

## Coming in January

### Church-wide Yard Sale

Please begin saving your items for the Church wide yard sale that will be held Friday and Saturday, January 16 and 17. Please save your items to drop off between January 4-16. If you have need of an earlier drop off time, call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 for off-site storage.

### Acclaimed Handbell Choir Here

The world famous Westminster Choir College Handbell choir will be in concert here at Northwood on Thursday, January 15, 2015. This group plays the largest set of handbells in the world (from C1-C9). You will not want to miss this!

## Get Involved!

### Fresh Brewed Bible Study

Fresh Brewed meets the first Friday of the month. We are studying a new book A Million Little Ways: Uncover the Art You Were Made to Live by Emily P. Freeman. All are welcome. Contact: Sally Uhler, 727-795-7563.

### Building Renovation Pledge Update

Thank you to all those who made pledges or gifts to our building renovation campaign. To date we have pledges of \$62,293.00 toward our goal of \$80,000. We have already received \$36,446.25 toward the amount pledged thus far!

### 2014 Pledge Giving

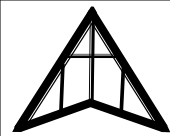
If you are behind on your 2014 pledge, please catch up as soon as possible before the end of the year. The operating budget is based on your faithful giving and church expenses do not stop. Thank you for your faithfulness. If you have questions about your giving, please call the Church Office and speak to Linda O'Leary or Chris Hurst, 796-8090.

### 2015 Pledge Card Update

As of Monday, November 24, we have received 161 pledge cards totaling \$432,245.00. Additional pledge cards are available.

### NPC Food Pantry

Requests are high for food pantry items and supplies are low. Please help by donating canned or jarred food like meats (especially ham and chicken), beef stew, corned beef hash, chili, spaghetti sauce, canned pastas, fruit, vegetables, baked beans, chunky soups, peanut butter, and jelly. Donation baskets are located in the hallways. To make a monetary donation, please indicate "Food Pantry" on your check and place it in the offering plate. For information, contact Pat Rabenstine at 727-785-5080.



"Taking the Next Step of Faith"

## ANNOUNCEMENTS—November 30, 2014

### WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. We invite you to our Discovering Northwood class **Sunday, 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 Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

### Important Publication Submission Reminder

Please continue to send all Announcements and publication information to [Katie@Northwoodpc.org](mailto:Katie@Northwoodpc.org) with a subject line indicating for which publication and what dates the information is to run.

## December

### Poinsettia Orders

Sign up for poinsettias at the bottom of the Sunday Friendship Sheet. The cost is a \$9 donation for each poinsettia ordered. A listing of those who gave in honor or memory of their loved ones will appear in the Christmas Eve bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Feller at [lpf1967@yahoo.com](mailto:lpf1967@yahoo.com).

### Daily Advent Devotionals Available

Devotional books can be found in the racks outside the sanctuary. We hope these daily readings add to your excitement and preparation for the birth of the Christ Child.

### 2014 Angel Tree Projects

**ISAIAH'S INN:** Jean DeFilippo served the Angel Tree Prison Ministry for 19 years, coordinating our giving of gifts to children at Christmas. The Mission Team of which Jean was a part decided to begin supporting Isaiah's Inn Angel Tree Ministry by providing gifts of \$15-25 for families. **Today**, please visit the Christmas tree in the narthex and choose an angel. Gifts (please do not wrap) are due **December 7**. Questions? Contact Pam Means at 386-0747.

**BETH-EL MIGRANT WORKERS:** Please bring unwrapped gifts to be donated to migrant workers. These gifts will be on multi-colored angels on the Angel Tree and are \$1.00 up. The requests are available **today**. Gifts are due **December 14**. Questions? Contact Evelyn Towns, 785-3743.

## December, Continued

### Renaissance Crew 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday Fellowship

We will meet on Dec. 11 at 10:30 in rooms 9 and 11 (please note the change of day to Thursday). Northwood's Associate Director of Music/Organist, Tom Huffman, will present a delightful Christmas music program, "Christmas Carols through the Ages." Following the program we will have lunch at Sunset Grill. Please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or [paul@northwoodpc.org](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org) with questions.

### Ring, Sing & Mingle is Sunday, December 14, 2014

Our Christmas handbell concert is Sunday, December 14 at 4:00 PM. All four bell groups (children, youth and 2 adult) will be performing and everyone will have the chance to sing Christmas Carols and songs to bring us, and ring us, into the Christmas Season. The concert will be followed by a reception of homemade goodies and treats. The cost? FREE! Our gift to you. Please bring your friends, relatives and neighbors for a fun and festive afternoon!!

### Special Ignite Service December 14

The traditional services (8:15 & 11:00) have a cantata on 12/21 complete with full choir and instruments. The ignite service (9:30) will have a special service as well on 12/14. It will consist of readings and carols with other elements: Children and youth will be singing, videos, Voices In Praise, Horns In Praise, and more. We would hope that people from each service can experience what our other services have to offer—both with very meaningful worship celebrating the birth of our Lord and Savior.

### Christmas Cantata is Sunday, December 21, 2014

The Chancel choir will present "Darkness into Light" by Mary McDonald at the 8:15 and 11:00 services. The choir will be joined by soloists and instruments presenting the journey and joy of the Christmas experience through beloved carols and exciting new songs.

### Christmas Eve Candlelight Services

#### Wednesday, December 24, 2014

- 4:30 pm Children's Pageant with Puppets (Nursery Available)
- 7:30 pm Choirs & Carols (Nursery Available)
- 11:00 pm Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

### Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed the following days in December:

- Wednesday, December 24, 2014 at Noon
- Thursday, December 25, 2014
- Friday, December 26, 2014
- Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at Noon

## Youth Events

- Friday, December 5:** Game Night 7-10 p.m.
- Sunday, December 7:** MS & HS combined, 4:15-6:00 p.m.
- Friday, December 12:** Game Night 7-10 p.m.
- Sunday, December 14:** Youth Christmas Party following "Ring, Sing, Mingle"

### Sunday School

Join us for combined middle/high school Sunday school at both 9:30 and 11:00. We will be studying the "Elements" of our faith. Through new and exciting curriculum we will learn how to grow in our walk with God.

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

## Children's Ministries

### Sunday School Classes

**See back of bulletin for Sunday School information!**

### Drop'n'Shop is this Saturday, December 6, 2014

Parents, you can drop your kids off from 9:00 am-12:00 pm at the church and then go Christmas shopping. The cost is \$10.00 a child with a max of \$30.00 per family. This is for children ages birth – 5<sup>th</sup> grades. You must register to participate. Money collected is going into a Cedarkirk Camp scholarship fund for children and youth.

### Do you play a Musical Instrument?

Children and youth are invited to play a sacred piece at the 4:30 Christmas Eve service. Contact Justine Ruisz if you're interested.

### Nursery Staff Needed

We are looking for nursery staff workers to look after children age 4 and under. This is a paid position. If you love children and would like to help please contact Justine Ruisz: 727-796-8090 or email at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).

### Kings Kids

We will be taking a break from November 26 – January 14, 2015, and will resume on January 21<sup>st</sup>.