

## Get Involved!

### Women's Retreat, February 6-8

Leave your worries (and your chores!) behind! Join the women of Northwood in fellowship and fun at Café Chocolat, a retreat where the focus is on God's Grace—with a bit of chocolate sprinkled on top! Sign up for the 2015 Women's Retreat at Cedarkirk by January 18!

### Stephen Ministry: An Active Caring Ministry

Our Stephen Ministry program consists of church members who have been equipped with 50 hours of training to provide confidential, emotional, spiritual, one-to-one Christian care to individuals who are experiencing struggles in their lives. These difficult circumstances include loss of a loved one, illness, aging, spiritual crisis, a lay-off, relocation, divorce, single parenthood, loneliness, or discouragement, as well as many other life challenges. A Stephen Minister is a caring, Christian friend who will walk beside a person who is hurting and listen, pray, support and encourage them. Typically, a Stephen Minister will meet faithfully with his or her care receiver for about an hour each week, for as long as there is a need. To learn more about how you, a family member or a friend can benefit from having a Stephen Minister, please contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### Thursday Morning Prayer Group

Come and feel the presence of the Holy Spirit! Join us at the Thursday Morning Prayer Group. We meet at 10:00 am in the Parlor. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanette Holloway at 727-786-9440.

### Building Renovation Pledge Update

Campaign Goal: \$80,000.00

Pledged to date: \$62,293.00. Received \$44,784.53.

### 2015 Envelopes

2015 Giving/Pledge Envelopes are available in the hall by the kitchen. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. When making "Cash" contributions, please include your name on the envelope to ensure it is accurately recorded. If you wish to set up online giving, go to [www.northwoodpc.org](http://www.northwoodpc.org) and click the "Giving" link to our secure online portal. Thank you for your faithful support.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS—January 11, 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 **on January 18 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](mailto:ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org) or Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana, at [Katie@Northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@Northwoodpc.org). Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

## This Month...

### Grief Recovery and God's Grace

This Wednesday through Wednesday, February 11, Pastor Paul will lead a six-week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to death, a life-threatening illness or some other life circumstance from 1:30-3:30 p.m. in room 13. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. The cost for materials is \$25. For more information, please contact Pastor Paul at (727)796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### Confirmation Class 2015

Calling all seventh graders and older that have not been confirmed. There will be an informational meeting for students and their parents or guardians **today** at 9:30 a.m. in room 18. During this time we will discuss all of the details for this year's confirmation class. There will be six class sessions that will be held from 9:30-11:00 in room 18 starting on Sunday, January 25. The confirmation retreat at Cedarkirk will be the first or second weekend of March. The new confirmands will be announced to the congregation April 5, on Easter Sunday. If you have any questions, please contact Troy Harris.

### Acclaimed Handbell Choir Here

The world famous Westminster Choir College Handbell choir will be in concert here at Northwood this Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. This group plays the largest set of handbells in the world (from C1-C9). You will not want to miss this! Child care will be available for ages 3 and under. If you would be willing to house overnight at your home two or more of the student ringers, please contact Stephanie Carson or Tom Huffman.

## This Month, Cont...

### Youth Choirs

This would be a great time join the youth vocal choir or youth handbell choir (grades 6-12). Singing begins at 4:50 p.m. followed by handbells from 5:30-6:15 p.m. each Wednesday. Call or text Tom Huffman if you want to join the bell group (727) 409-8726.

### NPC ANNUAL YARD SALE, January 16-17th, 2015

We are taking donations in room 14! You can call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 if you need to drop-off at a different time or if you need items picked up. January 10-15 we will be accepting donations in the Family Life Center starting at 10 a.m. Thank you for your generosity. Please no old tvs, exercise equipment like treadmills or entertainment centers. Ask your family and neighbors if they have any items they would like to donate. SPECIAL EVENT: On Thursday, January 15<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m.–2 p.m., we will have a pre-sale for church members and school parents and teachers. Come and enjoy the hunt for bargains.

~Stephanie Carson, Music Director

### Annual Congregational Meeting & Luncheon Sunday, January 25th at Noon & Lunch to Follow

At the Annual Meeting we will hear reports from the Session, the Deacons and their ministry Teams. We will also be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings its nominations, and consider changes in the pastors' terms of call.

#### Elders

#### **(Class of 2017)**

Loisanne Bilka

Jerry Koski

Allen Hurst

Charlotte McQuown

Doug Winder

#### Deacons

#### **(Class of 2017)**

Lindsey Childs-Kean

Cindy Whiteside

Carol Bushnell

Carol Zieres

#### Nominating Com.

Patti Martin

Dan Jeffre

Nate Rodewald

We will also elect members to the Nominating Committee and the Memorial Garden Board.

**A Covered Dish Luncheon follows:** Please sign-up on the friendship sheet bulletin insert or the Covered Dish Luncheon sign-up sheet on the bulletin board by the kitchen.

## Youth Events

**Sunday, January 11:** Confirmation Organizational Meeting—  
9:30-11:00 a.m.

**Sunday, January 11:** Youth Group—4:15-6:00 p.m.

**Friday, January 16:** No Game Night

**Sunday, January 18:-19:** All youth retreat at Cedarkirk

**Sunday, January 18:** No Youth Group

### Sunday School

Join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school at both 9:30 and 11:00.

*Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults  
[troyharris1962@yahoo.com](mailto:troyharris1962@yahoo.com), 727-366-7762*

## Children's Ministries

### 11:00 Adult Sunday school:

Parents did you know that you can attend the Experiencing God class at 11:00? While you are Experiencing God your children will be busy bringing the Bible to Action through games and activities in room 3. Come check out what the 11:00 hour has for you and your children.

### Children's Sunday School @ 9:30:

Teachers needed!! We need help once a month with the children's Sunday school classes; 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade. The lessons are easy to teach and the children do all the work! Everyone is learning! Please contact Justine if you can help build the foundation for our children.

### Happy New Year! Upcoming Children's Events:

Please stop by the Children's Ministry bulletin board and look at the upcoming events for the New Year!

### King's Kids:

We need volunteers to help assist with the children during our Wednesday afternoon program from 4-6. Please contact Justine Ruisz if you can help, King's Kids will resume on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry**  
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