

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.AnkenyFirst.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 the sermon series:

COMING TO THE WATERS—ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

"Putting Things Right" John 2

Life happens in such ways that even our best laid plans get all upset. Is there a way we can "put things right," and what might encountering Jesus have to do with it?

FEATURED INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK

BAPTISM AND REAFFIRMATION EVENT—AUGUST 23

Our worship theme for the last half of the summer is "Come to the Waters." Through this series, we want to give each of you the opportunity to personally encounter Jesus and offer a response. One way Christians have always responded to Jesus is through baptism, so on Sunday, August 23, 4:00pm, we invite you to participate in a baptism and baptism reaffirmation celebration at Saylorville Lake's Sandpiper beach. If you have not been baptized or would like to reaffirm your baptism (by immersion), or simply would like to support those who will—JOIN US! A "tailgate" potluck picnic will follow.

UMW SUMMER RUMMAGE SALE NEXT WEEK!

The UMW is hosting an all church summer rummage and bake sale, giving you the opportunity to donate your clean, gently used clothing, household items and treasures that are no longer needed. Also needed are donations of baked goods and VOLUNTEERS before, during and after the sale.

Donations can be dropped off Wednesday, July 29, 11:30am-7:00pm and Thursday, July 30, 8:00am-6:00pm. No donations will be accepted after the sale begins. Items NOT accepted include dirty anything, non-working anything, appliances, large/heavy TV's, and computer equipment. *Please note that we encourage you to hold back your Christmas items for the Christmas rummage sale this November! Watch for details.*

Shopping Details: *Early bird shopping* will be available with \$5.00 admission from 7:00am to 8:00am on Friday, July 31. *Regular shopping* Friday, July 31 from 8:00am to 6:00pm. On Saturday, August 1 from 8:00am to Noon—everything will be 1/2 priced, except bake sale and boutique items.

Proceeds will benefit various missions. Contact Mary Johnson at 964.5591 with any questions.

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
Co-Director of Youth Ministry: Theresa Bargfrede
Co-Director of Youth Ministry: Nick Peters
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@AnkenyFirst.org

Deadlines: Bulletin → Tuesdays 5:00pm; Aug 15 Newsletter → Aug 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.AnkenyFirst.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



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.

JULY 26, 2015

Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

July 26, 2015 ~ 8:30am

Ankeny First welcomes the Pride of Iowa Chorus for today's service! Pride of Iowa Chorus is a part of The Barbershop Harmony Society (SPEBSQSA), an international organization of men who sing a cappella music in four-part harmony. Their local chapter has more than 80 members from around central Iowa, of whom an ensemble has joined us today to lead worship. This is a community service program they offer during the summer months when local choirs may be on hiatus. Pride of Iowa thanks you for the opportunity to worship with you and hopes that their message will bring inspiration and strength to your faith. Their vision statement: World-class performances sustained by men with a passion for singing.

SONGFEST Song Leader Gary Van Cleave
WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
***CALL TO WORSHIP** Worship Leader Vicki Engh
***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "There's Within My Heart a Melody" #380
***OPENING PRAYER:** God of this new day, we praise you with joy! You take our weary lives and refresh us with your spirit. You take the shadows of our uncertainty and doubt and expose them to the fullness of your light. Though our lives can seem broken and filled with despair, you are still there, always with us. So heal us this day, God, and move us ever closer to you, making us new. Amen.
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
HYMN OF REFLECTION "As the Deer"
SERMON IN SONG Pride of Iowa Chorus
OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS
OFFERTORY Christine Stone, piano
***DOXOLOGY/*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
***HYMN OF SENDING** "Because He Lives" #364
***BENEDICTION**
POSTLUDE

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Opportunities for Ministry & Growth

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GATHERING SONG

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*PRAISE SONGS

CHILDREN'S TIME

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRAYER TIME/SONG OF REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE

John 3 & 4 (selected verses)

SERMON

“Come to the Waters-Good People/Bad People?”

Rev. Scott Hibben

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

OFFERTORY

“Abundantly” [Avalon] Lauren Stratton

*BENEDICTION SONG

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1. What does it mean to call some people “good” and some people “bad,” and why do we pigeon-hole people there?
2. Honestly, where do you find your self—“good or bad,” and why?
3. What does it mean to say that Jesus reaches across the human divides with grace and finds us all, truly quenching our deepest thirst?

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PRAYER

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OFFERING OF OURSELVES

"How He Loves"

Lauren & Emma McEvoy, & Sydney Stover

SCRIPTURE

John 4:4-15

SERMON

"Waters of Truth"

Rev. John Wagner

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HYMN OF REFLECTION

"As the Deer"

TFWS #2025

SCRIPTURE READING John 3:1-7; 4:7-19

SERMON "Saints and Sinners" Rev. Angie Loomis

OFFERTORY "Lord I Lift Your Name On High" [Founds] Jon Boughton

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Faith Chapel ~ Contemporary Worship

July 26, 2015 ~10:30am

WELCOME / WORSHIP FOCUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE SONGS

A TIME OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 3:1-7; 4:7-19

SERMON

“Saints and Sinners”

Rev. Angie Loomis

OFFERTORY

*BENEDICTION

**Please stand if you are able.*

Join us for fellowship downstairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Note: Please silence all cell phones & refrain from flash photography during worship.

SERMON REFLECTION QUESTIONS During the coming week, you are encouraged to consider these questions in your personal prayer time or small group discussions:

1. Who do you most closely relate to: Nicodemus or the woman at the well? Why?
2. Jesus talks about being “Born again” and “Living Water.” What do those terms mean to you?
3. What is it that you live for?

At Ankeny First United Methodist Church, we are intentional in keeping our Membership covenant to uphold the United Methodist Church by our prayers, presence, gifts, service & witness:

PRAYERS: The following are some of our joys and concerns:

Hospitals: Altoona Care Center: Helen Hanson Mill Pond: Maxine Anderson

Discharged: Earl Leonard, Jenny Robertson

Altar Rose: (CLC) In celebration of the birth of Kingsley Gabriella Voigt, daughter of Brian & Danielle Voigt, and granddaughter of Larry & Jodi Voigt, on July 16.

Sympathy to: ♦ Linda Coffman on the death of her mother, Betty Pigg, on July 4. ♦ Jan Boehm on the death of her mother, Donna Rae Hanson, on July 16. ♦ Rhonda Garcia on the death of her grandmother on July 17.

♦ The family of Curt Bolte on his death, on July 18.

Baptism: (Uptown 9:45) Lucas Eugene Spence, son of Scott & Emily Spence.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP (Wednesdays@First)61 (The Road)50 (Sat)36 (8:30)168 (9:45)147 (11:00)151

(CLC-9:00)227 (CLC-10:45)188 (FC-9:00)63 (FC-10:30)22 Total = 1,113

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)86 (FC)6 (CLC)98 Total = 190

GIFTS: Last week's offering for Christ's work here and around the world:

General Budget \$35,603.58 Capital Campaign \$8,671.69 Memorials \$25 Missions \$2,546 Other \$760.72

July Food Pantry: Food Items(119) Personal Care Items(14) June Food Pantry Donations: \$1,575.00

SERVICE: Today's Worship Helpers are listed below.

Audio/Visual: Dean Pollpeter **Worship Team:** Klein Family

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