

Music Ministries Annual Garage Sale

The annual Garage Sale is scheduled for January 11, 12 and 13, 2024 from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Thank you for helping us get the word out to friends, neighbors and family. There will soon be announcement cards in the narthex for you to post at your clubhouses, places of business or to hand out. Please reach out via social media to your friends and family about the sale. Volunteer to help if you can – it's a lot of fun. Please call Susan Curry (727) 709-8237 if you have questions.

Your Giving Matters

For in-person worship, the offering plates will not be passed, however, offering boxes are located in the narthex. For those worshipping online, your giving matters too. Your continued faithfulness to the mission and ministry of Northwood through your giving is critical as the church's expenses do not stop. Please commit to maintain your regular schedule of giving by mailing your gift or using one of the online platforms below for giving electronically:

1. Text NPCHURCH to 73256 and follow the prompts.
2. Visit www.northwoodpc.org and click on the giving tab.
3. Click "Give" under the *ChurchLife app* menu options

Large Print Bibles, Hymnals & Bulletins

Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins are available. If you need assistance locating one of these, please ask an Usher.

Restrooms

Restrooms are located in the hallway past the Library and in the hallway across from the kitchen. Hand Sanitizers are conveniently located at each exit.



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

- Any submissions for the bulletin and announcements must be emailed by the Sunday before it is to appear.
- Publications for the *Window* newsletter must be received by the 3rd Monday of the month. (Please limit all announcements to 4 lines.)



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LIVE STREAMING

Now live streaming our 9:00



Announcements– November 26, 2023

WELCOME GUESTS!

Welcome to Northwood and welcome to those watching online! Let us know of prayer requests by filling out the friendship sheet or through the church website, and seek to give online, by text, by mail or through offering boxes located in the narthex. Contact our church office at communications@northwoodpc.org if you are interested in how to do all the above or wish to become a member or learn more about us. Mark your calendar for the next Discovering Northwood Presentation, Sunday, January 21st at 10:00am. WELCOME!

HEP & Beth-El Angel Tree



It's that time of year when we have the opportunity to help our adopted families with Christmas! This year we are working with families from the Beth-El Farmworkers Ministry and with HEP (Homeless Empowerment Program). Through **Sunday, Nov. 26**, the HEP houses will be on the Angel Christmas tree in the narthex. **On Nov. 26** the Beth-El angels will be added to the tree and will be **available through Sunday, Dec. 3**. The house and angel decorations will have a gift or general household items printed on them. Select as many houses and angels as you like. Dates of when all gifts will need to be returned to the church will be coordinated with Beth-El and HEP. Thank you so much for sharing the love of Jesus Christ in this way during the Christmas Season!

The Project Group– November 28th

We have new members and new projects that we are working on during our meetings and at home. If you sew, knit, crochet or craft with a mission purpose (e.g. make greeting cards), you are invited! The project group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month (**November 28th**) at 10:00am in room 13. We make little dresses for Haiti, lap robes, walker bags, and stuffed teddy bears. New members are always welcome. Contact Marti Huff 727-503-3783 or Evelyn Towns 727-785-3743 with any questions.

Poinsettias

Do you have someone you'd like to honor or remember with a poinsettia in the sanctuary this Christmas? For just \$10, you can make that happen. Place your check designated "Poinsettia" and the completed sign-up form from today's friendship sheet (through December 17) in the giving station or drop off in the church office during regular office hours. If paying online, be sure to send an email to communications@northwoodpc.org with the names of your loved ones and whether it is in memory or honor.



[Attendance for 11/19/23 Livestream & In-Person](#)

In-Person Contemporary— 41 In-Person Traditional— 125

Livestream from the Church Website: Contemporary— 48

Traditional— 56

Facebook Live: 117 views

Total: 387

If you have technical difficulties viewing the online services please view in the church livestreaming archives the next day as that is working well. You can call the church office and ask for help you if you are having trouble viewing. We encourage you to ask for help!


[A Celtic Christmas – December 1](#)

Please join us for A Celtic Christmas with Gemma Briggs and Ensemble. Celebrate the Christmas season with Highland Bagpipes, Irish Bouzouki, Irish Whistle, Guitar, keyboard and vocals. Gemma grew up at Northwood with her parents (Ann & Spencer Briggs) who are longtime members. Gemma is an accomplished bagpiper and Celtic instrument artist in great demand throughout the area and beyond. This will be a concert you will not want to miss! This is a free concert, but a free-will offering will be received.

[Fun! Friends! Friday! The Ren Crew—Dec. 8](#)

The Ren Crew Friday Fellowship will meet on Friday, December 8th at 10:30 in rooms 11 & 13. We are a group of adventuresome, young at heart adults who enjoy sharing fun with friends, old and new. In keeping with the theme “Windows to the World,” Rachelle Cox will provide the program, “The Breathtaking Beauty of Norway and Iceland: The Land of Fire and Ice.” Following the program, we will enjoy lunch at BJ’s restaurant. 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, contact Pastor Paul Means at paul@northwoodpc.org.

[Ring, Sing & Mingle – December 10](#)

 Northwood’s three handbell choirs will present a variety of Christmas Music interspersed with Carol singing and ending with a cookie reception. At the festive reception there will be a photo booth backdrop, so bring your phones for pics and wear your Christmas finery to get some great family shots for your Christmas Cards this year. Please bring homemade cookies for the event. That’s the



[Presbyterian Women's Bible Study—Dec. 12](#)

[All Women are Welcome](#)

Presbyterian Women, Sister in Christ, are using a Bible study called “*Sacred Encounters: The Power and Presence of Jesus in Luke-Acts*” by Olive Mahabir. The lesson will be Tuesday, December 12th at 10:00 am in rooms 5 & 7 with a Christmas brunch to follow. All are invited! If you’d like more information or have any questions, please contact Patty Martin at bill.martin2@verizon.net.

[Christmas Cantata– December 17](#)

“Light Into Darkness” with Chancel Choir & Instruments by Mary McDonald. The Cantata will be performed Sunday, December 17th, during our ONE Worship Service at 10:00a.m.



[Advent Wreath Lighting](#)



It’s time once again to start thinking about Advent and what we will do to prepare for the birth of Jesus. Has it become a family tradition for you to light the candles on the Advent wreath at Northwood? Do you have a group of friends who would like to participate? Never done it before? That’s ok! We’ll spend time with you showing you what to do and provide you with the accompanying scripture several days in advance so you can practice reading it. Two or more people needed for each worship service during Advent. Don’t delay: Advent begins December 3 this year! You can reach Linda Feller at 727-385-5629 or bikingringer@gmail.com to secure your spot.



[Cedarkirk WOMENS Retreat—Jan 26-28](#)

Join the ladies of Northwood for a spirit-filled weekend of fellowship, games, crafts and canoeing. Enjoy the great outdoors while staying in air-conditioned lodges. The dates are **January 26-28, 2024**. You won’t want to miss this amazing weekend! Reservation forms are available at the church office and due now.

[Nursery & Sunday School for Children](#)

Infants and toddlers ages 3 and under are provided care in our nursery during the entire Worship Service, and/or if you have children ages 4 years old—5th grade that would like to attend Sunday School, please let the pastors know and contact the church office if you are interested or have any questions as we are in transition just now with our Director of Children Ministry staff position.