

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.

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



Faith
WESTWOOD

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:

Dawn Stock - Missions Director

I am here to help you with:

- Getting involved with one of our local Mission Partners. Such as the FaithWorks Pantry, Central Middle School, or Together.
- Finding an opportunity for your small group to serve.
- Answering questions about our Mission Trips and the missionaries that we support.



Contact me at 402-895-3394 ex.1012 or dawn.stock@faithwestwood.com

Coming Up @ FaithWestwood...

April 24 - When We Get in the Game, Everybody Wins

Ever feel like you're sitting on the sideline? You rush around from one thing to the next, but you wonder if you're really in the game - or in the right game.

- We make plans.
- We stay busy.
- We keep ourselves entertained.

But for what? Jesus is recruiting you to get in his game. Are you curious? Are you willing to let go of the safe, little world you've created for yourself? If you are - if we are - everybody wins.



Children's Director: Leah Dinoso
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SAVE THE DATE: Cave Quest Vacation Bible School June 19-23. Registration begins May 1st.

Dunking for Dollars for Vacation Bible School

Come dunk your favorite leaders at Burgers & Bingo and help out VBS too!!! See details at bottom of page.

Nursery & PreK - My Neighborhood

Bible Story: We can love people with what we have. Peter and John • Acts 3:1-16
Bottom Line: I can love God and love people.
Memory Verse: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart. ... Love your neighbor as yourself." Matthew 22:37-39, NIV

Elementary - Hangin' Tough

Bible Story: Pain Then Gain (Fix your eyes on Jesus) • Hebrews 12:2-3
Bottom Line: When life gets hard, remember what Jesus did for you.
Memory Verse: "But those who trust the Lord will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak." Isaiah 40:31, NIV



Interim Student Ministry Director: Holly Timberlake
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402-895-3394 x 1013

Interim IMPACT Director: LeAnn Adkins
402-895-3394 x 1005

Middle School and High School students

We invite families to join us for a very special evening this Wednesday, April 20th. We are bringing in a guest speaker who loves supporting families. We will begin with dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. We will have Little Ceasars Pizza, Salad, and Dessert (Suggested Donation of \$5)

Growing through Change - Building Resilience

Melissa "Mel" Brestel, LIMHP, MSW
Licensed Independent Mental Health Practitioner
Master Social Worker
7:00 p.m. Worship Center

Burgers and Bingo

We invite families to join us for this fun fellowship event!
April 27th @ 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall
We will provide hamburgers, last names A-M please bring desserts and N-Z please bring salads.

Weekly Prayer for Students

Scripture: You, O Lord, are with _____, You are mighty to save. Take great delight in _____, quiet _____ with Your love, rejoice over _____ with singing.

Missions

Faith Works Pantry

The FaithWorks Pantry is now enrolled in the BakersPlus Card Community The FaithWorks Pantry is now enrolled in the BakersPlus Card Community Rewards Program. Each quarter Baker's will donate a percentage of sales back to the Pantry. To register your BakersPlus Card go to www.bakersplus.com/communityrewards Our church ID/NPO is 37909.



Faith Works Pantry Savvy Shoppers Weekly Deals

Super Saver: Libby's vegetables, 2/\$1
Family Fare: Our Family apple juice or peanut butter, \$.97, with digital coupon

Food Drives for Together Inc.

We are happy to continue to support our Mission Partner Together Inc. through food drives at local west Omaha stores. Together was instrumental in getting our Faithworks Pantry started and continues to support our pantry with perishable items. Last year our six food drives collected 10,800 pounds of food and nearly \$1,000 for Together.

Volunteers are needed in 2-hour shifts. To Sign-Up, see the enclosed insert for times and dates available. Questions contact Wayne Brunz at 402-658-5706.

Family Serve Night

Thank you to all who served as a part of our Student Ministries Family Serve Night. We had 150 people serving on 10 different projects.

- 200 UMCOR Health Kits
- 100 Blessing Bags for the Homeless
- Tied 20+ fleece blankets
- Planted flowers at Central Middle School and did general clean-up
- Put up bulletin boards at Central Middle School
- Painted the Children's Ministry space restrooms
- Painted art canvases for the New Children's Ministry Large Group Space
- Sorted grocery bags for the CareMaters
- Packed Base Bags for the Pantry
- Sorted & Packed Supplies with the Costa Rica Mission Team.

Contact Information

For additional information or questions on these or other Mission Opportunities, please contact Dawn Stock, dawn.stock@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 ext. 1012.

Mission Offerings

Mission Offering Today - Student Ministry Mission Trip Supplies

The offering today will help underwrite the cost of the Blessing Bags that will be taken on our Student Mission trips and used on the day when the students serve the homeless. Each bag has a few food items, water, health items, socks and a \$5.00 McDonald's Gift Card.

April 10 Mission Offering - Native American Ministries = \$766.50

CareMATers Ministry NEEDS YOU!

Did you see us on WOWT-TV and Yahoo News around Thanksgiving?

Have you viewed our instructional video at <https://vimeo.com/150394708> or on the Faith-Westwood website under CareMaters Ministry?

We need your help and would welcome you to join us in being a blessing to the homeless members of our community by helping us process the bags we use to make 3'x6' sleeping mats from plastic grocery sacks. Donated bags need to be sorted and flattened weekly before we cut the bags into 6" strips and then crochet them into the mats.

We have donated over 500 sleeping mats in three years with over 100 donated since January 2016. Donation sites/organizations include: Siena/Francis House, Open Door Mission, Salvation Army, Dept. of Veteran's Affairs, Table of Mercy, Beautiful Gate, and Community Alliance.

We meet the 1st, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of the month in Fellowship Hall from 1-3pm. We average 17 to 23 men and women volunteers each Wednesday and enjoy fellowship while being the hands of Christ as we process the donated bags from the congregation.

IMPORTANT NOTE: We will NOT meet on Wednesday April 27th -- please join us and attend the UMW Spring Salad Luncheon in Fellowship Hall that day!

For more information contact: Linda Hughes - 402-895-6907 or Sandi Smith - 402-334-7831 or just come and join us!! EVERYBODY WINS!

Can You Bring A Member to Church?

We have people at Faith-Westwood who love to attend our Sunday services but cannot drive themselves to church. Picking up a person for either the 9 AM or for the 10:45 service would be so appreciated (even if you could only drive a person a couple times a month). Right now we especially need drivers for the 10:45 service. If you could help with this aspect of our Angels on Wheels ministry please call Cindy Uhrich at (402) 708-8910.

Interested in membership?

Contact Holly Timberlake at holly.timberlake@faithwestwood.com or 402-895-3394 x 1013.

Property Tax Reduction

Real Estate Property Tax Reduction may be available for people over 65 years old with incomes (reduced by unreimbursed medical expenses) less than \$40,300 (\$47,800 for couples) and disabled people with incomes (reduced by unreimbursed medical expenses) less than \$43,700 (\$51,000 for couples). For more information, call VAS at (402)444-6617 or visit www.vas-nebraska.com or call Faith-Westwood member Barb Strominger at (402)489-7641. Deadline for applying for this Homestead Exemption is June 30th.

What's Happening

Amazing Grays
AMAZING GRAYS will meet on Tuesday, April 19 at 12:00 noon. Reservations for lunch should be made by Monday, April 18 by either signing the attendance card on Sunday morning or calling Howard and Carolyn Rhoten at 402-895-3530. Our FaithCommunity Nurses, Sandi Vyhldal and Cheryl Gray, will be here to introduce us to their role in the church.

Calling ALL Families!



We will be celebrating May Day on May 1st by going Ding-Dong Ditching in FaithWestwood's neighborhood. Join us as we share candy and an invitation to VBS with our neighbors. We will meet in the Foyer immediately following the 10:45 service.

Susanna Circle

This United Methodist Women's book club will meet on April 20th at 10:30 a.m. in the Library. We are starting a new book called "When People are Hurting," by James Moore. For more information call Gaylene Adler, 402-895-3926.


The United Methodist Women of FaithWestwood United Methodist Church
Invite you to join us for our Annual

Spring Salad Luncheon and Program

Wednesday, April 27, 2016 at 11:30 a.m.
Tickets \$8.00

Tickets will be available April 17th & 24th in the Foyer at FaithWestwood, or for reservations call:
Gaylene Adler - 402-895-3926 or
Jan Anderson 402-333-2584

The Program:
Cherrie Beam-Callaway as "Mariah," is a native Nebraska storyteller with the Nebraska Humanities Council. Twelve sets of families homesteaded in Nebraska. Cherrie has been making history come alive for 35 years giving programs to over 97,000 children and adults. She depicts an Irish Nebraska settler between 1847 and 1885. You'll be transported in time with stories of loneliness, success, failure and most importantly becoming an American.



APRIL 17, 2016

Sunday - 9 am

PreludeHandbell Choir
Gary Addison, director

Welcome.....Pastor Steve Todd

Call to WorshipPastor Steve Todd

Hymn..... The Lord's My Shepherd, #136

Children's Time..... Pastor Steve Todd

Baptism.....Pastor Steve Todd

OpportunitiesBrenda Bowers

Offering.....Handbell Choir

Act of Praise.....Doxology, #95

Offering Prayer - The Lord's PrayerPastor Steve Todd

Hymn.....Something Beautiful, #394

Prayer OpportunityVikki O'Hara

Hymn..... O Jesus, I Have Promised, #396

Scripture:John 11:1-7, 31-36 Terry Lammert

Message When Hearts Break, Everybody Wins
Pastor Steve Todd

Hymn (as time allows).....Jesus Calls Us, #398

Costa Rica BlessingPastor Steve Todd

Blessing.....Pastor Steve Todd

Shalom

