—Coming Events Continued—

Online Giving

If you are interested in setting up online giving, visit the "Giving" link to the secure portal at www.northwoodpc.org or call the Church Office. For your convenience, gifts can be processed as credit card or e-check transactions. Additionally, you may make a one-time gift or set your contributions up for automated processing on a schedule that you select. Participation in the offering on Sunday morning is an act of worship and we wish to include those who choose to give online. If you so choose, you will find laminated

cards in the Narthex that can be placed in the offering plate to say "My gift this week was made online." Thank you for your continued and faithful support of the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church.



Building Renovation Pledge Update

Total building pledges: \$62,065.00
Total pledge gifts to date: \$57,360.00
Total non-pledge gifts to date: \$38,292.00
Total gifts to building fund to date: \$95,652.00
Unpaid pledge balance: \$4,705.00
Projected gifts as of 12/31/15: \$100,357.00
Projected deficit to bid: \$7,643.00

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS—January 10, 2016

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 next Sunday, 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 Tracy Donovan at communications@northwoodpc.org or the church office 796-8090.

—Coming Events—

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 in today's class. Today, Imam Sheikh Saad will return to answer our questions about his faith.

Garage Sale Donations

Our Music Ministry program needs your help in making the annual Garage Sale another great success. The sale is scheduled for **January 15 and 16** from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. We are collecting donations (be sure to ask family and friends) during the following times: To-

day from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. and Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. If you need us to pick up your donations or need to come at a different time, please call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237. Please no old tv's, entertainment centers or computers. Thank you for your generosity- your giving spirit is amazing.

Annual Congregational Meeting & Potluck Lunch January 31st at Noon

Mark your calendars for Sunday, January 31st. It's the Annual Congregational Meeting and Church-wide Potluck. The Meeting starts at 12:00 pm and the Potluck lunch will follow. At the meeting we will hear reports from the Session, the Deacons and their Ministry Teams. We will also be electing new officers, as the Officer Nominating Committee brings its nominations. Look for luncheon sign-up in upcoming bulletins & on the bulletin board outside the kitchen.

—Get Involved—

Grief Recovery and God's Grace

Beginning Monday, January 25 and continuing through Monday, February 29, Pastor Paul will lead a six week educational seminar and support group for persons who are experiencing grief due to death of a loved one, a life-threatening illness or some other life circumstance. The time of the seminar is from 1:30 to 3:30. This is not a group therapy program, so while active participation is encouraged, it is not required. The cost for materials is \$15. For more information contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

Northwood Photo Group

Please join us for our Monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday, January 12 in rooms 13-15 here at Northwood Presbyterian

Church. Anybody interested in photography is welcome to attend, beginner or expert. Questions? Contact David Lawrence at david@primeimagesinc.com or Curtis Krueger at curtis.krueger@gmail.com.



Food Pantry Request

We are in need of Food Pantry items. We need tuna, canned meats, canned pasta (such as ravioli or spaghetti), chili, beef stew, chicken and dumplings, pasta sauce, fruit, vegetables and soups. Cans & glass jars only, please. We also need jelly

which may be in plastic containers. Monetary donations are also appreciated. If you have questions please call Pat Rabenstine at 727-785-5080. Thank you for your help!

Transportation Available

Northwood provides transportation for those who need it to and from the 11:00AM worship service. Call the church office, 796-8090, before noon on Fridays to reserve a seat.



Please send articles for all publications to Tracy Donovan at Communications@northwoodpc.org.

Youth Upcoming Events

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 Today 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.

Sunday, January 10– Youth Group 5:00-6:30 pm in youth room Friday, January 15– Game Night 7:00-10:00 pm (youth room/gym) Sunday, January 17– Youth Group 5:00-6:30 pm in youth room Friday, January 22– Game Night 7:00-10:00 pm (youth room/gym) Sunday, January 24– Youth Group from 5:00-6:30 pm in youth room Friday, January 29– Game Night from 7:00-10:00 pm (youth room/gym) Sunday, January 31– 5th Sunday (Youth to cover all of the greeting and ushering for all 3 services)

Sunday, January 31– Youth Group 5:00-6:30 pm in youth room

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

Children's Upcoming Events

Kings Kids 2016– Will Resume JANUARY 20th-Sorry for any confusion!



This is a mid-week program to **CHILDREN'S** help build friendships in a Christian environment and strengthen faith, bringing children closer to God. Wednesdays, 4:00-5:45 for children ages 3 through 5th grade.

Spring Bash 2016

Deposits are due by January 24th. Children grades 3rd-5th are invited to Cedarkirk, April 15th-16th. Please contact Justine Ruisz for deposit amount and more information.

VBS June 20-24

Parents, save the date for Vacation Bible School. More details to come in 2016.

Justine Ruisz, Director of Children's Ministry Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org 796-8090/ Cell- 727-641-8140