



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

Adult Study | Connection

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 Resources Uptown & Faith Chapel: large print hymnals and bulletins, wireless hearing aids, and wheelchairs. CLC: Wheelchairs.

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**

Saturdays 7:15pm ~ "The Road"

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

Faith Chapel: 7384 NW 16th St ~ **964-4249**

Sundays 9:00am ~ Traditional

10:30am ~ Casual

Nursery available at all Sunday services.

Sunday School

Uptown:

9:45: 3yr old -7th grade

11:00: 3yr old -5th grade

9:45: Seekers (adult) Rm 315

9:45: Alpha & Omega (adult) Lounge

9:45: Disciple's Dojo (adult) Rm 310

9:45: Sunday School (adult) Rm 314

Christian Life Center:

9:00: 3yr old -8th grade

10:45: 3yr old -5th grade

Faith Chapel:

10:30am ~ 3yr old-3rd grade

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: Discharged: Brett Jones

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)49 (Sat)33 (8:30)112 (9:45)94 (11:00)102

(CLC-9:00)160 (CLC-10:45)95 (FC-9:00)37 (FC-10:30)11 Total = 693

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)45 (FC)- (CLC)63 Total = 108

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

Operating Budget \$69,693.13 Cap. Campaign \$11,747.42 Mission \$2,626.65

2016 Christmas Mission Offering Total: \$34,001.16

Malawi Partnership of Hope 40%: \$13,600 Women at the Well 40%: \$13,600 Other 20%: 6,801.16

Inclement Weather Information If the Ankeny Community Schools are closed or dismiss early due to weather conditions, all children and youth activities will be cancelled. The decision about whether to cancel adult groups will be made by the individual leaders of those groups. Worship is rarely cancelled. Please watch for special announcements through media outlets to confirm.

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

January Chew On This Lunch: Human Trafficking You are invited to connect with those interested in the topics of social justice that are impacting our community. **January 11** is Human Trafficking Awareness Day and Shannon Schott, Program Specialist with Teens Against Human Trafficking, will be speaking over the lunch hour about the work that she and Youth Standing Strong are doing in Central Iowa. We meet over the lunch hour *every second Wednesday of the month*, 12:10-12:50pm at 612 Locust Ave. in Iowa Homeless Youth Center's conference room. For more information and to reserve your lunch, visit our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/chewonthisdsm/>). Lunch is \$10 catered by *In The Bag*. Hosted by DSM Area UMCs. Contact Lindsay Drake (lindsay.drake@ankenyfirst.org) with questions.

That the World May Know: God Heard Their Cry Filmed in Israel and the Middle East where Bible events actually took place, the *That the World May Know* series weave together historical, cultural, and geographical contexts to provide insights into how people in biblical times understood God and Jesus' teaching. This group will be studying *God Heard Their Cry* on Thursday evenings, **beginning January 19** from 6:30-8:00pm in Uptown room 313. No registration required. Books (\$12) will be available for purchase at the first gathering. Come and enjoy an engaging study experience. Leader: Ron Riggins

Work of the People Wednesday nights, 6:30-7:30pm in JC's Cafe. Are you looking for a group to casually discuss current events and how your faith relates to the world around us? Each Wednesday, you are invited for a short film from *Work of the People* about current event topics, followed by conversations in a safe atmosphere. This is a come as you are small group. Leaders: Rhonda Garcia & Brian DePrez. January topics: 1/11 Missio Dei; 1/18 Participate & Create; 1/25 Eucharistic Community.

New Uptown Sunday School Option Begins Today There will be a new Sunday School class at 9:45am in Uptown Room 314. They will be starting the study *Half Truths* by Adam Hamilton. Books are available for purchase at the CON-NECT for \$10. Leader: Randy Loomis. All welcome!

Daring Greatly Book Club Monday nights, 6:30-7:30pm, beginning **January 16**, at Plot Twist book store in Ankeny. Explore the book *Daring Greatly: How the Courage to Be Vulnerable Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead*. Leader: Lindsay Drake.

Financial Peace University CLC 1/19 - 3/16, 6:30-8:00pm Room 106/107; OR UPT 2/12 - 4/9 from 5:00-6:30pm Lounge. Jesus wasn't afraid to talk about money, so why are we? A great opportunity to explore and work towards your financial goal is through Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Register at ankenyfirst.org/financial-peace-university.htm.

Celebration of Discipline Thursday nights beginning **January 19**, 6:30-8:00pm in CLC Room 103/104, explore the central spiritual practices of the Christian faith using the book, *Celebration of Discipline*. Cost is \$10. Leader: Kate Pauly.

2017 Upper Room Disciplines: A Book of Daily Devotions is available at the Connect for \$10. These make great daily devotionals for personal use or with a study group.

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.

Congregational Care

We always want to know how we can reach out to individuals that need our care. If you know of someone we've missed, please let us know.

Name _____

Contact Info. _____

Hospital Notices

Name _____

Hospital _____

Date _____

Ministry Opportunities

- I would like to attend the Pizza with the Pastors on Jan. 29. #_____ attending.

- Technical Arts Training

- I will attend the **Sound Tech** training on Wed., Jan 18

- I will attend the **Visual/Video Tech** training on Wed., Jan 25

- I cannot attend the training, but I am interested in more information

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship January 8, 2017 ~ 8:30am

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*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Rev. Angie Loomis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Jesus Shall Reign" #157

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

ANTHEM "As the Deer" [arr. Wagner] Chancel Choir & Praise Ringers

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SCRIPTURE Psalm 8

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*HYMN OF SENDING "We Are Called"

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OFFERTORY "I Will Follow" [Morgan/Tomlin] Worship Team

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PRAYER

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OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 8:3-4; John 15:9-17

SERMON

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Uptown ~ Spirit Alive
January 7, 2017 ~ 5:00pm

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*SONGS OF PRAISE

"Found In You"

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OFFERTORY

"What a Beautiful Name"

[Fielding/Ligertwood]

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SCRIPTURE

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Faith Chapel ~ Traditional Worship January 8, 2017 ~ 9:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Joy to the World" #246

*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

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SERMON HYMN "Holy! Holy! Holy! Lord God Almighty" #64

SCRIPTURE 1 John 1:1-10

SERMON "Why Are We Here?" Rev. Thom Bryant

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "We Are the Church" #558

*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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