

The

August 2014

WORSHIP

FaithWestwood
Worship Team:

Creating elements
together that are
Deep, Daring and
Daily worship
experiences.

Connection



WELCOME BACK MASTER SETH!!

We are so excited to have Seth “Maestro” McKenzie back home with us here at FaithWestwood! For the last two years Seth has been studying Percussion Performance, at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. In May Seth graduated with his master’s degree.

Now that Seth is back in town, he is working on many different projects. He will be teaching percussion at Millard South, Gretna, Fremont and Skutt Catholic High Schools.. Seth is also teaching private percussion lessons in the areas of concert and contemporary percussion, drumset, world percussion and marching percussion.

Along with his many teaching obligations, Seth is very active here at FaithWestwood. We are excited that he has joined the ThreePoint Choir as the conductor. (Many of you may have noticed that he even wore tails the first time he joined them.) His energy and enthusiasm is contagious! Seth is also working hard with the WildFire United group, that preforms in and around the community.

Seth has also been working with the visual media. He helps ensure that each week the words and graphics needed are in place so that each service runs smoothly.

Welcome Back Seth! We can’t wait to see where the Spirit leads you!

WORSHIP DEVOTION:

Psalm 92:

Praise for the LORD's Goodness.

A Psalm, a Song for the Sabbath day.

- ¹ It is good to give thanks to the LORD and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;
- ² To declare Your loving-kindness in the morning and Your faithfulness by night,
- ³ With the ten-stringed lute and with the harp, with resounding music upon the lyre.
- ⁴ For You, O LORD, have made me glad by what You have done; I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands.
- ⁵ How great are Your works, O LORD! Your thoughts are very deep.
- ⁶ A senseless man has no knowledge, nor does a stupid man understand this:
- ⁷ That when the wicked sprouted up like grass and all who did iniquity flourished, it was *only* that they might be destroyed forevermore.
- ⁸ But You, O LORD, are on high forever.
- ⁹ For, behold, Your enemies, O LORD, For, behold, Your enemies will perish; all who do iniquity will be scattered.
- ¹⁰ But You have exalted my horn like *that* of the wild ox; I have been anointed with fresh oil.
- ¹¹ And my eye has looked *exultantly* upon my foes; my ears hear of the evildoers who rise up against me.
- ¹² The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree, He will grow like a cedar in Lebanon.
- ¹³ Planted in the house of the LORD, They will flourish in the courts of our God.
- ¹⁴ They will still yield fruit in old age; they shall be full of sap and very green,
- ¹⁵ To declare that the LORD is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in Him.

FaithWestwood UMC has a rich history of living out Psalm 92, especially in the area of worship. Over the years, we have enjoyed the blessing of choirs that span generations. Our Worship Ministry team strives to maintain that history, steeped in beautiful tradition. In that spirit, our Chancel Choir and two children's choirs continue to provide inspirational music for us on Sunday mornings.

We also recognize the importance of introducing new styles, sounds and songs to ensure that younger generations continue to grow in their knowledge of God and appreciate the privilege of worshipping Him within a community of faith. Our Worship Band, Ensemble, and ThreePoint Choir serve us well in that regard on Sunday mornings.

Throughout the year our Worship Ministry team accumulates props, set pieces and costumes, and writes scripts for dramas to bring stories to life during worship and special services.

Members of our worship band recently formed a group called WildFire United with the idea of bringing praise music to outside venues, allowing worship to happen outside the walls of the church, too.

Worship Ministries exists to provide opportunities for people to join together in praising our Lord and Savior; to give Him all honor and glory. It is our fervent hope that, through our efforts, Psalm 92 continues to be lived out here at FaithWestwood.

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- Donna Zito, Worship Director

WORLD CONNECTION:

This is Tracy Nachuha. She is 9 years old and from Uganda. She participated in the African Children's choir, and when they toured she was here at FaithWestwood. Tracy is full of

life and her energy is infectious.

Each year we send money to support Tracy in all that she is doing. She is back in Uganda and in school, her

favorite subject is Art.

If you'd like more information please check out the bulletin board in the choir room. There are many ways you too can help Tracy.



Chancel Choir News

Chancel Choir is starting again this fall! If you are anywhere from 14 to 114, please join us! We will be practicing from 7:30 – 8:30 beginning Wednesday August 27. We sing the 1st, 2nd, and 4th Sundays of each month at the 9:00 service.

If you would like more information, please contact Jill Anderson at 402-334-1884, or by email at: musicjra@aol.com. Hope to see you there!!!

Kid's Choir News

The children's choirs are getting ready for a new year! If you are age kindergarten through fifth grade, this is for you!!! The Little Angels choir is for those age kindergarten through first grade, and they sing the second Sunday of each month, beginning September 14. The Cherubs choir is for second through fifth graders, and they perform the fourth Sunday of each month, beginning September 28. These choirs rehearse Wednesday evenings, starting August 27, from 6:30 – 7:15 in rooms 211 and 213. They will also visit two retirement homes for performances during the year.

If you are interested in the Little Angels, please contact Sue Hamilton at 402-330-4930, or by email at jim.sue.hamilton@gmail.com.

If you need more information about the Cherubs, please contact Jill Anderson at 402-334-1884, or by email at: musicjra@aol.com

CHOIR CORNER

ThreePoint Choir News

As we move into fall, the ThreePoint Choir is looking forward to a few more opportunities! We will be singing at the both worship service on August 31st as a part of our Gospel Sunday.

The Christmas County Spelling Bee

We will be holding tryouts for the Christmas Pageant on October 1st, 2014.

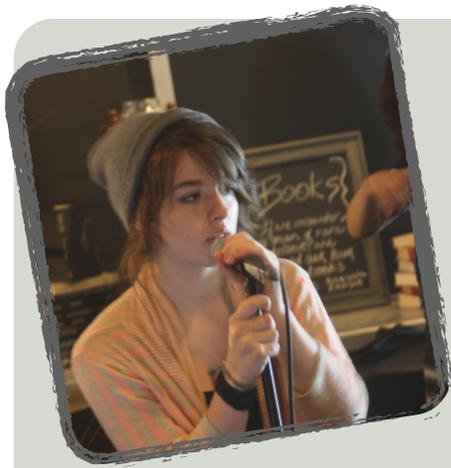
Audition Opportunities include:

- 2nd-5th graders: Dance
- 4th and 5th graders: Acting: (There are 7 acting roles available for this age group)
- 6th-8th graders: Acting: (there are 3 or 4 roles available for this age group.)

For more information or questions or to get registered for auditions please contact:

Leah Dinoso at leah.dinoso@faithwestwood.com or Liz Polivka at lizpolivka1@gmail.com

DATES:	LITTLE ANGELS	CHERUBS	BELL CHOIR	THREEPOINT CHOIR	CHANCEL CHOIR
	Next Rehearsal: Wednesday August 27th, 6:30pm -7:15 pm	Next Rehearsal: Wednesday August 27th 6:30pm -7:15 pm	Next Rehearsal: August 18th or 25th	Next Rehearsal: Saturday August 30th, 10:00am-12:00pm	Next Rehearsal: Wednesday August 27th, 7:30pm-8:30pm
	Sing in Worship: The second Sunday of every month during the school year at 9 A.M. service.	Sing in Worship The fourth Sunday of every month during the school year at 9 A.M. service.	Play in Worship: The third Sunday of the Month, at 9 a.m. service.	Sing in Worship: Sunday August 31st, at 9am and 10:45 services.	Sing in Worship: The first, second, and fourth Sundays of the month, during the school year, at the 9 A.M. service.



SPOT LIGHT ON: CAMRYN BOWERS

Camryn Bowers is a Sophomore at Papillion LaVista High School. She has attended FaithWestwood for seven years.



A week before Camryn went to Costa Rica with the High School Mission trip I met with her to ask her a few questions.

Camryn has been a part of worship for about two years. She is involved with the band, prayer team, youth band (piano), photography and media. Camryn also talked about her two favorite parts of participating in worship: spreading God's unfathomable love and being able to work and get to know so many different people, growing from their stories and tribulations.

Why are you going on this mission trip to Costa Rica?

"I look forward to being able to focus on growing in my faith, and helping others to grow in their faith. I am also looking forward to helping those in Costa Rica, which is an environment that is so unlike what I'm used to and I'm ready for that change."

What do you hope to gain from this experience?

"This trip is the first time I have ever gone out of the country, although I'm nervous not only for myself but also for the youth team.

I am excited by the thought that I will be able to return with my faith completely flipped and upside down and turned around. I know that I will definitely be a different person when I return."

How do you think this will impact what you do in worship?

"I definitely know that I will connect more with the music I am singing. I won't just be saying the words that are on paper; it will be putting my own experiences behind them. Anyone can sing a worship song, but not everyone can understand a worship song and connect to it."

Following the Mission trip I met up with Camryn again to talk about her experience and how it affected her.

What did you gain from your experience in Costa Rica?

"When you see a commercial on third-world countries, and they'll ask you to donate money or something along those lines right? And yeah, your heart strings are pulled and you feel bad, but no one can truly comprehend that pain, at least not until they see it

first hand. On this trip I had the opportunity to really see and be a part of their every day lives, that's what I gained, the understanding that it's not just a ploy for money, it really does happen, and they really can be helped."

How will it impact what you do in worship?

"I'm not sure if the two really coincide with each other. Yes, I have seen God at work in those people's lives, but the only thing that will change is my appreciation for the missionaries of the church."

Advice to someone who is thinking of doing a Mission trip?

"Anyone and anywhere is an opportunity to do a service in the name of God. Whether it's out of the Country or in your home state, everywhere is going to have issues, and you don't need a passport to help those who are struggling around you."



SAVE THE DATES

August 5th:

WildFire United at
Stories Coffee House
180th and Pacific
6pm-8pm

August 31st:

ThreePoint Choir
leading worship at
9a.m. and 10:45a.m.

September 2nd:

WildFire United at
Stories Coffee House

October 1st:

Auditions for The
Christmas County
Spelling Bee
(2nd-8th grade) in
the Worship Center
5:30pm -6:30pm

October 7th:

WildFire United at
Stories Coffee House
180th and Pacific
6pm-8pm

October 8th:

Auditions for
S.W.A.T in the
Worship Center
5:30pm-6:30pm

December 14th:

The Christmas County
Spelling Bee Pageant
in the Worship
Center at the 9 a.m.
and 10:45 a.m.

S.W.A.T.

**Sunday
WORSHIP
Arts Team**

**AUDITIONS:
WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8TH,
2015
5:30PM-6:30PM**

Do you have a passion for Acting, Singing, Band (Instrumental), Dancing or Scripture Reading?? Then we are looking for you!

Anyone, any age, who is interested in working with Sunday Worship Arts Team (S.W.A.T.) is welcome to sign up to audition.

Please e-mail Liz Polivka at lizpolivka1@gmail.com with what you would like to audition for, and Liz will connect with you to set up a time during that hour.

For more information or questions please contact: Donna Zito at donna.zito@faithwestwood.com or Liz Polivka at lizpolivka1@gmail.com

GROWING, LEADING, SHARING: BEYOND THE WALLS



WILDFIRE UNITED'S PURPOSE:

To Grow in the love of Jesus



To Lead the
body of Christ
into worship

To Share
God's Love

Stories Coffee House 7-8-14

Have you ever walked into a place and just felt the presence of God? Have you ever wondered what it would be like to worship and share worship music outside the walls of church? Well, WildFire United was able to do just that!

Stories CoffeeHouse is located on 180th and Pacific. It is run by a few local business owners, who together make Stories full of sweet coffee, great food, and amazing pastries and deserts. On July 19th, they celebrated their one year anniversary.

On July 8th, Shane, Camryn, Seth, and Adrienne led an amazing night of worship. The

music was worshipful, and the people who came to support joined them in raising their voices to God. WildFire United also raised \$70 in tips to donate to the FaithWestwood food pantry!

Amber (one of Stories owners) said it best in her Facebook post from later that night: "We had a vision of just how we wanted to use Stories for His honor and His Glory. Tonight I think we accomplished the goal...In scripture Jesus says "build the ark and they will come. Your worship team absolutely blew our socks off, and had a blast doing it. It's a dream come true to see people enjoying and

showing God's love through music."

With God's guiding hand FaithWestWood will be able to regularly lead the first Tuesday of the month.

WildFire United may have different faces, but if you're free on the first Tuesday of the month, come check out the worship that's happening and help us build a new story.

The first Tuesday of
every month
live worship at Stories
CoffeeHouse 180th and
Pacific
6pm-8pm