

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 waspfinella@yahoo.com

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by



Jody Beattie

In Honor of Betty Beattie's Birthday



Flower orders & donation costs for flowers ordered for worship are made using the “2019 Flower Reservation Chart” on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Thank you to those providing flowers each week In Honor/In Memory of someone or an anniversary/birthday!

Faithfully Serving Northwood Today

GREETERS: (8:15) Anna & Dan Hyden
(11:00) Kim Blackmore & Nancy Marshall
USHERS: (8:15) Don & Nancy Stevens
Herman Gaillard & Suzanne Hamilton
(9:30) Candy & Rich Spoenlein
(11:00) Ed Puschmann & Dean Rabenstine & Sharon Card
VAN DRIVER: Tom Zareczny

Birthday Blessings to...

Monday, Dec. 3: Betty Beattie, Bob Redpath, Sue Miskiewicz, Kerry McDermott
Tuesday, Dec. 5: Robert Fehringer, Jackie Rice, Mickey Stewart
Wednesday, Dec. 6: Harry Seckman, Robert Fuoco, Zachary Cox, Shane Alexander
Thursday, Dec. 7: Laura Turner, David Hamilton, Jr., Holden Patel
Friday, Dec. 8: Dave Cody, Roger Snay, Sr., Wanda Fanning, Susan Glaser, Barbara Jordan, Beverly VanZyl
If you see someone whose birthday is listed and you haven't seen them in church recently, give them a call!



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Announcements– December 2, 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.

Ren Crew- Fun! Friends! Friday!

Our 2nd Friday Fellowship will meet on December 14th from 10:30-11:30 in the sanctuary. Associate Music Director, Tom Huffman, will lead us through "Christmas Carols from around the World." Following the program we will enjoy lunch at Duff's Buffet. Join us as we share fun with friends, old and new. Questions? Contact Pastor Paul at 796-8090 or paul@northwoodpc.org.

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 Sutherlun. 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
December 16: 8:15 & 11:00 Traditional Services Cantata “Carols of Christmas” by John Rutter.

**There are informational cards with all of the musical event dates in the narthex and in the church office to share with family and friends!

Please send articles for all publications to **Emily Cantin at**
Communications@northwoodpc.org.

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. 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.

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.

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.

CFAYC

This Week in the Life of Our Youth:

- Sunday, December 2: 9:30am Worship
- Sunday, December 2: 11:00am Sunday School
- Sunday, December 2: 5:00-6:30pm Youth Night
- Wed., December 5: 6:30-7:30pm HS Bible Study
- Friday, December 7: 5:30-6:30pm MS Bible Study
- Friday, December 7: 6:30-10pm Girls Christmas Extravaganza
- Friday, December 7: 6:30-10pm Guys North Pole Nerf Challenge

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, December 9th: Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
- Saturday, December 22nd: Metropolitan Ministries
- Saturday, December 29th: Busch Gardens

Volunteers Needed: 1 Chaperone, Game Night, Dec. 14 & 21
1 Bus Driver, Met. Ministries, Dec. 22nd

If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Vanessa Celotto at youth-director@northwoodpc.org.

Children's Ministry-Parents' Morning Out

On **Saturday, Dec 8th** 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 – 5th grade. The cost is \$10.00 for the 1st 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

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.

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.