



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: Mercy: Lowell Andeberg, Jerry Weiss **St. Mary's (Mayo):** Ellie Hughes

Discharged: Glenna Trospen

Altar Flowers: In celebration of Doug & Karen Altman's 55th wedding anniversary.

Sympathy to: Wade Greiman on the death of his stepfather on Aug. 26. ♦ Lowell Andeberg on the death of his mother, June on Sept. 5. ♦ Bob Herselius on the death of his wife, Nancy on Sept. 6. ♦ Bob Scott on the death of his sister, Marilyn on Sept. 6.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)42 (SA)35 (8:30)173 (9:45)99 (11:00)102
(CLC-9:00)223 (CLC-10:45)115 (FC-9:00)40 (FC-10:30)21 Total = 850

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

Operating Budget \$36,646.64 Cap. Campaign \$8,026.00 Mission \$5,917.00

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 TOO MANY TO LIST! FIND A GROUP TODAY!** Visit our website www.ankenyfirst.org and click "Groups" to find all our adult study opportunities.

Organizational Meeting for the Social Issues Ministry **Sept. 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.

Ankeny First Singles Ministry Team encourages all Christian singles over 30 to join us for fellowship and fun on the third Saturday of every month. We will be meeting from 7:00-10:00pm Saturday, **Sept. 16**, at JC's Café, located just west of the main Uptown building. Bring your favorite snack to share!

Unheard Voices from the Heart of Palestine There are not many opportunities to hear the Palestinian side of conflict in Israel. On Sat., **September 30**, a symposium will be held at First United Methodist Church, 1001 Pleasant St., Des Moines. The cost is \$40. To learn more about the event or to download the brochure and registration form visit www.dmfirstchurch.org

This Is My Brave: Ankeny Encore Performance Join us for an uplifting presentation of touching essays, original music, comedy and poetry by individuals living with—or loving someone with—a mental illness. Sunday, **October 29**, 2:00-4:00pm in Uptown Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$10/person in advance or at the door.

UMW Circles Begin Too! UMW circle meetings are resuming in September. Visit our website www.ankenyfirst.org/umw-circle-meetings.htm for meeting times!

General News

Children's Worship Bags We are missing a number of our activity bags that keep our busy little worshipers occupied during services. If you could look in your homes or cars and return them to Uptown, we would be grateful. Thank you!

Upcoming Blood Drive Tuesday, **September 26**, 2:00-6:00pm, Uptown Fellowship Hall. Sign up to donate online at www.lifeservebloodcenter.org/donate/schedule-a-donation/ or call Judy Ruble, 515.729.9482.

Get Acquainted with Pastor Mike Pastor Mike is holding 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. Just two options left.

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@cbds.com.

Ankeny First Photo Albums Would you like to match names with the faces you meet in the fall groups and classes? Ankeny First Church Family Photo Albums are available for \$8 at The Connect in between worship times during the month of September. You may also find them in the church offices during office hours.

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:
 - Thurs., October 12, 9:30am
 - Sun., October 15, 6:30am

- 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

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship September 10, 2017 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Vicki Engh

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #57 vs. 1-5

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

ANTHEM "How Will They Know?" [Patterson] Chancel Choir

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "I Love to Tell the Story" #156 vs. 1,3,4

SCRIPTURE Genesis 50:21-26

SERMON "Tell Your Story" Rev. Angie Loomis

*HYMN OF SENDING "Blessed Assurance" #369

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Today's Worship Helpers are listed below:

Worship Hosts: *Greeters*—Jim Crabb & Sandy Stong Crabb, Louise Vander Linden
Head Usher—Ken Kise; *Ushers*—Mary Adkins, Wil Freeseaman, Terry McAnally, Bob & Connie Ruths

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

Chancel Choir Director: Melody Webb **Chancel Choir Accompanist:** Christine Stone

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Uptown ~ Relaxed Contemporary Worship September 10, 2017 ~ 9:45am

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SERMON "Tell Your Story" Rev. Angie Loomis

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Worship Hosts: Greeters—Royetta Wells, Ashley Williams
Ushers—Lisa Keller, Mike Long, Ruth McGee, Kerry Jo Ostring, Tara Ramsey, Jack & Rhonda Stewart

Tech Support: Todd Gilpin, Mark Johnson

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

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Uptown ~ Spirit Alive
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WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

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"O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

"How Great Thou Art"

#77

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

*OUR RESPONSE

"Glory Be to the Father"

#70

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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