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## How to get involved this Advent Season!



### Beth-El Angel Tree

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 November 27. Gifts range from \$1.00 up. Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 11th. For information contact Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

### Isaiah's Inn Angel Tree

It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help Isaiah's Inn with Christmas! On Sunday, November 20th, 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 4th. For information contact Pam Means or Nancy Johnson at 727-366-7705.



### 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 sign-up form from Sunday's friendship sheet (through December 11) in the offering plate or drop off in the church office during regular office hours.

## Ring, Sing & Mingle

**Who:** Five NPC Handbell Choirs  
**What:** Handbell Concert, Carol Sing and Fellowship/Food!  
**When:** Sunday, December 11, 4:00 PM  
**Where:** NPC Sanctuary  
**Why:** To Ring and Sing-in the season. Also, a chance to reach out to family, friends and neighbors and invite them to our church for something festive and fun!

**Help:** We need HOMEMADE Christmas cookies, and a lot of them. Can you please bake some extra ones and let us know you can help? Other food will be provided.

(Please contact Gale DuFresne if you can help. 727-736-2326)



Hope you will join us and invite friends and family to all the special services we have planned!



### Sunday, December 11

9:30 AM Ignite Contemporary Service has a special Christmas Program  
(8:15 & 11:00 are Traditional Services)  
4:00 PM Ring, Sing & Mingle Handbell Concert and Carol Sing

### Sunday, December 18

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM Traditional Services Cantata: "Morning Star" by Joseph Martin  
Choir and instruments  
9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

### Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve Three Candlelight Services

4:30 PM Family Service (childcare available)  
7:30 PM - Traditional Service with Choirs & Carols (childcare available)  
11:00 PM Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

### Sunday, December 25

One Service at 10:00 AM



# At-A-Glance

November 14, 2016

## This Month at Northwood

Wednesday, November 16:  
4:00- 5:45 P.M. King's Kids  
6:00- 6:40 P.M. WAY Dinner  
6:40-7:15 P.M. Wednesday Program

Sunday, November 20:  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
10:45 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Tuesday, November 22:  
7:00 P.M. Community Thanksgiving Service at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church

The church office will close at Noon on Wednesday, November 23 and will reopen Monday, November 28.

Sunday, November 27:  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, December 4:  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, December 11:  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service  
4:00 P.M. Ring, Sing & Mingle

Sunday, December 18:  
8:15 A.M. Traditional Service  
9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service  
11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

The church office will be closed  
Friday, December 23– December 27.  
It will reopen Wednesday December 28.

Saturday, December 24:  
Christmas Eve Services  
4:30 P.M. Family Service  
7:30 P.M. Traditional Service  
11:00 P.M. Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 25:  
10:00 A.M. One Service

The church office will be closed  
Friday, December 30 and Monday, January 2. It will reopen Tuesday, January 3.

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### The Window

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Submissions:  
If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org), or place it in Tracy Donovan's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.


E-News:  
If you are interested in receiving emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to [communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org).





**Drop N' Shop**  
Parents, save the date for Saturday, Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> for our annual Drop N' Shop! You are welcome to drop your children off 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M. so you can get some time to yourself or get some Christmas shopping done if you want! While you are away, your children will be having a Christmas celebration with crafts, games and a lesson about Jesus. This event is \$10.00 per child with a max of \$30.00 per family, for ages birth – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Sign up on the Children's Ministry bulletin board or contact Justine Ruisz for more information: [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).




**Garage Sale**  
**Annual**  
Our Music Ministry Annual Garage Sale is just around the corner and we need your help in making it the biggest one ever. We would love to break last year's record sales. We can only do that if you start saving all of your treasures for the sale scheduled January 13 and 14, 2017. Please ask your family and neighbors if they have any items they would like to donate. Call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 with any questions.



**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 4:00 P.M. please contact Justine Ruisz at (727) 796-8090 or [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).



**Cedarkirk Women's Retreat**  
**January 20-23**  
Join the women of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, and canoeing. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend and our inspirational speaker, Vicki Taylor. Info can be found on the bulletin board across from the water fountain. Mark your calendars and sign up TODAY!



**Community Thanksgiving Service**  
While the last Wednesday meal concludes on November 16th we want to remind everyone that on Tuesday, November 22nd we will gather at 7:00 PM for our **Community Thanksgiving Service** held this year at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church along with other local churches. Holy Trinity Church is located at 3200 N McMullen Booth Road across from Mease Country-side Hospital.

**Presbyterian Women Invitation**  
All women of Northwood Presbyterian Church are invited to come and see what Presbyterian Women Circles are all about....all women, all for Christ. Please join us on Tuesday, December 6, at 10:00 a.m. for bible study, information, coffee and pastries. Pastor Chris will be teaching Lesson 4, according to John, from our 2016-2017 bible study book, "Who is Jesus". Study materials are available on the church's website at [www.northwoodpc.org/pw](http://www.northwoodpc.org/pw). Contact Patty Martin (813-855-0851) or Sue Miskiewicz (727-799-6767) for additional information.



# Christian Education

Bailey Shields, Christian Education Team Chair

## Women's Ministry



### Event Schedule

**Monday, November 20th 7:00 P.M.**

Lydia Circle rooms 5 & 7

**Monday, November 28th 10:00 A.M.**

Book Club rooms 13 & 15

**Tuesday, November 29th 9:30 A.M.**

Project Day room 14

**Friday, December 2nd 10:30 A.M.**

Fresh Brewed, rooms 5 & 7

**Tuesday, December 6th, 9:00 A.M. Co-**

ordinating Team, rooms 5 & 7

**Tuesday, December 6th, 10:00 A.M.**

Bible Study & brunch, rooms 5 & 7

**Tuesday, December 13th, 9:30 A.M.**

Esther-Elizabeth Circle, rooms 5 & 7

**Monday, December 19th, 7:00 P.M.**

Lydia Circle, rooms 5 & 7

Questions?

Contact Patty Martin

(813) 855-0851 or

bill.martin2@verizon.net

## CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

### 8:15 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School following the anthem.

### 9:30 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds- Kindergarten, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

### 1st-2nd Grade, Room 2

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

### 3rd-5th Grades, Room 8

Students gather to worship at the beginning of the service with their teachers, in the front Sanctuary rows, closest to the band. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, they will move to room 8.

### 11:00 AM Children's Christian Education

3 Yr. Olds-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade (16/17 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School following the anthem.

*Parents, if you wish for your children to receive communion, please have them remain with you in the worship service on Communion Sundays. If you have any questions regarding the process, please contact Elder Dawn Winder, Chair of Worship Team.*

### 9:30 AM Middle & High School Christian Education

Middle & High School Sunday School during the 9:30am service will meet in the sanctuary to worship together for the first 30 minutes, then move to the youth room for the lesson with Youth Director, Jon Drawdy.



Fri, Nov 18: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.  
Sun, Nov 20: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.  
Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.  
Wed, Nov 23: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.  
Fri, Nov 25: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.  
Sun, Nov 27: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.  
Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.

(Please see the weekly Sunday bulletin for more updates.)

Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries  
youthdirector@northwoodpc.org  
(813) 624-2593

## Children's Ministry

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry

### King's Kids

King's Kids meets on Wednesday, November 16<sup>th</sup> and then take a break for the holidays until Wednesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> and then run through Wednesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. This is our Wednesday program for children ages 3 through 5th grade. It runs from 4:00 to 5:45 p.m. throughout the school year. This is a mid-week program to help build friendships in a Christian environment, and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry  
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org  
(727)796-8090 Cell/text- (727)641-8140

### TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Rooms 9&11

### Serendipity Class

Sundays at 9:30 AM

Rooms 13 & 15

### Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Room 15

## Adult Ministry



### 6:30-7:30 P.M. Bible Study in rooms 12 & 14

Join us this evening as we continue studying Paul's life and teachings to see how his call and his decision to accept the call can help us as we grow in Christ. The study book we will use is, "Paul: His Life and Teachings," by Jack Kuhatschek. This is a discussion-based class facilitated by Cindy Huffman. All are welcome to join: males and females, singles and couples. Please contact Cindy at (727) 409-8727 if you have any questions.

### Fun! Friends! Friday!

#### Ren Crew

The Ren Crew is a group that delights in sharing fun with friends, old and new, on the second Friday of the month (September - May). We gather at the church from 10:30 to 11:30 for presentations and conversations that are entertaining, educational and inspiring. Following the presentation, the group enjoys going to a different restaurant each month. The Ren Crew theme for the Fall of 2016 is "Windows to the World." The following presentations open "different windows to the world" as Northwood members share their fascinating travel experiences from here in the U.S. and from around the world.

Dec. 9- Associate Music Director and Organist, Tom Huffman:

*Christmas Carols from around the World*

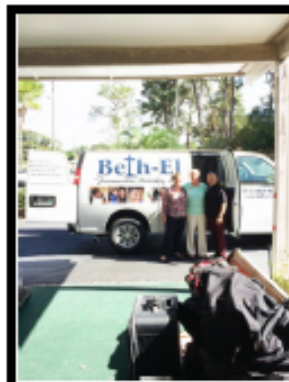
All are welcome! Transportation is gladly provided for those needing a ride. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends!

For more information, contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.





# Thank You!



Wow! Many thanks to Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry, the Presbyterian Women and NPC's Mission Team for your wonderful response to the mission outreach effort. Through your generous giving 203 blankets, 70 suitcases and totes, along with pillows, bath towels and other items were collected. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in this way!

Dear Northwood Presbyterian Church,  
I want to thank you all for your prayers, cards and support on the loss of my father, Ralph. Thank you to Pastor Paul, Tom, Dick & Chris for a beautiful memorial service and to the Kitchen Krew for a lovely luncheon. I am so blessed & grateful to be part of our NPC Family. Blessings to you all,  
Missy Wolf & Family

Thank you for your generosity in giving \$1,243 to the Peacemaking Offering on World Communion Sunday. These gifts will make a difference in supporting the ministries of the Homeless Empowerment Project and The Haven (the domestic violence shelter of RCS) in Pinellas county and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Mission Agency.

The Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry would like to again extend our sincere "Thanks" to the TCI Sunday School class for their most generous donation of an entire shopping cart of food items. These canned goods came in a critical time as we were low on almost everything in our pantry. Last year a total of 317 bags of food were given out and as of the first of November, we have already given out 300 bags. Thank you again for your continuing support of this important mission.  
Cookie Roffey,  
Northwood Presbyterian Food Pantry Volunteer

My heartfelt thanks to my Northwood family for your prayers and support during the recent illness and death of my mother, Inez Kramer. It was comforting to see so many of you at her memorial service.  
Melanie Brown

November is a month for giving thanks to God for all He has blessed us with. We have been teaching the children about being thankful for what we have and how we can help others. With the assistance of their parents, the children donated blankets to the Beth-El ministry in October. In November, before our Family Thanksgiving Feast, the children will process down the aisle in the sanctuary with cans of food they have chosen to donate to the food pantry and place it in an offering basket. The families will share a Luncheon Feast that has been prepared by all the families in the spirit of Thanksgiving and fellowship.

As we begin the month of December the children will learn about Advent and how we are preparing for the birth of Jesus. We will have our Christmas Pageant on Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. Come and join us as the children tell the Christmas story and sing praises to our Newborn King.

Our Schools Ministry is most certainly blessed with the many wonderful families who entrust their precious children to our care. On behalf of the staff of NCC schools may you and your loved ones have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

Laura Woodard, NPC Director of Schools



## Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen; Burt Benziger; Doris Croasmun; Shirley Gleason; Howard Green; Fred Inkles; Rees Heycock; Lou Hortobagyi; Kelly Jordan; Jane Kaempfer; Diane Luke; Lois Marsh; Mildred Martin; Robin MacLennan; Curtis McLeod; Helen Meier; Norman Phillips; Marian Rather; David Smith; Charline Snow; Gene Snyder; Lucille Talbot; Al & Ethel Holden; Bill & Jane Sutton; Bonnie Beyer; Nellie Elzerman



# Caring for Our Church Family



**Congratulations!**  
Greg and Ginny Zimmer and big sister, Gabby, on the birth of Leo James Zimmer on November 3.

On Sunday, November 6 we celebrated All Saints Sunday. We remembered all those who have lost loved ones and friends that we may, without fear, trust those who are dear to us to God's never-failing love.

*The following names are from the membership roll of Northwood November 1, 2015—October 31, 2016*

Larry Cornillaud	12/11/2015
Dan Musto	1/04/2016
Alice Beck	1/15/2016
Hugh Gott	2/02/2016
Bob Grubbs	2/10/2016
Phyllis Pette	2/17/2016
Roger McCausland	2/21/2016
Doris Davis	3/06/2016
Henrietta Cooke	5/14/2016
Dottie Benziger	6/08/2016
Linda Yegerlehner	6/08/2016
Bernice McLeod	6/15/2016
Edward Geer	7/21/2016
Ralph Wolf, Jr.	9/06/2016

## We extend our prayers and Christian sympathies to:



- Mark Johnston and his family upon the news of the death of his mother, Margo Marie Johnston, on Friday, October 14.
- Shirley Weiss upon the news of the death of her husband, Harvey Weiss, on October 17.
- Kim Blackmore and her daughter, Sydney, on news of the death of Kim's mother, Jennie Blackmore on November 4.

## News From the Mission Field

### Clearwater Free Clinic

Thank you so much for your recent gift of \$500 to the Clearwater Free Clinic. Every donation received at the clinic has a direct impact on the health of our uninsured neighbors. We know that there are many worthy causes needing support and we are grateful and honored that you have chosen to share your resources with the Clinic. We promise to use every dollar wisely and to the greatest benefit of our patients.

### RCS

Thank you for your generous donation of \$500 to RCS. Your gift will go a long way toward helping our Pinellas neighbors— by feeding the hungry, returning families who are homeless to self-sufficiency and empowering the survivors of domestic violence. RCS would be proud to show you how your generous gift is being used. Please do not hesitate to call Suzanne Ruley at (727) 584-3528 x409 to schedule your tour of our program sites or learn more about RCS.

### Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for your recent generous gift of \$640 to Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County. Your investment helps families in our community achieve what they thought was just a dream. To date, Habitat Pinellas has completed 383 safe, affordable homes in our community. Your support allows us to remain focused on our mission to promote family stability through innovative housing solutions.

### Westchester Gardens

Thank you so much for the wheel chair bags, blankets, shoulder covers and booties! The residents love them! Everything is so appreciated. So much hard work put into everything. We are lucky and grateful.

### HEP

On behalf of the HEP staff and Board of Directors, we gratefully acknowledge your generous gift of \$497.20 from member contributions as a peacemaking offering. Your donation will help provide support services to thousands of homeless and very low-income individuals and families in 2016.