

Welcome, New Members!



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Church Office Closed: The Church Office will be closed Thursday, November 28th and Friday, November 29th in observance of Thanksgiving. The Office will re-open Monday, December 2nd at 9:00 a.m. Happy Thanksgiving!

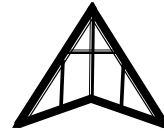
Poinsettia Orders Poinsettias sales in Honor or in Memory of loved ones will begin **TODAY** and will continue through Sunday, December 15th. A sign up will be available during this time on the bottom of the Sunday Friendship Sheet or in the Monitor. The cost is a \$9 donation for each poinsettia ordered. A listing of those who gave in honor or memory of their loved ones will be found in the Christmas Eve bulletins. If you have any questions, please contact Linda Feller at lpf1967@yahoo.com.

Christmas is Coming!

Looking for gifts? Consider an Alternative Gift! For a \$5.00 donation you can honor a loved one by contributing to one of eight local, national and international missions. The Presbyterian Women will be available before and after each worship service each Sunday during Advent (December 1, 8, 15 & 22). If have any questions please contact Barbara Englehart (791-4648) or Nancy Johnson (366-7705).

It is that time of year again!! Please begin saving your items for the Church wide yard sale that will be held Friday and Saturday January 10 and 11. There will be a two week period prior to the sale for items to be dropped off. Sign-up sheet on the music bulletin board to volunteer to help with this fun event! More details later!

Library News: We have Children's (& family) Thanksgiving picture books that are well worth checking out! Short series for adult readers are available on the middle shelf of the cart by the wall. There is also a Christmas shelf for reading and listening. Check it Out!



Loyal to His Church
"Count on Me!"

ANNOUNCEMENTS—November 24, 2013

WELCOME GUESTS

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities for worship and service here. Our Discovering Northwood class is for newcomers as well as those of us who have been around awhile to simply learn more about us or to become a member of our church family.

The next Discovering Northwood class is **January 19th in room 4** of the Christian Education Building **from 11:00 am-12:00pm**. 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.

Community Thanksgiving Service

We want to remind everyone that on Tuesday, November 26th we will gather at 7:00 PM for our community Thanksgiving Service held this year at North Bay Community Church, along with Holy Trinity Episcopal and Heritage United Methodist Church. Our choir will be singing. See you there!

It's the most wonderful time of the year... for gathering friends and family to light the Advent Candles! The worship team is seeking groups of two or more to light the candles on the Advent Wreath and provide the readings for this annual Northwood tradition at all three morning services on Dec. 1, 8, 15 & 22, and at all evening services on Dec. 24. Please contact Susan Gajentan at pgajentan@juno.com or 727-481-3635 to reserve your spot!

Ring, Sing, Mingle!! Our Christmas handbell concert is Sunday, December 8 at 4:00 PM. All 4 bell groups (children, youth and 2 adult) will be performing and everyone will have the chance to sing Christmas Carols and songs to bring us, and ring us, into the Christmas Season. The concert will be followed by a reception of homemade goodies and treats. The cost? FREE! Our gift to you. Please bring your friends, relatives and neighbors for a fun and festive afternoon at NPC!!

Philippines Typhoon Haiyan One of the worst recorded typhoons in history, Haiyan has left many dead, hundreds of thousands displaced, and extensive damage. The initial response includes provision of non-food items, drinking water and emergency shelter kits. All PC(USA) mission workers are reported safe. The Presbyterian Church (USA), our denomination, is currently responding with One Great Hour of Sharing funds and an appeal for assistance is issued. If you would like to give over and above your regular gift to Northwood simply mark on your additional gift for "Typhoon Victims." (You can read more about the PCUSA response at www.pcusa.org.)

News About Our Children's Ministries

King's Kids:

King's Kids resumes on Wed., January 15, from 4:00 – 6:00 pm.

December Choir

During the month of December (Dec. 4, 11 & 18), the Angels (3rd-5th graders) will continue to meet weekly from 4-6pm in choir.

Safety Harbor Holiday Parade: Come march with us in the Parade!



Who: Everyone of all ages!

What: March in the SH Parade as part of NPC

When: Saturday, December 21 from 12:30-3pm

Where: Downtown Safety Harbor on Main Street

Why: To invite the community to Northwood

How: Sign up on the Noah's Ark Bulletin Board

Important Dates:

Sunday, 12/8, 10:30-10:55am Adult & Children's Meeting (sign waivers)

Friday, 12/20, 7-9pm, Make signs/banners, pick up costumes, prep candy canes

Saturday, 12/21, 12:30pm Meeting Time for the 1pm Parade

Family Christmas Eve Service at 4:30pm: Kids & Youth Wanted!

Do you play a Musical Instrument? Kids and youth (ages 1st grade through 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 Marcy Kemerer.

*Marcy Kemerer, Interim Director of Children's Ministry
Marcykem07@gmail.com 727-455-2583 cell/text*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be observed in worship next Sunday as communion is celebrated on the 1st Sunday each month at Northwood. All are encouraged to prepare through prayer and the reading of scripture prior to sharing in this meal with our crucified and risen Lord. (Parents who are nurturing children in faith and want them to participate in communion are asked to prayerfully consider having their children remain with them in worship at their discretion.)

Renaissance Crew 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on Dec. 13 at 10:30 at St. Marks Village. We will gather in the chapel where Northwood's Associate Director of Music/Organist, Tom Huffman, will present a delightful Christmas music program, "Christmas Carols through the Ages." Following the program we will have lunch at St. Mark's. The cost is \$10 for non-residents and reservations need to be made with Becky Sharp (464-1331) by Dec. 1. Contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org if you would like to take the church van, which will leave at 10:00.

Youth Events

- **Sunday, November 24:** Youth Group 5-7pm
- **Friday, November 29:** NO GAME NIGHT
- **Sunday, December 1:** Youth Group 5-7pm

Christmas Party: It's almost time for the annual Youth Christmas Party. This year it will Sunday, December 15th from 5-7pm. More information to come.

Sunday School: Every Sunday at 9:30am and 11:00am in the Youth Room. Join us before or after the service you worship!

Confirmation: Calling all 7th graders or older who have not been confirmed! If you are interested in participating in the 2014 Confirmation Class, please contact Troy Harris. An organizational meeting will be held in January for more information, but in the meantime a list of those interested is being compiled. It is the church's sincere hope that if you have not already been through that you will consider doing so!

*Troy Harris, Interim Director of Youth & Young Adults
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Food Pantry Request - Due to increased requests and the holidays, we need (cans & glass jars only, please) tuna, meats, pasta (such as ravioli or spaghetti), chili, beef stew, chicken and dumplings, pasta sauce, fruit, and chunky soups. We also need peanut butter and jelly which may be in plastic containers. Monetary donations are also accepted. If you have questions please call Pat Rabenstine at 727-785-5080. Thank you for your help.

THE BLOOD DRIVE IS DECEMBER 15th

The Blood Mobile will be here at church **Sunday, December 15th** from 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Give Blood and help save lives!

2013 ANGEL TREE PROJECTS

PRISON FELLOWSHIP: Give gifts between \$15-20 for kids whose parents are in Prison. The tree will be up **TODAY** for you to take an Angel (be sure to sign it out). Wrapped Gifts should be returned by **December 4th**. We Need Deliverers! **Contact Jean DeFilippo, 470-9652.**

BETH-EL MIGRANT WORKERS: Please bring unwrapped gifts to be donated to migrant workers. These gift requests will be on **multi-colored angels** on the Angel Tree and are \$1.00 up. The requests will be available **TODAY**. Gifts are due **December 11th**. For details, contact **Jean DeFilippo, 470-9652** or **Evelyn Towns, 785-3743.**

