

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 conclude the summer sermon series:

COMING TO THE WATERS—ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS

"Ahhh—Baptism" Matthew 3 & 4

Why baptism? Why do we do it and why might you and I "need" it, having encountered Jesus?

FEATURED INFORMATION FOR THIS WEEK

BAPTISM AND REAFFIRMATION EVENT—AUGUST 23

To conclude our summer sermon series "Come to the Waters" next weekend, we will be hosting a baptism and reaffirmation celebration at the Ankeny YMCA. 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., 5:45pm "tailgate" potluck meal (bring a dish to share); 6:30pm worship; 6:45pm baptisms.

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.

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 15 Newsletter → Sept 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

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

www.AnkenyFirst.org

First@AnkenyFirst.org



Ankeny First United Methodist Church



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.

AUGUST 16, 2015

Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

August 16, 2015 ~ 8:30am

SONGFEST

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Worship Leader Scott Marler

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Christ Is Alive"

#318 vs. 1,2,4,5

*OPENING PRAYER: God of signs and wonders, breathe new life into us this day, that our spirits may awaken to the joy and the hope of our glorious inheritance through the living Christ. Help us find the faith to believe where we have not seen, that others may see, in our living and our loving, the glory of the risen Christ. Amen.

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM

"He Loves Us"

Lauren & Emma McEvoy, & Sydney Stover

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"In the Garden"

#314

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

SERMON

"I Believe—Forgive My Unbelief!"

Rev. Angie Loomis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY/*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF SENDING

"He Lives"

#310

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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

1. When have you found it difficult to believe in Jesus? What made it so?
2. What made it (or would make it) possible for you to believe?
3. We who are "found" by Jesus are not saved to accomplish our agenda, but to do Jesus' work. What is the work that Jesus is calling you to?

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 Nursing & Rehab: Helen Hanson Methodist: Sandy Lucas Mercy: Joyce Lavender
Methodist West: Dima Krull Methodist West Lakes: Catherine Young Mill Pond: Maxine Anderson
Discharged: Trey Charles Wayne Honeck-Juarez

Altar Flowers (Uptown): In celebration of Russ & Jane Barlow's 50th wedding anniversary. ♦ In celebration of Andy & Julie Suby's 25th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to: Sheri Erickson on the death of her brother Larry on August 9.

Baptism: (CLC 9:00) Maysen Paige Starr, daughter of J & Missy Starr, and granddaughter of Larry & Jodi Voigt, and Randy & Terri Starr. (Uptown 9:45) Scarlett Alexa Wilson, daughter of Austin Wilson & Olivia Thompson.

Reception of New Members (CLC): Today we welcome TJ & Carissa Dopheide to our church family!

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP (Wednesdays@First)28 (The Road)45 (Sat)43 (8:30)158 (9:45)137 (11:00)154
(CLC-9:00)239 (CLC-10:45)158 (FC-9:00)66 (FC-10:30)22 Total = 1,050

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)68 (FC)6 (CLC)89 Total = 163

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

General Budget \$28,395.24 Capital Campaign \$11,970.44 Missions \$2,096 Memorial \$35 Other \$269.53

SERVICE: Today's Worship Helpers are listed below:

Ushers: Head Usher: Ken Kise; Mary Adkins, Anne Butler, Max Clark, Terry McAnally

Greeters: Ralph & Michaela Owens, Kurt & Eileen MacVey Tech Support: Ryan Garcia, Riley Cullen

Organist: Mark Shultz Fellowship Servers: Digital Organ Fund Acolytes: Confirmation Students

Opportunities for Ministry & Growth

www.AnkenyFirst.org

NEWS TO KNOW



FOOD TRUCK 5K Thrive UMC is hosting the Food Truck 5K, **September 26**, at Valley View Aquatic Center to benefit Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. All can attend the Food Truck Rally (\$5 suggested donation). The Fun Run/Walk begins at 5:00pm. For more information and to register visit dsmFood-Truck5K.com.

NEW HORIZONS ADULT DAY CENTER is looking to hire a part-time bus driver. Week-days, split shift. For more information, please call Vicki Eng at 965-1602.

TRY OUT OUR BRAND NEW HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) at the CLC. HIIT will push you to your max each day with a quick, 30-minute workout. The sessions will consist of high intensity periods followed by low intensity exercises to recover. New session starts **August 17-October 9**, Monday- Friday, 6:00am. Cost is \$40. Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/hiit.html.

NEW SESSION OF BOOTCAMP BEGINS AUG. 17 Looking for the perfect combo of heart-pumping cardio and intense strength training? This class is it. Bootcamp is designed to push participants harder than they'd push themselves. We want to keep you guessing, and challenge you differently each class! New session starts **August 17- October 9**. 5-day option at 5:15am (\$40) or a 3-day option (T,W,TH) at 4:45pm (\$30). Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/bootcamp.html.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT UPDATE There is a light at the end of the tunnel! The new digital pipe organ will be installed in the Uptown sanctuary at the end of August! With about \$15,000 left to raise, there is STILL time for you to do make your donation of any size to the Organ Fund! Just note "organ fund" in the memo line of your check. Or contribute through the sale of the organ pipes: large are \$100, medium are \$50, and small are \$10. A dedication concert will be scheduled soon, please watch for that date!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Before school starts, let's stop to count our blessings for school, teachers, friends, learning, and growing in our faith! All children are invited to bring their backpacks for this special blessing during all worship services on **August 23**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CREATING "MANNA BAGS" One of the goals of our Education Cluster was to have one Sunday dedicated for our kids to help others. On Sunday, **August 23**, our Sunday School classes will be creating "Manna Bags" for the Bidwell-Riverside Center. You can help by donating the following items for the bags: travel-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and tooth brushes.

LIL DRAGONS TAE KWON DO Lil Dragons is a detailed curriculum that focuses on improving children's basic motor and listening skills. Children (ages 4-6) will be exposed to positive social interaction while learning to work with others and follow directions from their instructors. Classes will include an intentional time for devotion. This ministry will be offered Tuesdays, **August 25-October 13**, from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Cost is \$30. Pre-registration required at www.ankenfirst.org/tae-kwon-do.htm.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

AGAPE GARDEN NEWS Abundance is flowing at the Agape Garden this summer. The garden is producing between 1,500-1,800 pounds of produce per week this summer. Amazing! If you'd like to help harvest, regular work times are: Tuesday/Thursday 6:00pm-dusk; Saturday 8:00am-noon. All levels of experience are welcome. Questions? Contact Karen.Newell@q.com.

UPTOWN KITCHEN CLEANING! Is your small group looking for some in-house mission work? We will clean both Uptown kitchens on Tuesday, **August 18**, 8:30-11:00am, 1:30-3:30pm, and 6:00-8:00pm, and need your help! You are welcome to come to one of the times or all of them! Dress in old clothes, and bring a bucket and cleaning rags. If this day doesn't work in your schedule but you would still like to help, or have questions, contact Terry McAnally, 964-0591, yrrtmac26@aol.com. There will be plenty of jobs! It is a wonderful way to bond and keep God's house in order!

YOUTH NEWS

GATHERING ON THE GO Youth in grades 8-12 join us for Gathering on the Go from 6:30-8:30pm tonight, **August 16!** We will meet at the home of Kevin & Lisa, 214 NW Springbrooke Ct., Ankeny. Come hungry and bring a friend along!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION



ALPHA Mark your calendars for the launch of a new Alpha session beginning with a "Come and See" event on **September 13**. At Alpha, guests are invited to freely explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. Each week guests enjoy a meal and a talk on subjects such as "Who is Jesus?," "How Can I Have Faith?" and "How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?" More details about Alpha can be found at the Connect. It will be held in the Uptown Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. All welcome!

ALPHA 2 Have you gone through Alpha and experienced the amazing small group atmosphere and connection? Do you miss your Alpha nights? You are invited to come and experience Alpha 2! The evening still begins with fellowship, supper, and worship. Rather than watching the Alpha talks, the Alpha 2 group will meet together and participate in a separate small group time. Please consider joining an Alpha 2 small group this fall! No registration required. Simply attend the Come and See night on **September 13** at 5:30 in the Uptown Fellowship Hall.

IF YOU ENJOY SINGING, MAKING FRIENDS AND PRAISING GOD, YOU WILL LOVE BEING PART OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR! The Chancel Choir rehearses weekly during the school year from 7:00-8:15pm on Wednesdays in the Uptown Choir Room. We sing a variety of choral music—typically 4-part harmony (SATB) arrangements of sacred classical and traditional, with a sprinkling of spirituals, world music, and contemporary styles. We present our music in worship at the Uptown site two Sundays a month, September to May. Weekly rehearsals begin **Wednesday, August 26!** We are open to singers of all backgrounds from mid-high through adults! Melody.Webb@AnkenyFirst.org.



DISCIPLE FAST TRACK Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has reached nearly 3 million people worldwide, introducing the grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now Disciple Fast Track maintains the integrity and principles of the original study, but its modifications can better meet the needs of a

hectic world in a third less time. Our church has been privileged to be invited to participate in the final year of development. This is your opportunity to be a part of developing this new offering. Please consider joining in if you have always wanted to take Disciple 1 but have not been able to make the commitment due to the length. Disciple 1 Fast Track will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Uptown lounge beginning **September 9**. Retired United Methodist Elder, Mike Orthell, will be facilitating this course. Register at www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple-fast-track.htm. Please contact Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org with any questions.

NEW DISCIPLE SESSIONS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER Four different Disciple sessions will launch! Visit us on-line to register or for more information www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple.htm! (And see Fast Track option above.)

- **Disciple 1:** Friday mornings, beginning September 11 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Greg Saboe and Roger Davis
- **Disciple 2:** Wednesdays, beginning September 9 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Glenn Hobin and Roger Davis.
- **Disciple 3:** Mondays, beginning September 14 at 6:30pm in CLC room 106/107 led by Denny Brouwer and Greg Saboe
- **Disciple 4:** Thursdays, beginning September 10 at 11am Uptown Lounge led by Cindy Litchfield and Bonnie Shupe

----- (Place in offering plate or return to Church Office) -----

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES - AUGUST 16, 2015

- I would like to help with hospitality at the August 23 Baptism Event.
 I would like to be baptized at the August 23 Baptism Event.
 I would like to have my baptism reaffirmed at the August 23 Baptism Event.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Uptown Campus ~ Contemporary Worship
August 16, 2015 ~ 9:45am

GATHERING SONG
WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
*PRAISE SONGS
CHILDREN'S TIME
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM
PRAYER TIME/SONG OF REFLECTION

SCRIPTURE
John 20:1-18

SERMON
"I Believe—Forgive My Unbelief!"
Rev. Angie Loomis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD
MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:
OFFERTORY

"He Loves Us" Lauren & Emma McEvoy, & Sydney Stover

*BENEDICTION SONG

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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

1. When have you found it difficult to believe in Jesus? What made it so?
2. What made it (or would make it) possible for you to believe?
3. We who are "found" by Jesus are not saved to accomplish our agenda, but to do Jesus' work. What is the work that Jesus is calling you to?

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 Nursing & Rehab: Helen Hanson **Methodist:** Sandy Lucas **Mercy:** Joyce Lavender
Methodist West: Dima Krull **Methodist West Lakes:** Catherine Young **Mill Pond:** Maxine Anderson
Discharged: Trey Charles Wayne Honeck-Juarez

Altar Flowers (Uptown): In celebration of Russ & Jane Barlow's 50th wedding anniversary. ♦ In celebration of Andy & Julie Suby's 25th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to: Sheri Erickson on the death of her brother Larry on August 9.

Baptism: (CLC 9:00) Maysen Paige Starr, daughter of J & Missy Starr, and granddaughter of Larry & Jodi Voigt, and Randy & Terri Starr. **(Uptown 9:45)** Scarlett Alexa Wilson, daughter of Austin Wilson & Olivia Thompson.

Reception of New Members (CLC): Today we welcome TJ & Carissa Dopheide to our church family!

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP (Wednesdays@First)28 (The Road)45 (Sat)43 (8:30)158 (9:45)137 (11:00)154
(CLC-9:00)239 (CLC-10:45)158 (FC-9:00)66 (FC-10:30)22 Total = 1,050

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)68 (FC)6 (CLC)89 Total = 163

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

General Budget \$28,395.24 Capital Campaign \$11,970.44 Missions \$2,096 Memorial \$35 Other \$269.53

SERVICE: Today's Worship Helpers are listed below.

Ushers: Head Ushers: Jon Vandervort, Chris Frazier

Greeters: Hal & Jill Haight, Pam Bartlett

Tech Support: Paul & Angi Moss **Fellowship Servers:** Digital Organ Fund

Opportunities for Ministry & Growth

www.AnkenyFirst.org

NEWS TO KNOW



FOOD TRUCK 5K Thrive UMC is hosting the Food Truck 5K, **September 26**, at Valley View Aquatic Center to benefit Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. All can attend the Food Truck Rally (\$5 suggested donation). The Fun Run/Walk begins at 5:00pm. For more information and to register visit dsmFood-Truck5K.com.

NEW HORIZONS ADULT DAY CENTER is looking to hire a part-time bus driver. Week-days, split shift. For more information, please call Vicki Eng at 965-1602.

TRY OUT OUR BRAND NEW HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) at the CLC. HIIT will push you to your max each day with a quick, 30-minute workout. The sessions will consist of high intensity periods followed by low intensity exercises to recover. New session starts **August 17-October 9**, Monday- Friday, 6:00am. Cost is \$40. Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/hiit.html.

NEW SESSION OF BOOTCAMP BEGINS AUG. 17 Looking for the perfect combo of heart -pumping cardio and intense strength training? This class is it. Bootcamp is designed to push participants harder than they'd push themselves. We want to keep you guessing, and challenge you differently each class! New session starts **August 17- October 9**. 5-day option at 5:15am (\$40) or a 3-day option (T,W,TH) at 4:45pm (\$30). Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/bootcamp.html.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT UPDATE There is a light at the end of the tunnel! The new digital pipe organ will be installed in the Uptown sanctuary at the end of August! With about \$15,000 left to raise, there is STILL time for you do make your donation of any size to the Organ Fund! Just note "organ fund" in the memo line of your check. Or contribute through the sale of the organ pipes: large are \$100, medium are \$50, and small are \$10. A dedication concert will be scheduled soon, please watch for that date!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Before school starts, let's stop to count our blessings for school, teachers, friends, learning, and growing in our faith! All children are invited to bring their backpacks for this special blessing during all worship services on **August 23**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CREATING "MANNA BAGS" One of the goals of our Education Cluster was to have one Sunday dedicated for our kids to help others. On Sunday, **August 23**, our Sunday School classes will be creating "Manna Bags" for the Bidwell-Riverside Center. You can help by donating the following items for the bags: travel-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and tooth brushes.

LIL DRAGONS TAE KWON DO Lil Dragons is a detailed curriculum that focuses on improving children's basic motor and listening skills. Children (ages 4-6) will be exposed to positive social interaction while learning to work with others and follow directions from their instructors. Classes will include an intentional time for devotion. This ministry will be offered Tuesdays, **August 25-October 13**, from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Cost is \$30. Pre-registration required at www.ankenfirst.org/tae-kwon-do.htm.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

AGAPE GARDEN NEWS Abundance is flowing at the Agape Garden this summer. The garden is producing between 1,500-1,800 pounds of produce per week this summer. Amazing! If you'd like to help harvest, regular work times are: Tuesday/Thursday 6:00pm-dusk; Saturday 8:00am-noon. All levels of experience are welcome. Questions? Contact Karen.Newell@q.com.

UPTOWN KITCHEN CLEANING! Is your small group looking for some in-house mission work? We will clean both Uptown kitchens on Tuesday, **August 18**, 8:30-11:00am, 1:30-3:30pm, and 6:00-8:00pm, and need your help! You are welcome to come to one of the times or all of them! Dress in old clothes, and bring a bucket and cleaning rags. If this day doesn't work in your schedule but you would still like to help, or have questions, contact Terry McAnally, 964-0591, yrrtmac26@aol.com. There will be plenty of jobs! It is a wonderful way to bond and keep God's house in order!

YOUTH NEWS

GATHERING ON THE GO Youth in grades 8-12 join us for Gathering on the Go from 6:30-8:30pm tonight, **August 16!** We will meet at the home of Kevin & Lisa, 214 NW Springbrooke Ct., Ankeny. Come hungry and bring a friend along!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION



ALPHA Mark your calendars for the launch of a new Alpha session beginning with a "Come and See" event on **September 13**. At Alpha, guests are invited to freely explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. Each week guests enjoy a meal and a talk on subjects such as "Who is Jesus?," "How Can I Have Faith?" and "How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?" More details about Alpha can be found at the Connect. It will be held in the Uptown Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. All welcome!

ALPHA 2 Have you gone through Alpha and experienced the amazing small group atmosphere and connection? Do you miss your Alpha nights? You are invited to come and experience Alpha 2! The evening still begins with fellowship, supper, and worship. Rather than watching the Alpha talks, the Alpha 2 group will meet together and participate in a separate small group time. Please consider joining an Alpha 2 small group this fall! No registration required. Simply attend the Come and See night on **September 13** at 5:30 in the Uptown Fellowship Hall.

IF YOU ENJOY SINGING, MAKING FRIENDS AND PRAISING GOD, YOU WILL LOVE BEING PART OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR! The Chancel Choir rehearses weekly during the school year from 7:00-8:15pm on Wednesdays in the Uptown Choir Room. We sing a variety of choral music—typically 4-part harmony (SATB) arrangements of sacred classical and traditional, with a sprinkling of spirituals, world music, and contemporary styles. We present our music in worship at the Uptown site two Sundays a month, September to May. Weekly rehearsals begin **Wednesday, August 26!** We are open to singers of all backgrounds from mid-high through adults! Melody.Webb@AnkenyFirst.org.



DISCIPLE FAST TRACK Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has reached nearly 3 million people worldwide, introducing the grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now Disciple Fast Track maintains the integrity and principles of the original study, but its modifications can better meet the needs of a

hectic world in a third less time. Our church has been privileged to be invited to participate in the final year of development. This is your opportunity to be a part of developing this new offering. Please consider joining in if you have always wanted to take Disciple 1 but have not been able to make the commitment due to the length. Disciple 1 Fast Track will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Uptown lounge beginning **September 9**. Retired United Methodist Elder, Mike Orthell, will be facilitating this course. Register at www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple-fast-track.htm. Please contact Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org with any questions.

NEW DISCIPLE SESSIONS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER Four different Disciple sessions will launch! Visit us on-line to register or for more information www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple.htm! (And see Fast Track option above.)

- **Disciple 1:** Friday mornings, beginning September 11 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Greg Saboe and Roger Davis
- **Disciple 2:** Wednesdays, beginning September 9 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Glenn Hobin and Roger Davis.
- **Disciple 3:** Mondays, beginning September 14 at 6:30pm in CLC room 106/107 led by Denny Brouwer and Greg Saboe
- **Disciple 4:** Thursdays, beginning September 10 at 11am Uptown Lounge led by Cindy Litchfield and Bonnie Shupe

----- (Place in offering plate or return to Church Office) -----

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES - AUGUST 16, 2015

- I would like to help with hospitality at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to be baptized at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to have my baptism reaffirmed at the August 23 Baptism Event.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

*PRAISE

PRAYER

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
TJ & Carissa Dopheide

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00)

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

John 20:10-18

SERMON

“Come to the Waters—Looking for the Wrong Jesus”
Rev. Scott Hibben

*CLOSING SONG

**Please stand if you are able.*

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. What kind of Jesus are you looking for in your life that speaks to your life's needs?
2. Is that the “real” Jesus; the Jesus that Mary discovered on Easter morn?
3. What would it look like to encounter the “real” Jesus in your life, and what kind of “change of direction” might that mean for you?

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 Nursing & Rehab: Helen Hanson **Methodist:** Sandy Lucas **Mercy:** Joyce Lavender
Methodist West: Dima Krull **Methodist West Lakes:** Catherine Young **Mill Pond:** Maxine Anderson
Discharged: Trey Charles Wayne Honeck-Juarez

Altar Flowers (Uptown): In celebration of Russ & Jane Barlow's 50th wedding anniversary. ♦ In celebration of Andy & Julie Suby's 25th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to: Sheri Erickson on the death of her brother Larry on August 9.

Baptism: (CLC 9:00) Maysen Paige Starr, daughter of J & Missy Starr, and granddaughter of Larry & Jodi Voigt, and Randy & Terri Starr. **(Uptown 9:45)** Scarlett Alexa Wilson, daughter of Austin Wilson & Olivia Thompson.

Reception of New Members (CLC): Today we welcome TJ & Carissa Dopheide to our church family!

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP (Wednesdays@First)28 (The Road)45 (Sat)43 (8:30)158 (9:45)137 (11:00)154
(CLC-9:00)239 (CLC-10:45)158 (FC-9:00)66 (FC-10:30)22 Total = 1,050

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)68 (FC)6 (CLC)89 Total = 163

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

General Budget \$28,395.24 Capital Campaign \$11,970.44 Missions \$2,096 Memorial \$35 Other \$269.53

SERMON NOTES:

NEWS TO KNOW



FOOD TRUCK 5K Thrive UMC is hosting the Food Truck 5K, **September 26**, at Valley View Aquatic Center to benefit Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. All can attend the Food Truck Rally (\$5 suggested donation). The Fun Run/Walk begins at 5:00pm. For more information and to register visit dsmFood-Truck5K.com.

NEW HORIZONS ADULT DAY CENTER is looking to hire a part-time bus driver. Week-days, split shift. For more information, please call Vicki Eng at 965-1602.

TRY OUT OUR BRAND NEW HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) at the CLC. HIIT will push you to your max each day with a quick, 30-minute workout. The sessions will consist of high intensity periods followed by low intensity exercises to recover. New session starts **August 17-October 9**, Monday- Friday, 6:00am. Cost is \$40. Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/hiit.html.

NEW SESSION OF BOOTCAMP BEGINS AUG. 17 Looking for the perfect combo of heart -pumping cardio and intense strength training? This class is it. Bootcamp is designed to push participants harder than they'd push themselves. We want to keep you guessing, and challenge you differently each class! New session starts **August 17- October 9**. 5-day option at 5:15am (\$40) or a 3-day option (T,W,TH) at 4:45pm (\$30). Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/bootcamp.html.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT UPDATE There is a light at the end of the tunnel! The new digital pipe organ will be installed in the Uptown sanctuary at the end of August! With about \$15,000 left to raise, there is STILL time for you to do make your donation of any size to the Organ Fund! Just note “organ fund” in the memo line of your check. Or contribute through the sale of the organ pipes: large are \$100, medium are \$50, and small are \$10. A dedication concert will be scheduled soon, please watch for that date!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Before school starts, let's stop to count our blessings for school, teachers, friends, learning, and growing in our faith! All children are invited to bring their backpacks for this special blessing during all worship services on **August 23**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CREATING "MANNA BAGS" One of the goals of our Education Cluster was to have one Sunday dedicated for our kids to help others. On Sunday, **August 23**, our Sunday School classes will be creating “Manna Bags” for the Bidwell -Riverside Center. You can help by donating the following items for the bags: travel-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and tooth brushes.

LIL DRAGONS TAE KWON DO Lil Dragons is a detailed curriculum that focuses on improving children's basic motor and listening skills. Children (ages 4-6) will be exposed to positive social interaction while learning to work with others and follow directions from their instructors. Classes will include an intentional time for devotion. This ministry will be offered Tuesdays, **August 25-October 13**, from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Cost is \$30. Pre-registration required at www.ankenfirst.org/tae-kwon-do.htm.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

AGAPE GARDEN NEWS Abundance is flowing at the Agape Garden this summer. The garden is producing between 1,500-1,800 pounds of produce per week this summer. Amazing! If you'd like to help harvest, regular work times are: Tuesday/Thursday 6:00pm-dusk; Saturday 8:00am-noon. All levels of experience are welcome. Questions? Contact Karen.Newell@q.com.

UPTOWN KITCHEN CLEANING! Is your small group looking for some in-house mission work? We will clean both Uptown kitchens on Tuesday, **August 18**, 8:30-11:00am, 1:30-3:30pm, and 6:00-8:00pm, and need your help! You are welcome to come to one of the times or all of them! Dress in old clothes, and bring a bucket and cleaning rags. If this day doesn't work in your schedule but you would still like to help, or have questions, contact Terry McAnally, 964-0591, yrrtmac26@aol.com. There will be plenty of jobs! It is a wonderful way to bond and keep God's house in order!

YOUTH NEWS

GATHERING ON THE GO Youth in grades 8-12 join us for Gathering on the Go from 6:30-8:30pm tonight, **August 16!** We will meet at the home of Kevin & Lisa, 214 NW Springbrooke Ct., Ankeny. Come hungry and bring a friend along!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION



ALPHA Mark your calendars for the launch of a new Alpha session beginning with a “Come and See” event on **September 13**. At Alpha, guests are invited to freely explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. Each week guests enjoy a meal and a talk on subjects such as “Who is Jesus?,” “How Can I Have Faith?” and “How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?” More details about Alpha can be found at the Connect. It will be held in the Uptown Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. All welcome!

ALPHA 2 Have you gone through Alpha and experienced the amazing small group atmosphere and connection? Do you miss your Alpha nights? You are invited to come and experience Alpha 2! The evening still begins with fellowship, supper, and worship. Rather than watching the Alpha talks, the Alpha 2 group will meet together and participate in a separate small group time. Please consider joining an Alpha 2 small group this fall! No registration required. Simply attend the Come and See night on **September 13** at 5:30 in the Uptown Fellowship Hall.

IF YOU ENJOY SINGING, MAKING FRIENDS AND PRAISING GOD, YOU WILL LOVE BEING PART OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR! The Chancel Choir rehearses weekly during the school year from 7:00–8:15pm on Wednesdays in the Uptown Choir Room. We sing a variety of choral music—typically 4-part harmony (SATB) arrangements of sacred classical and traditional, with a sprinkling of spirituals, world music, and contemporary styles. We present our music in worship at the Uptown site two Sundays a month, September to May. Weekly rehearsals begin **Wednesday, August 26!** We are open to singers of all backgrounds from mid-high through adults! Melody.Webb@AnkenyFirst.org.



DISCIPLE FAST TRACK Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has reached nearly 3 million people worldwide, introducing the grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now Disciple Fast Track maintains the integrity and principles of the original study, but its modifications can better meet the needs of a

hectic world in a third less time. Our church has been privileged to be invited to participate in the final year of development. This is your opportunity to be a part of developing this new offering. Please consider joining in if you have always wanted to take Disciple 1 but have not been able to make the commitment due to the length. Disciple 1 Fast Track will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Uptown lounge beginning **September 9**. Retired United Methodist Elder, Mike Orthell, will be facilitating this course. Register at www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple-fast-track.htm. Please contact Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org with any questions.

NEW DISCIPLE SESSIONS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER Four different Disciple sessions will launch! Visit us on-line to register or for more information www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple.htm! (And see Fast Track option above.)

- **Disciple 1:** Friday mornings, beginning September 11 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Greg Saboe and Roger Davis
- **Disciple 2:** Wednesdays, beginning September 9 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Glenn Hobin and Roger Davis.
- **Disciple 3:** Mondays, beginning September 14 at 6:30pm in CLC room 106/107 led by Denny Brouwer and Greg Saboe
- **Disciple 4:** Thursdays, beginning September 10 at 11am Uptown Lounge led by Cindy Litchfield and Bonnie Shupe

----- (Place in offering plate or return to Church Office) -----

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES – AUGUST 16, 2015

- I would like to help with hospitality at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to be baptized at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to have my baptism reaffirmed at the August 23 Baptism Event.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Uptown Campus ~ Spirited Traditional Worship
August 16, 2015 ~ 11:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

***GATHERING SONG** "Awesome Is the Lord Most High/Awesome God"

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "He Loves Us" Lauren & Emma McEvoy, & Sydney Stover

JOYS & CONCERNS/PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF REFLECTION "Shout to the Lord"

SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18

SERMON "I Believe—Forgive My Unbelief" Rev. Angie Loomis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

***HYMN OF SENDING** "He Lives" #310

***BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE

Please stand if you are able.

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

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

1. When have you found it difficult to believe in Jesus? What made it so?
2. What made it (or would make it) possible for you to believe?
3. We who are "found" by Jesus are not saved to accomplish our agenda, but to do Jesus' work. What is the work that Jesus is calling you to?

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 Nursing & Rehab: Helen Hanson **Methodist:** Sandy Lucas **Mercy:** Joyce Lavender

Methodist West: Dima Krull **Methodist West Lakes:** Catherine Young **Mill Pond:** Maxine Anderson

Discharged: Trey Charles Wayne Honeck-Juarez

Altar Flowers (Uptown): In celebration of Russ & Jane Barlow's 50th wedding anniversary. ♦ In celebration of Andy & Julie Suby's 25th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to: Sheri Erickson on the death of her brother Larry on August 9.

Baptism: (CLC 9:00) Maysen Paige Starr, daughter of J & Missy Starr, and granddaughter of Larry & Jodi Voigt, and Randy & Terri Starr. **(Uptown 9:45)** Scarlett Alexa Wilson, daughter of Austin Wilson & Olivia Thompson.

Reception of New Members (CLC): Today we welcome TJ & Carissa Dopheide to our church family!

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP (Wednesdays@First)28 (The Road)45 (Sat)43 (8:30)158 (9:45)137 (11:00)154

(CLC-9:00)239 (CLC-10:45)158 (FC-9:00)66 (FC-10:30)22 Total = 1,050

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)68 (FC)6 (CLC)89 Total = 163

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

General Budget \$28,395.24 Capital Campaign \$11,970.44 Missions \$2,096 Memorial \$35 Other \$269.53

SERVICE: Today's Worship Helpers are listed below.

Ushers: Head Ushers: Randy & Carol Miller; Pat Glover, Al & Merron Hart, Jim Hutchinson, Qian (Chen) Moss, Kerri Ostring

Greeters: Dennis & Linda Miller, Chris & Paula Williams **Acolytes:** Confirmation Students

Fellowship Servers: Digital Organ Fund **Tech Support:** Brian Crouch, Herb Wilson **Organist:** Mark Shultz

Opportunities for Ministry & Growth

www.AnkenyFirst.org

NEWS TO KNOW



FOOD TRUCK 5K Thrive UMC is hosting the Food Truck 5K, **September 26**, at Valley View Aquatic Center to benefit Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. All can attend the Food Truck Rally (\$5 suggested donation). The Fun Run/Walk begins at 5:00pm. For more information and to register visit dsmFood-Truck5K.com.

NEW HORIZONS ADULT DAY CENTER is looking to hire a part-time bus driver. Week-days, split shift. For more information, please call Vicki Eng at 965-1602.

TRY OUT OUR BRAND NEW HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) at the CLC. HIIT will push you to your max each day with a quick, 30-minute workout. The sessions will consist of high intensity periods followed by low intensity exercises to recover. New session starts **August 17-October 9**, Monday- Friday, 6:00am. Cost is \$40. Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/hiit.html.

NEW SESSION OF BOOTCAMP BEGINS AUG. 17 Looking for the perfect combo of heart-pumping cardio and intense strength training? This class is it. Bootcamp is designed to push participants harder than they'd push themselves. We want to keep you guessing, and challenge you differently each class! New session starts **August 17- October 9**. 5-day option at 5:15am (\$40) or a 3-day option (T,W,TH) at 4:45pm (\$30). Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/bootcamp.html.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT UPDATE There is a light at the end of the tunnel! The new digital pipe organ will be installed in the Uptown sanctuary at the end of August! With about \$15,000 left to raise, there is STILL time for you do make your donation of any size to the Organ Fund! Just note "organ fund" in the memo line of your check. Or contribute through the sale of the organ pipes: large are \$100, medium are \$50, and small are \$10. A dedication concert will be scheduled soon, please watch for that date!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Before school starts, let's stop to count our blessings for school, teachers, friends, learning, and growing in our faith! All children are invited to bring their backpacks for this special blessing during all worship services on **August 23**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CREATING "MANNA BAGS" One of the goals of our Education Cluster was to have one Sunday dedicated for our kids to help others. On Sunday, **August 23**, our Sunday School classes will be creating "Manna Bags" for the Bidwell-Riverside Center. You can help by donating the following items for the bags: travel-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and tooth brushes.

LIL DRAGONS TAE KWON DO Lil Dragons is a detailed curriculum that focuses on improving children's basic motor and listening skills. Children (ages 4-6) will be exposed to positive social interaction while learning to work with others and follow directions from their instructors. Classes will include an intentional time for devotion. This ministry will be offered Tuesdays, **August 25-October 13**, from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Cost is \$30. Pre-registration required at www.ankenfirst.org/tae-kwon-do.htm.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

AGAPE GARDEN NEWS Abundance is flowing at the Agape Garden this summer. The garden is producing between 1,500-1,800 pounds of produce per week this summer. Amazing! If you'd like to help harvest, regular work times are: Tuesday/Thursday 6:00pm-dusk; Saturday 8:00am-noon. All levels of experience are welcome. Questions? Contact Karen.Newell@q.com.

UPTOWN KITCHEN CLEANING! Is your small group looking for some in-house mission work? We will clean both Uptown kitchens on Tuesday, **August 18**, 8:30-11:00am, 1:30-3:30pm, and 6:00-8:00pm, and need your help! You are welcome to come to one of the times or all of them! Dress in old clothes, and bring a bucket and cleaning rags. If this day doesn't work in your schedule but you would still like to help, or have questions, contact Terry McAnally, 964-0591, yrrtmac26@aol.com. There will be plenty of jobs! It is a wonderful way to bond and keep God's house in order!

YOUTH NEWS

GATHERING ON THE GO Youth in grades 8-12 join us for Gathering on the Go from 6:30-8:30pm tonight, **August 16!** We will meet at the home of Kevin & Lisa, 214 NW Springbrooke Ct., Ankeny. Come hungry and bring a friend along!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION



ALPHA Mark your calendars for the launch of a new Alpha session beginning with a "Come and See" event on **September 13**. At Alpha, guests are invited to freely explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. Each week guests enjoy a meal and a talk on subjects such as "Who is Jesus?," "How Can I Have Faith?" and "How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?" More details about Alpha can be found at the Connect. It will be held in the Uptown Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. All welcome!

ALPHA 2 Have you gone through Alpha and experienced the amazing small group atmosphere and connection? Do you miss your Alpha nights? You are invited to come and experience Alpha 2! The evening still begins with fellowship, supper, and worship. Rather than watching the Alpha talks, the Alpha 2 group will meet together and participate in a separate small group time. Please consider joining an Alpha 2 small group this fall! No registration required. Simply attend the Come and See night on **September 13** at 5:30 in the Uptown Fellowship Hall.

IF YOU ENJOY SINGING, MAKING FRIENDS AND PRAISING GOD, YOU WILL LOVE BEING PART OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR! The Chancel Choir rehearses weekly during the school year from 7:00-8:15pm on Wednesdays in the Uptown Choir Room. We sing a variety of choral music—typically 4-part harmony (SATB) arrangements of sacred classical and traditional, with a sprinkling of spirituals, world music, and contemporary styles. We present our music in worship at the Uptown site two Sundays a month, September to May. Weekly rehearsals begin **Wednesday, August 26!** We are open to singers of all backgrounds from mid-high through adults! Melody.Webb@AnkenyFirst.org.



DISCIPLE FAST TRACK Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has reached nearly 3 million people worldwide, introducing the grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now Disciple Fast Track maintains the integrity and principles of the original study, but its modifications can better meet the needs of a

hectic world in a third less time. Our church has been privileged to be invited to participate in the final year of development. This is your opportunity to be a part of developing this new offering. Please consider joining in if you have always wanted to take Disciple 1 but have not been able to make the commitment due to the length. Disciple 1 Fast Track will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Uptown lounge beginning **September 9**. Retired United Methodist Elder, Mike Orthell, will be facilitating this course. Register at www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple-fast-track.htm. Please contact Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org with any questions.

NEW DISCIPLE SESSIONS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER Four different Disciple sessions will launch! Visit us on-line to register or for more information www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple.htm! (And see Fast Track option above.)

- **Disciple 1:** Friday mornings, beginning September 11 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Greg Saboe and Roger Davis
- **Disciple 2:** Wednesdays, beginning September 9 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Glenn Hobin and Roger Davis.
- **Disciple 3:** Mondays, beginning September 14 at 6:30pm in CLC room 106/107 led by Denny Brouwer and Greg Saboe
- **Disciple 4:** Thursdays, beginning September 10 at 11am Uptown Lounge led by Cindy Litchfield and Bonnie Shupe

----- (Place in offering plate or return to Church Office) -----

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES - AUGUST 16, 2015

- I would like to help with hospitality at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to be baptized at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to have my baptism reaffirmed at the August 23 Baptism Event.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Uptown Campus ~ Spirit Alive Blended Worship August 15, 2015 ~ 5:00pm

WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*SING PRAISE TO GOD “Christ Is Alive”
“Awesome Is the Lord Most High”
“Awesome God”

JOYS & CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD’S PRAYER

SONG OF REFLECTION “Shout to the Lord”

SCRIPTURE John 20:1-18

SERMON “I Believe—Forgive My Unbelief” Rev. Angie Loomis

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS:

OFFERTORY “It Is Well” Visual Scriptures

*DOXOLOGY

*PARTING MUSIC “He Lives”

*BLESSINGS FOR THE WEEK

Worship bags for children are available from Worship Hosts.

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

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

1. When have you found it difficult to believe in Jesus? What made it so?
2. What made it (or would make it) possible for you to believe?
3. We who are “found” by Jesus are not saved to accomplish our agenda, but to do Jesus’ work. What is the work that Jesus is calling you to?

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 Nursing & Rehab: Helen Hanson Methodist: Sandy Lucas Mercy: Joyce Lavender

Methodist West: Dima Krull Methodist West Lakes: Catherine Young Mill Pond: Maxine Anderson

Discharged: Trey Charles Wayne Honeck-Juarez

Altar Flowers (Uptown): In celebration of Russ & Jane Barlow’s 50th wedding anniversary. ♦ In celebration of Andy & Julie Suby’s 25th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to: Sheri Erickson on the death of her brother Larry on August 9.

Baptism: (CLC 9:00) Maysen Paige Starr, daughter of J & Missy Starr, and granddaughter of Larry & Jodi Voigt, and Randy & Terri Starr. (Uptown 9:45) Scarlett Alexa Wilson, daughter of Austin Wilson & Olivia Thompson.

Reception of New Members (CLC): Today we welcome TJ & Carissa Dopheide to our church family!

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP (Wednesdays@First)28 (The Road)45 (Sat)43 (8:30)158 (9:45)137 (11:00)154

(CLC-9:00)239 (CLC-10:45)158 (FC-9:00)66 (FC-10:30)22 Total = 1,050

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)68 (FC)6 (CLC)89 Total = 163

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

General Budget \$28,395.24 Capital Campaign \$11,970.44 Missions \$2,096 Memorial \$35 Other \$269.53

SERVICE: Today’s Worship Helpers are listed below.

Worship Host: Karla Kasper Food Hosts: Adam Ellis

Worship Team: Alicia Carlberg, Mark Shultz, DJ Swope, Sara Tourte Powerpoint: Craig Brown

Opportunities for Ministry & Growth

www.AnkenyFirst.org

NEWS TO KNOW



FOOD TRUCK 5K Thrive UMC is hosting the Food Truck 5K, **September 26**, at Valley View Aquatic Center to benefit Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. All can attend the Food Truck Rally (\$5 suggested donation). The Fun Run/Walk begins at 5:00pm. For more information and to register visit dsmFood-Truck5K.com.

NEW HORIZONS ADULT DAY CENTER is looking to hire a part-time bus driver. Week-days, split shift. For more information, please call Vicki Eng at 965-1602.

TRY OUT OUR BRAND NEW HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) at the CLC. HIIT will push you to your max each day with a quick, 30-minute workout. The sessions will consist of high intensity periods followed by low intensity exercises to recover. New session starts **August 17-October 9**, Monday- Friday, 6:00am. Cost is \$40. Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/hiit.html.

NEW SESSION OF BOOTCAMP BEGINS AUG. 17 Looking for the perfect combo of heart-pumping cardio and intense strength training? This class is it. Bootcamp is designed to push participants harder than they’d push themselves. We want to keep you guessing, and challenge you differently each class! New session starts **August 17- October 9**. 5-day option at 5:15am (\$40) or a 3-day option (T,W,TH) at 4:45pm (\$30). Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/bootcamp.html.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT UPDATE There is a light at the end of the tunnel! The new digital pipe organ will be installed in the Uptown sanctuary at the end of August! With about \$15,000 left to raise, there is STILL time for you to do make your donation of any size to the Organ Fund! Just note “organ fund” in the memo line of your check. Or contribute through the sale of the organ pipes: large are \$100, medium are \$50, and small are \$10. A dedication concert will be scheduled soon, please watch for that date!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Before school starts, let’s stop to count our blessings for school, teachers, friends, learning, and growing in our faith! All children are invited to bring their backpacks for this special blessing during all worship services on **August 23**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CREATING “MANNA BAGS” One of the goals of our Education Cluster was to have one Sunday dedicated for our kids to help others. On Sunday, **August 23**, our Sunday School classes will be creating “Manna Bags” for the Bidwell-Riverside Center. You can help by donating the following items for the bags: travel-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and tooth brushes.

LIL DRAGONS TAE KWON DO Lil Dragons is a detailed curriculum that focuses on improving children’s basic motor and listening skills. Children (ages 4-6) will be exposed to positive social interaction while learning to work with others and follow directions from their instructors. Classes will include an intentional time for devotion. This ministry will be offered Tuesdays, **August 25-October 13**, from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Cost is \$30. Pre-registration required at www.ankenfirst.org/tae-kwon-do.htm.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

AGAPE GARDEN NEWS Abundance is flowing at the Agape Garden this summer. The garden is producing between 1,500-1,800 pounds of produce per week this summer. Amazing! If you’d like to help harvest, regular work times are: Tuesday/Thursday 6:00pm-dusk; Saturday 8:00am-noon. All levels of experience are welcome. Questions? Contact Karen.Newell@q.com.

UPTOWN KITCHEN CLEANING! Is your small group looking for some in-house mission work? We will clean both Uptown kitchens on Tuesday, **August 18**, 8:30-11:00am, 1:30-3:30pm, and 6:00-8:00pm, and need your help! You are welcome to come to one of the times or all of them! Dress in old clothes, and bring a bucket and cleaning rags. If this day doesn’t work in your schedule but you would still like to help, or have questions, contact Terry McAnally, 964-0591, yrrtmac26@aol.com. There will be plenty of jobs! It is a wonderful way to bond and keep God’s house in order!

YOUTH NEWS

GATHERING ON THE GO Youth in grades 8-12 join us for Gathering on the Go from 6:30-8:30pm tonight, **August 16!** We will meet at the home of Kevin & Lisa, 214 NW Springbrooke Ct., Ankeny. Come hungry and bring a friend along!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION



ALPHA Mark your calendars for the launch of a new Alpha session beginning with a “Come and See” event on **September 13**. At Alpha, guests are invited to freely explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. Each week guests enjoy a meal and a talk on subjects such as “Who is Jesus?,” “How Can I Have Faith?” and “How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?” More details about Alpha can be found at the Connect. It will be held in the Uptown Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. All welcome!

ALPHA 2 Have you gone through Alpha and experienced the amazing small group atmosphere and connection? Do you miss your Alpha nights? You are invited to come and experience Alpha 2! The evening still begins with fellowship, supper, and worship. Rather than watching the Alpha talks, the Alpha 2 group will meet together and participate in a separate small group time. Please consider joining an Alpha 2 small group this fall! No registration required. Simply attend the Come and See night on **September 13** at 5:30 in the Uptown Fellowship Hall.

IF YOU ENJOY SINGING, MAKING FRIENDS AND PRAISING GOD, YOU WILL LOVE BEING PART OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR! The Chancel Choir rehearses weekly during the school year from 7:00–8:15pm on Wednesdays in the Uptown Choir Room. We sing a variety of choral music—typically 4-part harmony (SATB) arrangements of sacred classical and traditional, with a sprinkling of spirituals, world music, and contemporary styles. We present our music in worship at the Uptown site two Sundays a month, September to May. Weekly rehearsals begin **Wednesday, August 26!** We are open to singers of all backgrounds from mid-high through adults! Melody.Webb@AnkenyFirst.org.



DISCIPLE FAST TRACK Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has reached nearly 3 million people worldwide, introducing the grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now Disciple Fast Track maintains the integrity and principles of the original study, but its modifications can better meet the needs of a

hectic world in a third less time. Our church has been privileged to be invited to participate in the final year of development. This is your opportunity to be a part of developing this new offering. Please consider joining in if you have always wanted to take Disciple 1 but have not been able to make the commitment due to the length. Disciple 1 Fast Track will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Uptown lounge beginning **September 9**. Retired United Methodist Elder, Mike Orthell, will be facilitating this course. Register at www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple-fast-track.htm. Please contact Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org with any questions.

NEW DISCIPLE SESSIONS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER Four different Disciple sessions will launch! Visit us on-line to register or for more information www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple.htm! (And see Fast Track option above.)

- **Disciple 1:** Friday mornings, beginning September 11 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Greg Saboe and Roger Davis
- **Disciple 2:** Wednesdays, beginning September 9 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Glenn Hobin and Roger Davis.
- **Disciple 3:** Mondays, beginning September 14 at 6:30pm in CLC room 106/107 led by Denny Brouwer and Greg Saboe
- **Disciple 4:** Thursdays, beginning September 10 at 11am Uptown Lounge led by Cindy Litchfield and Bonnie Shupe

----- (Place in offering plate or return to Church Office) -----

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES – AUGUST 16, 2015

- I would like to help with hospitality at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to be baptized at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to have my baptism reaffirmed at the August 23 Baptism Event.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Faith Chapel ~ Traditional Worship

August 16, 2015 ~9:00am

HYMN SING/PRELUDE

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Christ Is Alive" #318 vs. 1,2,4,5

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

*OUR RESPONSE "Glory Be to the Father" #70

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~JOYS & CONCERNS

SPECIAL MUSIC "Thy Word" [arr. Schrader] Men's Vocal Group

SCRIPTURE READING John 20:1-2, 12-18

SERMON "Your Boulder Is No Problem for Jesus" Rev. Dick Pfaltzgraff

OFFERTORY "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" [arr. Schrader] Men's Vocal Group

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

*DEDICATION HYMN "He Lives" #310

*CLOSING BLESSING/BENEDICTION SONG

**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, we encourage you to consider these questions in your personal prayer time or small group discussions:

1. Are there boulders in your life that are too heavy for you to move?
2. Have you ever had an encounter with Jesus?
3. Is it easy to miss such an encounter?

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 Nursing & Rehab: Helen Hanson **Methodist:** Sandy Lucas **Mercy:** Joyce Lavender

Methodist West: Dima Krull **Methodist West Lakes:** Catherine Young **Mill Pond:** Maxine Anderson

Discharged: Trey Charles Wayne Honeck-Juarez

Altar Flowers (Uptown): In celebration of Russ & Jane Barlow's 50th wedding anniversary. ♦ In celebration of Andy & Julie Suby's 25th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to: Sheri Erickson on the death of her brother Larry on August 9.

Baptism: (CLC 9:00) Maysen Paige Starr, daughter of J & Missy Starr, and granddaughter of Larry & Jodi Voigt, and Randy & Terri Starr. (Uptown 9:45) Scarlett Alexa Wilson, daughter of Austin Wilson & Olivia Thompson.

Reception of New Members (CLC): Today we welcome TJ & Carissa Dopheide to our church family!

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP (Wednesdays@First)28 (The Road)45 (Sat)43 (8:30)158 (9:45)137 (11:00)154

(CLC-9:00)239 (CLC-10:45)158 (FC-9:00)66 (FC-10:30)22 Total = 1,050

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)68 (FC)6 (CLC)89 Total = 163

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

General Budget \$28,395.24 Capital Campaign \$11,970.44 Missions \$2,096 Memorial \$35 Other \$269.53

SERVICE: Today's Worship Helpers:

Audio/Video: Dean Pollpeter **Keyboard:** Alene Bailey

Opportunities for Ministry & Growth

www.AnkenyFirst.org

NEWS TO KNOW



FOOD TRUCK 5K Thrive UMC is hosting the Food Truck 5K, **September 26**, at Valley View Aquatic Center to benefit Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. All can attend the Food Truck Rally (\$5 suggested donation). The Fun Run/Walk begins at 5:00pm. For more information and to register visit dsmFood-Truck5K.com.

NEW HORIZONS ADULT DAY CENTER is looking to hire a part-time bus driver. Week-days, split shift. For more information, please call Vicki Engh at 965-1602.

TRY OUT OUR BRAND NEW HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) at the CLC. HIIT will push you to your max each day with a quick, 30-minute workout. The sessions will consist of high intensity periods followed by low intensity exercises to recover. New session starts **August 17-October 9**, Monday- Friday, 6:00am. Cost is \$40. Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/hiit.html.

NEW SESSION OF BOOTCAMP BEGINS AUG. 17 Looking for the perfect combo of heart-pumping cardio and intense strength training? This class is it. Bootcamp is designed to push participants harder than they'd push themselves. We want to keep you guessing, and challenge you differently each class! New session starts **August 17- October 9**. 5-day option at 5:15am (\$40) or a 3-day option (T,W,TH) at 4:45pm (\$30). Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/bootcamp.html.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT UPDATE There is a light at the end of the tunnel! The new digital pipe organ will be installed in the Uptown sanctuary at the end of August! With about \$15,000 left to raise, there is STILL time for you to make your donation of any size to the Organ Fund! Just note "organ fund" in the memo line of your check. Or contribute through the sale of the organ pipes: large are \$100, medium are \$50, and small are \$10. A dedication concert will be scheduled soon, please watch for that date!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Before school starts, let's stop to count our blessings for school, teachers, friends, learning, and growing in our faith! All children are invited to bring their backpacks for this special blessing during all worship services on **August 23**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CREATING "MANNA BAGS" One of the goals of our Education Cluster was to have one Sunday dedicated for our kids to help others. On Sunday, **August 23**, our Sunday School classes will be creating "Manna Bags" for the Bidwell-Riverside Center. You can help by donating the following items for the bags: travel-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and tooth brushes.

LIL DRAGONS TAE KWON DO Lil Dragons is a detailed curriculum that focuses on improving children's basic motor and listening skills. Children (ages 4-6) will be exposed to positive social interaction while learning to work with others and follow directions from their instructors. Classes will include an intentional time for devotion. This ministry will be offered Tuesdays, **August 25-October 13**, from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Cost is \$30. Pre-registration required at www.ankenfirst.org/tae-kwon-do.htm.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

AGAPE GARDEN NEWS Abundance is flowing at the Agape Garden this summer. The garden is producing between 1,500-1,800 pounds of produce per week this summer. Amazing! If you'd like to help harvest, regular work times are: Tuesday/Thursday 6:00pm-dusk; Saturday 8:00am-noon. All levels of experience are welcome. Questions? Contact Karen.Newell@q.com.

UPTOWN KITCHEN CLEANING! Is your small group looking for some in-house mission work? We will clean both Uptown kitchens on Tuesday, **August 18**, 8:30-11:00am, 1:30-3:30pm, and 6:00-8:00pm, and need your help! You are welcome to come to one of the times or all of them! Dress in old clothes, and bring a bucket and cleaning rags. If this day doesn't work in your schedule but you would still like to help, or have questions, contact Terry McAnally, 964-0591, yrrtmac26@aol.com. There will be plenty of jobs! It is a wonderful way to bond and keep God's house in order!

YOUTH NEWS

GATHERING ON THE GO Youth in grades 8-12 join us for Gathering on the Go from 6:30-8:30pm tonight, **August 16!** We will meet at the home of Kevin & Lisa, 214 NW Springbrooke Ct., Ankeny. Come hungry and bring a friend along!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION



ALPHA Mark your calendars for the launch of a new Alpha session beginning with a "Come and See" event on **September 13**. At Alpha, guests are invited to freely explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. Each week guests enjoy a meal and a talk on subjects such as "Who is Jesus?," "How Can I Have Faith?" and "How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?" More details about Alpha can be found at the Connect. It will be held in the Uptown Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. All welcome!

ALPHA 2 Have you gone through Alpha and experienced the amazing small group atmosphere and connection? Do you miss your Alpha nights? You are invited to come and experience Alpha 2! The evening still begins with fellowship, supper, and worship. Rather than watching the Alpha talks, the Alpha 2 group will meet together and participate in a separate small group time. Please consider joining an Alpha 2 small group this fall! No registration required. Simply attend the Come and See night on **September 13** at 5:30 in the Uptown Fellowship Hall.

IF YOU ENJOY SINGING, MAKING FRIENDS AND PRAISING GOD, YOU WILL LOVE BEING PART OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR! The Chancel Choir rehearses weekly during the school year from 7:00-8:15pm on Wednesdays in the Uptown Choir Room. We sing a variety of choral music—typically 4-part harmony (SATB) arrangements of sacred classical and traditional, with a sprinkling of spirituals, world music, and contemporary styles. We present our music in worship at the Uptown site two Sundays a month, September to May. Weekly rehearsals begin **Wednesday, August 26!** We are open to singers of all backgrounds from mid-high through adults! Melody.Webb@AnkenyFirst.org.



DISCIPLE FAST TRACK Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has reached nearly 3 million people worldwide, introducing the grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now Disciple Fast Track maintains the integrity and principles of the original study, but its modifications can better meet the needs of a

hectic world in a third less time. Our church has been privileged to be invited to participate in the final year of development. This is your opportunity to be a part of developing this new offering. Please consider joining in if you have always wanted to take Disciple 1 but have not been able to make the commitment due to the length. Disciple 1 Fast Track will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Uptown lounge beginning **September 9**. Retired United Methodist Elder, Mike Orthell, will be facilitating this course. Register at www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple-fast-track.htm. Please contact Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org with any questions.

NEW DISCIPLE SESSIONS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER Four different Disciple sessions will launch! Visit us on-line to register or for more information www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple.htm! (And see Fast Track option above.)

- **Disciple 1:** Friday mornings, beginning September 11 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Greg Saboe and Roger Davis
- **Disciple 2:** Wednesdays, beginning September 9 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Glenn Hobin and Roger Davis.
- **Disciple 3:** Mondays, beginning September 14 at 6:30pm in CLC room 106/107 led by Denny Brouwer and Greg Saboe
- **Disciple 4:** Thursdays, beginning September 10 at 11am Uptown Lounge led by Cindy Litchfield and Bonnie Shupe

----- (Place in offering plate or return to Church Office) -----

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES - AUGUST 16, 2015

- I would like to help with hospitality at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to be baptized at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to have my baptism reaffirmed at the August 23 Baptism Event.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Faith Chapel ~ Contemporary Worship

August 16, 2015 ~ 10:30am

WELCOME / WORSHIP FOCUS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE SONGS

A TIME OF PRAYER

SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-2, 12-18

SERMON

“Your Boulder Is No Problem for Jesus”

Rev. Dick Pfaltzgraff

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. Are there boulders in your life that are too heavy for you to move?
2. Have you ever had an encounter with Jesus?
3. Is it easy to miss such an encounter?

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 Nursing & Rehab: Helen Hanson **Methodist:** Sandy Lucas **Mercy:** Joyce Lavender

Methodist West: Dima Krull **Methodist West Lakes:** Catherine Young **Mill Pond:** Maxine Anderson

Discharged: Trey Charles Wayne Honeck-Juarez

Altar Flowers (Uptown): In celebration of Russ & Jane Barlow's 50th wedding anniversary. ♦ In celebration of Andy & Julie Suby's 25th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to: Sheri Erickson on the death of her brother Larry on August 9.

Baptism: (CLC 9:00) Maysen Paige Starr, daughter of J & Missy Starr, and granddaughter of Larry & Jodi Voigt, and Randy & Terri Starr. **(Uptown 9:45)** Scarlett Alexa Wilson, daughter of Austin Wilson & Olivia Thompson.

Reception of New Members (CLC): Today we welcome TJ & Carissa Dopheide to our church family!

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP (Wednesdays@First)28 (The Road)45 (Sat)43 (8:30)158 (9:45)137 (11:00)154
(CLC-9:00)239 (CLC-10:45)158 (FC-9:00)66 (FC-10:30)22 Total = 1,050

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)68 (FC)6 (CLC)89 Total = 163

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

General Budget \$28,395.24 Capital Campaign \$11,970.44 Missions \$2,096 Memorial \$35 Other \$269.53

SERVICE: Today's Worship Helpers are listed below.

Audio/Visual: Dean Polpeter **Worship Team:** Klein family

Opportunities for Ministry & Growth

www.AnkenyFirst.org

NEWS TO KNOW



FOOD TRUCK 5K Thrive UMC is hosting the Food Truck 5K, **September 26**, at Valley View Aquatic Center to benefit Iowa Homeless Youth Centers. All can attend the Food Truck Rally (\$5 suggested donation). The Fun Run/Walk begins at 5:00pm. For more information and to register visit dsmFood-Truck5K.com.

NEW HORIZONS ADULT DAY CENTER is looking to hire a part-time bus driver. Week-days, split shift. For more information, please call Vicki Eng at 965-1602.

TRY OUT OUR BRAND NEW HIIT (High Intensity Interval Training) at the CLC. HIIT will push you to your max each day with a quick, 30-minute workout. The sessions will consist of high intensity periods followed by low intensity exercises to recover. New session starts **August 17-October 9**, Monday- Friday, 6:00am. Cost is \$40. Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/hiit.html.

NEW SESSION OF BOOTCAMP BEGINS AUG. 17 Looking for the perfect combo of heart-pumping cardio and intense strength training? This class is it. Bootcamp is designed to push participants harder than they'd push themselves. We want to keep you guessing, and challenge you differently each class! New session starts **August 17- October 9**. 5-day option at 5:15am (\$40) or a 3-day option (T,W,TH) at 4:45pm (\$30). Register on-line at ankenfirst.org/sportsrec/bootcamp.html.

ORGAN REPLACEMENT UPDATE There is a light at the end of the tunnel! The new digital pipe organ will be installed in the Uptown sanctuary at the end of August! With about \$15,000 left to raise, there is STILL time for you to do make your donation of any size to the Organ Fund! Just note "organ fund" in the memo line of your check. Or contribute through the sale of the organ pipes: large are \$100, medium are \$50, and small are \$10. A dedication concert will be scheduled soon, please watch for that date!

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS Before school starts, let's stop to count our blessings for school, teachers, friends, learning, and growing in our faith! All children are invited to bring their backpacks for this special blessing during all worship services on **August 23**.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES ARE CREATING "MANNA BAGS" One of the goals of our Education Cluster was to have one Sunday dedicated for our kids to help others. On Sunday, **August 23**, our Sunday School classes will be creating "Manna Bags" for the Bidwell-Riverside Center. You can help by donating the following items for the bags: travel-sized soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, and tooth brushes.

LIL DRAGONS TAE KWON DO Lil Dragons is a detailed curriculum that focuses on improving children's basic motor and listening skills. Children (ages 4-6) will be exposed to positive social interaction while learning to work with others and follow directions from their instructors. Classes will include an intentional time for devotion. This ministry will be offered Tuesdays, **August 25-October 13**, from 6:30 to 7:00pm. Cost is \$30. Pre-registration required at www.ankenfirst.org/tae-kwon-do.htm.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

AGAPE GARDEN NEWS Abundance is flowing at the Agape Garden this summer. The garden is producing between 1,500-1,800 pounds of produce per week this summer. Amazing! If you'd like to help harvest, regular work times are: Tuesday/Thursday 6:00pm-dusk; Saturday 8:00am-noon. All levels of experience are welcome. Questions? Contact Karen.Newell@q.com.

UPTOWN KITCHEN CLEANING! Is your small group looking for some in-house mission work? We will clean both Uptown kitchens on Tuesday, **August 18**, 8:30-11:00am, 1:30-3:30pm, and 6:00-8:00pm, and need your help! You are welcome to come to one of the times or all of them! Dress in old clothes, and bring a bucket and cleaning rags. If this day doesn't work in your schedule but you would still like to help, or have questions, contact Terry McAnally, 964-0591, yrrtmac26@aol.com. There will be plenty of jobs! It is a wonderful way to bond and keep God's house in order!

YOUTH NEWS

GATHERING ON THE GO Youth in grades 8-12 join us for Gathering on the Go from 6:30-8:30pm tonight, **August 16!** We will meet at the home of Kevin & Lisa, 214 NW Springbrooke Ct., Ankeny. Come hungry and bring a friend along!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION



ALPHA Mark your calendars for the launch of a new Alpha session beginning with a "Come and See" event on **September 13**. At Alpha, guests are invited to freely explore the Christian faith in a relaxed setting. Each week guests enjoy a meal and a talk on subjects such as "Who is Jesus?," "How Can I Have Faith?" and "How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?" More details about Alpha can be found at the Connect. It will be held in the Uptown Fellowship Hall at 5:30pm. All welcome!

ALPHA 2 Have you gone through Alpha and experienced the amazing small group atmosphere and connection? Do you miss your Alpha nights? You are invited to come and experience Alpha 2! The evening still begins with fellowship, supper, and worship. Rather than watching the Alpha talks, the Alpha 2 group will meet together and participate in a separate small group time. Please consider joining an Alpha 2 small group this fall! No registration required. Simply attend the Come and See night on **September 13** at 5:30 in the Uptown Fellowship Hall.

IF YOU ENJOY SINGING, MAKING FRIENDS AND PRAISING GOD, YOU WILL LOVE BEING PART OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR! The Chancel Choir rehearses weekly during the school year from 7:00-8:15pm on Wednesdays in the Uptown Choir Room. We sing a variety of choral music—typically 4-part harmony (SATB) arrangements of sacred classical and traditional, with a sprinkling of spirituals, world music, and contemporary styles. We present our music in worship at the Uptown site two Sundays a month, September to May. Weekly rehearsals begin **Wednesday, August 26!** We are open to singers of all backgrounds from mid-high through adults! Melody.Webb@AnkenyFirst.org.



DISCIPLE FAST TRACK Since 1987, Disciple Bible Study has reached nearly 3 million people worldwide, introducing the grand sweep of Scripture in a 34-week format. Now Disciple Fast Track maintains the integrity and principles of the original study, but its modifications can better meet the needs of a hectic world in a third less time. Our church has been privileged to be invited to participate in the final year of development. This is your opportunity to be a part of developing this new offering. Please consider joining in if you have always wanted to take Disciple 1 but have not been able to make the commitment due to the length. Disciple 1 Fast Track will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-7:00pm in the Uptown lounge beginning **September 9**. Retired United Methodist Elder, Mike Orthell, will be facilitating this course. Register at www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple-fast-track.htm. Please contact Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFirst.org with any questions.

NEW DISCIPLE SESSIONS STARTING IN SEPTEMBER Four different Disciple sessions will launch! Visit us on-line to register or for more information www.AnkenyFirst.org/disciple.htm! (And see Fast Track option above.)

- **Disciple 1:** Friday mornings, beginning September 11 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Greg Saboe and Roger Davis
- **Disciple 2:** Wednesdays, beginning September 9 at 11am in CLC room 106/107 led by Glenn Hobin and Roger Davis.
- **Disciple 3:** Mondays, beginning September 14 at 6:30pm in CLC room 106/107 led by Denny Brouwer and Greg Saboe
- **Disciple 4:** Thursdays, beginning September 10 at 11am Uptown Lounge led by Cindy Litchfield and Bonnie Shupe

----- (Place in offering plate or return to Church Office) -----

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES - AUGUST 16, 2015

- I would like to help with hospitality at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to be baptized at the August 23 Baptism Event.
- I would like to have my baptism reaffirmed at the August 23 Baptism Event.

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____