

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

"Looking for the Wrong Jesus" John 20

Have you ever been unable to find something because you are looking for the wrong thing? It happens with people, too. A lot of people today are running around looking for the wrong Jesus, just like Mary on Easter morning. Well, notice it's the "real" Jesus who encounters her, and life for her is never the same again. What might her story have to say to us, today?

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. 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! *NEW LOCATION: Ankeny YMCA, 1102 N Ankeny Blvd., 5:45 "tailgate" potluck meal (bring a dish to share); 6:30 worship; 6:45 baptisms; followed by free swim time.

If you would like to be baptized or have your baptism reaffirmed, please sign the **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** tear-off and place it in the offering plate. Additionally, we are looking for some volunteers to help with hospitality. Please indicate this on our tear-off as well. Thank you.

INGATHERING SCHOOL BAGS

School supply sales are here, so take advantage and fill Ingathering school bags that are available at all locations. Please fill as many as you can (instructions enclosed) and return to marked bins. Natural disasters around the world recently (notably the earthquake in Nepal) are tapping UMCOR's all-important supplies. Such seemingly small donations are vital for the education of children!

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!

WEDNESDAYS @FIRS



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; Sept 1 Newsletter → Aug 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.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
FAITH CHAPEL: 7384 NW 16th Street
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Our Mission:

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Our Vision:

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

August 9, 2015 ~ 8:30am

SONGFEST Song Leader JoAnn Orthel
WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
***CALL TO WORSHIP** Worship Leader Lindsay Drake
***PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" #158
***OPENING PRAYER:** God of life, you are the One to whom we call; for you are the One who hears, and you are the One who acts, bringing us new life with your grace and love and power. Free us from the bonds that keep us tethered to the ways of death. Where there is hopelessness, breathe into us the breath of hope. Where our lives have become dry and brittle, blow through us with the winds of change. Lead us from the depths of despair into the joy of your resurrection. Put your Spirit into the very core of our being that we might live, and live abundantly, as people of faith. Amen.
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
ANTHEM "Wade in the Water" Don Miller
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
HYMN OF REFLECTION "Hymn of Promise" #707
SCRIPTURE John 11:17-37
SERMON "If Only You'd Been Here, Lord" Rev. Angie Loomis
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***DOXOLOGY/*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**
***HYMN OF SENDING** "O Jesus, I Have Promised" #396 vs. 1,2,4
***BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE**

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