

Our Mission: Making disciples of Jesus Christ



RELATIONAL

We share life with one another in loving, challenging, Spirit-led community.



PRACTICAL

We apply the Bible to daily life and build Christ-centered homes.



GENERATIONAL

We bring children, students, and adults together as we follow Jesus.



MISSIONAL

We love Jesus by feeding, befriending, and blessing those in need.



INVITATIONAL

We invite others into our lives and into a relationship with God.

Stay CONNECTED

www.faithwestwood.com

PRAYER CHAIN: prayers@faithwestwood.com
WORSHIP SERVICES: Sundays @ 9 & 10:45 a.m.
LEAD PASTOR Steve Todd

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Office Hours: 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday - Friday

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Deep. Daring. Daily.

Welcome!

If this is your first time at FaithWestwood, we want you to know how glad we are you came. We also know it can be a little scary coming to a new church. That's why we want to do everything we can to help you feel at home, find new friends, and take the next step in your faith.

Green shirts, green sheets, green bags

If you have questions, ask anyone wearing a green FaithWestwood polo this morning. Or leave us a note on the green sign-in sheet in your bulletin, which will be collected with the offering. We also invite our new guests to pick up one of our "little green bags" in the foyer. Inside you'll find a little info and a small gift.

We hope that what you experience this morning brings you back next weekend. We'd love to see you again soon!

Meet Our Staff...

Each week we will introduce you to one of our staff members:

Jen Robinson, Director of Guest Connections

I am here to:

- provide a warm welcome to guests and members
- assist you in connecting with others through our Hospitality Ministry



Contact me at jen.robinson@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1014

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

Amazing!

"This tastes amazing!" "She's so amazing!" "What an amazing experience!" One of the trendy terms of our time is, in a word, *amazing*. We say it when we're wonderfully surprised or delightfully astonished. We use it when words fail us. When something's amazing, it's almost unexplainable.

Thanks to John Newton's famous hymn, when we hear the word *amazing*, we also think of *grace*. Discover with us a grace so captivating, so stunning, we run out of words. It's simply amazing!

January 8, 2017 - Grace calls me

Before you were born, you were known and loved. From childhood on, there has been divine influence on your life. In your worst moments, when you became disillusioned, when your heart hardened, even then Someone kept calling you. And grace creates in you the ability to hear that call.



Children's Director: Leah Dinoso
leah.dinoso@faithwestwood.com
402-895-3394 x 1002

Save the Date:

FaithWestwood's Family Fun Center Night

Wednesday, January 11, 2017

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

\$10/person



Student Ministry Director: Polly Pierce
polly.pierce@faithwestwood.com
402-895-3394 x 1005

HEY STUDENTS!!!! Are you following FaithWestwood Student Ministries on social media?

Facebook, IG, and Twitter! Get there for updates and information about our events and reminders!

Instagram: [faithwestwood_student_min](#)

Twitter: [@FW_StuMin](#)

Missions

Our congregation at Faith Westwood is in relationship with 4 main Mission Partners; Central Middle School, FaithWorks Pantry, Christ for the City International in Costa Rica, and ABIDE. We have many other groups that individuals and small groups choose to serve as well.

Central Middle School

Our focus at Central Middle School this year has been on building relationships and determining where we can be of most help to them. We connected resources and volunteers to help with student health screenings, provided meals to teachers, encouragement for the staff, volunteers in the office on report card days, newly decorated bulletin boards and plants, supplies for the students and popsicles on the first day of school.

FaithWorks Pantry

Our FaithWorks Pantry has increased our donations this year through our Saavy Shopper program. We have increased our use of the Foodbank and received donations of both dollars and food from outside organizations. We relocated in November to the new space created through the building addition, giving us heat and water, and a more pleasant experience for our patrons, who can now shop the pantry and choose items they will most use. We thankfully had just enough meal bags to provide 302 families with a Thanksgiving meal, not having to turn anyone away this year.

ABIDE

We officially began our partnership with ABIDE this year, making a 3 year commitment to our block in North Omaha. A leadership team within our church has been formed to coordinate events and establish a relationship with our Light-house couple. We have gone door to door, had a neighborhood bbq, caroling and a Christmas party, and helped with clean-up and block parties. It is an ongoing effort to learn more about their ministry and how to best partner with them to see the ABIDE vision of “No More Inner City” realized.

Christ For The City International – COSTA RICA

We sent a team to Costa Rica in January, who made it to Atlanta, and had to turn back due to weather and flight delays. We were able to send a follow-up team in April, who spent a week serving the children of Tirasses and making connections with our Missionary Partners, Carlos Mestayer and Horatio and Ester Lopez. We were pleased to have Carlos visit us in October, and we collected and sent Christmas Gifts to the kids in Tirasses. As part of Outside the Walls, were able to serve the CFCI headquarters by painting offices.

Contact Information

For additional information or questions on these or other Mission Projects please contact Dawn Stock, dawn.stock@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 ext. 1012

Mission Offerings

Mission Offering Today – FaithWorks Pantry

Our mission offering today will help support our FaithWorks Pantry.

December 18 mission offering - FaithWorks Pantry = \$358.27

Hospital and Pre-Surgical Visitation

Our goal is to visit those in our congregation when you are hospitalized and to pray with you at the hospital before any surgeries you may require. These visits are made based upon a specific request from you or an immediate family member who lets us know that you have been, or will be, hospitalized. Our Congregational Care Director can be contacted 24/7 at 402-650-9489 or vikki.ohara@faithwestwood.com and is available to be there at any time of the day or night.



Expecting a Baby? Please let us know!

Please let our Blessed Beginnings ministry know as soon as you are pregnant! We have a gift for you to use throughout your pregnancy and want to be able to walk with you and pray for you, your family and your baby during your pregnancy! We also arrange for pastoral visitation when you are hospitalized and deliver your baby. To make the ministry team aware of your pregnancy, please contact Vikki O'Hara, M.Div., Congregational Care Director, at vikki.ohara@faithwestwood.com or 402-650-9489.

Severe Weather Policy

Taking into consideration any Millard School closures, cancellation of Church activities due to severe weather conditions will be initiated and/or confirmed by the Senior Pastor and/or Director of Business Administration. In general, the Church will remain open, unless conditions present a safety concern for staff and/or groups scheduled to meet at the Church.

When the decision is made to close the church, an announcement will be placed on the church's phone system and on the church's homepage (www.faithwestwood.com). All scheduled daytime and evening events (meetings, small groups, bible studies, support groups, etc.) will be cancelled and the church office will be closed (unless staff is notified otherwise).

Please note the Child Development Center (CDC) has a separate policy with regard to severe weather. Generally, the CDC closes only when UNO closes.

Interested in membership?
Contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1006.

What's Happening

United Methodist Women

The Unit Meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on January 4th at 9:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will have a light breakfast followed by a guest speaker. We will also have our pledge service that morning. All ladies are invited to come. Call Marilyn Hart at 402-894-0177 for more information.

The FaithWalk Experience

At FaithWestwood we talk about becoming deep, daring, and daily disciples. You may be wondering what that means and how would you get started. We invite you to join Pastor Steve for The FaithWalk Experience.

We believe God has big things in store for us. And in order for us to become the strong mission-focused church God wants us to be, we are asking as many people as possible to take The FaithWalk Experience.

Register with Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1006

Weekend Dates

February 10-12

Weekend Schedule

Friday: 6:30p-9:00p

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Next Sunday our FaithWestwood Health and Wellness Ministry will be offering FREE, CONFIDENTIAL blood pressure screenings in Fellowship Hall from 8:30 AM to 9:00 AM, and immediately following the 9 a.m. service until 10:45 a.m. No appointment necessary.

JANUARY 1, 2017

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude “Joy to the World”
Jill Anderson, piano; David Gerard, organ

Welcome.....Rev. Chuck Cornwell

Call to WorshipRev. Chuck Cornwell

Hymn..... We Three Kings, #254 vs. 1, 2 & 5

Children's Time.....Leah Dinoso

OpportunitiesDonna Sandoval

Offering..... “There's a Song in the Air”
Jill Anderson, piano; David Gerard, organ

Act of Praise..... Alleluia, Alleluia, #162

Offering Prayer.....Rev. Chuck Cornwell

Hymn.....Lord of the Dance, #261

Prayer Chain Acknowledgement..... Vikki O'Hara

Scripture: Acts 9:1-6..... Gary Jones

MessageAmazing Encounters
Rev. Chuck Cornwell

Communion.....Softly and Tenderly, #348
.....Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior, #351

.....I Surrender All , #354
..... When We Are Living, #356
.....This Is the Day, #383

Blessing..... Rev. Chuck Cornwell

Shalom

