

Welcome!

If this is your first time at FaithWestwood, we hope you feel warmly welcomed today - and that you begin to see yourself as part of our church family.

If you have questions, ask anyone wearing a green FaithWestwood polo, or leave us a note on the green Connection Card found in the pews. We also invite our new guests to pick up a free gift at the Coffee Bar.

Meet Our Staff...

Each week we 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



This Week At FaithWestwood...

Mon., 10/15 1-1:45 p.m.	Tai Chi	Children's Large Room
Mon., 10/15 7-8 p.m.	Handbell Choir	Bell Choir Room
Tue., 10/16 6:30-8p.m..	GriefShare	Caring Ministry Room
Wed., 10/17 10:30 a.m.	Susanna Circle	Library
Wed., 10/17 1-3 p.m.	CareMATers	Student Ministry Room
Wed., 10/17 5-7 p.m.	FaithWorks Pantry	Pantry
Wed., 10/17 6:00-8:00 p.m.	Bellevue Berry Farm	Bellevue Berry Farm
Wed., 10/17 7:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Chancel Choir	Choir Room
Thu., 10/18 1-1:45 p.m.	Tai Chi	Children's Large Room

FaithWestwood mugs for sale!

Help FaithWestwood be more eco-friendly by purchasing a stainless steel mug for only \$13.

Stop by the coffee bar and check one out today!



MESSAGES AVAILABLE ONLINE

Want to watch more messages or get another copy of the bulletin? You can find them online at www.faithwestwood.com.

Our Mission:

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

How can I live the mission? Be a BLESS friend!

- B**egin with prayer
Pray for a few people in your life who may be living far from God. Ask God, "How do you want me to bless them?"
- L**isten with care
Ask them questions, and love by listening more than talking. Pay attention to their dreams and pain. Listen for evidence of God's work in their lives.
- E**at together
Share meals with those in your life who are still finding their way back to God. Practice hospitality and deepen relationships by eating together.
- S**erve in love
Watch for opportunities to show you care by serving them in practical ways. Allow them to serve you, as well. By serving and being served they will begin to experience the love of Jesus.
- S**hare your story
As you begin to earn trust with someone who may not yet know Jesus, look for opportunities to share how he is changing your life and the world.

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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Sermon Notes:

Next Sunday:

How God Renews Us for Restored Relationships

This series is not a quick how-to guide on being a better friend. It's meant to move us into the deep work of God, restoring our souls for healthy relationships. One more reason to be in a FaithGroup: you'll get to see a superb, 15-minute video each week from Right Now Media, created just for this series.

October 21 - Reconciliation Begins with a Bared Soul

I'm good at hiding. I'm embarrassed. And ashamed. And I pay a price. Hiding is lonely. Only when I face my sin can I turn my back on it. Only then can I turn to those I've alienated and be reconciled.



Relaxed Traditional - 9 a.m.

Prelude	"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go!" Brenda Bowers, piano; David Gerard, organ
Welcome	Pastor Steve Todd
Hymn	#364 "Because He Lives"
Little Angels	"Stand Up" "Good News" Sue Hamilton, dir.; Jan Anderson, accomp.
Children's Time	Pastor Steve Todd
Hymn	#384 "Love Divine All Loves Excelling"
Greeting	
Blest Be the Tie	
Opportunities	Donna Sandoval
Offering	Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director Meredith Flynn, accompanist
Act of Praise	#177 "He Is Lord"
Offering Prayer	
The Lord's Prayer	Pastor Steve Todd
Hymn	#172 "My Jesus I Love Thee"
Prayer Opportunity	Vikki O'Hara
Scripture	Bruce Bowers 1 John 4:7-12, 19-21
Message	Pastor Steve Todd <i>Befriended and Free</i>
Hymn	#462 "Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"
Blessing	Pastor Steve Todd
Shalom	

Casual Contemporary 10:45 a.m.

Preservice Song	"Build Your Kingdom Here"
Welcome	Pastor Steve Todd
Songs	"As It Is in Heaven" "Because of Your Love"
Children's Time	Pastor Steve Todd
Song	"Let Everything That Has Breath"
Opportunities	Donna Sandoval
Offering	"What a Beautiful Name"
Prayer Opportunity	Vikki O'Hara
Scripture	LaVonne Rosenthal 1 John 4:7-12, 19-21
Message	Pastor Steve Todd <i>Befriended and Free</i>
Song	"Open the Eyes of My Heart"
Blessing	
Today's musicians:	Steve Gollehon, drums; Bucky McCann, keys; Shaun Miller, bass guitar; Liz Polivka, vocals; Donna Sandoval, acoustic guitar; Kayla Whiteman, vocals.

Mission offering today - Thanksgiving Meal Bags

Last year, FaithWorks Pantry distributed over 350 bags to families which contain everything needed for a complete Thanksgiving Meal (including a gift card to purchase a Turkey or Ham). This is one of the most anticipated events of our whole year. This year we are beginning the planning to do this again. 100% of today's mission offering will provide funds for the purchase of supplies to fill bags.

You can also contribute to Thanksgiving Meal Bags by texting Pantry to 402-316-5481. (Instructions are inside this bulletin.)

October 7 mission offering - World Communion Sunday = \$520.00



Deep. Daring. Daily.

BELLEVUE BERRY FARM
 WED, OCTOBER 17TH 6-8PM
 \$7/ PERSON ENTRY

Third Grade Bible Presentation
 October 21
 Both services




Saturday, November 10
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.



If you are interested in moving from a participant to a partner we would like to invite you to join Pastor Steve for FaithWalk! We will talk about our faith and what it means to be a member of FaithWestwood. Following the class you will have the opportunity to take the membership covenant. If you have questions or want to register contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1006.

CARING MINISTRIES



Weekly prayer concerns, joys and thanksgivings are now being emailed to the FaithWestwood prayer chain. To receive these please email prayers@faithwestwood.com and ask to be added to the prayer chain email group. **If you do not use email and would like to have a copy of the weekly prayer list, copies will be available on Sunday mornings on the rack in the foyer where the prayer shawls and prayer blankets are.**

Trunk or Treat



Trunk or Treat - October 28th - 2-4 p.m., Reserve your spot at the children's check in table or email Leah at leah.dinosa@faithwestwood.com

Asking for peanut free candy donations, drop off at Children's Ministry Check-in table

FaithGroups



If you are looking for people to share your faith and life with, a FaithGroup is the place for you! Most groups meet weekly and discuss Sunday's message. For more information contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1005

New FaithGroup!

This women's group welcomes women of all ages. The meet weekly on Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm in the Library for more information Contact Carolyn Contryman at ccontry@cox.net or 402-896-6802.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR O'NEILL, NE PANTRY

The following items are needed for the Food/Basic Needs Pantry at First United Methodist Church in O'Neill. The need is great and they are serving 50-60 or more families each week.

Please leave donations in or near the O'Neill collection barrels located under the coat racks inside the West Entrance.

Ongoing (every week) needs include:

1. Fresh fruits and vegetables (onions, potatoes, tomatoes, carrots, oranges, apples, limes, lemons.)
2. Toilet paper in bulk packaging.
3. Rotella's \$.80 day old bread from the outlet.
4. Sugar in 25 lb. bags ONLY (available at Costco and many Sam's and some Walmart's.)


DONATIONS NEED TO BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 8 PM TO BE TAKEN TO O'NEILL ON THURSDAY.

MISSIONS

Ministry in Romania

What an amazing trip to Romania, Sept 28-Oct 7th! Pictures above are a few of the 276 I took when visiting the ministries of The Smiles Foundation in Bihor County, Romania. I got to visit a few different Assisted Living homes, visit several Gypsy Villages, see a village for the homeless made of converted shipping containers, and also got to work with some people with Down Syndrome.






At the end of the trip, our team got to enjoy some time for debriefing while doing some leisurely touring in Budapest, Hungary.



I look forward to organizing a mission team from FaithWestwood to Romania in the next year to 18 months. This team would be completing a project of our choosing for any one or more of the 20 different projects Smiles has underway in Romania. If you have any interest in being a part of this adventure, contact me by email at darren.timberlake@faithwestwood.com

Darren Timberlake
 Missions Director

Give by TEXT



1. Text (402) 316-5481
2. Any \$dollar amount and Offering Code
 - GIVE is for the General Fund
 - PANTRY for the Mission Offering
3. Follow prompts to set-up account
4. Save as a contact for future text giving