

# 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](http://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".

**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 continue our Lenten sermon series "Taking It to the Streets."  
**Next week's theme:** The Way or "Cost" of the Cross

## FEATURED INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK

### TODAY WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS TO ANKENY FUMC!

- LUANN BARNES** is transferring from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny. She has a daughter, Amanda.
- DOUG & PAULA BOYCE** are transferring from First United Methodist Church of Green Bay in Wisconsin.
- JOHN & LYNN BYRNE** are transferring from First Congregational UCC in Hampton.
- KAITLYN HIGDON** is transferring from Jesup First United Methodist.
- KEITH & FRAN HILDRETH** are joining by Reaffirmation of Faith.
- TRENT HULSEBERG** is joining by Profession of Faith.
- SCOTT INGERSOLL** is transferring from Richland United Methodist Church, and **TIFFANY** is transferring from First Presbyterian Church in Arlington.
- LOIS JEROME** is joining by Profession of Faith.
- MARK JOHNSON** is joining by Profession of Faith.
- BOB & JOAN KERR** are joining by Profession of Faith.
- DAVID & PAULA LANGE** are transferring from Scales Mound United Methodist Church in Illinois.
- KRISTIN MALETTA** is transferring from Guthrie Center First United Methodist.
- MICHAEL NORRIS & MICHELLE HAWWORTH** are joining by Profession of Faith. They have 5 children, Natalie, Madeline, Ella, Parker and Caroline.
- RYAN & LAURA PARKER** are transferring from Grimes United Methodist Church. They have three children, Kenna, Lawson & Miles.
- JOE & AMANDA REYSACK** are joining by Reaffirmation of Faith. They have two children, Amber & Jack.
- MONTE & CHARLENE SCHULLER** are transferring from Ruthven United Methodist Church.

### 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  
 Wednesdays 6:15pm ~ Casual  
 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  
**Associate Director of Worship Ministry:** Melody Webb  
**Director of Children & Family Ministries:** Pat Crownover  
**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](mailto:firstname.lastname@AnkenyFUMC.org)

**Deadlines: Bulletin → Tuesdays 5:00pm; Apr 1 Newsletter → Mar 15**

### 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](http://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 ~ 10 Worship Services**  
**1 Congregation United in Christ!**  
 Uptown Campus ~ Faith Chapel ~ Christian Life Center  
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**Our Mission:**  
*To be an open and inviting community of faith through which God grows deeply committed Christians.*

**Our Vision:**  
 Reach WITH the love of Christ.  
 Grow IN the love of Christ.  
 Serve THROUGH the love of Christ.

**MARCH 15, 2015**

# Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

## March 15, 2015 ~ 8:30am

### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME/WORSHIP FOCUS

##### \*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

#### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 24:7-10)

Lay Liturgist Don Miller

*"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"* #715

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN  
\*OPENING PRAYER: God most compassionate and holy, we thank you that you have come to us in Jesus the Servant-Christ, whose disciples we are. Make us strong in your strength; make us wise in your wisdom; and make us gentle in your compassion. In all that we say and do, may we be signs of everything that you seek to accomplish through the cross of Jesus Christ, that in this time of worship and in all of our lives your name may be gloried in all the earth. Amen.

##### \*WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

#### TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Worship Leader Mike Orthel

ANTHEM *"The Old Rugged Cross"* [George Bennard] Kathryn Bisbey

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN *"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"* #298

SCRIPTURE Matthew 25

SERMON *"What Do You See?"* Rev. Scott Hibben

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

#### OFFERTORY

##### \*DOXOLOGY/\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *"Takin' It to the Street"*

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#### POSTLUDE

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**Sound:** Brett Pike **Powerpoint:** John Newell **Fellowship Servers:** Harrison family

# Opportunities for Ministry & Growth

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### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**DIVERS AND DEVOTIONS** is our AFUMC swim program for children ages 4-11 years. Your child will have the opportunity to enhance their swimming skills while learning more about God's love for them. Dates: Sundays, **April 12-May 3**, 5:30-6:30pm, Location: Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside, Cost: \$25. Registration is limited: [www.ankenymfmc.org/swim](http://www.ankenymfmc.org/swim). Contact the CLC office, 289-9153, with questions.

**2015 "SOUNDS LIKE LOVE" SHOW CHOIR CAMP** Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual AFUMC Show Choir Camp, **July 13-17!** Last year, over 70 students participated in this week-long camp, full of fun and inspiring music and movement. Students who are currently in 1st-7th grades are invited to join us this year! We'll help them learn the basics of show choir, while giving them opportunities to grow in their relationships with each other and with God. Elementary Session (1st-4th grades): 9:00am-12:00pm. Mid-High Session (5th-7th grades): 1:30- 4:30pm. Early-bird registration is \$35 through June 1. (Cost is \$45 after June 1) We also need youth (8th grade & up) and adult volunteers to help with music, choreography & small groups. To register or volunteer, visit at [www.ankenymfmc.org/showchoircamp.htm](http://www.ankenymfmc.org/showchoircamp.htm)

**EASTER EGG CANDY NEEDED!** Donations of individually wrapped candy to place in eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt are needed. Tubs will be available at each worship location to drop off your donation. Our goal is to fill 10,000 or more eggs. If you would like to help fill the eggs, we will meet on **Tuesday, March 24**, starting at 6:00pm in Uptown Room 13. Bring your friends and family to help stuff eggs—and bring smiles to the faces of our children at the Easter Egg Hunt! Anyone interested in taking home eggs to fill at their leisure can contact Pat Crownover, Director of Children's Ministry, at 964-4249 or [pat.crownover@ankenymfmc.org](mailto:pat.crownover@ankenymfmc.org), or Christie Hollenbeck, Event Co-Chair, at 689-7901 or [rchollen@live.com](mailto:rchollen@live.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT ON APRIL 4!** Children 2 years-old to 4th Grade bring your Easter baskets to Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center on April 4 at 10:30am! See the Easter bunny too. Plenty of open space, parking, and fun!

**REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & MINI-MISSIONS IS OPEN!** Start planning your summer schedule for the kids now! VBS: Morning and Evening sessions the week of June 14 for children 3 years (by 9/15/14)-4th Grade; Mini-Missions: Mornings the week of June 15 for 5th-6th Grade. Register on-line [www.AnkenyFUMC.org](http://www.AnkenyFUMC.org). Consider volunteering to help with these large events!

**REGISTER NOW FOR UM SUMMER CAMPS! BEST. WEEK. EVER!** Attention kids! You are invited to the United Methodist camps this coming summer. The 2015 camp catalogs have arrived—just in time to find the right camp for you! Get one at The Connect! All AFUMC children are eligible to receive a church scholarship for 35% (up to \$125) of the cost of camp. Those interested in helping our kids go to camp can visit The Connect to learn more about sponsorship of campers!

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION

**THE SINGLES MINISTRY TEAM** encourages all AFUMC's singles over 30 to join us for fellowship and fun on the third Saturday of every month. We will meet from 7:00-10:00pm in Uptown Fellowship Hall (north entrances) on **March 21** for an evening of fun and games. Bring your favorite snack to share and be prepared for some special mixing! Please contact the office at 964-4249 with questions.

**CALLING ALL MEN** You are invited to the Men's Ministry Team monthly event from 8:30-10:00am on Saturday, **March 21** in the Uptown Family Center. Food, fun, and fellowship are always on the agenda. Hope you will join us! Contact Cary Halfpop at 238-7370 with any questions.

## GATHERING SONG

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SERMON

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**AGAPE GARDEN POTATO CUTTING PARTY MARCH 21!** Agape Garden will kick off the 2015 season with our first event on **March 21**. We will be cutting our seed potatoes to prepare them for planting. If you would like to help, or would like to learn more about service opportunities at the garden, please join us at 9:00am in the Faith Chapel Fellowship Hall. Questions, contact [Karen.Newell@g.com](mailto:Karen.Newell@g.com).

**AFUMC RUNNING CLUB** is a 10-week training plan aimed at running a 5K while maintaining a Christian focus. In this Bible study and training program, we will study and discuss the parallels between an endurance sport and the endurance that faith requires. Although designed for new runners, this program is appropriate for all experience levels. Experienced runners are needed to serve as running mentors. Small group will meet Tues., March 31–June 2, 6:30pm. Cost: \$20. <http://ankenymfmc.org/runningclub.htm>

**FAITH CHAPEL UMW SPAGHETTI SUPPER & BAKE SALE** Don’t plan on cooking Friday, **March 27**; instead, come enjoy the Faith Chapel UMW, all you can eat, Spaghetti Supper and Bake Sale, from 5:00-7:00pm! Tickets are available at the door: \$10 for adults/\$5 for children 12 and under. Proceeds will go to various missions.

**2015 HOLY WEEK CANTATA** Journey with Jesus to the cross as Ankeny FUMC’s Worship Arts ministry presents, "For Such a One as This," a sacred musical by Mark Hayes. Don’t miss this moving and powerful reenactment of the final days of Jesus’ earthly ministry, as actors, singers, and dancers portray these pivotal moments, accompanied by a live orchestra. The cast includes talented youth and adults from across all of AFUMC’s worship sites, as well as from the community. This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends, neighbors, and coworkers to experience the story of God’s amazing love. Presentations are in the Uptown Sanctuary on Friday, March 27–7:00pm; Saturday, March 28–7:00pm; Sunday, March 29 - 8:30 & 11:00am; a nursery will be available at all presentations.

**UMW SPRING SALAD LUNCHEON** Save the date for the annual UMW Spring Salad Luncheon on **April 14**, 11:00am-1:00pm, in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. Watch for more details in the coming weeks.

## YOUTH NEWS

**FUSION AND THE GATHERING** Due to the Spring Break Mission trip, Fusion and The Gathering will not meet tonight, **March 15!** See you next week!

**SAVE THE DATE FOR DISCOVERY WEEKEND 2015** Plans are underway for another awesome, faith-filled weekend for mid and senior highs **April 17-19**. Registration for senior high leaders, adults and mid-high participants is **now open**. Discovery Weekend can’t happen without volunteers. Contact [Theresa.Bargfrede@AnkenyFUMC.org](mailto:Theresa.Bargfrede@AnkenyFUMC.org) for volunteer opportunities and how you can help out.

**PASSIONATE ABOUT MISSION WORK?** Our youth in grades 6-12 will participate in Discovery Weekend on April 17-19. We are partnering with the Ankeny Service Center and AHEPA Senior Housing Project to provide “care kits” for low income seniors and others in need in Ankeny. You can help by donating personal hygiene articles, as well as some food staples. There is a complete list of items, most of which can be purchased at the dollar store, available at The Connect. Please return your donations to the Discovery Weekend Care Kit bins located at each site *by April 10*. If you have any questions, please contact Theresa by email, [Theresa.Bargfrede@AnkenyFUMC.org](mailto:Theresa.Bargfrede@AnkenyFUMC.org).

## MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

**TODAY IS FOOD PANTRY SUNDAY!** AFUMC supports the Des Moines Area Religious Council Food Pantry by encouraging members to contribute non-perishable food items the **3rd Sunday of every month**. We also encourage cash donations if you forgot your non-perishable items (simply note ‘Food Pantry’ in the memo of your check).

**NEXT OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AT BIDWELL-RIVERSIDE DISTRIBUTION CENTER** will be Wednesday, **March 25**. We will meet to carpool at 9:00am in the north Uptown parking lot. There are "jobs" for all ability levels, from guiding clients down grocery aisles to sorting and checking out clothing. You can sit or stand. So please join us. If you have questions, call Pam Heilskov at 515-257-0557.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**DIVERS AND DEVOTIONS** is our AFUMC swim program for children ages 4-11 years. Your child will have the opportunity to enhance their swimming skills while learning more about God’s love for them. Dates: Sundays, **April 12-May 3**, 5:30-6:30pm, Location: Easter Seals Camp Sunnyside, Cost: \$25. Registration is limited: [www.ankenymfmc.org/swim](http://www.ankenymfmc.org/swim). Contact the CLC office, 289-9153, with questions.

**2015 "SOUNDS LIKE LOVE" SHOW CHOIR CAMP** Mark your calendars for the 2nd annual AFUMC Show Choir Camp, **July 13-17!** Last year, over 70 students participated in this week-long camp, full of fun and inspiring music and movement. Students who are currently in 1st-7th grades are invited to join us this year! We’ll help them learn the basics of show choir, while giving them opportunities to grow in their relationships with each other and with God. Elementary Session (1st-4th grades): 9:00am-12:00pm. Mid-High Session (5th-7th grades): 1:30– 4:30pm. Early-bird registration is \$35 through June 1. (Cost is \$45 after June 1) We also need youth (8th grade & up) and adult volunteers to help with music, choreography & small groups. To register or volunteer, visit at [www.ankenymfmc.org/showchoircamp.htm](http://www.ankenymfmc.org/showchoircamp.htm)

**EASTER EGG CANDY NEEDED!** Donations of individually wrapped candy to place in eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt are needed. Tubs will be available at each worship location to drop off your donation. Our goal is to fill 10,000 or more eggs. If you would like to help fill the eggs, we will meet on **Tuesday, March 24**, starting at 6:00pm in Uptown Room 13. Bring your friends and family to help stuff eggs—and bring smiles to the faces of our children at the Easter Egg Hunt! Anyone interested in taking home eggs to fill at their leisure can contact Pat Crownover, Director of Children’s Ministry, at 964-4249 or [pat.crownover@ankenymfmc.org](mailto:pat.crownover@ankenymfmc.org), or Christie Hollenbeck, Event Co-Chair, at 689-7901 or [rchollen@live.com](mailto:rchollen@live.com).

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT ON APRIL 4!** Children 2 years-old to 4th Grade bring your Easter baskets to Prairie Ridge Aquatic Center on April 4 at 10:30am! See the Easter bunny too. Plenty of open space, parking, and fun!

**REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL & MINI-MISSIONS IS OPEN!** Start planning your summer schedule for the kids now! VBS: Morning and Evening sessions the week of June 14 for children 3 years (by 9/15/14)-4th Grade; Mini-Missions: Mornings the week of June 15 for 5th-6th Grade. Register on-line [www.AnkenyFUMC.org](http://www.AnkenyFUMC.org). Consider volunteering to help with these large events!

**REGISTER NOW FOR UM SUMMER CAMPS! BEST. WEEK. EVER!** Attention kids! You are invited to the United Methodist camps this coming summer. The 2015 camp catalogs have arrived—just in time to find the right camp for you! Get one at The Connect! All AFUMC children are eligible to receive a church scholarship for 35% (up to \$125) of the cost of camp. Those interested in helping our kids go to camp can visit The Connect to learn more about sponsorship of campers!

## OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION

**THE SINGLES MINISTRY TEAM** encourages all AFUMC’s singles over 30 to join us for fellowship and fun on the third Saturday of every month. We will meet from 7:00-10:00pm in Uptown Fellowship Hall (north entrances) on **March 21** for an evening of fun and games. Bring your favorite snack to share and be prepared for some special mixing! Please contact the office at 964-4249 with questions.

**CALLING ALL MEN** You are invited to the Men’s Ministry Team monthly event from 8:30-10:00am on Saturday, **March 21** in the Uptown Family Center. Food, fun, and fellowship are always on the agenda. Hope you will join us! Contact Cary Halfpop at 238-7370 with any questions.