



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.

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 –8th 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: Sunnyview: Dee Moss, Vivian Rittenhouse **Mercy:** Rick Bakke **Methodist:** Tom Shults
Discharged: Dima Krull, Gene Sewell

Altar Rose: In celebration of the birth of Knox Pearston, son of Ashley & Kurk Pearston, on Oct. 13.

Sympathy to: Jerry & Wanda Long on the death of their daughter-in-law, Margaret, on October 14.

Baptism: (8:30) Mary Katherine Webb, daughter of Thomas & Melody Webb. (11:00) Evelyn Lee & Emery Lee Schmit, twin daughters of Chris & Bobbi Schmit. (CLC 10:45) Riley Marie Stewart, daughter of Jeff & Elaine Stewart.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP (Wednesdays@First)55 (The Road)39 (Sat)37 (8:30)192 (9:45)110 (11:00)134
 (CLC-9:00)355 (CLC-10:45)120 (FC-9:00)55 (FC-10:30)26 Total = 1,123

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)98 (FC)3 (CLC)150 Total = 251

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

Operating Budget \$37,528.53 Capital Campaign \$10,064.38 Mission \$1,463.50 Other \$785.04

Care | Connection

It's Not Too Late to Sign-up for Walk to Emmaus Our church will again host the Walk To Emmaus, a three-day spirit-filled weekend offered to both men and women from churches throughout central Iowa. The Walk to Emmaus experience is comprised of talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be the church. The course is wrapped in prayer and meditation, special times of worship, and daily celebration of Holy Communion. The Walk offers today's disciples an opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in their lives, to gain fresh understanding of God's transforming grace, and to form friendships that foster faith and support spiritual maturity. *The Men's weekend is October 22-25, and the Women's is October 29-November 1.* For more information contact Steve Nielsen 240.2877, David Mock 554.1130, Brian DePrez 480.8700, or www.iowawalktoemmaus.org.

Military Ministry Team The Military Ministry is hosting a trip to the Gold Star Museum at Camp Dodge on Saturday, November 21. We will be departing the Uptown location at 9:00am for this FREE event. Please register on our website.

Join Our Incredible Worship Hospitality Team by serving with a smile once a month (or more) at one of our weekend worship services. This important ministry involves welcoming worshipers as an Usher or Greeter. If you have a heart for assisting people and helping them feel welcome in worship, please sign-up on the Connect Card to serve, or email Melody.Webb@AnkenyFirst.org.

In Mission

Mission of the Month! Our October focus is collecting NEW or gently used coats and winter clothing in conjunction with Project Fresh Start's Faith and Education Winter Donation program. F.E.W.D. is primarily focusing on Ankeny students in need of outerwear and hopes to have donations made for this purpose by **October 22**. We will continue collecting all sizes through **October 25** to distribute to TAKE and other distribution sites. Drop your donations in the designated bins at all worship locations. *(To have your ideas of mission focus and collection considered to become a Mission of the Month, please ask for an application at The Connect.)*

Bidwell-Riverside Workday Our next October workday is Thursday, **October 29**. We will meet in the north, Uptown parking lot, and leave at 9:00am. We will be back by 1:00pm. There is a variety of tasks to do according to your ability. Call Pam Heilskov 257.0557 with questions, or just show up at the parking lot!

Thanksgiving Ingathering Is November 7! Please have health kits returned by *October 20!* Visit *The Connect* for a list of health kit supplies and instructions. Questions? Contact Darlene Churchman, 965.3359 or Pat Malone, 965.8339.

It's Time to Sign Up for the Family Christmas Project The Family Christmas Project is an opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for families who might not otherwise receive any. You can register on-line for the number of individuals you wish to help between now and **November 9**. Paper sign-up copies are also available at The Connect at all sites. The assigned families will be distributed via e-mail by **Nov. 29**, and gifts can be delivered to the Uptown Family Center **December 11-13**. Spending suggestions: a minimum of \$35/child. Questions? Contact Elizabeth Buxton, buxtons24@gmail.com.

Youth

6th-12th Graders Join Us Tonight at the CLC for Youth@First! Hang out with us tonight at 6:30pm for our Youth@First service! We have a meal that is served at 5:45pm for youth and their families, the cost is \$3. We will continue our message series about Love. This week we are focused on loving our neighbor. If you haven't been out to see us yet, please do and feel free to bring a friend! See you tonight!

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/we will attend Pizza with the Pastors #____ Childcare & Ages _____
- I would like to be a coach for Kids Basketball at the CLC.
- I am interested in serving in the Worship Hospitality Ministry:
 - Usher Greeter
 - Time/Location _____
- I will be a Trunk or Treat Servant:
 - Host a trunk Help with games
 - Help with food
- I am interested in joining a United Methodist Women's circle or helping the women in mission projects.
- "Tough Questions" will be our Jan-Feb. worship theme. Tell us what tough questions of faith you wrestle with, and we'll address them in the series.

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Sports | Fitness

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship October 18, 2015 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Melody Webb

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision" #451

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

ANTHEM "Many Gifts, One Spirit" [Lightfoot] Chancel Choir

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OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Spirit of the Living God" #393

SCRIPTURE: John 15:5, 8, 16

SERMON: "Gifted—The Gift of Talents" Rev. Scott Hibben

*HYMN OF SENDING "Here I Am, Lord"

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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Uptown ~ Relaxed Contemporary Worship October 18, 2015 ~ 9:45am

GATHERING SONG / WELCOME

SPECIAL MUSIC "Sing and Shout" [Matt Redman] Little Cherubs

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*PRAISE SONG

CHILDREN'S TIME

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OFFERTORY "Holy Spirit" [Francesca Battestelli] Worship Team

DOXOLOGY "Give Thanks"

SONG OF REFLECTION

"Simplicity"

SCRIPTURE: John 15:5, 8, 16

SERMON

"Gifted—The Gift of Talents" Rev. Scott Hibben

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Christian Life Center Contemporary Worship

October 18, 2015 ~ 9:00am & 10:45am

*PRAISE

PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:45)

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

Romans 12:1-8

SERMON

"Gifted With God's Gift of Talents—Who Me?"

Rev. Angie Loomis

*CLOSING SONG

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Uptown ~ Spirit Alive

October 17, 2015 ~ 5:00pm

WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

***SING PRAISE TO GOD** "Be Thou My Vision"
"Everlasting God"
"Step By Step"

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

PRAYERS/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

SONG OF REFLECTION "The Heart of Worship"

SCRIPTURE John 15:5, 8, 16

SERMON "Gifted—The Gift of Talents" Rev. Scott Hibben

***SENDING SONG** "Here I Am, Lord"

***BENEDICTION**

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Powerpoint: Shawn Wilkening **Worship Team:** Jan Boehm, Alicia Carlberg

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Faith Chapel ~ Traditional Worship

October 18, 2015 ~9:00am

PRELUDE

INTROIT "To God Be the Glory" [arr. Bill Ingram] Bells of Faith

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Be Thou My Vision" #451

*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 & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "He Is Exalted" [arr. Peggy Bettcher] Bells of Faith

*DOXOLOGY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

SERMON HYMN "Many Gifts, One Spirit" #114

SCRIPTURE READING 1 Corinthians 12:1-27

SERMON "TAG Program" Rev. Thom Bryant

*DEDICATION HYMN "Here I Am Lord" #593

*CLOSING BLESSING/BENEDICTION SONG

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Christian Life Center ~ Casual Worship

October 21, 2015 ~6:15pm

OPENING SONG

PRAYERS

OFFERING

CONVERSATIONAL MESSAGE

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