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**A Stephen Ministry Congregation**

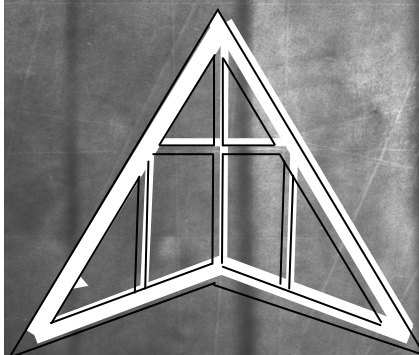
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## How to get involved this Advent Season!

### 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 December 1st. Gifts range from \$1.00 up. Please bring unwrapped gifts and place under the tree by December 15th. For information contact Evelyn Towns (727) 785-3743.

### Homeless Empowerment Project (HEP) Angel Tree

It's fast approaching 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 starting November 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 15) in the offering plate or drop off in the church office during regular office hours.



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



### Sunday, December 8

9:30 AM Ignite Contemporary Service  
Special Christmas Program  
8:15 & 11:00 AM Traditional Services

5:00 PM Ring, Sing & Mingle  
Handbell Concert and Carol Sing

### Sunday, December 15

8:15 & 11:00 AM Christmas Cantata:  
"Come to the Manger" and  
"Hodie Christus Natus Est" by Mark Hayes  
Choir and Instruments

9:30 AM Contemporary Worship

### Sunday, December 22

10:00 AM One Morning Worship Service  
with Communion

### Tuesday, December 24th

4:30 PM Family Candlelight Service

7:30 PM Traditional Candlelight Service  
with Choirs & Carols

### Sunday, December 29

10:00 AM One Morning Worship Service

*\*Childcare available for all services*

*Ring, Sing & Mingle*

**Sunday, December 8, 2019**

**5:00 p.m.**

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

All five of our Handbell Choirs will be ringing.

Enjoy Christmas music and carols,  
light appetizers, and cookies!

There will be an opportunity for a freewill offering.

**Help:** One of the highlights of the Ring, Sing and Mingle is the homemade Christmas goodies that you volunteer to make. Please bring your baked goods to the kitchen the morning or afternoon of December 8th labeled "Ring, Sing and Mingle."



# At-A-Glance

## This Month at Northwood

### Sunday, November 24:

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

The church office will close at noon on Wednesday, November 27 and will re-open Monday, December 2.

### Sunday, December 1:

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

### Saturday, December 7:

Drop N' Shop  
9:00 A.M.-12:00 P.M.

### Sunday, December 8:

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 15:

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

### Sunday, December 22:

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

### Tuesday, December 24:

4:30 P.M. Family Candlelight Service  
7:30 P.M. Traditional Candlelight Service

### Sunday, December 29:

10:00 A.M. One Morning Worship Service

The church office will close at noon Tuesday, December 24 and closed **December 25-27**. It will reopen Monday, December 30.

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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](mailto:communications@northwoodpc.org), or place it in Emily Cantin's box in the church office. The deadline is the 2nd Monday of the month.

# Around Northwood



### Dinner for 6-7-8 Christmas Brunch

Those involved in the Dinners for 6-7-8 should note that the Christmas Brunch will take place Sunday, December 1st at 12:30 pm at the home of Ken & Martha Tobiassen. Please RSVP by November 26th to Martha Tobiassen at 727-474-2286 or [kenmarfl@yahoo.com](mailto:kenmarfl@yahoo.com) and let us know what dish you are bringing.



### Garage sale

### Music Ministry's Annual Garage Sale

Our 2020 Music Ministry Annual Garage Sale is approaching quickly. The sale is **January 10-11, 2020 from 8:00am-2:00pm**. Have you been saving all your

treasures for the sale? We hope so! We sell almost everything – select furniture, jewelry, kitchen items, clothes, shoes, toys, holiday items, tools, collectibles, books, linens, outdoor items and decorations. Please no older TV's, older electronics or entertainment centers, or furniture that is not in "new" condition. Tax deductible receipts are available.

Donations will be accepted on the following days:

December 27th-31st—9:00am-1:00pm

January 1st-8th—9:00am-6:00pm

If you need a different time, please call Susan Curry at 727-709-8237.

If you have items that need to be picked up, we will have a truck and trailer available on Saturday, December 28th and Friday, Saturday & Sunday, January 3rd, 4th, & 5th. Please call Susan Curry 727-709-8237 to arrange for a time or if you have any questions.

The sale can only be successful with your help. Please invite your friends, neighbors and family to donate and to come to the sale. Thank you in advance for your amazing generosity and awesome support of this very special event!

On Sunday, November 3 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, 2018—October 31, 2019*

- Helen Meier (12/8/18)
- Mary Jane Redpath (01/08/19)
- Barbara Englehart (01/12/19)
- Bertha "Bea" Lucas (01/26/19)
- Marilyn Lindblad (02/07/19)
- Howard Green (02/17/19)
- Robert (Bob) Anderson (02/27/19)
- Rev. Alfred Schlorholtz (3/31/19)
- Connie Zaccari (4/4/19)
- Marilou Foemmel (05/11/19)
- Roland Watkins (05/12/19)
- Doris Croasmun (06/08/19)
- Yvonne Cherry (08/24/19)
- Naomi Cline (10/14/19)
- George "Bill" James (10/20/19)



### Pledge Cards for 2020

Thank you for your faithful response to God's call to give freely and wholeheartedly to support the ministry and mission of Northwood Presbyterian Church in 2020. If you have already submitted a pledge card for the coming year, thank you! If you have yet to do so, please do so as soon as possible as pledge cards are available in the sanctuary pews, in the Church Office and in the Narthex. Thank you again for all God has done in and through your giving back to Him at Northwood Presbyterian in 2019. We look forward to the work God is preparing for us in 2020.

### 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 in the church office during business hours, Monday-Friday 8:30-4:00pm. Deacon Murle Whitten faithfully arranges the flowers weekly.



# Around Northwood



# Caring for Our Church Family

## Marriage Alive

Marriage Alive is a Christian based marriage support group for couples that meet the first Saturday of every month. Our next meeting is December 7th from 6:00-8:00pm in rooms 5 & 7 of the Christian Education building. Married couples of all ages are invited to attend and don't need to be members of Northwood. This month we will continue our video series "A Marriage Built to Last" by Chip Ingram. Each lesson has a 30 min. video and discussion. Each family please bring a heavy appetizer to share. Child care will be provided, if needed, and we ask that you reserve by December 4th. Questions, please contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

## Women's Retreat-Save the Date

Join the women of Northwood for an amazing weekend of fellowship, games, crafts, canoeing and nature walks. Cedarkirk Women's retreat will be February 7-9, 2020! Our topic for this year will be "Where's the Forest? All I See Are Trees" led by Cindy Huffman and music will be led by Stephanie Carson. A poster with brochures can be found on the bulletin board across from the kitchen. Please have deposits and room requests in by January 20th. Any questions, please contact Jeanneestephen@gmail.com.

## NEWS FROM THE MISSION FIELD

### Clearwater Free Clinic

Thank you for your donation to the Clearwater Free Clinic. Please know that your contribution makes a lasting impact on the health of our community. Jeannie Shapiro, CEO

### Special Offerings

Thank you for your support of special offerings. Your giving of \$260 will share the love of Christ with those in need.

### Foundation for International Missions

Thank you for your generous donation of \$250 given in support of our mission at the New Hope Clinic in rural Honduras. Each gift makes it possible to provide life-saving medical care for those who would otherwise have no access. Frances Mikuta, Assistant Treasurer

### Homeless Empowerment Program (HEP)

On behalf of the staff and Board of Directors, we graciously acknowledge your generous gift of \$250. Your donation will help change the lives of the homeless and very low-income families. Ashley Lowery, President & CEO

### The Outreach Foundation

The Outreach Foundation would like to thank you for your gift of \$250. Your designation to the Ministry Fund will be honored and funds will be sent quickly upon receipt to help. Blessings, Rob Weingartner, Executive Director

### Samaritan Village

Thank you so much for your donation to Samaritan Village. Your generosity and support to our mission is greatly appreciated. We thank you for standing against the injustice of human trafficking in Orlando and beyond!

### Thornwell

Thank you so much for inviting Thornwell to worship with your church. I sincerely enjoyed being a part of your vibrant, active congregation. Thank you for the opportunity to do the minute-for-mission, it was so meaningful to be able to thank your members for almost three decades of support. I look forward to seeing you all again soon! Sincerely, Bonnie Thompson

### For Haiti with Love

Thank you so very much for your support of the Lord's work in Haiti. God Bless, Eva

## Memorial Gifts

**In Memory of:**  
Janice Janusik Hunter

**Given by:**  
Lorrie Janusik

**In Honor of:**  
Art & Jeanette Holloway  
NPC Van Ministry

**Given by:**  
Wally & Nancy Ericson  
Emily McMullen

## Prayer Ministry

Bill Allen, Ken Andreassen, Carol Anderson, Julie Bryant, Shirley Gleason, Fred Inkles, Carol Justice, Jane Kaempfer, Joyce Klotz, Mildred Martin, Robin MacLennan, Norman Phillips, David Smith, Gene Snyder, Al & Ethel Holden, Bonnie Beyer, Don Drummond, Jane Urban, Ruth White.

## Prayers and Christian sympathies to:

- The Marshall family upon the news of the death of Bill Marshall on November 11.

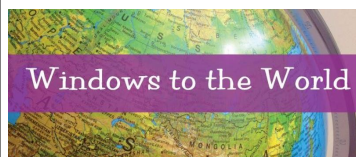
## Thank You

The Martin and McGrath families wish to express our gratitude for your faithful support and kindness before, during and after our mother, Harriet's death. We received much comfort from your prayers, shared sorrow and wisdom. God's blessings to you all.

## Per-Capita Apportionment

Every church shares in the administrative costs of the Presbytery, Synod and General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) through the annual per capita assessment. Northwood's per-capita assessment is \$30.98 per every active member and confirmed youth (communicant member). Please consider paying this administrative cost above and beyond your annual pledge/offering. You can contribute to the per-capita apportionment at any time during the year. To do so just write "per-capita" on the memo line of your check or mark an envelope accordingly. Thank you for your gift.

## 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 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 13th**—Associate Music Director and Organist, Tom Huffman: "Christmas Carols from Around the World" 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.



The Presbyterian Women, the NPC Mission Team and the Beth-El farm workers ministry thank you for your wonderful response of giving blankets and jackets to migrant workers who have recently come to Florida. Through your generous giving 217 blankets, 74 jackets, 6 pillows, and 2 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!



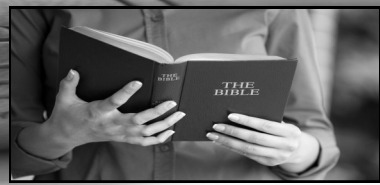
## Honor Flight

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.





# Christian Education



## Sunday Morning Classes

### TCI Class (Today's Christian Issues) 9:30am, rooms 9&11

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.

### Experiencing God Class

#### **Sundays at 11:00am, room 15, led by Vicki Krueger**

The Experiencing God class offers you a place to connect with other believers in the study of God's word and how it applies to our daily lives. Our goals: to grow in our understanding of the Bible as Jesus' own group of disciples did; to meet the needs of others in our group in prayer and ministry; to become equipped for evangelism; and to let the living Word of God dwell richly in us.

### Sunday Morning Bible Study

This Bible study meets at 11:30am on Sunday mornings in room 8. We are studying the minor prophets from the Old Testament. We are looking at God's message of hope and reconciliation to God's people while they were in exile. The book we are using is part of the *Immersion Bible Studies- Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, and Jonah* by Bruce Epperly. If you have any questions or would like to purchase a book for the study, please contact Cindy Huffman 727-409-8727 or lucindy1@aol.com. This is a discussion class and is approximately one hour in length. All are welcome! Come join us!

### "Defenders"

The "Defenders" meets in rooms 5 & 7 at 10:45am. This class is taught by Michael Jahosky, who is a Humanities Professor at St. Petersburg College. The 6-week study is *Surprised by Hope* by N.T. Wright. A schedule of assigned readings and accompanying reflective questions as well as discussion questions are available on the Christian Education bulletin board located across from the kitchen. It is important that you have the book, *Surprised by Hope*, which can be purchased through Amazon. For more information, you may contact Spencer Briggs at spencer.briggs1@gmail.com.

### The Project Group

We're women of all ages who sew, knit, and crochet items with a mission purpose. We sew little dresses for Haiti or walker bags, make lap robes, or knit caps for newborns. We need new members! Meetings are on the 4th Tuesday of the month at 9:30 am in Room 13. We share ideas, get encouragement to finish projects, sort through donated material and enjoy Christian fellowship. Questions? Call Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 or join us on Tues., Oct. 22 at 9:30 in Room 13.

## Presbyterian Women Women's Circles

Presbyterian Women are using a Bible study called "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Gamble. This is a 9-month study of the Ten Commandments. Come and join one of our study sessions, everyone is welcome!

—Esther/Elizabeth Circle; Tuesday, December 10th at 9:30am, room 5 and will continue to meet the 2nd Tuesday of every month.

—Lydia/Naomi Circle; Monday, December 16th at 11:30am, room 5 and will continue to meet the 3rd Monday of every month.

Study books are available for purchase at each session. If you'd like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

## Fresh Brewed Bible Study

**Women's Bible Study**— This group gathers the first Friday of every month. Our date for this month is Friday, December 6th at 10:30am in room 5. The book we are working from this year is *Fresh Brewed Life: A Stirring Invitation to Wake Up Your Soul* by Nicole Johnson. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact Louise Mylin, lvnml@hotmail.com .

## 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 3rd, at 9:30am in rooms 5&7 for Bible study, information, coffee and pastries. Pastor Chris will be teaching the December lesson from our 2019-2020 Bible study book, "Love Carved in Stone" by Eugenia Gamble. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at 813-855-0851.

# Children's Ministry



## Drop N' Shop

Parents, save the date for Saturday, December 7th for our annual Drop N' Shop! You are welcome to drop your children off 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. so you can get some time to yourself or get some Christmas shopping done! While you are away, your children will be having a Christmas celebration with crafts, games and a lesson about Jesus. This event has a suggested donation of \$10.00 per child. This event is for ages birth-5th grade. Please RSVP on the Children's Ministry bulletin board to hold your spot as space is limited to the first 30 kids. If you have any questions, please contact Justine Davis: 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

## Youth Fall Activities



Sunday, November 24th, 10:35am-11:30am: Sunday School  
Monday, November 25th, 11:00am-5:30pm: Metropolitan Ministries  
Wednesday, November 27th, *No Citynight*  
Friday, November 29th, 6:00pm-8:00pm: Friendsgiving  
Wed., December 4th, Citynight (dinner provided) 6:30pm-8:15pm  
Friday, December 6th, Game Night, 7:00pm-10:00pm  
Sunday, December 8th, Sunday School, 10:45am-11:30am  
Sunday, December 8th, Ring Sing Mingle, 5:00pm, Youth & Families Christmas Party After 7:00pm-8:30pm  
Wed., December 11th, Citynight, 6:30pm-8:15pm (dinner provided)  
Friday, December 13th, Game Night, 7:00pm-10:00pm  
Sunday, December 15th, Sunday School, 10:45am-11:30am  
Wed., December 18th, Citynight, 6:30pm-8:15pm (dinner provided)  
Friday, December 20th, Christmas Lock-In from 9:00pm-7:30am  
Sunday, December 22nd, Sunday School from 10:45am-11:30am  
Tuesday, December 24th, Family Christmas Eve Service, 4:30pm  
December 25th, NO CITYNIGHT  
December 27th, NO GAMENIGHT

## What's going on in Citylight

Youth ministry at Northwood has had an amazing fall season. We have three ongoing programs a week: Citynight on Wednesdays, Game Night on Fridays, and Sunday School. Citynight is from 6:30pm to 8:15pm where students will meet in the youth room to experience fellowship, eat dinner, play games and experience God through activities and a lesson. Our Sunday school class is exploring a series called Amplify, where students focus on building their faith foundation. In November we covered a lot of ground. We went to Cedarkirk, shared our mission experiences at the WAY Dinner, served at Metropolitan Ministries, signed up for our summer trips, and continued to meet at our scheduled program times. Check out our calendar for all of the activities planned for December and make sure to follow our Facebook and Instagram page!

## Ways for adults to serve this month:

Chaperone at Citynight  
Chaperone at Game Night

Bring in items from our grocery list posted on our bulletin board

*If you would like to support this thriving ministry, contact Rosalie Bradford at youthdirector@northwoodpc.org*

