

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.

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 sermon series:
CURRENT EVENTS—WHAT DOES FAITH HAVE TO SAY IN TROUBLED TIMES?
Weekly themes will emerge right from the headlines.

FEATURED INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK

LAST CHANCE TO REGISTER FOR THE YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP!

The summer mission trip for 8th-12th graders will be **June 21-26**, to help the community of Moberly, MO. **Registration is open through June 2.** Cost is \$200. Questions, please contact Theresa.Bargfrede@AnkenyFUMC.org, or 964.4249.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We still need more adults to join us on the youth mission trip to Moberly, MO, June 21-26. Please prayerfully consider this opportunity and contact Theresa.Bargfrede@AnkenyFUMC.org if you are interested or have any questions.



GETTING READY TO CLIMB EVEREST!

Our VBS decorating committee would like to borrow: Christmas trees, climbing gears, backpacks, ropes, tents, camping gear, hiking boots, etc. Whatever you might have in your homes—to let us decorate awesome sceneries for our kids. Please contact Stacey Davies, Krista Fuller, Missy Starr, Monica Vandenberg or Pat Crownover if you have items that we can borrow for a week at 964.4249.

Think you might miss Sunday services this summer? Then join us on Wednesdays! Casual meal at 5:30-6:15pm Casual worship at 6:15pm At the Christian Life Center!



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

Deadlines: Bulletin → Tuesdays 5:00pm; June 15 Newsletter → June 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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UPTOWN CAMPUS: 206 SW Walnut Street
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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.

MAY 31, 2015

Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

May 31, 2015 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE "For the Beauty of the Earth" Woodwind Ensemble
WELCOME/WORSHIP FOCUS
***CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**
***CALL TO WORSHIP**
***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Holy, Holy, Holy" #64
***OPENING PRAYER:** Holy One, you have called us to become vessels of your love—living examples of your peace in this harsh and fearful world. We hear your call to share the good news of Christ's love: in deed and in truth, in acts of justice and righteousness, in words of mercy and compassion. For this we were created. For this we are called to serve. May our lives shine the light of love. Go with us; and stay with us, now and forevermore. Amen.
***WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE**
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
ANTHEM
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
PRAYER HYMN "In Christ There Is No East or West" #548
SCRIPTURE Galatians 3:23-29
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MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS
OFFERTORY "Amazing Grace" Woodwind Ensemble
***DOXOLOGY/*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
***HYMN OF DEDICATION** "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"
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POSTLUDE

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PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00)

CHILDREN'S TIME

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SCRIPTURE

Psalms 139:1-18 (selected verses)

SERMON

"The Value of One Person"

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