

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.

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.

WE'RE GLAD YOU WORSHIPPED WITH US TODAY!

Join us next week as we begin the series "Advent Attitudes...for the Whole Year"

Uptown Saturday & Sunday: "Praise" Rev. Bob Ward

Christian Life Center: "Surrender" Rev. John Wagner

Faith Chapel: "Wonder" Rev. Thom Bryant

FEATURED INFORMATION THIS WEEK

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS—A CHRISTMAS PRESENT

December 8 (CLC & Uptown) **2:00pm** & **December 15** (Faith Chapel) **10:30am**. Join the children of Ankeny FUMC as they remind us that JESUS is the gift of love; the best gift of all!

ANNUAL ADVENT FESTIVAL-BETHLEHEM BOUND



Next Sunday, **December 8**, 3:00-5:00pm in the Uptown Family Center. Journey with Mary and Joseph back to Bethlehem and experience the Census Taker's office, the Inn, the Marketplace, and the Stable where Baby Jesus was born. **For this event, we need:** sugar cookies, frosting, and actors to portray characters in the town of Bethlehem. If you can fill any of these needs, please call Pat Crownover, 964-4249.

ADVENT FAMILY PIZZA PARTY

Sunday, **December 8**, 4:00-6:00pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. As you finish your tour of Bethlehem, stay for pizza, veggies and drinks! A free-will offering will be taken to support "Bricks for Malawi."

CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH KATHRYN BISBEY

Join Kathryn Bisbey on Saturday, **December 7** at 7:00pm in the Uptown Sanctuary for a concert of beloved Christmas music.

LEADERSHIP ORIENTATION

If you are a committee, cluster, or ministry team leader, you are invited to a leader orientation meeting in December. **Choose between Tuesday, December 3 or Wednesday, December 4.** Both meetings will be held in the Uptown Fellowship Hall from 7:00-8:00pm. If you need childcare, please contact the church office.

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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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 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

Deadlines: Bulletin → Wednesdays Noon; **Dec 15 Newsletter** → Dec 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.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!

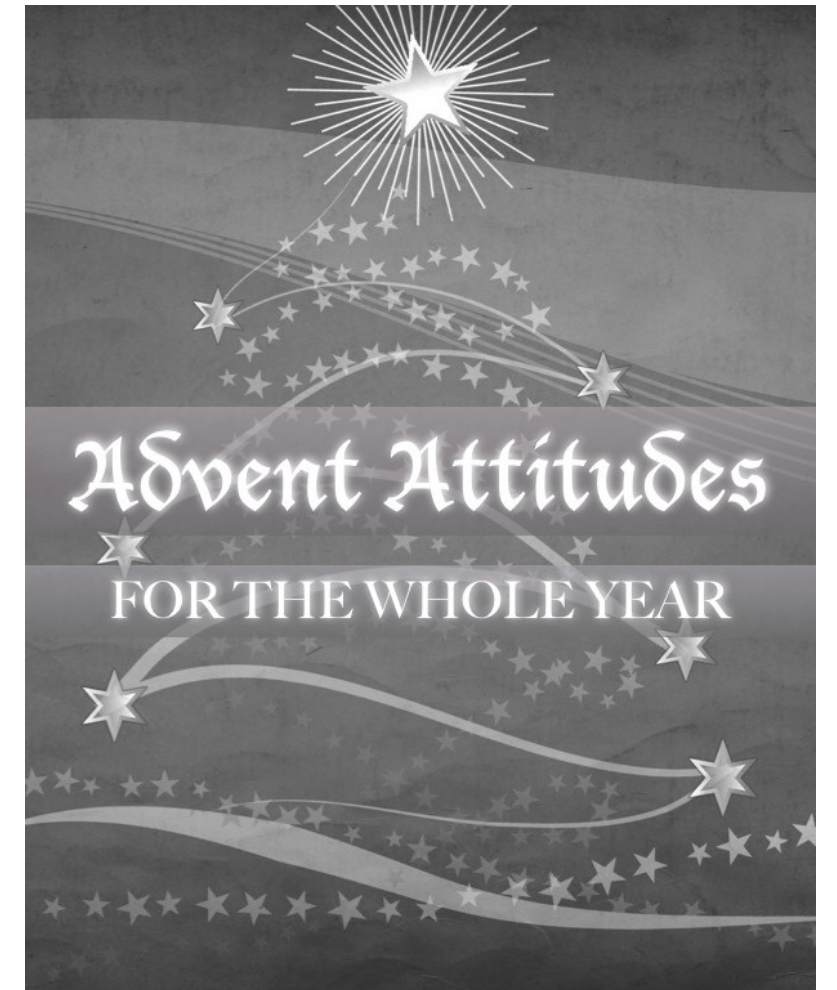
Uptown Campus ~ Faith Chapel ~ Christian Life Center

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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.*

DECEMBER 1, 2013

Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

December 1, 2013 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

"Light a Candle in the Night"

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus" #196

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Compassionate God, greet us with your grace this day for we need you. It is just the beginning of Advent, and already we need an attitude adjustment. Though we may be frantic with activity, our efforts do not yield peace, peace as you can give. Forgive us for making the season a race to Christmas. Today we would be still enough to feel your touch. Help us to find that place where we can receive as well as give, wait as well as act, and listen as well as speak. In your mercy, walk with us through these special days as we await Christ's birth once again. In Jesus' name, Amen.

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *"Glory of Immanuel"* [arr. Nesbitt] Melody & Anne Marie Webb

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN

"God Almighty, We Are Waiting"

SCRIPTURE

Luke 2:22-39

SERMON *"Advent Attitude...for the Whole Year: Waiting"* Rev. Martha Ward

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

OFFERTORY *"While We Are Waiting, Come"* [Cloninger] Mary Katherine Webb

*DOXOLOGY *"O Come, All Ye Faithful"* #234 vs. 3

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed" #203

*BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE

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MISSION & OUTREACH

WANTED: BAKERS AND BUYERS FOR THE MALAWI COOKIE WALK ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14 8:00am-noon in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. Plan now to donate your favorites, and shop early. About \$2,000 was raised at the last cookie walk and with your help this year's walk can contribute even more to support our Malawi Partnership of Hope/Ministry of Presence projects, including nursery schools and orphan feeding programs, the UM Farm, the Hope Tailoring School, and much more. Sign up to bake cookies using the **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** tear-off OR contact Robin White, 965-2364 or rdw@mchsi.com.

WINTER GEAR & BLANKETS NEEDED FOR BIDWELL & NORTH HIGH SCHOOL The UMW learned of an immediate need to collect good, clean winter wear (coats, gloves, hats, etc.) and blankets for both Bidwell Riverside Center and North High School. Please leave your donations in the Uptown Bidwell bin. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our mission efforts.

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

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES - DECEMBER 1, 2013

I will bake cookies for the Malawi Cookie Walk

Christmas Eve Help: Usher ___ Greeter ___ "Silent Night" Candle Bearer ___
Uptown: 3pm ___ 5pm ___ 7pm ___ 9pm ___ 11pm ___ CLC: 6pm ___ Faith Chapel: 5pm ___ 7pm ___
Dec. 23 Uptown: 7pm ___

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

**Uptown Campus ~ Contemporary Worship
December 1, 2013 ~ 9:45am**

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