

NEXT SUNDAY-CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP

Please note that next Sunday morning there will be ONE traditional service for everyone at 10 AM. This service will include a celebration of the Lord's Supper, carol singing and sermon.

There are then TWO Christmas Eve Candlelight Services later in the day: A 4:30 PM Children's Christmas Pageant and a 7:30 PM Traditional Service.

MUSIC NOTES:

Today we present three of five *International Carol Suites* by award winning composer, Mark Hayes. In the three sections there are a total of twenty Christmas carols from fourteen different European countries. Hayes writes, "It all started with a book of international carols that was given to my family by my sister-in-law as a Christmas gift back in 1971 and eventually evolved into (this work). Carols are perhaps our most enduring and endearing music and whether emanating from the mall or from youthful carolers going from house to house, they are a sign of the season. Carols originally had nothing to do with Christmas or even Christianity but were taken over by the medieval Church which used them initially as much in the celebration of Easter as of Christmas. Today we could not imagine celebrating Christmas without carols and so we share with you these familiar and lesser-known carols in a thrilling and multicultural celebration of the season.

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO...

Sunday, Dec. 17: Melanie Brown, Don Stevens, Chris Curvin
Monday, Dec. 18: Helen Burke, Carol Hersh, Nikki Makal, Kelsey Propst
Tuesday, Dec. 19: Jan Risberg, Stephen Williams, Jim Lumia
Wednesday, Dec. 20: Jacqueline Cole-Graziano, Sandy Seckel, Polly Brown, Jere Gunderman, Karen Gipson
Friday, Dec. 22: Sharon O'Donnel, Steve Rickrode, Jonathan Luther
Saturday, Dec. 23: Jan Botsford, Greg Brinkman
If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!



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on northwoodpc.org.



LIVE STREAMING



ANNOUNCEMENTS- December 17, 2017

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities here. If you are interested in membership or learning more about our church, please join us on January 21st for our Discovering Northwood Class at 10:45 in room 4. Contact our Senior Pastor, Chris Curvin at (727) 796-8090 or by email at chriscurvin@northwoodpc.org if questions.

Live Streaming At Northwood

All sermons at NPC are available on our website at www.northwoodpc.org under the "Watch Live" tab. From there you can watch our 11:00 service live on Sundays or click on "Archives" to find previous weeks' services.

Think on These Things Reading Group

An Intelligent, Imaginative, Hospitable Reading Group, led by Pastor Paul will meet on Monday, December 18 from noon to 1:15 in rooms 13 and 15. The theme for the group is "Engaging books a thoughtful Christian ought to read." This month we are reading and will discuss the book, Handel's Messiah: Comfort for God's People by Calvin R. Stapert. People are welcome to bring a lunch or snacks. For more information, contact Pastor Paul at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Church Photo Directory

*Space is filling up! Be sure to sign up soon.
Next sign-up date is Sunday, December 10!*

Remaining photography dates are:

December 27 (12:00– 7:00 P.M.)	January 25 (10:00 A.M.– 5:00 P.M.)
*To accommodate	January 26 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)
visiting students/relatives*	January 27 (10:00 A.M.– 5:00 P.M.)
January 24 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)	February 6 (1:00- 8:00 P.M.)

Without you, our new church directory will not be complete!

Directory Photos Pick-Up

If you did not order pictures at your directory photo session, you're free 8X10 photo is available for pick up in the church office during the week and at the reception desk on Sunday mornings. This is for those who received phone calls from the church office. If you ordered photo's your free 8X10 will be mailed to you directly.

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

Chancel Choir

Soprano

Pat Callan
Elaine Cornillaud
Rachelle Cox
Susan Curry
Cassandra Fredriksen
Gale Dufresne
Debbie Lang
Jessie Lusk
Vickie Mills
Gail Rothrock
Mickey Stewart
Barbara Washburn
Michele White
Heather Wood
Carol Zaffiri
Mary Ellen Zeigler

Tenor

Fred DREW
Marti Huff
Steve Lang
Bill Martin
Dennis Rasmussen
John Schenk
Roger Winder
Robert Wood

Alto

Muriel Antonakes
Tracey Birch
Melanie Brown
Janet Dudley
Susan Gajentan
Cindy Huffman
Barbara Jordan
Marie Purcell
Candy Spoenline
Lori Tietz
Mary Sue Schell
Gloria Whitfield
Georgianna Winder

Bass

Jack Alwood
Art Callan
Dick Casper
Peter Gajentan
Art Holloway
Garry Justice
Joe Zeigler

Instrumentalists

Flute: Adrienne Clover
Clarinet: Tony Fuoco
Oboe: Darlene Davis
Bassoon: Kevin O'Leary
French Horn: Laura O'Leary
Trumpet: Emily Cantin
Violin I: Melanie Schulz
Violin II: Rebekah Chambers
Viola: Alana Balloon
Percussion: Diane Suris
Piano: Tom Huffman
Organ: Wagner Schulz

Other Participants

Director: Stephanie Carson
Associate Director and Organist:
Tom Huffman
Narration, written and read by
Garry Justice

Nursery Care Available

Infants and toddlers are provided care in our excellent nursery during the entire Worship Service and during the Sunday School hour.

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 across from the kitchen. Hand Sanitizers are conveniently located at each exit.

Transportation Ministry

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00 AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Fridays to reserve a seat on the van.

Youth Ministry

This Week in the Life of Our Youth:

Sunday, December 17: 9:30 A.M. Worship and Sunday School
Sunday, December 17: 5:00-6:30 P.M. Youth Group
Wed, December 20: 6:30-7:30 P.M. High School Bible Study
Friday, December 22: 7:00-10:00 P.M. Game Night

Upcoming Events:

- Feeding Tampa Bay: December 27th from 1:00-4:00pm
- Painting the City (a.k.a. the Youth Room): January 3rd and 4th

Youth Game Night is held on Friday night from 7-10:00pm here at Northwood. **We are in need of adult volunteers** to help out in **January**. If this is something that you may be interested in, please contact Vanessa Celotto at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org. Thanks!

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.

Annual Garage Sale

Our Music Ministry program needs your help! We can only top last year's record sales if everyone donates & attends, so invite friends! All funds go towards supporting our many music programs. The Garage Sale is scheduled for January 12 and 13, 2018 with donations accepted beginning December 27, 2017. Questions? Call Susan Curry at (727) 709-8237.

Cedarkirk Women's Retreat - Sign up TODAY!

You won't want to miss this amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and nature walks. Enjoy the peaceful beauty of Cedarkirk while staying in a heated lodge, complete with fireplace and kitchen. Don't wait - registration and payment deadlines are December 29th.

Alternative Gifts for Christmas!

Are you challenged to find a perfect, affordable gift for someone who has everything? Do you want to show your children and grandchildren that you believe the greatest gift is helping others? Consider an Alternative Gift! 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 during Advent (December 17 and 24) to help you select a PERFECT alternative gift.

Contact: Barbara Englehart (743-4886 or waspfinella@yahoo.com) or Nancy Johnson (366-7705 or njohnso1472@gmail.com).