

Get Involved!

Women's Retreat

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 on Feb. 6-8! Also a great gift idea (hint, hint)!!!

2015 Envelopes

2015 Giving/Pledge Envelopes will be 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 and click the "Giving" link to our secure online portal. Thank you for your faithful support.

2014 Contributions

Giving intended for 2014 must be received in the church office **by noon on December 31st** or postmarked **no later than December 31, 2014**. 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 2014.

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS—December 28, 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 or Membership Coordinator, Katie Pacana, at Katie@Northwoodpc.org. Both Katie and Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

Coming in January...

Office Closed

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

- Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at Noon
- Thursday, January 1, 2015
- Friday, January 2, 2015

Church-wide Yard Sale

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

Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Wednesday, January 7 and continuing 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. 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.

Acclaimed Handbell Choir Here

The world famous Westminster Choir College Handbell choir will be in concert here at Northwood on Thursday, January 15, 2015 at 7:00 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.

Coming in January... cont

Renaissance Crew

Renaissance Crew 2nd Thursday Fellowship will meet on Jan. 8 at 10:30 in rooms 9 and 11 (please note the change of day to Thursday). Art Callan will present a delightful program entitled "DINNER IN THE DINER, NOTHING COULD BE FINER ---OK Hon, "Draw one with a lifesaver"." Come and learn how fast foods began. Following the program we will enjoy lunch and conversation at Sweet Tomatoes. Please contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org with questions.

Building Renovation Pledge Update

Pledged to date: \$62,293.00. Received \$39,193.25

Church Libraries: Give yourself and your family a special gift this Christmas season. We have placed many beautiful Christmas-themed books and DVD's on display in both the adult and children's libraries. The selection includes both non-fiction and fiction items. Warm your heart and soul with books this Holiday. Check it out!

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 on Sunday, January 11 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. Talk to Troy Harris if you will be able to attend the meeting on Jan. 11.

Annual Report Due

Please be reminded that Annual Reports are due by Monday, January 5th. Reports should be e-mailed to Katie Pacana at Katie@northwoodpc.org. Thank you!

Youth Events

Sunday, December 28: 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, 727-366-7762

Children's Ministries

Sunday School Classes

See back of bulletin for Sunday School information!

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.

King's Kids

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

Upcoming Children's Events:

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

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
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