

### 2016 Pledge Giving

If you are behind on your 2016 pledge, please catch up as soon as possible before the end of the year. The operating budget is based on your faithful giving and church expenses do not stop. Thank you for your faithfulness. If you have any questions about your giving, please call the church office at 796-8090 and speak to Linda O'Leary or Chris Hurst.

### IRA Distributions

As of December 18, 2015, the IRA Charitable Rollover was passed by Congress and signed into permanent law by the President. If you are 70 ½ or older and own an IRA, this new law allows you to avoid taxes when you transfer funds from your IRA directly to a qualified charity. You can transfer up to \$100,000 annually without recognizing the distribution as income. To benefit, you must make your gift before December 31. For more information, please contact Chris Hurst, Business Administrator, at 727-796-8090 or your IRA administrator.

### 2016 Contributions

Giving intended for 2016 must be received in the church office by noon on Thursday, December 29 or postmarked no later than December 31, 2016. 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 2016.

### Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch January 29th at Noon

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 29th. It's the Annual Congregational Meeting and Church-wide Potluck. The Meeting starts at 12:00 pm and the potluck lunch will follow. At the 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. Look for luncheon sign-up in upcoming bulletins & on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS- December 18, 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](http://www.northwoodpc.org).

## Upcoming Events



### The Christmas Joy Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received today, please use the envelope in your bulletin. This offering supports the development of future racial ethnic leadership of our church and aids church workers and their families in times of need, answering a faithful call to enrich lives and ease burdens.

### Saturday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

Come join us for one of our three candlelight services:

**4:30 P.M.** (Family service with childcare)

**7:30 P.M.** (Traditional Service with choirs & carols w/ childcare)

**11:00 PM** (Lessons & carols with Holy Communion, no childcare)

We will receive an offering for the Helping Hands fund.

### Christmas Eve Offering

This year's Christmas Eve offering is for the Helping Hands Fund. All gifts given on Christmas Eve will be used to help those in our community with significant needs who come to our church office during the year.



### Sunday, December 25

We will be having one service on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25 at 10:00 A.M. We will then resume our normal three services (8:15, 9:30 & 11:00) on Sunday, January 1.

**Please send articles for all publications to Tracy Donovan at [Communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Communications@northwoodpc.org).**

## Youth Ministry

- Mon, Dec. 19:** Middle School Event  
**Tues, Dec. 20:** Young Adult Event 5:00-7:00 P.M.  
**Wed, Dec. 21:** High School Go-Karting Trip 2:00-4:00 P.M.  
**Sun, Jan. 8:** Youth Group Family Dinner Kick-Off  
5:00-6:30 P.M.  
**Wed, Jan. 11:** High School Bible Study 6:15-7:15 P.M.  
**Fri, Jan. 13:** Off-Campus Game Night 7:00-10:00 P.M.  
**Sat, Jan. 14:** Winter Jam 3:30 P.M.  
**Sun, Jan. 15:** Youth Group 5:00- 6:30 P.M.  
**Wed, Jan. 18:** Bible Study 6:15- 7:15 P.M.  
**Fri, Jan. 20:** Game Night 7:00- 10:00 P.M.  
**Sun, Jan. 22:** Youth Group 5:00- 6:30 P.M.  
**Wed, Jan. 25:** Bible Study 6:15- 7:15 P.M.  
**Fri, Jan. 27:** Game Night 7:00- 10:00 P.M.  
**Sun, Jan. 29:** Youth Group 5:00- 6:30 P.M.

*Jon Drawdy, Director of Youth & Family Ministries*  
[youthdirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto: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](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).

### King's Kids

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

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

## Cedarkirk Women's Retreat - January 20-22

Need a gift idea for a special woman in your life? How about a relaxing weekend at our Women's Retreat? We'll make up a special gift card, and wrap it for you as well. Grab a brochure or simply ask Sharon Brown, Jeanne Stephen or Diana Fisher. We'll be glad to help you get this great gift rolling!

## Annual Report Deadline

To the Session, Committees, Pastors & Staff: Please note that the deadline to submit your Annual Report is **Monday, January 9th** by noon. Please submit your electronic copy to Tracy Donovan ([communications@northwoodpc.org](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org)). If you have any questions, please contact the church office. Thanks!

## Annual Garage Sale- January 13 & 14

Our Music Ministry Annual Garage Sale is just around the corner and we need your help in making it the biggest one ever. Our sale is scheduled January 13 & 14, 2017, 8:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M. Make sure to invite everyone to come shop the great bargains!



We are accepting donations of furniture, jewelry, kitchen items, clothes, shoes, toys, holiday items, tools, collectibles, linens, books and outdoor items. Please no old TVs or large entertainment centers. We would love to have a plant area if anyone out there has a green thumb and would like to donate plants. Plastic bags and hangers are also needed.

Please ask your family and neighbors if they have any items they would like to donate.

Our drop-off will begin in Room 14:

- **Saturday, December 31st**, 9:00 A.M.- Noon
- **Sunday, January 1**, 8:00 A.M.- 2:00 P.M.
- **Monday, January 2 - Saturday, January 7**, 10:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M.
- **Sunday, January 8**, 8:00 A.M.- 6:00 P.M.
- **Monday, January 9 - Thursday, January 12**, 10:00 A.M.- 7:00 P.M.

We will be able to pick up items that you would like to donate by calling Susan Curry (727) 709-8237.

## Alternative Gifts for Christmas



Today is the last day! 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 today to help you select a PERFECT alternative gift.