

## Pledge Cards

Thank you for your faithful answer to God's call in support of the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2018. As we finalize the 2019 budget, thank you if you have submitted a pledge card for 2019. If you have yet to make your 2019 pledge, please do so as soon as possible. Pledge cards are available in the Church Office or in the Narthex. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2018. We look forward to the work God is preparing for us in 2019.

## Alternative Gifts for Christmas!

Are you challenged to find the perfect Christmas gift? Rather than shop for another "thing", consider an Alternative Gift! You can honor someone with a donation to a local, national or international mission for as little as \$5.00. The women of Lydia Circle will be in the narthex between worship services during Advent (December 2, 9, 16 and 23) to help you choose a benevolence and card to announce your gift. Imagine how happy your loved ones will feel to know you made such a far-reaching and long-lasting impact in their honor! Questions? Contact Barbara Englehart 727-743-4886 or [waspfifinella@yahoo.com](mailto:waspfifinella@yahoo.com)

## Annual Garage Sale

Our 2019 Music Ministry Annual Garage Sale is approaching quickly. The sale is **January 11-12, 2019**. We sell almost everything – furniture, jewelry, kitchen items, clothes, shoes, toys, holiday items, tools, collectibles, books, linens, outdoor items and decorations. We will begin collecting items at the church on December 27, 2018. We will also be able to pick up larger items. Please ask your family, neighbors and friends if they would like to donate items. If you have any questions, please call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237.

## Flower Ministry

The flowers that are placed in the sanctuary are assembled into smaller arrangements to be distributed to those in the hospital or in need of encouragement. The congregation is welcome to take one of these vases of flowers if needed. Vases can be picked up between 12:15-12:30 p.m. on Sunday in the kitchen, or in the church office during office hours, Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00 p.m. Deacon Kim Blackmore faithfully arranges the flowers weekly.



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**LIVE STREAMING**



## Announcements– November 25, 2018

### WELCOME GUESTS!

We invite you to participate in the many opportunities here for you. If you are interested in membership or simply learning more about our church, please join us, **Sunday, January 20th** for our Discovering Northwood Class at **10:30 in Room 4** of the Christian Education Building.

**Nursery:** Infants and toddlers (up to age 3) are provided excellent care in our nursery during all worship services and Sunday school hour. Parents are asked to sign in and out when dropping off and picking up your child.

## Welcome New Members!



9:30  
Nancy Suzor  
*Re-Affirmation of Faith*



8:15  
Tim Beaver  
*Transfer of Letter  
Highland Presbyterian  
Lancaster, PA*

## Presbyterian Women Invitation

All Women of Northwood are invited to "get together" on Tuesday, December 4th at 9:30am in rooms 5 & 7. Chris Curvin will be teaching the December lesson #4 from our Bible study "God's Promise, I Am with You" by Amy Poling Sutherland. Coffee and pastries will be provided. Bring a friend! Contact Sue Miskiewicz (727-799-6767) for additional information.

## Upcoming Special Music Events

**December 9:** 9:30 Ignite Service, Special Christmas Program  
**December 9:** 'Ring, Sing & Mingle' Handbell Concert, Carol Sing and Reception 4:00 P.M. One of the highlights of this event is all the homemade goodies! If you'd like to volunteer to make something, please bring your baked goods to the kitchen on the morning or afternoon of Dec. 9th labeled Ring, Sing, Mingle. If you'd like to volunteer to assist with the reception, please email at [stephanie@northwoodpc.org](mailto:stephanie@northwoodpc.org)  
**December 16:** 8:15 & 11:00 Traditional Services Cantata "Carols of Christmas" by John Rutter.

### Poinsettia Orders

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



### Beth-El Angel Tree

Northwood will be supporting the **Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry** in Hillsborough County again this year. The gift requests will be on multi colored angels on the Christmas tree starting today, November 25. Gifts range from \$1.00 up. Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 10th. For information contact Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743.

### Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP) Angel Tree

It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help our adopted families with Christmas! This year we have chosen Homeless Empowerment Project families to support (Gifts should cost \$25-\$30). We will have "angels" on our Christmas tree in the narthex of families in need. For information contact Pam Means at (727) 386-0747 or Nancy Johnson at (727) 366-7705.

### Dinner for 6-7-8

Please join us for our annual 6-7-8 Christmas Brunch! It will take place Sunday, December 2nd at 12:30pm at the home of Ken & Martha Tobiassen. Please RSVP by November 26th to Linda Diamond at 727-796-3751 or [lindamdiamond@gmail.com](mailto:lindamdiamond@gmail.com) and let us know what dish you are bringing. We will provide the address with the RSVP.

### Cedarkirk Women's Retreat- February 8-10, 2019

Join the women of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, and canoeing while enjoying the great outdoors. Our speaker this year is Rev. Debra Musgrave-Cox. Info can be found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen window. Reserve your spot with deposit by December 7th. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Brown at 727-286-7109.

## **STAY**

### This Week in the Life of Our Youth:

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| • Sunday, November 25:    | 9:30am      | Worship        |
| • Sunday, November 25:    | 11:00am     | Sunday School  |
| • Sunday, November 25:    | 5:00-6:30pm | Youth Night    |
| • Wednesday, November 28: | 6:30-7:30pm | HS Bible Study |
| • Friday, November 30:    | 5:30-6:30pm | MS Bible Study |
| • Friday, November 30:    | 7-10pm      | Game Night     |

### Upcoming Events:

- Friday, December 7th: Girls Christmas Extravaganza
- Friday, December 7th: Guys North Pole Nerf Challenge
- Sunday, December 9th: Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
- Saturday, December 22nd: Metropolitan Ministries
- Saturday, December 29th: Busch Gardens

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Vanessa Celotto at [youthdirector@northwoodpc.org](mailto:youthdirector@northwoodpc.org).

### Children's Ministry-Parents' Morning Out

On **Saturday, Dec 8<sup>th</sup>** from 8:30-12:30, parents are invited to come have a continental breakfast with their kids and then leave them at Northwood for a parents' morning out, for children ages 3 months – 5<sup>th</sup> grade. The cost is \$10.00 for the 1<sup>st</sup> child and \$5.00 for the remaining children with a max of \$20.00 for a family. This will include breakfast with Santa's Elves, crafts, a story time with the puppets, games and a time of fellowship fun for the kids. Please let Justine Davis know if you would like more information or how to register. [Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:Childrensministry@northwoodpc.org)

### Kids & Youth: 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 4:00 P.M. please call Justine Davis at [childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org).

### Hurricane Michael Update

Northwood has been accepting financial contributions to be directed to immediate response efforts to the Gulf Beach Presbyterian Church in Panama City which offers the only food pantry supported by other local churches. Thank you for your contributions to date of over \$8000 to help those in need!