing through Wednesday, February 12th, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to the death of a loved one or for those who are facing grief from other types of significant loss in their life. The time of the seminar is from 12:30pm to 2:30pm and meets in rooms 13&15. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. There is no cost for the materials. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Please send articles for all publications to Emily Cantin at Communications@northwoodpc.org.

• Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.

Music Ministry Garage Sale

Our 2020 Music Ministry Annual Garage Sale is around the corner! The sale is January 10th and 11th from 8:00am-2:00pm. We will be collecting your donations at the church on December 27th-31st, 9:00-1:00pm and January 1st-8th, 9:00am-6:00pm in the Family Life Center and room 14. If you need a different time or if you need items picked up, please call Susan Curry at 727-709-8237. We will take almost everything including gently used furniture, jewelry, clothes, household items, linens, tools, outdoor items, children's toys and collectables. Please invite your friends and neighbors to donate. If you are on social media, please share and get the word out! Thank you in advance for your generosity and amazing giving spirit! **You are invited:** A church family and friends pre-sale will be held on Thursday, January 9th from 3:00pm-7:00pm.

Annual Report Deadline

Annual Report deadline to the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff is Monday, January 6th by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to communications@northwoodpc.org. There are copies of last year's annual report in the church office if needed. If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

Annual Congregational MeetingJanuary 26th at Noon

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 26th. It's the Annual Congregational Meeting of Northwood Presbyterian Church. The Meeting will begin as soon as the 11 AM service concludes at noon. The purpose of the meeting will be to receive written reports from the Session, the Deacons and their Ministry Teams and vote on any changes to the Terms of Call for our pastors. We will also be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings its nominations.

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.





This Week in the Life of Our Youth:

Sunday, December 22:Sunday, December 22:

9:30am

NO Sunday School Metropolitan Ministries

Monday, December 23: 12:00pm-5:00pm Wednesday, December 25:

NO Citynight

Worship

Friday, December 27:

NO Game Night

Upcoming Events:

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

King's Kids

King's Kids will resume January 29th. If you have questions, please contact Justine Davis at childrensministry@northwoodpc.org

Women's Retreat

Sign up TODAY! You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, spiritual growth, games, crafts, canoeing, plus music and a Sunday worship under the trees. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in a heated/air conditioned lodge. Registration is due January 20th. Don't miss your chance for your choice of rooms! Info can be found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. 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.

Credit Card vs. ACH Processing of Online Gifts

Many of you are using the convenience of online giving through our website. When doing so, the option is to process your tithe/offering as a credit card charge or an ACH transfer from your checking account. In either case, the church pays a processing fee per transaction. Some of you have asked and we thought that you might all like to know that credit cards process at just over 3% per transaction while an ACH transfer is less than 1%.