

WELCOME!

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We're happy you are worshipping with us today and pray you will experience the love of Christ through our church. Each week we invite everyone to sign the **Friendship Pads** as one way to get better acquainted. To learn more about our church, pick up a copy of our newsletter, in-Site(s), available at each worship site or visit our website—www.AnkenyFUMC.org.

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN Children are always welcome in worship, and "Worship Bags" with children's activities are available for them to use. Quality childcare is provided on Sunday mornings for infants and toddlers, as well as Sunday School for children ages 3 and up. Just ask an usher for assistance in finding the nursery or Sunday School rooms. A "Wee Care" Room is located in the balcony of the Uptown Sanctuary, so little ones can play while parents watch and listen to worship.

SOUL FOOD CAFÉ All are invited to our informal meal Wednesday evenings during the school year between 5:00-6:30pm in our Uptown Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$3 per person (\$10 per family). NO reservations needed! Check the church website to see what's on the menu this week under "Groups & Study". **Resumes January 7.**

SPECIAL NEEDS At our Uptown location, large print hymnals and bulletins and wireless hearing aids are available—ask an usher for assistance.

FELLOWSHIP You are all invited to Fellowship Time! **Uptown:** Between the three Sunday services in Fellowship Hall. **Faith Chapel:** After both services in Fellowship Hall. **Christian Life Center:** Between both services. **Spirit Alive:** Before worship.

FOR THOSE WHO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY If you make your church contributions on-line, but still find it meaningful to put something in the offering plate, you will find a small basket of cards at each worship site which say, "I give electronically." Pick one up weekly and put it in the offering plate. To donate from your smart phone, use the mobile version of our online giving page at any time. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader.

WE'RE GLAD YOU WORSHIPPED WITH US TODAY!
Join us next week as we explore the following theme:
"Wise Men (and Women and Children)
Uptown Saturday & Sunday: "Are We There Yet?" Rev. Angie Loomis
Christian Life Center: "Trespassing AFTER the Party" Rev. John Wagner
Faith Chapel: "Good News for the New Year" Rev. Dick Pfaltzgraff

FEATURED INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK

CANDLES OF HOPE—A LITURGY OF REMEMBERING

The "Candles of Hope" service is a quiet time to worship the Christ child and remember blessings in an atmosphere of peace and serenity. Join us today, **December 21** from 4:30-5:30pm in the Uptown Chapel in sharing and hearing prayers, scripture readings, meditations and music that acknowledge God's presence for those who mourn and for those who struggle. Allow yourself the reminder that God's Word does come to shine light in our darkness.

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

Today Sunday, **December 21** at 3:00pm in the Uptown Sanctuary. In this service, the community receives the story of "God with us" through nine passages of scripture along with traditional anthems and carols of Christmas. The musical selections will be presented by a Festival Choir, Orchestra and Chamber Choir comprising musicians from all of worship sites. Bring your family and friends to begin your Christmas celebration!

JOIN US FOR CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP
December 23
Christmas Candlelight Service, 7:00pm Uptown Sanctuary
December 24
Uptown: 3:00pm Candy Cane Service (great for families); 5:00, 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00pm Candlelight Services;
Christian Life Center: 5:00pm; 7:00pm Candlelight Service;
Faith Chapel: 5:00pm, 7:00pm Candlelight Service
Infant and toddler childcare is available except at the December 24 Uptown 3:00pm and 11:00pm services.
Communion will be served at all services except at the 3:00pm Candy Cane service.



WORSHIP SERVICES
Uptown: 206 SW Walnut St ~ 964-4249
Saturdays 5:00pm ~ Blended
Sundays 8:30am ~ Traditional
9:45am ~ Contemporary
11:00am ~ Spirited Traditional
Christian Life Center: 710 NE 36th St ~ 289-9153
Saturdays 7:15pm ~ "The Road"
Sundays 9:00am & 10:45am ~ Contemporary
Faith Chapel: 7384 NW 16th St ~ 289-2171
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SUNDAY SCHOOL
Uptown: 9:45 & 11:00am
~ 3yr old -7th grade
Christian Life Center:
9:00am & 10:45am
~ 3yr old -7th grade
Faith Chapel:
10:30am ~ 3yr old-3rd grade
Nursery available at all Sunday services.

Ministers: All God's People
Lead Pastor: Scott Hibben
Administrative Pastor: Angie Loomis
Associate Pastors, Faith Chapel: Thom Bryant, Dick Pfaltzgraff
Associate Pastor, CLC: John Wagner
Associate Pastors, Thrive UMC: Jeremy Poland, Jen Hibben
Director of Worship Ministry: Jan Boehm
Director of Children & Family Ministries: Pat Crownover
Director of Youth Ministry: Rick Webb
Associate Director of Youth Ministry: Theresa Bargfrede
Director of Small Group Ministry: Lindsay Drake
Director of Care & Connection Ministry: Jacque Coulson
Director of Sports Ministry: Traci Schermerhorn
Minister of Visitation: Charles Tefft, Duane Churchman
Email staff at: firstname.lastname@AnkenyFUMC.org

Deadlines: Bulletin → Tuesdays 5:00pm; Jan 15 Newsletter → Jan 1

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF AFUMC EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES:
Pick up a weekly calendar at any worship location (ask an usher for assistance) or go to our website: www.AnkenyFUMC.org.

Al-Anon
Mondays, 7:00pm, Upt Rm 314
AA
Wednesdays, 8:00pm, Upt Rm 314
Fridays, 6:00pm, Upt Rm 314
Saturdays, 6:30pm, Upt Rm 314
Wednesdays, 6:00pm, CLC Rms 103-104
Contact Gene & Marilyn Sewell (964-0041) with questions.

**Ankeny First United Methodist Church** is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

**Bright Beginnings Preschool**
Any questions, please contact Missy Starr: 229-0667

THE ROAD OF RECOVERY **REAL. LIFE. CHANGE.** Saturdays at the Christian Life Center. 6:00pm pizza and salad supper; 7:15pm worship; 8:00pm Recovery Group breakout. While this ministry and worship focuses on those recovering from addictions, friends and family members of those recovering, and those having trouble meeting life on life's terms, it is open to all. *The Road's 24 hour contact number, 515-777-8333, is "always on" and we are here to help.*

3 Locations ~ 9 Worship Services
1 Congregation United in Christ!
Uptown Campus ~ Faith Chapel ~ Christian Life Center
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A TRESPASSING GOD

ADVENT SERMON SERIES

UPTOWN CAMPUS: 206 SW Walnut Street
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Our Mission:
To be an open and inviting community of faith through which God grows deeply committed Christians.

Our Vision:
INVITE people into Christ's Body.
INSPIRE them to become more like Jesus.
IMPROVE the lives of those in need.

DECEMBER 21, 2014

Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

December 21, 2014 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME/WORSHIP FOCUS

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

"Joy to the World"

#246

*OPENING PRAYER: Almighty God, Light of the World, you caused light to shine out of darkness in the coming of Jesus our Christ; you continually open to us ways to prepare our hearts for you. So confess our unwillingness to see the light and to walk in your ways. We have not always opened our eyes to the needs of others, and our feet have wandered from your paths of justice and peace. We ask in this service of worship that the Spirit of Christ be born anew within us, that our hearts may be stirred into acts of compassion and service as we draw near to your nativity. Amen.

*WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM I *"The Little Drummer Boy"* [arr. Simeone] Chancel Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM II *"In the Bleak Midwinter"* [arr. Moore] Chancel Choir

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*OFFERING SONG/*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"* #240

*BENEDICTION

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BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE *January 11 at 9:30-11:00am at our Uptown site*—Come tour our programs for children 2-5 years old. Preschool staff and board members will be available to answer questions you may have about the program.

AFUMC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016 Our AFUMC Preschool Registration is Tuesday, **January 13!** Registration is to be completed in-person at 6:00-6:30pm for church members, and 6:30-7:00pm for community at large. No phone calls will be accepted. You will be able to register your child by the entryway to the Preschool Office for the Parents Morning Out, five-day, two-day, three-day and Kinder-Prep programs. A \$50 registration fee will be charged at the time of registration to reserve your child's place.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMING Our programming takes a brief break over the Christmas holiday. Programming will start up again the first full week of January.

- Bible Adventures: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 6:15-7:30pm
- K.U.L.E. Kids: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 6:15-7:30pm
- Little Cherubs: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 4:10-4:40pm; starts Tuesday, January 13, CLC at 6:00-6:30pm
- Kids of the Kingdom: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 4:00-4:45pm
- Heavenly Metal: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 4:00-4:40pm
- Celebration Chimes: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 4:45-5:25pm

Uptown Campus ~ Contemporary Worship December 21, 2014 ~ 9:45am

GATHERING SONG

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*PRAISE

PRAYER

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CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:1-2, 6-7

SERMON

"Trespassing in the Periphery"

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OFFERING OF OURSELVES

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SCRIPTURE Luke 2:7

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BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE *January 11 at 9:30-11:00am at our Uptown site*—Come tour our programs for children 2-5 years old. Preschool staff and board members will be available to answer questions you may have about the program.

AFUMC PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION FOR 2015-2016 Our AFUMC Preschool Registration is Tuesday, **January 13!** Registration is to be completed in-person at 6:00-6:30pm for church members, and 6:30-7:00pm for community at large. No phone calls will be accepted. You will be able to register your child by the entryway to the Preschool Office for the Parents Morning Out, five-day, two-day, three-day and Kinder-Prep programs. A \$50 registration fee will be charged at the time of registration to reserve your child’s place.

CHILDREN’S PROGRAMMING Our programming takes a brief break over the Christmas holiday. Programming will start up again the first full week of January.

- Bible Adventures: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 6:15-7:30pm
- K.U.L.E. Kids: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 6:15-7:30pm
- Little Cherubs: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 4:10-4:40pm; starts Tuesday, January 13, CLC at 6:00-6:30pm
- Kids of the Kingdom: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 4:00-4:45pm
- Heavenly Metal: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 4:00-4:40pm
- Celebration Chimes: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 4:45-5:25pm