

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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SHARING HOPE



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:

Rich Anderson, Financial & Information Management Director

I'm here to:

- Process electronic giving or payments to FaithWestwood.
- Coordinate processing of payroll and preparation of Financial Statements with FaithWestwood's accountant.
- Provide giving statements to full members or others who contribute to FaithWestwood.
- Add visitor information into our database.
- Enter and/or track congregational attendance and report numbers to the Conference office.
- Make changes to our database, i.e., addresses, phone numbers, emails, membership dates, baptism dates, marriage dates, birthdates, etc.



Contact me at rich.anderson@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1004.

Under Wraps: The Gift We Never Expected

What do you want God to give you? A better job, strength to get through the week, help making a tough decision? You might ask God for good health and happiness. But here's the gift we never expected. That God would wrap himself in human flesh and take on our humanity. He came to bring us a new life we could never achieve on our own. "Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15).

November 27, 2016 - God Is Expectant

After a tornado rips through a town, the work begins of cleaning up debris, seeing what can be salvaged, grieving over what is lost. Then comes the long task of rebuilding homes and businesses, schools and hospitals. The tornado of injustice, betrayal, and exploitation has ripped through our world, but God is rebuilding with great expectations. He sent his Son to lead the way.



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

All About That Baby Elementary Dress Rehearsals:

Saturday, December 3rd & 10th (attendance on the 10th is mandatory to perform) – 10:00-12:00
PreK Dress Rehearsal – Dec. 10th, 11:30-12:00
Party following the rehearsal on the 10th for ALL kids involved in the pageant!

Nursery & PreK – Hand in Hand

Bible Story: I am thankful for people who give me what I need. Elisha's Room • 2 Kings 4:8-17
Bottom Line: I am thankful for people who help me.
Memory Verse: "Always give thanks to God." Ephesians 5:20, NIV

Elementary – Spotlight – Do you see what I see?

Bible Story: Keeping Up with Mephibosheth (David and Mephibosheth) • 2 Samuel 9:1-13 (2 Samuel 4:4; 1 Samuel 20:14-15)
Bottom Line: Honor others by keeping your promises.
Memory Verse: "Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves." Romans 12:10 NIV



Student Ministry Director: Polly Pierce
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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

FaithWorks Pantry – NEWS – UPDATES

Our FaithWorks Pantry has relocated this month to its new space in the building addition. We welcomed our first patrons last Wednesday to “shop” the pantry and make their own selections.



The Pantry continues to be open the 3rd Wednesday, 5-7 p.m., and the 4th Saturday, 10a.m. – noon. Food donations are always welcome. Collection tubs are located outside the office and in the foyer.

The Pantry is in need of a new Volunteer Coordinator to schedule monthly volunteers. If interested contact Dawn Stock.

A special thank you to the students at OPS Wilson Alternative School who designated the FaithWorks Pantry as the recipient of their Canned Food Drive.

Thanksgiving Meal Bag Giveaway

Our congregation packed and donated 172 Thanksgiving Meal Bags and provided funds to purchase and pack an additional 150 bags.

SAVE THE DATE – December

ABIDE - Christmas Caroling, Tuesday, December 6, 6-8 pm
 ABIDE - Lights of Hope Display Grand Opening, December 13, 6-8 pm

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 – ABIDE Lights of Hope Campaign

Our mission offering today will support the ABIDE Lights of Hope Campaign which provides gifts cards to families when needs are identified. Allowing Lighthouse Families and ABIDE to provide just the right help at just the right time.

Last week’s mission offering - FaithWorks Pantry = \$1,628.71

Turn Your Required Distributions into Charitable Donations

IRS rules mandate that individuals age 70-1/2 and older take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD’s) from their IRA each year, regardless of whether the income is needed. These annual withdrawals are subject to ordinary income taxes. By making a charitable contribution from your IRA, you can satisfy your RMD amount without reporting additional income.

This provision may be especially attractive for retirees who don’t need all the income from their IRA to meet current living expenses. By donating the money to the church, you can enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that you are contributing to the mission of the church while effectively lowering your tax bill.

Donating IRA assets can be a financially rewarding strategy for both you and the church. As always, you should talk with your financial representative or tax advisor before making a decision that alters your tax situation.

Please be aware that you may make tax-free 2016 transfers from your IRA or Roth-IRA if:

- You are 70-1/2 years old or older
- Your tax-free transfers do not exceed \$100,000
- The transfers are made by December 31st
- Your tax free transfers are made directly from your IRA or Roth-IRA directly to the church

We have found that it can take from a few days to a few weeks to complete tax-free transfers, so if this is something you would like to complete prior to the end of this year, please take this into consideration.

Please call Rich Anderson in the church office if you have questions: 402-895-3394 x1004

New Home? Home Blessings Available

FaithWestwood will now be offering the United Methodist “Service of Home Blessing.” This brief service may be done at any time but is especially appropriate when you have recently moved to a new home or apartment. Some families combine this with a “house warming” or “open house,” while others include close friends and family, and others just immediate family. To arrange a home blessing, contact Vikki O’Hara, M.Div., Congregational Care Director, at vikki.ohara@faithwestwood.com or 402-650-9489. When your house is blessed you will receive a special plaque to display in your home.

Interested in membership?

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

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.

What’s Happening

A Letter from Katherine Kirby

To my FaithWestwood family,

I am sad to have to say goodbye. You have been a wonderful church family all these years. I love you all. Thanks for your beautiful cards while I’ve been at Good Samaritan. Not one alike!

Please remember me at Autumn Pointe.

Katherine Kirby



Under Wraps Devotionals

Advent series devotionals are now available in the foyer for a suggested donation of \$10.

Upcoming Holiday Services

Thanksgiving Eve Service
 Wednesday, November 23,
 6:30 p.m. in the Worship Center

Christmas Pageant
 Sunday, December 11,
 9 and 10:45 a.m.

Christmas Eve Services
 Saturday, December 24
 3 p.m. - Family Friendly
 5 p.m. - Traditional
 8 p.m. - Contemporary

No Sunday Services on Christmas morning

Christmas Pageant

Have you ever wondered if sheep can talk? Have you ever wondered what the Shepherd’s thought that night seeing the Angels appear in their fields? Have you ever wondered what Christmas is really all about? Well we have a wonderful way of answering all of these questions.



On December 11th, at both the 9 and 10:45am services right here at FaithWestwood, young and old come together to share the news of Jesus’ birth through the telling of All About That Baby. This is a journey with Shepherds as they embark on an adventure that is truly All About That Baby. So grab your family and a few friends and join us! It’s a morning you won’t want to miss!

Baptism Orientation

Interested in Baptism? Our next Baptism Orientation is Wednesday, December 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library. For more information contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x1006

NOVEMBER 20, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude “We Gather Together”
 Handbell Choir, Gary Addison, director

Welcome..... Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... I Am Thine, O Lord, #419

Cherubs..... “Trust in the Lord”
 Jill Anderson, director

Children’s Time..... Leah Dinoso

Opportunities/Celebrations Donna Sandoval

Offering..... “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”
 Handbell Choir

Act of Praise..... Let’s Just Praise the Lord*

Offering Prayer - The Lord’s Prayer Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... Blessed Assurance, #369

Prayer Opportunity Vikki O’Hara

Scripture: 1 Timothy 6:17-19 Terry Lammert

Message A Wealth of Hope
 Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... My Hope is Built, #368

Blessing..... Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

*This hymn is from The Faith We Sing book, which is different from our hymnal. Please read the lyrics from the screen.

