



Faith

WESTWOOD

Celebrations

In addition to the regular activities, FaithWestwood celebrates many **new** activities in 2025:

- ❖ **5Ms** (Monday Morning Methodist Maintenance Men) updated Micah Center and completed **numerous** facility & property projects (Jan-Dec)
- ❖ **Financial Recovery** (2024) and **Stability** (2025)
- ❖ **New FaithGroups & Pop Up Classes** (throughout the year)
- ❖ **FaithWorks Pantry** added extra day: Wed prior to Thurs (starting Dec 2024)
- ❖ **Vision Luncheon** held with 90 participants (Jan)
- ❖ **Student Ministry Mystery Theater** (Feb)
- ❖ **FaithSent Card Ministry** revitalized & relaunched (spring)
- ❖ **20 Care Ministers Trained** (Mar)
- ❖ **Lent Campaign: 4% in 40 Days** raised \$27,000 for budget deficit (Mar/ Apr)
- ❖ **FaithWorks Pantry** remodel and expansion completed (Apr / May)
- ❖ **United Women in Faith Salad Luncheon** (May)
- ❖ **Burgers, Bingo, and Baskets fundraiser** for Family Ministry (May)
- ❖ **Micah Center renovation** completed and dedicated (June)
- ❖ **New HVAC Control System** has resulted in lower energy use in facility
- ❖ **New Community Partnership developed with Mosaic and Lease Agreement signed** (June)
- ❖ **Mosaic moved into Micah Center** (July)
- ❖ **Trying *New* Things:** Heritage Sunday / Spill the Tea / Ice Cream Socials for Young Families / Summer Sunday Fun Days / Evangelism Challenges (2025)
- ❖ **Two sessions of GriefShare and Financial Peace University** offered & completed (spring & fall)
- ❖ **FaithWorks Pantry Garden** exploded with produce (summer / fall)
- ❖ **Church & Brunch All at Once** kicked off fall & FaithGroups (Aug)
- ❖ **FaithWorks Pantry** reported record numbers attending (July / Sept)
- ❖ **Alpha Course and Bethel Bible Class** offered (starting in Sept)
- ❖ **Outside the Walls** expanded with new community projects (Sept)
- ❖ **Thriving the Holidays** offered (Nov / Dec)
- ❖ **Scrip Profit of \$10,000** reached (since Feb 2024)
- ❖ **Blanketed with Prayer** gifted Mosaic clients with blankets, hats, scarves & mittens (Dec)
- ❖ **What would you add? What is your favorite celebration?**

Strategic Goals

The Strategic Planning Committee (2024) developed the following strategic goals highlighting our core values, and the Reimagine Team (2025) continued to formalize these strategic goals for the next 3-5 years:

- **Generational: to be intentional in creating intergenerational activities**
 - Use social media to highlight/celebrate generational groups.
 - Create an intergenerational focus group to provide the Worship Team feedback.
 - Develop new opportunities with existing community partnerships.
 - Build relationships and develop new opportunities with community partners: Scouting America, Central Middle School, Mosaic, etc.

- **Relational: to increase fellowship opportunities**
 - Increase number of FaithGroups from 18 to 22.
 - Recruit, equip, and deploy 8 new FaithGroup Leaders
 - Market FaithGroup opportunities.
 - Establish a FaithGroup for individuals in the 20 to 40 age group and recruit new members.
 - Host quarterly events (ice cream social, movie night, trivia night, etc) to promote opportunities for learning & fellowship (FaithGroup Leadership Team).

- **Missional: to expand and/or create new mission opportunities**
 - Brainstorm a list of mission opportunities to include young people.
 - Canvass young adults for ideas for mission opportunities.
 - Create a way to link mission opportunities with new & existing FaithGroups.
 - Develop Reimagine Task Force to focus attention on new senior living complex south of the church (Oaks Lane & Q Street)
 - Recruit members to serve on the Reimagine Task Force.
 - Generate a list of ways to connect with residents when complex opens.
 - Connect with complex management regarding residents' needs (move-in help, pantry, senior center activities, etc).
 - Share existing opportunities and resources which may include the FaithWorks Pantry garden, Adopt-a- Grandparent, service nights to teach, help and build relationships.

- **Practical: to develop resources in terms of finances, leadership, volunteers**
 - Schedule Capital Campaign as needed for 2026.
 - Develop additional Volunteer Teams.
 - Develop Leadership 101 course (identify leaders & recruit participants).
 - Implement Spiritual Gifts class with new members/partners to FaithWestwood.
 - Continue work of 5Ms to accomplish Board of Trustees needs/goals.
 - Continue to develop FaithLink to educate new members/partners & offer FaithWalk for next steps to plug into FaithGroups and serving opportunities.
 - Relaunch Endowment and Memorial Committees, respectively.
 - Develop educational opportunities about legacy, estate planning, etc.

- **Invitational: to develop a plan for growth & engagement**
 - Increase engagement opportunities in these areas: baptism, church members/partners, children & student ministry, and confirmation.
 - Develop understanding who people are & their needs.
 - Enhance communications within church (utilize Communications Team to develop strategies).
 - Strengthen relationships within our church family.
 - Increase evangelism by encouraging members to personally invite others to worship.
 - Continue to develop educational pieces & challenges in study guides and publications.

FaithWestwood 2026 Goals

In light of our strategic goals, the following annual goals were developed by the Board of Trustees, Finance & Stewardship Committee, and Church Council prior to our stewardship campaign in November 2025.



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2026 Goals

- Worship attendance:**
 - Embrace our WIN Over (Welcome, Invite, Nurture) and Come to the Table strategies.
- Family Ministry participation:**
 - Support these four critical outreach events- Trunk or Treat, Live Nativity, Eggstravaganza, and Vacation Bible School.
- FaithGroup opportunities and participation:**
 - Offer new groups and be invitational to existing groups.
- Serving and service opportunities:**
 - Create new serving options and encourage everyone to serve in some capacity.
- Stewardship:**
 - Grow our number of FaithCommitments (both new and unidentified) and our overall giving.



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2026 Goals

- Develop and strengthen our leadership committees and teams** and offer FaithWestwood leadership training opportunities.
- Reestablish our **Endowment Committee** and provide the congregation with **educational opportunities** about related topics such as **wills, estates and trusts, RMD's** (required minimum distributions), and **Donor Advised Funds**, etc.
- Reestablish our **Memorial Committee** to provide families with additional options to honor their loved ones and support the needs of FaithWestwood.
- Connect with our neighbors:** establish a relationship with the new senior housing development **Millard Landing**, a 50-unit senior affordable housing project being built near Oaks Lane and Q Street, and scheduled for completion June 2026.

Looking Forward

Here are some things to look forward to in 2026:

- ❖ **Fidget Blanket Ministry** (recruiting starts on 2/1)
- ❖ **Re-Fire:** fellowship & training for Sunday Mornings (2/21)
- ❖ **Lent Campaign: 4% in 40 Days** for Family Ministry (2/18 to 4/5)
- ❖ ***Tentative* “Pop Up” Classes for 2026: Spiritual Gifts** (self-guided) / **Leadership 101 / Leaving a Legacy**
- ❖ **50 Days of Prayer Challenges** (4/5 to 5/24)
- ❖ **United Women in Faith (UWF) Spring Salad Luncheon** (4/22)
- ❖ **Burgers, Bingo, & Baskets** for Vacation Bible School (5/13)
- ❖ **Rainforest Falls Vacation Bible School** (6/7 to 6/11) & **VBS Sunday** (6/14)
- ❖ **Summer Sunday Fun Days** (7/5 to 8/30)
- ❖ **Ministries for Aging** expanding to include neighbors (TBD)
- ❖ **Trustees: complete update of the whole facility with LED lighting** (TBD)
- ❖ **And much more...stay tuned!**

Church Staff Updates

The Staff Pastor Relations Committee worked on staff job descriptions in 2025, and these new position titles reflect updates and/or changes in these descriptions:

Rich Anderson	Financial & Information Management Coordinator
Jenny Beukenhorst	Communications Coordinator
Dan Boten	Finance & Building Administrator
Brenda Bowers	Design and Team Support Specialist
Dennis Byerly	Outreach Liaison (volunteer position)
Leah Dinoso	Next Gen & Family Engagement Director
Shane Goughnour	Music & Worship Director
Vikki O’Hara	Caring Ministries Director
Gama Silva	Building Engineer
Dolores Silva	Building Support
Dustin Smith	Student Ministry Assistant
Rev. Cindi Stewart	Lead Pastor

**Help us to continue to identify priorities
for FaithWestwood UMC
by participating in this Vision Survey.
Thank you!**

