

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS TO....

Monday, December 22nd: Jonathan Luther, Sharon O'Donnel,
Steve Rickrode
Tuesday, December 23rd: Greg Brinkman, Larry Grennan
Wednesday, December 24th: Keith Kelly, Kate Schenk
Thursday, December 25th: Bill Bitner, Bobbi Hunt, Patty Martin,
Jane Urban
Friday, December 26th: Jim Warren
Saturday, December 27th: Barbara Stone, Sally Uhler

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

Coming in 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. 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.

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! 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.

Women's Retreat

Need a gift idea for a special woman in your life? How about a weekend away at our Women's Retreat on February 6 to the 8th! What could be better than relaxing with friends around a cozy fireplace at our Café Chocolat. We'll make up a special gift card, and wrap it for you as well! Grab a brochure from the bulletin board, or simply ask Jeanne Stephen, Sharon Brown or Diana Fisher. We'll be glad to see you get this great gift rolling!!!



ANNOUNCEMENTS—December 21, 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. Chris can be reached at 796-8090.

Important Publication Submission Reminder

Please continue to send all Announcements and publication information to Katie@Northwoodpc.org with a subject line indicating for which publication and what dates the information is to run. Thank you!

This Month...

Christmas Joy Offering, TODAY

TODAY we will receive the annual Christmas Joy Offering. Your gifts make a difference in providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and in opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related racially ethnic colleges and schools. Your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering will make a difference in shining the One True Light of Christ's love.

Today is the last day to Give an Alternative Gift!

Are you challenged to find the affordable perfect gift? Consider an Alternative Gift! For as little as \$5.00 you can honor a special person with a donation in his or her honor to one of eight local, national or international charities. The women of Lydia Circle will be in the narthex today to help you select the perfect benevolence and give you a beautiful card to announce your gift.

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
- Thursday, January 1, 2015
- Friday, January 2, 2015

Youth Events

Sunday, December 21: NO YOUTH GROUP
Friday, December 26: NO GAME NIGHT
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!

King's Kids

We are looking for help with our King's Kids mid-week program which will resume in the New Year, on January 21st. If you can help do crafts, play Bible games or assist with the children from 4:00-6:00 p.m., please contact Justine Ruisz.

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
Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org, 796-8090/ Cell- 641-8140*

2014 Church Budget Pledge Update

	Expected 2014 Amount	Received To Date	Balance Outstanding
Pledge Contributions	\$533,000.00	\$466,769.00	\$66,231.00
Non-Pledge Contributions	\$98,000.00	\$94,537.00	\$3463.00
2014 Balance Outstanding			\$69,694.00

*Data as of December 17, 2014.

FAITHFULLY SERVING NORTHWOOD CHURCH TODAY

ACOLYTES:

(8:15) Nadia Rodewald (11:00) Ethan Crossley

GREETERS:

(8:15) Lorrie Janusik & Bill Marshall
 (11:00) Roger Snay, Sr. & Barbara Moler

USHERS:

(8:15) Ken & Linda Andreassen, Earle Lusk and Patty Martin
 (9:30) Kim, Morgan & Lindsey Peterson
 (11:00) Pete & Evelyn Towns, Dane & Vicki Phillips

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.

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.

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.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



*David and Marilyn Arndt
 in memory of
 Emmett & Marjorie Clarke*



*Ibelise Luther
 in honor of
 Jon Jon's 14th Birthday*

Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the "2014-15 Flower Reservation Chart" on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/ birthday!