



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 | Families

General News

Register 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.ankenfirst.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), \$20.

Escape School - Stranger Danger Awareness Do your children and family have escape plans? Everyone will benefit from this important and memorable interactive program that teaches children (Pre-K to 6th grade) how to be "street smart" about strangers and the internet! Visual Scriptures (our puppets ministry) will help children and parents through role play, songs, and storytelling to reinforce key concepts. No cost! Wednesday, **April 13** at 6:25pm at the Uptown Family Center.

Parent's Night Out! The Children's Cluster is sponsoring a "Parent's Night Out" on Friday, **May 20** at the Christian Life Center between 5:00-8:30pm for Pre-K to 5th Graders. This will be a time for kids to gather for crafts, games, movies, and activities while parents have a night out! Cost will be \$20 for first child, and then \$5 per additional children. Register now at www.AnkenyFirst.org!

Nursery Wish List Did you know our three-site church offers childcare at all Sunday worship services, The Road, Wednesdays @First, and several small group and fitness classes? To keep our nurseries well-stocked, the childcare team is in need of the following: batteries (all sizes but mostly AA and AAA), unscented baby wipes, Kleenex, disinfecting wipes, size 4 or 5 diapers, pens, post-it notes, coloring books, crayons, games, doll stroller, child-size shopping cart, toy car ramps, and washable dolls (no stuffed animals, please). We appreciate your donations!

UM Missionary Event The Iowa Conference is hosting Katherine Parker, a UM missionary presently serving in Nepal, and invites you to an opportunity to hear her stories on **April 11**, 7:00pm at New Hope UMC, 4525 Beaver Ave., DM. Visit www.umcmmission.org/parker for Katherine's missionary biography.

Jan Boehm's Retirement Party Next Sunday, **April 17**, we will host a retirement party for Jan Boehm, our Worship Director! There will be a program at 2:00pm and open house to follow at our Uptown location. Please join us!

Camp Sunday Is April 17 We want to encourage and make it possible for our children and youth to participate in camp and retreat ministries—including Springbrook, for 3rd-6th graders; Summer Games—a faith-based camp for youth 6th grade and up, held at Grinnell College; and our three United Methodist camps within Iowa. Remember, scholarships are available!

Spiritual Healing is God's work of offering us balance, harmony, and wholeness of body, mind, spirit and relationships. A service of healing is not necessarily a service of curing, but a time when the Church in all its frailty meets to provide an atmosphere in which healing can occur—the greatest healing of all being reconciliation with God and with one another. Pastor Angie will be leading this service on Tuesday, **April 19** at 6:00pm in the Uptown Chapel.

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.

All Arc Invited to the United Methodist Women Spring Salad Buffet & Boutique on **April 19**, 11:00am - 1:00pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. The buffet features a huge assortment of all-you-can-eat salads. Tickets: \$8 for adults, and \$5 for children ages 3 to 10 in advance; \$10 at the door. Advance tickets are available in the church offices and between services on April 10 and 17. Proceeds will go to missions. Boutique items are needed! Bring baked goods, and craft/boutique items the morning of April 19. Questions? Call Janet Lebsack at 515.314.843.

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 would like to serve with Meals in Mission, and would like to be contacted with how I can assist.
- 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 can help take Mother's Day photos on May 8.
- I am interested in knowing more about the Agape Garden and how I can help.
- I want to know more about the Ankeny First Endowment Fund.
- I have already named Ankeny First in my will or estate plan.
- I am interested in helping the Southern Sudanese UMC Sunday School program.
- I would like to attend the next New Member Gathering on April 24/May 1.

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: Lutheran: Dwight Brown **Methodist:** Ken Verrone

Discharged: Dan Downs, Mike Fugate, Carlos Paugh, Clarence Rail, Dale Reece

Altar Roses (CLC): In celebration of the birth of Gavin John Fridley, son of Kevin & Lauren, on Mar.

27. ♦ In celebration of the birth of Ashton Gregory Riebkes, son of Jamie & Addison, on Mar. 28.

Sympathy to: Friends & family of Charlene Hildreth, on her death on April 3.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (Wednesdays@First)67 (The Road)40 (Sat)31 (8:30)176 (9:45)184 (11:00)144 (CLC-9:00)330 (CLC-10:45)161 (FC-9:00)53 (FC-10:30)36 Total = 1,222

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)94 (CLC)5 (FC)161

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

Operating Budget \$45,858.74 Cap. Campaign \$9,116.11 Mission \$1,351 Other \$680 Memorial \$225

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship April 10, 2016 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE Instruments of Peace

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Melody Webb

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Crown Him with Many Crowns" #327

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "Lord, Make My Life a Sacrifice" [Adams]
Chancel Choir & Wind Ensemble

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*DOXOLOGY / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SONG OF REFLECTION "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

SCRIPTURE John 21:15-19

SERMON "Simplify—Finances" Rev. Angie Loomis

*HYMN OF SENDING "Take My Life, and Let It Be" #399

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able.*

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

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Jim & Judi Logan, Bill Miller, Bob & Connie Ruths

Chancel Choir Director: Melody Webb Chancel Choir Accompanist: Christine Stone

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Acolytes: Confirmation Students

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GATHERING SONG

SPECIAL MUSIC Kids of the Kingdom

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Tech Support: David Green, Paul Moss

Baptism: Reece Joseph Archer, son of Tyler & Shannon Archer, & grandson of Mike & Lori Charley.

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PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS (9:00)

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OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

1 Timothy 6:6-10

SERMON

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Uptown ~ New Traditions Worship

April 10, 2016 ~ 11:00am

PRELUDE Instruments of Peace
WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
*GATHERING SONG "This Is Amazing Grace"
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
ANTHEM "Lord, Make My Life a Sacrifice" [Adams]
Chancel Choir & Wind Ensemble
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
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Instruments of Peace Director: Dan Jones **Organist:** Jan Boehm

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Acolytes: Confirmation Students **Worship Leader:** Melody Webb

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PRELUDE

INTROIT "We Are So Blessed" [Gaither/Nelson] Chapel Singers

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~JOYS, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "I'm Feeling Fine" [Mosie Lister] Chapel Singers

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

SPECIAL MUSIC "I'd Rather Be an Old Time Christian" [Brumles] Chapel Singers

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 12:15-21

SERMON "Simplify—Finances" Rev. Dick Pfaltzgraff

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*CLOSING BLESSING/BENEDICTION SONG

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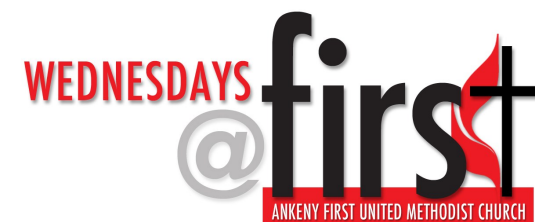
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