



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 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

Sunday School

Uptown:
 9:45: 3yr old -5th 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 -5th grade
 10:45: 3yr old -5th grade
Faith Chapel:
 10:30: 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: Taylor House: Marcie Palmitier **Discharged:** Jeanne Dempster, Gene Hill
Altar Flowers: In honor of Bette Honeck's (July 14) birthday from her loving friends.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)45 (SA)35 (8:30)199 (9:45)147 (11:00)97
 (CLC-9:00)145 (CLC-10:45)92 (FC-9:00)37 (FC-10:30)13 Total = 810
SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)68 (FC)0 (CLC)65 Total = 133

GIFTS: Last week's offering for Christ's work here and around the world:
 Operating Budget \$37,299.87 Cap. Campaign \$11,549.23 Mission \$3,017.13

Mission

NEW Ministry Team Opportunity! Are you interested in hearing more about how you can get involved to help homeless in the Des Moines metro area? If there is enough interest, we will be forming a ministry team to support Joppa Outreach. Join us on Wednesday, **July 26** at 6:30pm in Room 315 to find out more. Joppa helps the homeless people survive, find housing, and helps them rebuild their lives. They do this by creating a community of unconditional love and support. We hope you will join us to see how your gifts can be put to use for this organization.

Serve First Update The first few months of Serve First have been a great way to try out different projects and learn about organizations that support so many. In July, we helped at Bidwell Riverside Center and also made 40 hygiene kits for UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief). The age ranges of participants have been literally from 2 years old to 100! We do our best to have projects that everyone can help with. On **August 5** you can help at our Agape Garden at 8:30am (at Faith Chapel) or sign-up for a shift at the annual UMW garage sale at the CLC (watch for details).

We also want to get you excited about our **BIG** September event! On Saturday, **September 2**, we will be hosting a meal packaging day with The Outreach Program at the CLC. We need 50 individuals to register for a 2-hour shift from 9:00 to 11:00am ankenfirst.org/serve-first. We will package 10,000 meals during this event. These meals will be given to Bidwell Riverside Center and Ankeny IMPACT.

Ingathering School Bags We are looking for **more sturdy material** to stock up our supply (corduroy or similar weight is ideal, no white fabric, and nothing with eye-lets). Bring to the Uptown location. Thanks for supporting this important cause! Grab a bag TODAY in conjunction with the July Mission of the Month. The deadline will be extended unless we run out! See the green insert for more information.

UMW Rummage & Garage Sale Save the date and get your donations ready! The UMW rummage and bake sale is scheduled for **August 4 and 5** at the Christian Life Center. We will accept donations of clean, working, and quality household items, furniture, clothing for all ages and sizes, sports equipment, books, toys, etc. More details will be provided soon.

Diaper Day All are welcome to make diapers for orphanages in Haiti on Saturday, **July 15**, 8:30am to noon in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. We need servants to cut, pin, turn and hem, as well as those who bring machines. Because of a different method of fastening the diaper, we can use more machines and more workers. Contact Nancy Miller, 964.8669 with questions. Bring your friends that sew!

Arc You a Green Thumb? We need someone to help care for and maintain the flowers near the Agape Garden, as well as the flower beds at the prayer labyrinth at our Faith Chapel location. We want to be sure to keep the area looking nice and provide a tranquil space for those seeking to spend time in contemplative prayer. If interested, please sign the CONNECT card.

Connection

Summer Small Group on Sundays Looking for a "come-as-you-can" small group this summer? Join us at the CLC on Sunday evenings at 7:00pm in room106/107, for a video and engaging discussion. If you miss a week, that's ok! Contact Kate Pauly k8pauly@gmail.com with questions.

Art As Meditation The Ankeny Mental Health Ministry will offer an opportunity to calm the body, mind, and spirit through art led by art therapist, Sam Erwin. It will be held every Tuesday, **July 11-August 15**, 6:30-8:00pm at Uptown in room 317. "Art As Meditation" is a six-session workshop using art media such as pencil, pen, pastels, and paper as a tool in a meditation practice. No art experience necessary. Cost is \$60 (scholarships available). Register today on our website!

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 volunteer at our Show Choir Camp in the following way:
Circle: Morning (9-noon)/ Afternoon (2-5pm)
 - Choreography
 - Crew Leader
 - Snacks
 - Mission Crafts
- I can help maintain the flowers around the Agape Garden and labyrinth.

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

July 9, 2017 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE Jan Boehm

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Vicki Eng

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Blessed Assurance" #369

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM Thomas Webb

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*DOXOLOGY / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Have Thine Own Way" #382 vs. 1,3,4

SCRIPTURE Galatians 1:10-23

SERMON "That's Why..." Rev. Thom Bryant

*HYMN OF SENDING "It Is Well With My Soul" #377

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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Head Usher—Ken Kise; *Ushers*—Betty Arnold, John & Dorothy Barnhart, Lory Johnson, Allaire Jutting

Organist: Jan Boehm Tech Support: Steve Fravel, Kent Kiefer

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*PRAISE SONGS

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OFFERTORY "Good to Me" [Assad] Lindsay Drake
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SERMON

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Christian Life Center Contemporary Worship July 9, 2017 ~ 9:00am & 10:45am

*PRAISE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 8:22-26

SERMON

"Take 2"

Rev. Mike Janes

*CLOSING SONG

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*PRAYER & SONG OF PRAISE	"Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"	
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**Uptown ~ Spirit Alive
July 8, 2017 ~ 5:00pm**

PRELUDE

WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*SONGS OF PRAISE "Blessed Assurance"
"Hallelujah (Your Love Is Amazing)"

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS OFFERTORY

Christine Stone

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF REFLECTION "How Great Is Our God"

SCRIPTURE Galatians 1:10-23

SERMON "That's Why..." Rev. Thom Bryant

*SONG OF SENDING "It Is Well With My Soul"

*BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE

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Tech Support: Riley Cullen **Worship Host:** Karla Kasper

Worship Team: Cindy Litchfield, Julie Quick-Alcorn, Cindi Roberts, Christine Stone

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July 8/9

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Faith Chapel ~ Traditional Worship July 9, 2017 ~ 9:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "We Are Called" TFWS #2172

*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

*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

SERMON HYMN "Sweet Hour of Prayer" #496

SCRIPTURE Luke 11:1-13

SERMON "Turning Prayer Into Action" Melody Webb

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "Here I Am, Lord" #593

*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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