

## Welcome!

Welcome! If this is your first time at FaithWestwood, we want you to know how glad we are you came and that what you experience will bring you back next weekend.

If you have questions, ask anyone wearing a green FaithWestwood polo this morning, 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 Connections Center.

## Meet Our Staff...

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

### Donna Sandoval, Worship Director

I can help you:

- Get plugged into our traditional adult choir, bell choir, K-5th grade children's choirs' or playing organ or piano for the traditional service. Volunteer for assisting in the serving or preparation of communion.
- Volunteer on technical ministry teams working with sound, camera, lighting and media production and projection.
- Audition for the 10:45 worship team or one of our creative teams like SWAT (Sunday Worship Arts Team), dramas, hymn singing, and scripture reading.
- Offer yourself wholeheartedly as we gather together to worship God!

Contact me at [donna.sandoval@faithwestwood.com](mailto:donna.sandoval@faithwestwood.com) or 402-895-3394 x 1008



## This Week At FaithWestwood...

Mon., 12/4	Tai Chi for Balance	1 - 1:45 p.m., Children's Large Room
Mon., 12/4	Bell Choir Rehearsal	7 - 8 p.m., Bell Choir Room
Wed., 12/6	UMW Meeting/Auction	9 a.m. - Noon, Fellowship Hall
Wed., 12/6	CareMATers	1 - 3 p.m., Student Ministry Rooms
Wed., 12/6	Student Ministry	6 - 8:15 p.m., Student Ministry Rooms
Wed., 12/6	Children's Choirs	6:30 - 7:15 p.m., Rooms 201 & 207
Wed., 12/6	Chancel Choir	7:30 - 8:30 p.m., Choir Room
Thur., 12/7	Tai Chi	1 - 1:45 p.m., Children's Large Room
Thurs., 12/7	FaithSent Card Ministry	6:30 - 8 p.m., Caring Ministry Room

### FaithWestwood mugs for sale!

Help FaithWestwood be more eco-friendly by purchasing a stainless steel mug with our logo on it 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](http://www.faithwestwood.com).

## Our Mission:

Making disciples of Jesus Christ

## Our Values:



### 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.

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PRAYER CHAIN: [prayers@faithwestwood.com](mailto:prayers@faithwestwood.com)

WORSHIP SERVICES: Sundays @ 9 & 10:45 a.m.

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## Sermon Notes:

## Next Sunday:

### Children's Christmas Pageant, 9 & 10:45

### Sunday, December 17: Can't Plan Christmas

It's true for any miracle. You might want it. You might wait for it. But you can't plan it. The miracle of Bethlehem didn't happen because Mary applied to be the Messiah's mom. It didn't happen because Joseph made plans for his fiancé's virgin pregnancy. When Jesus made his entry into history, it was the work of the Holy Spirit. And that's how he still makes his entry into our lives.

December 3, 2017



### Relaxed Traditional - 9 a.m.

<b>Prelude</b>	"Hark the Herald Angels Sing"
	Brenda Bowers, piano; David Gerard, piano
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Steve Todd
<b>Advent Wreath</b>	
<b>Song</b>	"Waiting, Waiting" vs. 1
<b>Children's Time</b>	Jamison Dinoso, Katie Nichols
<b>Hymn</b>	#365, vs. 1, 2, 4 "When We Are Living"
<b>Opportunities</b>	Donna Sandoval
<b>Offering</b>	"Come and See" Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director Meredith Flinn, accompanist
<b>Act of Praise</b>	#204 "Emmanuel, Emmanuel"
<b>Offering Prayer</b>	
<b>Hymn</b>	#192, vs. 1, 2, 3, 4, 6 "There's a Spirit in the Air"
<b>Scripture</b>	Becky Torrens Matthew 7:21-29
<b>Message</b>	Pastor Steve Todd <i>Where You Dare to Build</i>
<b>Prayer of Confession</b>	
<b>The Great Thanksgiving</b>	
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>	Pastor Steve Todd
<b>Communion</b>	#640, "Take Our Bread" #206, "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #210, "All Earth is Waiting" #211, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" #216, "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" #221, "In the Bleak Midwinter"
<b>Blessing</b>	
<b>Shalom</b>	

### Casual Contemporary 10:45 a.m.

<b>Preservice Song</b>	"Build Your Kingdom Here"
<b>Welcome</b>	Pastor Steve Todd
<b>Advent Wreath</b>	
<b>Song</b>	"Joy to the World (Unspeakable Joy)"
<b>Children's Time</b>	Jamison Dinoso, Katie Nichols
<b>Worship in Song</b>	"Soul on Fire" "Blessed Be Your Name"
<b>Opportunities</b>	Donna Sandoval
<b>Offering</b>	"Wonderful Maker"
<b>Prayer Opportunity</b>	Vikki O'Hara
<b>Scripture</b>	Laura Blumenthal Matthew 7:21-29
<b>Message</b>	Pastor Steve Todd <i>Where You Dare to Build</i>
<b>Communion</b>	"What Child Is This" "Another Hallelujah"
<b>Blessing</b>	Pastor Steve Todd
<b>Musicians:</b>	Marea Campagna, vocals; Shane Campagna, acoustic guitar, vocals; Shane Goughnour, vocals; Brian Gilreath, bass guitar; Steve Gollehon, drums; Drew Havens, cello; George Laughery, keys; Liz Polivka, vocals.

### Today's Mission Offering - United Methodist Student Sunday

Right now there are UMC young people—who might not have the resources to attend a school of their choice, or, for some, any school at all—who've been sent by you into the world God loves because of your giving to United Methodist Student Day. When you give generously you are supporting these students as they prepare for a life that unites faith with knowledge.

November 26, 2017 mission offering - Project Wee Care Millard = \$572



Deep. Daring. Daily.



### Next Sunday!

Children's Christmas Pageant  
With special music by  
Chancel Choir (9 a.m.)  
and Three Pointe Choir (10:45 a.m.)  
Sunday, December 10, 9 & 10:45 a.m.

### Christmas Intelligence Kids...

The **CIK** is setting up shop here at FaithWestwood and they need our help! Each year the agents look for ways to help the communities they are in. This year the **CIK** wants to help our community by collecting clothing items to be able to share the love of Jesus with **Open Door Mission, Lydia House and Together**. Here's what we need:

- Coats, hats, gloves, mittens
- Snow boots, shoes
- **NEW** undergarments (packaged underwear & socks)
- Kid's clothing
- Men's clothing
- Women's professional clothing

Donations can be brought to the office during the week, or to the children's check-in table in the foyer next Sunday.

Thank you for joining with the **CIK** to help share the Christmas story and bless our community!

### December services:

December 24: No morning worship. Special Christmas Eve Services:

- 3 p.m. - Family Friendly
- 5 p.m. - Traditional
- 8 p.m. - Contemporary

December 31: 9 & 10:45 a.m. services. Chuck Cornwell, guest speaker. Children's Sunday School at 10:45 only.



Sunday, December 31st, 10:45 a.m.

Kids - come to church in your comfy pj's and we will have Poptarts & Praise during the 10:45 a.m. Sunday school time as we celebrate a New Year!

No Sunday school at 9 a.m.  
Nursery available for both services

### 2018 Giving Campaign

We are 65% of the way towards our goal to fund our budget for 2018. Will you join 180 others who have made a pledge for 2018?

Pledge cards are available at the Connections Center or online at [www.faithwestwood.com](http://www.faithwestwood.com).



Nursery is available every Sunday at both services for children under age 3. It is a safe place for them to socialize, play, listen to a Bible story, do a small craft and enjoy a snack.

Nervous about leaving your child in a new place? We understand and have a paging system to contact you if anything would come up while your child is in the nursery.

Sydney Beran is our Nursery Coordinator and available to visit with you about any concerns or if you are interested in serving in the Nursery. Scan the QR code or contact her at [sydney.beran22@gmail.com](mailto:sydney.beran22@gmail.com) or 402-719-9829.



Student Ministry Director: Polly Pierce  
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### UPCOMING DECEMBER EVENTS

- Dec. 6th: Student Ministry, 6:30-8:15pm
- Dec. 10th (Sun): HS Christmas Party
- Dec. 13th: Student Ministry, 6:30-8:15pm [Service Project, in-House]
- Dec. 20th: MS Christmas Party, 6:30-8:15pm
- Dec. 19th - 21st: HS Open Study, time: TBA [Open our doors to our high school students and their friends, providing quiet space to study for finals]

If you would like to know more about FaithWestwood's Student Ministry, stop by the Student Ministry table or email Polly! Our heart is students! Our heart is Jesus! Our heart is giving opportunity for the two to intersect.



United Methodist Women

FAITH  
HOPE  
LOVE IN ACTION

Marilyn Hart - 402- 894-0177  
Gaylene Adler - 402-895-3926

The United Methodist Women will meet on December 6th at 9 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. We will begin with a light breakfast, followed by a concert by Gene Torrens' "Q Street Barbershop Quartet".

This is also the day we have our Silent Auction. We all bring gift or food items to bid on before the meeting and after the program. All women are invited. If you have questions call Marilyn Hart at 402-326-1164.



You're invited to the 2017 Work as Worship Retreat, where eleven influential business leaders and pastors will discuss what it looks like to connect faith and work. Taking place as a 1-Day Local Church Retreat on February 23, 2018, the live event in Dallas will be web-streamed to over 2,000 churches around the world. Visit the Connections Center for more information.



### Three Trees

There are 3 trees in the foyer this month to raise money for our 3 missions projects for Christmas. Project Wee Care of Millard, Costa Rica Christmas, and ABIDE's Better Together Christmas Store will each receive 100% of your donations from these trees respectively. Simply grab an envelope ornament from 1, 2, or 3 trees, and drop it in the offering bucket and Sunday in December.

### FaithWorks Pantry Saavy Shopper is back!!!

Bakers: Jif Peanut butter, \$1.89, buy 4, with card  
Quaker Instant oatmeal, \$1.49, buy 4, with card  
General Mills Chex cereal, \$1.79, with card and digital coupon

Fareway: Jif peanut butter, \$1.68  
Fareway cereals, 3/\$5

HyVee: Jif peanut butter, \$1.88  
HyVee kidney or chili beans, \$.48  
HyVee chicken noodle or tomato soup, \$.39  
HyVee quick oatmeal, \$1.28  
Campbell's chunky soups, Buy 4, get one free (4/\$5)

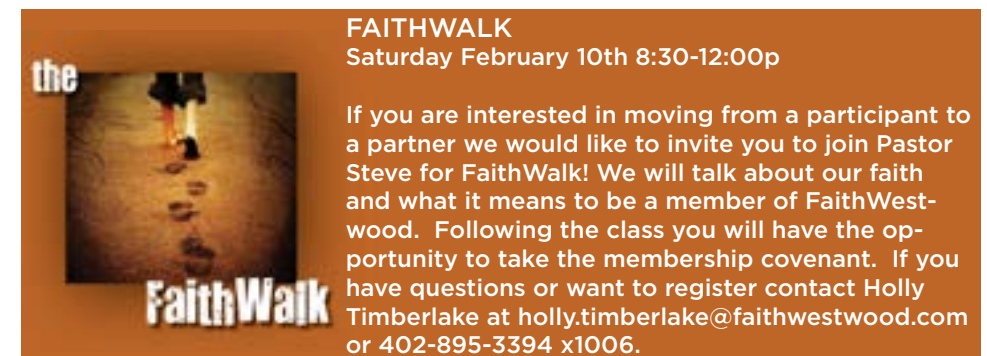
### Super Saver:

Mrs. Grimes chili beans, 2/\$1  
Red Gold canned tomatoes, \$.38, with purchase  
Ragu pasta sauce, \$1.38



We have 2 spots open for the Silent Retreat at Saint Benedict January 5-6. For more information go to the Connection Center or contact Holly Timberlake at [holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com](mailto:holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com) or 402-895-3394 x1006

Silent Retreat  
Jan. 5-6  
Details at Connect Center



FAITHWALK  
Saturday February 10th 8:30-12:00p

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](mailto:holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com) or 402-895-3394 x1006.



Susan Brandquist invites you to go caroling on Sunday, Dec. 17th at 2:30 at the Ambassador, 1540 N. 72nd Street (Just south of Blondo). To r.s.v.p. or for more information please contact Susan at 402-670-9005.

