

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

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

THE GIFT WE NEVER EXPECTED



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:

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 or 402-895-3394 x 1008

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

December 11 - Christmas Pageant, "All About That Baby"

December 18, 2016 - God Is Jealous

When we use the word jealous, most of the time we mean envious. But when we say God is jealous, it means that God is passionate about us and doesn't want our idols to destroy us. He's eager for us to return his love. So Jesus came - to win our hearts back to God.



Children's Director: Leah Dinoso
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402-895-3394 x 1002

Do you like to color and have a little extra time while you're at FaithWestwood?

Children's Ministry has 5 large Advent coloring posters that we will have out and available to color during Advent. They will be in one of the Children's Ministry classrooms during the week and the children will be coloring them on Sunday mornings too. We will be displaying them in the Large Group room as we get closer to Christmas.



Christmas Pageant Dress Rehearsal

Saturday, December 10th 10a.m.-12p.m. for Elementary kids and 11:30am-12pm for PreK children. **This rehearsal is mandatory to perform on December 11th.** There will be a pizza party for the kids after the rehearsal to celebrate all of their hard work.



Student Ministry Director: Polly Pierce
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Poinsettia Donations

Beginning today, Advent poinsettia donations can be made in honor or in memory of a loved one. Suggested donation is \$15. Stop by the Student Ministry table in the foyer for more information, or fill out the order form in today's bulletin and leave in the offering bucket.

Missions

ABIDE is our partner non-profit in North Omaha with a mission to serve the inner city, one neighborhood at a time.

ABIDE Christmas Caroling – December 6 – NOTE TIME CHANGE to Carpool

On December 6th the Lights of Hope Display is being kicked off! That night, between 6pm-8pm, we will be going Christmas Caroling in the neighborhood around the campus.

If you would like to carpool to the event, please meet at the church at 5:00 pm on the west side of our building. You can also meet us at the ABIDE campus if you prefer, we will gather in the new Better Together Coffee House, in the lower level of the administration building at 3223 N 45th Street, at 5:30.

ABIDE Lights of Hope Display – Drive Thru Campus Tour – December 6 & 13.

ABIDE will also be offering drive thru festivities of lights and music, on their campus December 6 & 13, between 6-8 pm. The Better Together Campus is located at 3223 N. 45th Street. This event is to honor families who have been affected by violence.

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 Christmas Celebration

Our mission offering today will support our ABIDE Lighthouse Couple, Mary and Jacob, so we can purchase Christmas gifts for the children on the block and host a holiday party for the kids.

Last week's mission offering - ABIDE = \$ 698.21

Christmas Caroling

Join us for caroling at the Ambassador Nursing Home (1540 N. 72nd St) on Sunday, December 11th at 3:00 (parking on the west side of the building). Please call Susan Brandquist at 402-670-9005 to r.s.v.p.



Christmas Eve Ushers

As Faith Westwood's Christmas Eve services are nearing, please consider serving as an usher or a greeter. There are 3 services that need 8-10 ushers and 4-6 greeters each in order for the Christmas Eve services to be welcoming.

An email will go out using Sign Up Genius to select your favorite serving position and time, or you can sign up at the Information desk.

Why not consider serving with a friend or with family members? Start a new holiday tradition as part of the Faith Westwood family! contact Jen Robinson, Director of Guest Connections for more information! jen.robinson@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1013.

Hospitality Team

There are 365 days per year, 24 hours per day, which gives us 8760 hours per year. Why not consider serving as a member of the hospitality team? It's only 13 hours per year which is .0015% of your time! Please contact Jen Robinson, Director of Guest Connections for more information! jen.robinson@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1013.

Upcoming Holiday Services

Christmas Pageant

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

Christmas Eve Services

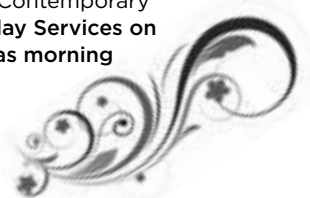
Saturday, December 24

3 p.m. - Family Friendly

5 p.m. - Traditional

8 p.m. - Contemporary

No Sunday Services on Christmas morning



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

Interested in membership?

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

A Note from Katherine Kirby

What a wonderful morning I had at the close of church service November 20th. I was overwhelmed by the choir's song, the gifts, cards and all the good wishes and loving remarks by my wonderful church family. Thanks to all of you. I will never get over your expressions of love and kind wishes. I love you all. Come see me if you can.

What's Happening



Under Wraps Devotionals

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

United Methodist Women

The Unit meeting of the United Methodist Women will be held on December 7th at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall. We will have a light breakfast and then a Christmas program given by Lois Nelson and Linda Dasovic. We also have our Silent Auction. The ladies bring gifts or baked goods and we all bid on them. It is lots of fun, sometimes there is a real competition of bidding on a certain item. All ladies are invited to come.

IGNITE Prayer

All are invited to a time of prayer on Tuesday December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel. We are looking forward to meeting in this new space. We will provide some structure to the prayer time and there will be a time of silent prayer. We also will send you home with prayer resources. If you have questions or need more information contact Kris Echliman at skeschliman@cox.net or 402-250-3263.

Susanna Circle

The United Methodist Women's Susanna Circle will meet the second Wed. of December instead of the third. We will have our Christmas lunch together and exchange cards. We will meet at 11:30 am at Wheat Fields restaurant at One Pacific Place, 1224 S 103 St. If you would like to join us please call Gaylene Adler 402-895-3926.

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!

Amazing Grays

AMAZING GRAYS will have their final meeting on Tuesday, December 13 at 12:00 noon. Reservations MUST be made no later that Sunday, December 11, as this will be a catered meal. Either write "Amazing Grays" on the green attendance card and drop in offering bucket, or call Howard and Carolyn Rhoten at 402-895-3530 to make your reservation.

Our Christmas program will be presented by The Links.

DECEMBER 4, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

Prelude "Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"
Brenda Bowers, piano; David Gerard, organ

Welcome..... Pastor Steve Todd

Advent Candle Lighting.....Dyer Family

Song "Waiting, Waiting," vs. 1 & 2

Cherubs..... "Do You Hear What I Hear?"
Jill Anderson, director

Children's Time.....Leah Dinoso

Opportunities Donna Sandoval

Offering..... "Mary, Did You Know?"
Chancel Choir, Jill Anderson, director

Act of Praise..... O Come, Let Us Adore Him, #234

Offering Prayer..... Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, #206

Scripture: Nahum 1:3-5, Matthew 2:1-3..... Becky Torrens

MessageGod Is Dangerous
Pastor Steve Todd

Prayer of Confession - The Great Thanksgiving - The Lord's Prayer

Communion..... God of Love and God of Power, #578
..... Lead On, O King Eternal, #580
..... There's a Spirit in the Air, #192, vs. 1,3,4,5,6
..... Emmanuel, Emmanuel, #204
..... Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, #216
..... There's a Song in the Air, #249

Blessing..... Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

