

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".

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 celebrate Easter!
Next week's theme: Jesus Is Risen!

FEATURED INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK

40 DAYS OF PRAYER CONCLUDING

If you accepted an envelope at the beginning of this Lenten season, THANK YOU for your care and prayer for several members of our church family. Now you are invited to contact the families for whom you have been praying. Write any response you have to this experience on the back of your initial letter or a blank piece of paper and bring your envelope back on Easter Sunday to dedicate them to God during the offertory time.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE—THURSDAY, APRIL 2

- 7:00pm at the Christian Life Center.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE—FRIDAY, APRIL 3

- **7:00pm** in the Uptown Sanctuary. Note the new time this year.

SATURDAY SERVICES—SATURDAY, APRIL 4

- 5:00pm, Spirit Alive Service, Uptown Fellowship Hall
- 7:15pm, The Road of Recovery, Christian Life Center

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICES - SUNDAY, APRIL 5 *All our Regular Services will be Celebrating the Resurrection of Jesus:*

- Uptown – 8:30, 9:45 and 11:00am
- Christian Life Center – 9:00 and 10:45am
- Faith Chapel – 9:00 and 10:30am

- Plus our *Sunrise Services, 6:30am at the Christian Life Center AND *NEW* Faith Chapel.*

JOIN OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT NEXT SAT., 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 parking, and fun!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT!

We need volunteers to help set-up, scatter eggs, help children and families, recycle Easter eggs, and help clean up. Contact Pat Crownover, 964-4249 if you would like to help out!

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
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

Deadlines: Bulletin → Tuesdays 5:00pm; Apr 15 Newsletter → Apr 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 ~ 10 Worship Services
1 Congregation United in Christ!
Uptown Campus ~ Faith Chapel ~ Christian Life Center
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Hosanna
IN THE
Highest!

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

MARCH 29, 2015

Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

March 29, 2015 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OFFERING HYMN "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" #278

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

CANTATA PRESENTATION "For Such a One As This" [Mark Hayes]

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LAST DAY TO REGISTER for another awesome, faith-filled Discovery Weekend for mid and senior highs **April 17-19**. **Registration closes tonight!** Discovery Weekend can't happen without volunteers. Contact Theresa.Bargfrede@AnkenyFUMC.org for volunteer opportunities.

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.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE JOIN THE 2015 MALAWI MISSION TEAM and past Malawi trip participants on **April 8** at the CLC for **Wednesdays@First: Experience Malawi**. A light meal will be served at 5:30pm to be followed by a message of Hope and Faith from Atusaye Mwenisongole, a visiting lay member from Malawi. After Atusaye's message, past trip participants will serve as table hosts to share their Malawi experiences in a small group setting. This will be a time to ask questions about our partnership with the Malawi United Methodist Church and to learn about what is it really like to visit a borehole or a village and be in worship together with the people of Malawi. Please contact Phil Sherman pj.sherm@gmail.com for questions, or if you would like to serve as a table host.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR ADULT SPRING MISSION TRIP! Our adult church mission team will be leaving on **Sunday, April 26**, for one-week of recovery work in Pilger, Nebraska, located in the northeast corner of the state after the area was devastated by a twin tornado last summer. If interested, please contact Connie Ruths at boco1mato@g.com or call 515.360.4365 or 480.671.2775. *The final planning meeting will meet Thursday, April 9, at 6:45pm in Uptown room 310.*

Uptown Campus ~ Contemporary Worship
March 29, 2015 ~ 9:45am

GATHERING SONG
WELCOME /GREETING

SCRIPTURE
Matthew 21:1-11

*PRAISE SONG/PALM PARADE

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER SONG

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:
OFFERTORY

SERMON
“A Walk Thru to Holy Week”
Rev. Angie Loomis

*BENEDICTION SONG

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REGISTRATION FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 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. Register on-line www.AnkenyFUMC.org. Our Mini-Missions program for 5th-6th Grade is full but we can put those still interested on a waiting list by calling 964-4249. Consider volunteering to help with these large events!

REGISTER NOW FOR UM SUMMER CAMPS! BEST. WEEK. EVER! Kids are invited to the United Methodist camps this coming summer. Find a 2015 catalog at The Connect! All AFUMC children are eligible to receive a church scholarship for 35% (up to \$125) of the cost of camp. We understand that camp can be quite expensive, especially for those sending multiple children, so this year we have created sponsorships to help reduce the cost further. Those interested in helping our kids go to camp in this way can visit The Connect to learn more about sponsorship of campers!

YOUTH NEWS

FUSION AND THE GATHERING Join us tonight, **March 29!** A meal is served each week from 6:00-7:00pm for \$3 for youth and their families.

- Fusion Youth Group (Grades 6-7) Sundays at the CLC from 5:00-6:45pm.

- The Gathering Youth Group (Grades 8-12) Sundays at the CLC from 6:30-8:15pm.

LAST DAY TO REGISTER for another awesome, faith-filled Discovery Weekend for mid and senior highs **April 17-19. Registration closes tonight!** Discovery Weekend can't happen without volunteers. Contact Theresa.Bargfrede@AnkenyFUMC.org for volunteer opportunities.

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.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

PLEASE JOIN THE 2015 MALAWI MISSION TEAM and past Malawi trip participants on **April 8** at the CLC for **Wednesdays@First: Experience Malawi**. A light meal will be served at 5:30pm to be followed by a message of Hope and Faith from Atusaye Mwenisongole, a visiting lay member from Malawi. After Atusaye's message, past trip participants will serve as table hosts to share their Malawi experiences in a small group setting. This will be a time to ask questions about our partnership with the Malawi United Methodist Church and to learn about what is it really like to visit a borehole or a village and be in worship together with the people of Malawi. Please contact Phil Sherman pj.sherm@gmail.com for questions, or if you would like to serve as a table host.

IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR OUR ADULT SPRING MISSION TRIP! Our adult church mission team will be leaving on **Sunday, April 26**, for one-week of recovery work in Pilger, Nebraska, located in the northeast corner of the state after the area was devastated by a twin tornado last summer. If interested, please contact Connie Ruths at boco1mato@g.com or call 515.360.4365 or 480.671.2775. *The final planning meeting will meet Thursday, April 9, at 6:45pm in Uptown room 310.*