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How to get involved this Advent Season!

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 multicolored angels on the Christmas tree starting November 25th. 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! Again this year, we will have "angels" on our Christmas tree in the narthex so that you can choose a gift to provide for a family in need. This year we have chosen Homeless Empowerment Project families to support (Gifts should cost \$25-\$30). For information contact Pam Means at (727) 386-0747 or Nancy Johnson at (727) 366-7705.

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.



Hope you will join us and invite friends and family to all the special services we have planned!



Sunday, December 9

9:30 AM Ignite Contemporary Service
 Special Christmas Program

8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Services

4:00 PM Ring, Sing & Mingle
 Handbell Concert and Carol Sing

Sunday, December 16

8:15 & 11:00 AM Christmas Cantata:
 "Carols of Christmas" by John Rutter
 Choir and Instruments

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

Sunday, December 23rd

10:00 AM One Morning Worship Service
 with Communion

Monday, December 24th

4:30 PM Family Candlelight Service

7:30 PM Traditional Candlelight Service
 with Choirs & Carols

Childcare available for all services.

Ring, Sing & Mingle

Sunday, December 9, 2018

4:00 p.m.

**A free Handbell Concert
 & Sing-a-long**

All five of our Handbell Choirs will be ringing. There will be tons of great music, carols, snacks, and more!
 There will be an opportunity for a freewill offering.

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 December 9th labeled 'Ring, Sing, Mingle'.

At-A-Glance

This Month at Northwood

November 2018

Sunday, November 18 :

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 10:30 A.M. Discovering Northwood Class
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

The church office will close at noon on **Wednesday, November 21st** and will re-open **Monday, November 26th.**

Sunday, November 25:

Christ the King

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Sunday, December 2:

1st Sunday of Advent

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

Saturday, December 8:

Parents Morning Out
 8:30 A.M.-12:30 P.M.

Sunday, December 9:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Christmas Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service
 4:00 P.M. Ring, Sing & Mingle

Sunday, December 16:

8:15 A.M. Cantata Christmas Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Cantata Christmas Service

Sunday, December 23:

10:00 A.M. One Morning Worship Service with Communion.

The church office will close at noon on **Monday, December 24th-26th.** It will reopen **Thursday, December 27th.**

Sunday, December 30:

8:15 A.M. Traditional Service
 9:30 A.M. IGNITE Service
 11:00 A.M. Traditional Service

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The Window

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Submissions:

If you have information that you would like to be considered for the newsletter, e-mail communications@northwoodpc.org, or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

E-News:

If you are interested in receiving emails with upcoming church events, please send an email with your name and request to communications@northwoodpc.org.



Around Northwood

Presbyterian Women Invitation

All women of Northwood Presbyterian Church are invited to come and see what Presbyterian Women Circles are all about...all women, all for Christ. Please join us on Tuesday, December 4th, at 9:30am in rooms 5&7 for Bible study, information, coffee and pastries. Pastor Chris will be teaching lesson 4 from our 2018-2019 Bible study book, "God's Promise, I Am with You" by Amy Poling Sutherlun. If you have any questions, please contact Sue Miskiewicz at 727-799-6767.



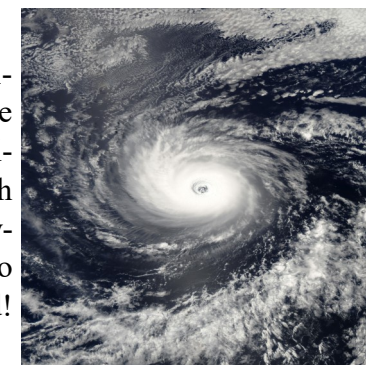
Honor Flight

Honor Flight recognizes America's war veterans for their sacrifice and service by flying them FREE OF CHARGE to Washington, D.C. to visit and reflect at the memorial dedicated in their honor. Top priority is given to WWII and terminally ill Veterans. Once these groups have flown, Honor Flight is committed to fly veterans from the Korean, Vietnam, and Gulf wars. For more information, contact 727-498-6079 or www.honorflightwcf.org. Applications are available in the church office, 727-796-8090.



Hurricane Michael Response

As we as a congregation pray for those who have been impacted by Hurricane Michael, we are gathering information about how we as a church can help. In the short term, we will be 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 by other local churches. Checks should be made payable to Northwood Presbyterian Church with "Hurricane Michael" in the memo line. Thank you for your contributions to date of over \$8000 to help those in need! We will keep you updated as we learn of additional ways to help.

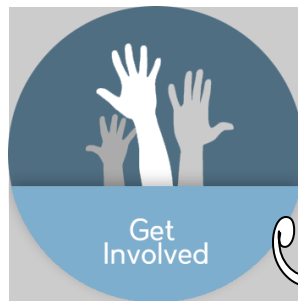


Alternative Gifts for Christmas!

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 Lidia 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

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.



Around Northwood



Dinner 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 and let us know what dish you are bringing. We will provide the address with the RSVP.

Annual Garage Sale



Our 2019 Music Ministry Annual Garage Sale is approaching quickly. The sale is **January 11-12, 2019**. How can we top the record sales from 2018? Only with your help. Your generosity is amazing. We sell almost everything – furniture, jewelry, kitchen items, clothes, shoes, toys, holiday items, tools, collectibles, books, linens, outdoor items and decorations. We could use some large plastic bags and hangers (especially metal). 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. More details about times will be available in the next *Window*. If you have any questions, please call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237.

Marriage Alive



Marriage Alive is a Christian based marriage support group for couples that meets the first Saturday of every month from 6:00-8:00pm in rooms 4&6 of the Christian Education building. Our next gathering will be **December 1st**. Married couples of all ages are invited to attend. We will watch the video “The Five Love Languages” by Gary Chapman before starting the book in December. Each family please bring a heavy appetizer to share and child care is always provided. Sharing the seasons of a marriage between families and couples has been proven to strengthen marriages and lead to lifelong friendships. This is also open to couples who may not be members of Northwood. All are invited. Any questions, contact Spencer Briggs at 727-776-9295.



The Presbyterian Women, the NPC Mission Team and the Beth-El farm workers ministry thank you for your wonderful response of giving blankets and suitcases to migrant workers who have recently come to Florida. Through your generous giving 224 blankets, 100 Quilts, 31 suitcases/duffle bags, along with \$245, 10 sheet sets, 6 pillows, and 4 pairs of gloves along with other miscellaneous items have been sent to Beth-El. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in this way!



Women's Retreat-Save the Date

Cedarkirk Women's retreat will be February 8-10, 2019! Join the women of Northwood for an amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and nature walks. Enjoy the peaceful beauty of Cedarkirk while staying in a heated lodge, complete with fireplace and kitchen. You won't want to miss this amazing weekend and our inspirational speaker, Debra Musgrave. Info can be found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen window. Any questions, please contact Sharon Brown at ibsugar44@gmail.com.



Halloween Candy for Music Ministry

If you have leftover Halloween candy or find some good BOGO deals, the music ministry will gladly accept your donations. We use the candy as incentives in our children's choirs. Thank you for your generosity! Any questions? Contact Stephanie Carson, (727) 796-8090.



NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

Beth-El

Thank you for your donation of \$100 for shoes. Because of you we are making a difference to so many in our farm-working community. Kathy Dain, Executive Director

Habitat for Humanity

Thank you for supporting Habitat for Humanity of Pinellas County with your generous gift of \$960. Your investment helps families in our community with innovative housing solutions. Mike Sutton, CEO

Celebration of the Saints

On Sunday, November 4th we celebrated All Saints Sunday. We remembered all those who have lost loved ones and friends that we may, without fear, trust those who are dear to us to God's never-failing love.

The following names are from the membership roll of Northwood

November 1, 2017—October 31, 2018

Sue Allen	01/28/2018
Norm Smith	02/28/2018
John Schenk	03/07/2018
Jeff Fulford	03/20/2018
Gerry Krause	04/23/2018
Jane Sutton	04/25/2018
Irene DeWitt	06/09/2018
Bruce Shugart	07/07/2018
Doris Strathearn	08/09/2018
Janet Hewlett	08/28/2018
Judy Corrello	09/09/2018
Bill Sutton	09/12/2018
Gail Weislogel	10/02/2018

Prayers for our Military Families

- SrA Benjamin A Cernansky, MacDill AFB, FL.
 - SPC Glen Nadig, Ft. Campbell, KY.
- If you have an immediate family member in the military that you would like added to our prayer list, please contact us.



Memorial Gifts

In Memory of:

Bill Sutton
Bill Sutton
Bill Sutton

Given by:

Nancy Turner
Mary Torrisi
Bill Bitner

In Honor of:

Vanessa Celotto
Justine Davis

Given by:

Anonymous
Anonymous

Sunday, November 4, 2018



(8:15)	105
(9:30)	147
(11:00)	161
Livestream	18
Total:	431

Prayer Ministry

Ken Andreassen, Doris Croasmun, Shirley Gleason, Howard Green, Fred Inkles, Kelly Jordan, Jane Kaempfer, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Helen Meier, Norman Phillips, Marian Rather, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Al & Ethel Holden, Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond, Connie Zaccari, Jane Urban.

Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- Pat Cheek on the news of the death of her husband, James “Ken” Cheek on October 29th.

Congratulations!

Laura and Patrick Turner, on the birth of Harrison William Turner, born on October 19th weighing 6lbs 12oz and 18.25 1/2 inches long. And to Nancy Turner for becoming a Grandmother again!

Thank you to Northwood Presbyterian Church for assisting with my electric bill. I am truly grateful that you have the means to help individuals like myself. God bless! (From an individual assisted through the Helping Hands Ministry)

Christian Education

TCI Class

(Today's Christian Issues)

TCI provides a respectful, civil and non-judgmental forum to explore the timely issues we face as Christians, citizens, parents and friends. We ground our discussions in scripture and celebrate the diversity of ideas drawn from experiences and perspectives. TCI chooses topics from suggestions by participants and our leadership team. We meet in rooms 9&11 and we fuel our always-lively conversations with coffee and cookies.

Experiencing God Class

Sundays at 11:00 AM

Every day brings new questions. Should I stay? Should I go? Buy it? Sell it? Start it? Stop it? There is one question you can ask that makes it easy to determine the answer to all the other questions. In our video and discussion series, we will learn how asking this question has the potential to save us time, money and tears. All we have to do is ask it. Come join us!

Sunday Evening Bible Study "Isaiah"

This Sunday evening Bible study meets at 6:30pm in the Parlor. We are studying the Book of Isaiah, using the study guide *Isaiah: Trusting God in Troubled Times* by Howard Peskett. This is a discussion study where we use the ancient writings of Isaiah, discuss his prophecy regarding the future coming of Christ and learn the meaning to us today. Please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 for more information. Come join us!

Fresh Brewed

Women's Bible Study— Fresh Brewed meets the First Friday of each month at 10:30am in room 5. Our Dec. 7th meeting is from the book: *Woman of Wisdom - Proverbs* by Dee Brestin, Chapter Nine. All are welcome! We will be gathering for lunch afterwards at Positano's Restaurant in Palm Harbor. RSVP to Jean Swintek by Nov. 30th. If you have any questions, please contact Sally Uhler, 727-796-7563.

"Journey Through"

"Journey Through" is an adult Sunday school class that meets from 11:00-11:45am in room 4 of the Christian Education building led by Vanessa Celotto. This class coincides with the youth Sunday school class. It's an awesome opportunity for your family to study the Bible cover to cover and grow together especially since you and your youth will be studying the same topics each week, but in a way that's relevant to each of your lives. Don't have a child in the Youth Ministry program? That's okay! The class is open to everyone and it's the perfect place to study the Bible while building relationships with other members of Northwood.

Fun! Friends! Friday!

The Ren Crew

The Ren Crew is a group of adventuresome, young at heart 50+ adults that enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. We meet in rooms 9&11 the second Friday of the month (September – May). We gather at the church from 10:30 to 11:30 for presentations and conversations that are entertaining, educational and inspiring. Following the presentation the group enjoys going to a different restaurant each month.

Back by popular demand the theme for this year is, again, "Windows to the World."

December 14th— Associate Music director and Organist, Tom Huffman: "Christmas Carols from Around the World." We will meet in the sanctuary this month and will enjoy lunch at Duff's Buffet in Clearwater.

All are welcome! Transportation is gladly provided for those needing a ride. Join us and treat yourself to a Friday filled with fun and friends! For more information, you may contact Pastor Paul Means at 727-796-8090 or email at paul@northwoodpc.org.

Presbyterian Women

Women's Circles



Esther/Elizabeth Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 9:30am in rooms 5 & 7.

Lydia Circle meets the 3rd Monday of every month at 7:00pm in room 5.

Naomi Circle meets the 2nd Tuesday of every month at 1:00pm in members homes.

Please come and try out one of our circles! Everyone is welcome!

Kids' Corner Preschool Openings!

Please share the news! Kids' Corner Preschool still has openings in our two's/three's program. If you know anyone looking for an accredited and nurturing preschool, please contact the school director, Michelle Episcopo at 727-723-7679 or schooldirector@northwoodpc.org.

Children's Ministry



Children's Sunday School

8:15 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

9:30 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-1st Grade, Room 3

Students will start and stay in their classroom for the Sunday school hour.

2nd-5th Grade, Room 8

Students will start in the sanctuary and then move to room 8.

11:00 AM CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

3 Yr. Olds-2nd Grade (18/19 School Year)

Children may remain in service with their family or join us in room 3 for a multi-age Sunday School worship following the anthem.

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. childrensdirector@northwoodpc.org

Acolytes Needed

Parents, Northwood is in need of acolytes for the 8:15 & 11:00 services. Children must be 2nd grade and up. Training and instruction will be provided. Children will learn the importance of bringing God's light into our worship services and then taking it out into the world. Please contact Justine Davis if your child is available and interested. childrensministry@northwoodpc.org.



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 4:00 P.M. please contact Justine Davis at (727) 796-8090 or childrensministry@northwoodpc.org

- **Monday, November 19th, 3-7pm: Airheads**
- **Tuesday, November 20th, 10-3pm: Metropolitan Ministries**
- **Sunday, November 25th, 9:30am: Worship**
- **Sunday, November 25th, 11:00am: Sunday School**
- **Sunday, November 25th, 5-6:30pm: Youth Night**
- **Wednesday, November 28th, 6:30-7:30pm: H.S. Bible Study**
- **Friday, November 30th, 5:30-6:30pm: M.S. Bible Study**
- **Friday, November 30th, 7-10pm: Game Night**
- **Sunday, December 2nd, 9:30am: Worship**
- **Sunday, December 2nd, 11:00am: Sunday School**
- **Sunday, December 2nd, 5-6:30pm: Youth Night**
- **Wednesday, December 5th, 6:30-7:30pm: H.S. Bible Study**
- **Friday, December 7th, 5:30-6:30pm: M.S. Bible Study**
- **Friday, December 7th, 6:30-10pm: Girl's Christmas Extravaganza**
- **Friday, December 7th, 6:30-10pm: Guy's North Pole Nerf Challenge**
- **Sunday, December 9th, 9:30am: Worship**
- **Sunday, December 9th, 11:00am: Sunday School**
- **Sunday, December 9th, 5-6:30pm: Ugly Christmas Sweater Party**
- **Wednesday, December 12th, 6:30-7:30pm: H.S. Bible Study**
- **Friday, December 14th, 5:30-6:30pm: M.S. Bible Study**
- **Friday, December 14th, 7-10pm: Game Night**

Citylight Halloween Events

