### **Faithfully Serving Today**

#### **ACOLYTES:**

(8:15) Jade Johnson (11:00) Adam Booth

#### **GREETERS:**

(8:15) Ellen Stoup, Joyce Lange (11:00) Sally Uhler, Ed Puschmann

#### **USHERS:**

(8:15) Suzanne & Ana Hamilton

Dennis & Betty O'Shea

(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein

#### VAN DRIVER: Ed Puschmann



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

Ushers & Greeters

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. 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.



# Annual Garage Sale- January 13 & 14

Save your treasures to donate to the church for the annual garage sale. We will begin collecting items at the church starting Saturday, December 31, 2016. The fundraiser benefits the Music Program all year. Please no old TVs, heavy exercise equipment like treadmills or entertainment centers. If you have a question about

an item you would like to donate call Susan Curry, (727) 709-8237.

# **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.

Please send articles for all publications to Tracy Donovan at Communications@northwoodpc.org.



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS- December 4, 2016**

#### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. Each week's sermon is available for you in a printed booklet in the narthex as well as a video on our website at www.northwoodpc.org.



Mark your calendars for our upcoming Advent and Christmas Services!

# 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

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received December 18. It supports the development of future racial ethnic leadership of our church and aids church workers and their families in times of need.

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 and an offering received for the Helping Hands fund. 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

# Sunday, January 1

Begin the New Year in worship with us! We return to 3 services on January 1 at 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00.

**Youth Ministry** 

**Sun, Dec. 4:** Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 P.M.

Wed, Dec. 7: Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M. Fri, Dec. 9: Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M. Sun, Dec. 11: Sunday School 9:30-10:30 A.M.

Youth Group Christmas Party 6:00 P.M.

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

## **Children's Ministry**

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 Ruisz at (727) 796-8090 or email her at: childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.

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

## **Our Sympathies**

We extend our prayers and Christian sympathy to:

- Ginny Zimmer and family on news of the death of Ginny's father, Leo Steible on November 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Beverly and John Ouwinga on news of the death of Beverly's mother, Nellie Elzerman on October 16<sup>th</sup>.



# **Birthday Blessings To....**

Sunday, Dec. 4: Jonathan Irion

Monday, Dec. 5: Robert Fehringer, Jackie Rice, Mickey Stewart Tuesday, Dec. 6: Harry Seckman, Robert Fuoco, Zachary Cox,

Shane Alexander

Wednesday, Dec. 7: Laura Turner, Holden Patel, David Hamilton Jr. Thursday, Dec. 8: Dave Cody, Roger Snay Sr, Wanda Fanning,

Susan Glaser, Barbara Jordan

Saturday, Dec. 10: Tim Leek, Blake Estavil

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

### King's Kids

King's Kids is on a break for the holidays until Wednesday, Jan 25th.

### **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 next **Tuesday**, **December 6**, at 10:00 a.m. for Bible study, information, coffee and pastries. Pastor Chris will be teaching Lesson 4, on the Gospel 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. Questions? Patty Martin (813-855-0851) or Sue Miskiewicz (727-799-6767)

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

Our 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on **Friday**, **December 9** at 10:30 in the sanctuary. Associate Music Director, Tom Huffman, will lead us through "Christmas Carols from around the World." Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Olive Garden. If you have any questions please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

### Ring, Sing & Mingle

Join us for a free handbell concert and carol sing on Sunday, December 11, 4:00 P.M. Pick up flyers in the narthex to invite friends, family and neighbors. It will be a night full of great music, carols, snacks and more! A freewill offering will be received.

## **Alternative Gifts for Christmas!**

For as little as \$5.00 you can honor a loved one with a donation to a local, national or international benevolence. The women of Lydia Circle will be in the Narthex before and after each worship service during Advent (Today, December 11 and 18) to help you select a PERFECT alternative gift.

Contact Barbara Englehart (743-4886 or <u>waspfifinella@yahoo.com</u>) or Nancy Johnson (366-7705 or njohnso1472@gmail.com)

### **Blood Drive**

Please come and donate blood TODAY 9:00- 12:15 P.M. All donors will receive a FREE fleece blanket and a wellness checkup.