

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.

2016 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.

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS—December 6, 2015

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. We invite you to our Discovering Northwood class **January 17 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 796-8090 or you may contact Tracy Donovan at communications@northwoodpc.org or 796-8090.

—Coming Events—

Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew is a group that delights in sharing fun with friends, old and new, on the second Friday of the month (September – May). We gather at the church from 10:30 to 11:30. Following the presentation, the group enjoys going to a different restaurant each month. On **Friday, December 11th**, Associate Music Director and Organist, Tom Huffman, is sharing on Christmas Carols through the Ages. For more information contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Ring, Sing & Mingle

Please pick up a flyer in the narthex for our Christmas Handbell Concert and Carol Sing on **December 13th at 4:00**. This is a festive celebration to get you in the holiday spirit as well as a great outreach to invite your friends. There is a yummy reception following the event. We are asking you to please help us by contributing some homemade baked goods or appetizers. Please contact our coordinator Bailey Shields (813)514-5772 if you are able to help.



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!!

A group from the Kitchen Krew will be going to see **The Lion King** on January 28. Please contact Charlotte McQuown at (727) 669-2571 as soon as possible so a group rate can be determined.



—Get Involved—

Northwood will be supporting the **Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry** in Hillsborough County again this year. The gift requests are on multi-colored angels on the Christmas tree. Gifts range from \$1.00 up. Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 13th. For information contact Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help **Isaiah's Inn** with Christmas! We have "angels" on our Christmas tree in the narthex so that you can choose a gift to provide for a family in need. (Gifts should cost \$15-\$20.) Please make sure you sign out the angel in the church library before taking it home. Gifts should not be wrapped and should be returned to the Christmas tree area by Today.



Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? For just \$9, you can do so. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from Sunday's friendship sheet (through December 13) in the offering plate or drop off in the church office during regular office hours.

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 each Sunday during Advent (November 29, December 6, 13 and 20) 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 waspfinella@yahoo.com) or Nancy Johnson (727-366-7705 or johnso1472@gmail.com).

Yard Sale Donations

It's almost here! Our annual Yard Sale will be held **January 15th & 16th, 2016** and we need your generous donations to support the Music Program. Items may be dropped off starting Friday, January 8th in rooms 12 & 14. If you have any questions, please call Carol Rathmell (813) 317-9227 or Susan Curry (727) 709-8237.

Sunday, December 6:

Youth Group 5:00-6:30 pm

Friday, December 11:

Game Night 7:00-10:00 pm

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 Sunday School

These classes will meet and stay in assigned classrooms:

Pre-K/K – room 3

1st & 2nd Grade – room 4

3rd & 5th Grade – room 8



5th grade students are welcome to worship at the beginning of the service with their families or go to room 8 with the 3rd & 4th graders. After the Prayers of Joys & Concerns, 5th grade may join the Sunday school class in room 8 or remain in service.

Get Involved

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 next Sunday, December 13.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry
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