



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

Nursery available at all Sunday services.

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

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: Mercy: Jerry Weiss **Mercy West Lakes:** Glenna Trosper **Taylor House:** Nancy Herselius
Discharged: Bill Hudson

Altar Flowers: In loving memory of our son David Boyce & brother of Bethany Crouch from Doug & Paula Boyce.

Sympathy to: Family and friends of Wilbur Davison on his death on August 24. ♦ Family and friends of Helen Hanson on her death on August 28.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)37 (SA)45 (8:30)168 (9:45)117 (11:00)101
(CLC-9:00)243 (CLC-10:45)161 (FC-9:00)46 (FC-10:30)25 Total = 943

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)88 (FC)0 (CLC)141 Total = 229

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

Operating Budget \$19,469.00 Cap. Campaign \$18,273.23 Mission \$1,383.00

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

Connection | Small Groups

Depression/Anxiety Course Thurs., **Sept. 21**, we are offering two 8-week courses to help alleviate symptoms of depression or anxiety. The courses explain the nature of depression and anxiety as illnesses, which will respond to healthy habits in much the same way as heart disease. An orientation will be held at the Ankeny YMCA, (1102 N Ankeny Blvd.) on **September 14**, from 6:30-8:00pm. \$5 fee to cover the cost of materials. Questions? 964-4249 or Jacque.coulson@ankenyfirst.org.

Disciple Bible Studies Register for Disciple today!

- **Disciple 1:** Randy Loomis: Tues. 6:30-8:30pm CLC Rm 106/107-begins Sept. 19
- **Disciple 3:** Thom Bryant: Tues. 6:30-8:30pm Faith Chapel FH-begins Sept. 26
- **Disciple 4:** Greg Saboe & Glenn Hobin: Wed. 11am-1pm CLC Rm 106/107-begins Sept. 13

Find a Small Group or Bible Study This Fall! See our purple small group brochure with a listing of upcoming opportunities at the CONNECT. There's something for everyone. *Visit our website www.ankenyfirst.org and click "Groups" to find all our adult study opportunities.*

Organizational Meeting for the Social Issues Ministry Tues., September 12, Uptown Room 314, 6:30pm. This is an opportunity for anyone interested in being part of a ministry formed around our denominational perspectives on important issues such as healthcare, education, poverty, immigration, race relations, and environment. Come join us in September, or at any of our subsequent meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30pm at Uptown.

General News

Get Acquainted with Pastor Mike Pastor Mike will be holding a series of meetings to get acquainted with you in a small group setting. Meetings will be hosted by members of the congregation in their homes and will last about an hour and a half. Sign up for a day and time on the CONNECT card.

Childcare Volunteers for Adoption Support Group The first Monday of the month, we host an adoption support group meeting at the CLC at 6:30pm and they need childcare volunteers while the parents are meeting. If interested, contact Lisa Nielsen, lisa.nielsen@cbdsm.com.

Chancel Design Subcommittee The Uptown Worship Team is considering a potential layout change to the front of the sanctuary and chancel area to provide a safer, more versatile space during worship and music events. If you are interested in joining a subcommittee to explore the idea, sign up on the Connect Card.

Worship Arts

NEW Youth & Young Adult Worship Arts Ministry Youth in 6th-12th grades, and young adults age 18-25, are invited to a new worship arts opportunity that will include elements of singing, dance, drama, and band to enhance worship. Directed by Melody Webb and Lauren Wilken, this group will meet on Wednesdays from 5:25-6:10pm in the Uptown Sanctuary beginning **September 13**. This is open to the community, so bring a friend! Questions? Melody.Webb@ankenyfirst.org.

"Messiah" Concert Choir Save the date of Sunday, **November 19**, for a "Messiah" Sing-Along Concert, which will be presented in the Uptown Sanctuary at 3:00pm. Singers wishing to participate in the all-community choir are invited to sign the Connect Card today. Weekly rehearsals will be held on Wednesdays, from 7:30-8:15pm in the Uptown Choir Room, beginning September 20. Youth and adults from all worship sites and the community are invited, so bring a friend and join us!

Join the Music & Worship Arts Ministry Do you like to sing? Can you play a musical instrument? Do you enjoy using the creative arts to express your faith? There are choirs, instrumental ensembles, and worship teams for all ages! **Most rehearsals begin the week of September 10.** Visit www.ankenyfirst.org/worship-arts.htm to register and for details of groups. Contact Melody.Webb@ankenyfirst.org or Amity.Wagner@ankenyfirst.org for more information.

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

"Get to Know Pastor Mike" Meetings

- I would like to attend the following meeting:
 - Sun., September 24, 2:00pm
 - Thurs., September 28, 1:30pm
 - Tues., October 10, 6:30pm
 - Thurs., October 12, 9:30am

- I would like to help with Soul Food Café.

- I would like to sing in the "Messiah" concert on November 19.
 - Soprano Alto Tenor Bass

- I am interested in being on the Uptown Chancel Design Subcommittee

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship September 3, 2017 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Melody Webb

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" #117 vs. 1-3, 6

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" [Nichols] Men's Vocal Group

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*DOXOLOGY / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

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SCRIPTURE Genesis 50:15-21

SERMON "Not Over 'Til It's Over" Rev. Mike Janes

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

"Forgive Our Sins As We Forgive" #390 & "Just As I Am" #357 vs. 1,3,5,6

*HYMN OF SENDING "Freely, Freely" #389

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Head Usher—Ken Kise; Ushers—Terry & Veda Bergeson, Darrell Krei, Bob & Connie Ruths

Organist: Paul Van Ryswyk Tech Support: Steve Fravel, Kent Kiefer

Men's Group Director: Don Miller Men's Group Accompanist: Fonda Wettestad

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Uptown ~ New Traditions Worship September 3, 2017 ~ 11:00am

PRELUDE

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" #117 vs. 1-3, 6

*PRAYER & SONG OF PRAISE "Everlasting God"

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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Organ: Paul Van Ryswyk Pianist: Christine Stone Worship Leader: Melody Webb

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Faith Chapel ~ Traditional Worship September 3, 2017 ~ 9:00am

PRELUDE

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*OPENING HYMN "O God, Our Help In Ages Past" #117 vs. 1-3, 6

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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