



We Welcome Our Guests to Ankeny First! At today's worship service we pray that you will sense a new and energized connection with the presence of God as we worship through singing, praying, learning, and experiencing together. We invite you to tear off the Connect Card, fill it out and drop it in the offering baskets.

Worshipping at Ankeny First

Children are always welcome in worship, and "Worship Bags" containing children's activities are available for them to use. 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:** Between both services. **Christian Life Center:** Between both services. **Spirit Alive:** Before worship.

Communion The first weekend of each month. Healing oil is also available in the Uptown Chapel after communion.

Worship

Uptown: 206 SW Walnut St ~ 964-4249
 Saturdays 5:00pm ~ Spirit Alive
 Sundays 8:30am ~ Traditional
 9:45am ~ Relaxed Contemporary
 11:00am ~ New Traditions
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 ~ Casual

Sunday School

Uptown:
 9:45: 3yr old -7th grade
 11:00: 3yr old -5th grade
 9:45: Seekers (adult)
 9:45: Alpha & Omega (adult)
 9:45: Disciple's Dojo (adult)
Christian Life Center:
 9:00: 3yr old -8th grade
 10:45: 3yr old -5th grade
Faith Chapel:
 10:30am ~ 3yr old-3rd grade

Nursery available at all Sunday services.

At Ankeny First, 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: Kennybrook: Dale Reece **Mercy:** Charlene Hildreth **Methodist:** Dan Downs, Jamie Riebkes **Discharged:** Earl Leonard

Sympathy to: Joyce Bagnall, Kim Douglas, Amy Van Blair, & Kristi Sterling on the death of their father & grandfather, Irv Church, on March 22. ♦ Susan Fischer on the death of her mother, Marilyn Miller, on March 25.

Baptism: (CLC 9:00) Mallory Nicole Palmersheim, daughter of Jeff & Ashley. **(UPT 9:45)** Reece Joseph Archer, son of Tyler and Shannon.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (Wednesdays@First)58 (Sat)80 (8:30)319 (9:45)293 (11:00)272
 (CLC Sunrise) 109 (CLC-9:00)794 (CLC-10:45)469 (FC Sunrise)25 (FC-9:00)74
 (FC-10:30)46 Total = 2,539 **SUNDAY SCHOOL** (Uptown)106

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

Operating Budget \$28,715.10 Capital Campaign \$5,504.23 Mission \$1,152 Other \$108.50
 Endowment \$210 Easter Mission Total \$15,983.55

Find us on the web at www.AnkenyFirst.org.

Children | Families
General News

Register now for Vacation Bible School! This year's VBS theme is "Cave Quest: Following Jesus, the Light of the World!" Kids (3 years-4th grade) will enjoy Deep Bible Quests, Sing & Play Rock Music, Spelunker Sports & Games, Cavern Café and much more. Get registered *by May 31* at www.ankenyfirst.org! \$20 for this week of fun! **Evenings**—June 19-23 (6:00-8:30pm); **Mornings**—June 20-24 (9:00-noon)

VBS Mini-Missions For children currently in 5th & 6th grades, we offer a week of fun mission work! June 20-24 (9:00-noon)

Show Choir Camp Save the date for the elementary and mid-high sessions of "Sounds Like Love" Show Choir Camp, **July 18-22!** This week-long camp for students who have completed 1st-8th grades will cover the basics of show choir with fun and inspirational singing and choreography, plus team-building devotions and mission projects. High school students and adults with a passion for music are encouraged to help lead. Watch our website for registration to open beginning in April.

Today We Receive New Church Members to our congregation at multiple services. We welcome you to our church family!

Easter Business Items If you displayed an Easter yard sign, please store it for next year or bring them to the Uptown office if you don't have a storage option. Also, last chance to pick up an Easter flower that you purchased.

Photographers Needed We are looking for photographers to help us with a Mother's Day photo booth at each of our worship locations. Please sign the Connect card if you are able to help on May 8.

Live Streaming Worship If you find yourself away from home, not feeling well, or in a winter/summer home and unable to worship with your faith community, consider worshipping with your Ankeny First family online! Just visit our website, www.ankenyfirst.org and click on the "Live Streaming" link to worship with us at our 8:30am traditional Uptown, or our 10:45am contemporary CLC service.

New Horizons 15th Annual Lasagna Dinner Fundraiser Friday, April 8 Join us from 4:30-7:00pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. Tickets: \$9 in advance & \$10 at the door, and children under 5 free. Call 965.1602 to reserve your advance tickets or get them at the Uptown office. Door prizes and a silent auction!

2016 Laity Day with Bishop Trimble Margaret Borgen, Iowa Conference Lay Leader, invites you to Bishop Trimble's last opportunity to meet with laity before he is appointed to a new area. Saturday, **April 9**, from 9:30am until 3:00pm, Aldersgate UMC, 3600 75th St, Urbandale, IA. See more at: <http://www.iaumc.org/newsdetail/2016-laity-day-with-bishop-trimble-4189091#sthash.mIPMTi9o.dpuf>.

The United Methodist Women will have the annual Spring Salad Buffet on April 19, from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. The buffet features a huge assortment of all-you-can-eat salads. Men and families are welcome to this casual lunch (and carry-out is available). Advance tickets are \$8. \$5 for children ages 3 to 10. At the door tickets are \$10. Advance tickets are available at all church offices and after services on April 3, 10 and 17. Proceeds will benefit missions.

Re-launch & Exciting Changes Coming to Wednesdays@first! Be sure to stop out on **April 20**, for the re-launch of Wednesdays@first worship at the CLC. More details will be revealed in the coming weeks, both in worship and on our website, but expect more sermon "conversations" and a sermon series on relationships, family, and the essential nature of community.

Thank You church members and friends for your prayers, support, and encouragement that you have offered to my great-grandson Trey Charles, and for me. *Bette Honeck*

More announcements on reverse side.

Prayer Requests

- Please keep this confidential to pastors and church staff only.
- Please put this on our public prayer chain.

- I would like to speak with a pastor or someone from our Christian Care Ministry about this request.

Hospital Notices

Name _____

Hospital _____

Date _____

Ministry Opportunities

- I have a story to share for the Military Ministry Team project.
- I am interested in helping with our Kids Soccer League this summer.
- I would like to help at Discovery Weekend, April 15-17 (our spiritual growth retreat for our youth).
- I can help take Mother's Day photos on May 8.

8:30 Worship Support

- I can support our 8:30am worship service at Uptown in the following ways:
 - Usher
 - Sound tech
 - Powerpoint tech
 - Video streaming tech

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship April 3, 2016 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE "Shout to the Lord" [Zschech] Praise Ringers

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Mike Orthel

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Christ Is Alive" #318 vs. 1,2,3,5

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

ANTHEM "Christ Has Risen" [Bell/Moore] Chancel Choir

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SONG OF REFLECTION "Christ Is Risen" #307

SCRIPTURE Luke 24:13-35

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SPECIAL MUSIC "My Life Is in You Lord" Celebration Chimes

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**Christian Life Center
Contemporary Worship
April 3, 2016 ~ 9:00am & 10:45am**

*PRAISE

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00)

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 15:1-15; Mark 12:28-34

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**Uptown ~ Spirit Alive
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WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

***SING PRAISE TO GOD**

"Christ Is Alive"

"All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises"

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

SONG OF REFLECTION

"Simplicity"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-35

SERMON

"Simplicity—Faith" Rev. Angie Loomis

APOSTLES' CREED

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

***SENDING SONG**

"Because He Lives"

***BENEDICTION**

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Faith Chapel ~ Traditional Worship

April 3, 2016 ~ 9:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

"He Lives"

#310

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

*OUR RESPONSE

"Glory Be to the Father"

#70

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

WELCOMING OF NEW MEMBERS: Dustin & Cara Bloom

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~JOYS, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#95

SERMON HYMN

"Trust and Obey"

#467

SCRIPTURE READING

John 20:24-31

SERMON

"Simplify—Faith" Rev. Thom Bryant

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" #614

*CLOSING BLESSING/BENEDICTION SONG

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OPENING SONG

PRAYERS

OFFERING

CONVERSATIONAL MESSAGE

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