

—Get Involved—

Please place your unwrapped gifts for Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry Angel Tree under the tree by TODAY. For information contact Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

Next Sunday, **December 20**, 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.



Advent & Christmas Services

Sunday, December 13

8:15 & 11:00 AM - Traditional Worship

**9:30 AM - Contemporary Presentation:
"Our Coming Savior"**

4:00 PM Annual "Ring, Sing & Mingle"

Handbells, Christmas Carol Sing & Cookie Treat Reception

Sunday, December 20

8:15 AM & 11:00 AM Cantata: "Appalachian Winter"
Choir and instruments

9:30 AM - Contemporary Worship

Thursday, December 24th - Christmas Eve

Three Candlelight Services

4:30 PM Family Service

Children's musical, "An Unplugged Christmas"
(childcare available)

7:30 PM - Traditional Service with Choirs & Carols
(childcare available)

11:00 PM Lessons & Carols with Holy Communion

Sunday, December 27th

10:00 AM Lessons and Carols

A service for the whole church family in the form of a Lessons and Carols Service. This will be our only service this Sunday.



ANNOUNCEMENTS—December 13, 2015

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. To learn more about our church we have our Discovering Northwood class on **January 17 in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 10:45AM-12:00PM**. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the pastor, Rev. E. Chris Curvin, at ChrisCurvin@Northwoodpc.org or 796-8090 or you may contact our Membership Coordinator, Tracy Donovan, at communications@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090.

—Coming Events—



Ring, Sing & Mingle

Join us TODAY at 4:00pm for our Christmas Handbell Concert and Carol Sing. This is a festive celebration to get you in the holiday spirit!

Today is the last day to sign up for poinsettias in honor or in memory of loved ones. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from Sunday's friendship sheet in the offering plate.



Garage Sale Donations



Are you saving all your treasures that you want to donate to the church for the annual Garage Sale? Hold on to them just a little longer. We will begin collecting items at the church starting January 3rd. Thank you in advance for your generosity. This fundraiser benefits the Music Program all year. Please no old tvs, heavy exercise equipment like treadmills or entertainment centers. If you have a question about an item you would like to donate, please call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237.

Cedarkirk Women's Retreat— January 22-24

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 see you get this great gift rolling!!

Alternative Gifts for Christmas

Are you challenged to find the perfect, affordable gift for the person 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! Honor your loved ones with a donation to eight local, national, and international benevolences. The women of Lydia Circle will be available in the narthex today and next Sunday to help you choose the right benevolence and give you a lovely card to announce your thoughtfulness. Questions? Contact Barbara Englehart (727-743-4886 or waspfifinella@yahoo.com) or Nancy Johnson (727-366-7705 or johnso1472@gmail.com).

TCI Class

Today's Christian Issues has invited the Imam of the Islamic Society of Pinellas County, Sheikh Saad Slaoui, to present the theology of Islam on January 3rd. On January 10th, Imam Sheikh Saad will return to answer our questions about his faith. All are welcome to attend either or both presentations.

Offering Envelopes

Offering envelopes for 2016 are now available in the hall by the kitchen. Boxes are not numbered or labeled; you may take any one. Please remember that when making "Cash" contributions, include your first and last name on the envelope to be sure it is accurately recorded. In our continuing efforts to reduce the number of envelope sets that are wasted each year as more people choose online giving, we are again using perpetual envelopes. The individual envelopes in the box are marked for the 1st, 2nd, 3rd or 4th Sunday of each month rather than being dated. Envelopes for the 5th Sunday, if needed, are at the back of the box.

2015 Contributions

Giving intended for 2015 must be received in the church office by noon on December 31st or postmarked no later than December 31, 2015. 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 2015.

Sunday, December 13:

Youth Christmas Party 6:00-7:30 pm
We will have pizza, drinks and a "White Elephant Gift Exchange". Please bring a wrapped gift of \$5.00 value for the exchange.



Friday, December 18:

Game Night 7:00-10:00 pm

Get Involved

Calling all seventh graders and older who have not been Confirmed. We will be holding an organizational meeting for the students and the parents or guardians on Sunday, January 10 at 9:30 in room 18 to discuss the details for this year's Confirmation class. Please let me know if you and your child are interested in this year's classes.

If you are not receiving my email messages and would like to be added to the parent contact list please email me at:

Troy Harris, Director of Youth & Young Adults
troyharris1962@yahoo.com, 727-366-7762

Children's Upcoming Events

Kids & Youth Wanted

Do you play a Musical Instrument?
Kids and youth (1st-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 4:10pm, please contact Justine Ruisz by TODAY!



Spring Bash 2016

Children grades 3rd – 5th are invited to Cedarkirk, April 15th – 16th. If you are interested in sending your child(ren) or for more information contact Justine Ruisz.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
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