

### Annual Garage Sale

Our 2019 Music Ministry Annual Garage Sale is approaching quickly. The sale is **January 11-12, 2019, 8:00am-2:00pm**. 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 27th from 9:00am-1:00pm and will continue to collect during the two weeks leading up to the sale in room 14 & the Family Life Center. If you have items that need to be picked up, we will have a truck and trailer available. Please call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 to arrange for a time or if you have any questions.

### 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. If you have any questions, contact Sharon Brown at 727-286-7109.

### 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.



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LIVE STREAMING



### Announcements- December 9, 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.

### Blood Drive TODAY!

All donors will receive a free fleece blanket plus a wellness checkup including blood pressure, temperature, iron count, pulse and cholesterol screening. Blood Mobile will be located in the church parking lot.

### 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](mailto:paul@northwoodpc.org).

### Upcoming Special Music Events

**Today, December 9:** 'Ring, Sing & Mingle' Handbell Concert, Carol Sing and Reception 4:00 P.M.

**Sunday, December 16:** 8:15 & 11:00 Traditional Services Cantata "Carols of Christmas" by John Rutter.

**Sunday, December 23:** 10:00am One Worship Service

**Monday, December 24:** 4:30pm Family Candlelight Service.

7:30pm Traditional Candlelight Service with Choirs & Carols.

\*\*There are informational cards with all of the musical event and special worship service 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](mailto:Communications@northwoodpc.org)**.

## Poinsettia Orders-Deadline 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 make that happen. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from Sunday's friendship sheet (deadline is TODAY) in the offering plate or drop off in the church office.



## 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. **Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 10th.** For information contact Pam Means at (727) 386-0747 or Nancy Johnson at (727) 366-7705.

## 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 9, 16 and 23) to help you choose a benevolence and card to announce your gift. Questions? Contact Barbara Englehart 727-743-4886 or [waspifinella@yahoo.com](mailto:waspifinella@yahoo.com)

## 2018 Contributions

Giving intended for 2018 must be received in the church office by noon on Thursday, December 30 or postmarked no later than December 31, 2018. 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 2018.

# CELEBRATE

## This Week in the Life of Our Youth:

- Sunday, December 9: 9:30am Worship
- Sunday, December 9: 10:45am Sunday School
- Sunday, December 9: 6:00pm Ugly Christmas Sweater Party
- Wed., December 12: 6:30-7:30pm HS Bible Study
- Friday, December 14: 5:30-6:30pm MS Bible Study
- Friday, December 14: 6:30-10pm Game Night

## Upcoming Events:

- Saturday, December 22nd: Metropolitan Ministries
- Sunday, December 23rd, 5:30pm: Christmas Movie Night
- 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](mailto:youth-director@northwoodpc.org).

## Children's Ministry

### 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 let Justine Davis know before December 17th.

### Parents Morning Out Thank You

Thank you volunteers and youth helpers who helped with our Parents Morning Out and Elf Breakfast!

*Justine Davis, Director of Children's Ministry*  
[childrensministry@northwoodpc.org](mailto:childrensministry@northwoodpc.org) 727-796-8090/cell 727-641-8140



## The Christmas Joy Special Offering

The Christmas Joy Offering will be received next Sunday, December 16th. Your gifts make a difference in providing financial assistance to current and former church workers and their families and in opportunities for deserving students to attend Presbyterian-related ethnic colleges and schools. Your generous support of the Christmas Joy Offering will make a difference in shining the One True Light of Christ's love.