

# 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.AnkenyFUMC.org](http://www.AnkenyFUMC.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.

**SOUL FOOD CAFÉ** All are invited to our informal meal Wednesday evenings during the school year between 5:00-6:30pm in our Uptown Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$3 per person (\$10 per family). NO reservations needed! Check the church website to see what's on the menu this week under "Groups & Study".

**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.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

**BETTY ARNOLD** is transferring from Altoona UMC.

**RICK & NANCY BAKKE** and their daughter **SYDNEY** are joining by Profession of Faith.

**KIM BARTOSH** is joining by Profession of Faith.

**JESSICA CHRISTOPHER** is transferring from Walnut Creek Church in Des Moines.

**KEVIN CROW** is transferring from Christ UMC in Belle Plaine.

**RUSS & TRISH DEMPSTER** are joining by Profession of Faith.

**BILL HAMILTON, SR.** is joining by Profession of Faith.

**KIM HARMON** is joining by Profession of Faith.

**PAIGE HENNING** is transferring from Christ UMC in Belle Plaine.

**CHRIS & LINDIE HOAGLUND** are joining by Profession of Faith. They have three children: Brian, Bennett and Nash.

**ERIC & JOAN HOCH** are transferring from Westminster Presbyterian Church in Des Moines. They have two children: Samantha & Thomas.

**NORM & MYRA HOUSER** are transferring from Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Ankeny.

**JAY JOHNSON** is transferring from Altoona UMC. He and his wife Laura have three children: Abigail, Cassandra & Haylee.

**DEAN LARSON** is transferring from United Presbyterian Church in Newton.

**CARL & MELISSA LINDER** are transferring from Colfax UMC. They have two children: Carl & Megan.

**DWILA LINDER** is transferring from First UMC in Des Moines.

**FRANCES MENSAH** is joining by Profession of Faith.

**DEB PARKER** is transferring from Holstein UMC.

**MICHAEL & CHAVA POCERNICH** are transferring from St. Luke Methodist Church in Lexington, KY. They have three children: Jocelyn, Kayla & Alex.

**BOB & CHERIE RAINEY** is transferring from Asbury UMC in Bettendorf.

**CHRIS TROTTER** is transferring from Holy Trinity Catholic Church in Des Moines, and his wife **ANDREA** is transferring from St. Boniface Church in Waukee. They have one son: Liam.

**GERYD & MONICA VANDENBERG** is joining by Profession of Faith. They have two children: Gabi & Amelia.

**EMILY VAN KLEY** is transferring from St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in Iowa City.

**JENNY WINCHESTER** is joining by Profession of Faith. Jenny and her husband Paul have two children: Nile & Landon.

## 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

Saturdays 7:15pm ~ "The Road"

Sundays 9:00am & 10:45am ~ Contemporary

**Faith Chapel:** 7384 NW 16th St ~ 289-2171

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## 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 Co-Pastors:** Martha & Bob Ward

**Associate Pastors, Faith Chapel:** Thom Bryant, Dick Pfaltzgraff

**Associate Pastor, CLC:** John Wagner

**Associate Pastor, Thrive UMC:** Jeremy Poland

**Director of Worship Ministry:** Jan Boehm

**Director of Children & Family Ministries:** Pat Crownover

**Co-Directors of Youth Ministry:** Shelly Kubik, Rick Webb

**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, Duane Churchman

**Email staff at:** [firstname.lastname@AnkenyFUMC.org](mailto:firstname.lastname@AnkenyFUMC.org)

**Deadlines: Bulletin → Tuesdays 2:00pm; Apr 1 Newsletter → Mar 15**

## FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF AFUMC EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES:

Pick up a weekly calendar at any worship location (ask an usher for assistance) or go to our website: [www.AnkenyFUMC.org](http://www.AnkenyFUMC.org).

### Al-Anon

Mondays, 7:00pm, Upt Rm 314

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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.*

## ADDITIONAL YOUTH INFORMATION

**JC's Café (grades 6-12):** Monday-Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm throughout the school year. Closed for holidays and school breaks.

**Ewe'th Group** is a fellowship, service, study and worship group for 6th and 7th grade youth. Sundays from 5:00-6:00pm at the Christian Life Center.

**The Gathering** is specifically designed for the lives of teens in Ankeny for 8th-12th graders. Sundays at the CLC beginning with supper 6:00pm (\$3) then worship, fellowship and more from 6:30-8:15pm.

**3 Locations ~ 9 Worship Services**

**1 Congregation United in Christ!**

**Uptown Campus ~ Faith Chapel ~ Christian Life Center**

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ANKENY FIRST  
UNITED METHODIST  
CHURCH

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**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:

**INVITE people into Christ's Body.  
INSPIRE them to become more like Jesus.  
IMPROVE the lives of those in need.**

**MARCH 9, 2014**

# Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

## March 9, 2014 ~ 8:30am

**PRELUDE** Instruments of Peace  
**WELCOME/WORSHIP FOCUS**  
**\*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING**  
**\*INTROIT** Instruments of Peace  
**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** Lay Liturgist Lindsay Drake  
**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Rock of Ages" #361  
**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Source of Living Water, we come today thirsty for life in all its abundance. But we confess that in our self-centeredness and fear, we sometimes turn to things which do not satisfy our bodies and often harm our souls. Forgive us, Lord. Wash us with your forgiveness, splash us with your joy, and soak us with your love. Then let your Spirit overflow from us, so that our lives might bring honor to your name. Amen.  
**\*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE**  
**ANTHEM** "His Grace Will Lead Us Through" [Mary McDonald] Chancel Choir with Instruments of Peace  
**TIME WITH THE CHILDREN**  
**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER**  
**PRAYER HYMN** "Just As I Am" #357 vs. 1-3, 5  
**SCRIPTURE** John 4:5-39  
**SERMON** "Can I Stop Running From the God Who Knows Me?" Rev. Martha Ward  
**OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD**  
**MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS**  
**OFFERTORY** "Fill My Cup, Lord" Beth Madison  
**\*DOXOLOGY** "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" #298 vs. 4  
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**  
**RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS**  
**\*HYMN OF DEDICATION** "Grace Greater Than Our Sin" #365  
**\*BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE** Christine Stone, piano

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**Sound:** Todd Gilpin **Powerpoint:** Karen Newell **Pianist:** Christine Stone

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- *Who is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus* (begins Sunday, March 9, 9:45am Uptown Room 310 OR Wednesday, March 12, 11:15am CLC Library);
- *24 Hours That Changed the World* (begins Sunday, March 9, 10:15am CLC Room 109);
- *Lord, Teach me to Pray* (begins Tuesday, March 11, 9:00am Faith Chapel Fellowship Hall).

Contact [Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFUMC.org](mailto:Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFUMC.org) for more information or with questions.

**THE SINGLES MINISTRY TEAM** encourages all AFUMC's singles over 30 to join us for fellowship and fun on the third Saturday of every month. We will be meeting from 7:00-10:00pm in Uptown Fellowship Hall (north entrances) on **March 15** for an evening of fun and games. Bring your favorite snack to share and be prepared for some special mixing! Please contact the office at 964-4249 with questions. All are welcome!

**JOIN THE SATURDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP** starting **March 29** at 7:30am for "Unglued" by Lysa Terkerust. This six session study explores how to make wise choices in the midst of raw emotions. This group meets weekly at the CLC. Contact Kate Pauly [k8pauly@gmail.com](mailto:k8pauly@gmail.com) to sign up.

## CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**PICK UP FREE DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONALS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** today at any of our three sites. Each devotional contains stories and scriptures that will enhance time with your child as you count down toward Easter.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "WEIRD ANIMALS: WHERE JESUS' LOVE IS ONE-OF-A-KIND" & MINI-MISSIONS** Registration is now open on-line for both morning (June 16-20) and evening sessions (June 15-20). \$20 for early bird registrants. 5th-6th graders sign up for our Mini-Missions that week too, but hurry, space is limited! Also \$20.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS, AND DRIVERS & CREW LEADERS NEEDED FOR VBS MINI-MISSION TRIP** Register now online at [www.ankenymc.org](http://www.ankenymc.org) to help with VBS! If you are interested or would like further information about helping with Mini-Missions, please contact Tammy Engebretson, Pat Crownover, or call the church office.

**SPRINGBROOK CAMP JULY 15-16** All current 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to this two-day/one night camp at Springbrook State Park. This is a great time to enjoy the out-of-doors, learn about God's wonderful world, hike, swim, kayak, and much more. \$40 for lodging and meals. Limited space for campers, so register early at [www.ankenymc.org](http://www.ankenymc.org).

**REGISTER NOW FOR UNITED METHODIST SUMMER CAMPS** The 2014 Summer Camps catalogs have arrived! Start talking about possible dates for you and your friends to attend camp. All AFUMC children are eligible to receive a **church scholarship for 35% up to \$125** of the cost of their camp.

**2014-15 BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL** Openings for 2014-15 are still available for some of our two, three, four and five-year-old and Kinder Prep programs provide meaningful preschool experiences. For more information visit [www.ankenymc.org](http://www.ankenymc.org), contact Missy Starr, our Registrar, at 229-0667, or email [brightbeginnings@ankenymc.org](mailto:brightbeginnings@ankenymc.org).



**NEW! EXPANDED PARENTS MORNING OUT!** Starting in September 2014, we will expand our Parent's Morning Out program to every day from Monday to Friday from 9:15-11:15am! Parents are invited to enroll their 2-year-olds (or un-potty-trained 3 year-olds) in a preschool environment! For more information, contact Missy Starr at 229-0667.

**EASTER CANDY NEEDED!** Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed to place in eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt (to be held on April 19). Tubs are available at each worship location to drop off your donation. Our goal is to fill 8,000 or more eggs. If you would like to help fill the eggs, we will meet on Tuesday April 8, starting at 6:00pm in Uptown Room 13. Bring your friends and family to help stuff eggs—and bring smiles to the faces of our children at the Easter Egg Hunt! Anyone interested in taking home eggs to fill at their leisure can contact Pat Crownover, Director of Children's Ministry, at 964-4249 or [pat.crownover@ankenymc.org](mailto:pat.crownover@ankenymc.org), or Christie Hollenbeck, Event Co-Chair, at 689-7901 or [rchollen@live.com](mailto:rchollen@live.com).



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Luke 4:1-13

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- "Your Grace Is Enough"

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## SCRIPTURE

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## March 9, 2014 ~ 9:00am

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INTROIT "Cares Chorus" [Kelly Willard] Chapel Singers

### WELCOME / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

\*OPENING HYMN "Come, Come Everybody Worship" TFWS #2271

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

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SPECIAL MUSIC "Just a Closer Walk with Thee" [Anonymous]  
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OFFERTORY "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" [Scriven/Converse]  
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**SPRING 2014 MISSION TRIP** will be to Marseilles, Illinois. The town was devastated by flood waters in April 2013. We will leave Ankeny **April 27** and return home on May 3. If you are interested in joining the team please email Connie Ruths at [boco1mato@g.com](mailto:boco1mato@g.com).

### YOUTH NEWS

**DISCOVERY WEEKEND (MAY 2-4)** is a retreat for Mid-High Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade). This spiritual growth opportunity is led by our High School Youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) and supported by adult volunteers. The weekend contains short messages delivered by our high school youth, small group times, service projects, games, lots of food, fun, music and family worship. One mid-high who registers **before March 23** will have their registration fee refunded in a drawing, so get your registration in early! Registration is available on our church website.

**KEEP OUR YOUTH SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP IN YOUR PRAYERS!** On March 16, fifty of our youth and adults will travel to Ravenna, Kentucky where they will be helping out at the Aldersgate UM Camp. The group will be commissioned today at our 9:45 Uptown service.

### WE'RE GLAD YOU WORSHIPPED WITH US TODAY!

Join us next week as we continue our Lenten sermon series "Facing Fear".  
**Uptown Saturday & Sunday:** "Can I Withstand Temptation?" Rev. Bob Ward  
**Christian Life Center:** "Can Even My Sins Be Forgiven?" Rev. Martha Ward  
**Faith Chapel:** "It's My Responsibility: Fear of Losing Control" Rev. Thom Bryant

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION

#### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO JOIN A SMALL GROUP STUDY DURING LENT

- *Hope Lives: A Journey of Restoration* (begins Tuesday, March 11, 6:00pm Uptown Room 313);
- *The Way: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus* (begins Sunday, March 9, 10:15am CLC Room 110 OR Wednesday, March 12, noon, Downtown, Des Moines Public Library);
- *Who is This Man? The Unpredictable Impact of the Inescapable Jesus* (begins Sunday, March 9, 9:45am Uptown Room 310 OR Wednesday, March 12, 11:15am CLC Library);
- *24 Hours That Changed the World* (begins Sunday, March 9, 10:15am CLC Room 109);
- *Lord, Teach me to Pray* (begins Tuesday, March 11, 9:00am Faith Chapel Fellowship Hall).

Contact [Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFUMC.org](mailto:Lindsay.Drake@AnkenyFUMC.org) for more information or with questions.

**THE SINGLES MINISTRY TEAM** encourages all AFUMC's singles over 30 to join us for fellowship and fun on the third Saturday of every month. We will be meeting from 7:00-10:00pm in Uptown Fellowship Hall (north entrances) on **March 15** for an evening of fun and games. Bring your favorite snack to share and be prepared for some special mixing! Please contact the office at 964-4249 with questions. All are welcome!

**JOIN THE SATURDAY MORNING WOMEN'S STUDY GROUP** starting **March 29** at 7:30am for "Unglued" by Lysa Terkerust. This six session study explores how to make wise choices in the midst of raw emotions. This group meets weekly at the CLC. Contact Kate Pauly [k8pauly@gmail.com](mailto:k8pauly@gmail.com) to sign up.

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES

**PICK UP FREE DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONALS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES** today at any of our three sites. Each devotional contains stories and scriptures that will enhance time with your child as you count down toward Easter.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "WEIRD ANIMALS: WHERE JESUS' LOVE IS ONE-OF-A-KIND" & MINI-MISSIONS** Registration is now open on-line for both morning (June 16-20) and evening sessions (June 15-20). \$20 for early bird registrants. 5th-6th graders sign up for our Mini-Missions that week too, but hurry, space is limited! Also \$20.

**VBS VOLUNTEERS, AND DRIVERS & CREW LEADERS NEEDED FOR VBS MINI-MISSION TRIP** Register now online at [www.ankenymc.org](http://www.ankenymc.org) to help with VBS! If you are interested or would like further information about helping with Mini-Missions, please contact Tammy Engebretson, Pat Crownover, or call the church office.

**SPRINGBROOK CAMP JULY 15-16** All current 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to this two-day/one night camp at Springbrook State Park. This is a great time to enjoy the out-of-doors, learn about God's wonderful world, hike, swim, kayak, and much more. \$40 for lodging and meals. Limited space for campers, so register early at [www.ankenymc.org](http://www.ankenymc.org).

**REGISTER NOW FOR UNITED METHODIST SUMMER CAMPS** The 2014 Summer Camps catalogs have arrived! Start talking about possible dates for you and your friends to attend camp. All AFUMC children are eligible to receive a **church scholarship for 35% up to \$125** of the cost of their camp.

**2014-15 BRIGHT BEGINNINGS PRESCHOOL** Openings for 2014-15 are still available for some of our two, three, four and five-year-old and Kinder Prep programs provide meaningful preschool experiences. For more information visit [www.ankenymc.org](http://www.ankenymc.org), contact Missy Starr, our Registrar, at 229-0667, or email [brightbeginnings@ankenymc.org](mailto:brightbeginnings@ankenymc.org).

**NEW! EXPANDED PARENTS MORNING OUT!** Starting in September 2014, we will expand our Parent's Morning Out program to every day from Monday to Friday from 9:15-11:15am! Parents are invited to enroll their 2-year-olds (or un-potty-trained 3 year-olds) in a preschool environment! For more information, contact Missy Starr at 229-0667.

**EASTER CANDY NEEDED!** Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed to place in eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt (to be held on April 19). Tubs are available at each worship location to drop off your donation. Our goal is to fill 8,000 or more eggs. If you would like to help fill the eggs, we will meet on Tuesday April 8, starting at 6:00pm in Uptown Room 13. Bring your friends and family to help stuff eggs—and bring smiles to the faces of our children at the Easter Egg Hunt! Anyone interested in taking home eggs to fill at their leisure can contact Pat Crownover, Director of Children's Ministry, at 964-4249 or [pat.crownover@ankenymc.org](mailto:pat.crownover@ankenymc.org), or Christie Hollenbeck, Event Co-Chair, at 689-7901 or [rchollen@live.com](mailto:rchollen@live.com).

