

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 sermon: "Now What?"
Uptown Saturday & Sunday: Rev. Scott Hibben
Christian Life Center: Rev. Thom Bryant
Faith Chapel: Rev. Dick Pfaltzgraff

FEATURED INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK

WINTER WORSHIP SERIES WILL FAITH MATTER?—THE ACTS OF DISCIPLES

In a world of increasing "nones" and "dones" where it seems like people are giving up on faith, we ask the question, "Will Faith Matter?" Join us in this probing worship series reflecting the first six months Pastors Scott and Angie have been here at Ankeny First, as they have listened to those in our church, to our community, and to God. We will follow the Book of Acts as we address our mission and vision, outreach, ways we can live out biblical hospitality and deepening discipleship and face the tough issues and unique opportunities God is leading us to. It all starts January 4.

WEDNESDAYS
@FIRS

Especially designed for busy individuals and families who either missed weekend worship and/or need a mid-week "pick-me-up"—including meals, worship, and small groups for all ages on Wednesday nights **starting January 14!**

ALL NEW at the Christian Life Center (710 NE 36th Street): 5:00-6:15pm—Come-as-you-are supper; 6:15-6:45pm—Casual worship; 6:45-7:30 Small groups for all ages to follow.

At Uptown (206 SW Walnut St.): 5:00-6:30pm—Soul Food Café evening meal for everyone; 6:15-7:30pm—"Tough Questions" Pastor's Bible Study; Adult Choir & Music Groups, PLUS Bible Adventure, K.U.L.E. Kids and music groups for children and youth. See the church website for more details: www.AnkenyFUMC.org.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Ankeny First would like to extend a blessed New Year to each and every one of you! May God spread peace and joy into your life.

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
Sundays 9:00am ~ Traditional
10:30am ~ Contemporary

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

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
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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
FAITH CHAPEL: 7384 NW 16th Street
CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER: 710 NE 36th Street

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 28, 2014

Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

December 28, 2014 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME/WORSHIP FOCUS

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Liturgist Melody Webb

*OPENING HYMN

"We Three Kings" #254

*OPENING PRAYER: God of kings and rulers, paupers and peasants, shine upon your people with wisdom and truth. As the wise men opened their treasure chests to the infant Jesus and his family, open our hearts this day, that we may bask in your radiance and worship in the presence of your compassion and love. Amen.

*WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *"One King"* [Borders/Alexander] Paul Moss

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER SONG *"What Child Is This?"* #219

SCRIPTURE Matthew 2:1-12

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*OFFERING SONG/*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION *"The First Noel"* #245 vs. 1, 2, 3, 5

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" (refrain)*

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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
- Celebration Chimes: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 4:45-5:25pm

Uptown Campus ~ Contemporary Worship
December 28, 2014 ~ 9:45am

GATHERING SONG

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

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
- Celebration Chimes: Starts Wednesday, January 7, Uptown at 4:45-5:25pm