



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 -7th grade
 11:00: 3yr old -7th 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 -7th grade
 10:45: 3yr old -7th 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: Bridges: Fred Long, Jerry Weiss **Methodist:** Jeanne Dempster, Kathy Morgan

Discharged: Marsha Everett, Ellie Hughes, Bob Johnson, Lela Mills

Sympathy to: Merron Hart on the death of her sister, Karen on Sept. 12. ♦ Wilma Taylor, Mary Johnson & Dawn Fravel on the death of their sister/aunt, Lou Green on Sept. 14. ♦ Jim Crabb & Sandra Stong-Crabb on the death of their aunt, on Sept. 17.

Baptism: (CLC 10:45) Theo Armando Halfpop, son of Trey Halfpop & Emily Grear, and grandson of Cary & Julie Halfpop.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)38 (SA)37 (8:30)190 (9:45)150 (11:00)119
 (CLC-9:00)296 (CLC-10:45)141 (FC-9:00)50 (FC-10:30)21 Total = 1,042

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)109 (FC)5 (CLC)224 Total = 338

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

Operating Budget \$29,537.59 Cap. Campaign \$6,621.00 Mission \$2,865.00 Memorial: \$50.00
 September Food Pantry: 402 Food Items August donations: \$1,310.00

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

Connection — Small Groups

Disciple Bible Studies It's not too late to join! **Disciple 1:** Tues. 6:30-8:30pm CLC Rm 106/107. **Disciple 3:** Tues. 6:30-8:30pm Faith Chapel Fellowship Hall.

Reaching Out to Those New to Ankeny First Have you ever felt "lost" in our community or among our three sites? We want to help you feel connected, with a sense of belonging. Our Connect stations at each site are a place to begin, but we also need people willing to show the way. If you are interested in being part of our First Friend ministry team, please sign The CONNECT card to get more information.

One: A Small Group Journey Towards Life Changing Community Join this 8-week small group study as you learn what it means to be in meaningful relationships with others. This group begins on Wednesday, **September 27** from 7:00 to 8:00pm, in Uptown Room 317. Leader: Melody Auten (mauten@hotmail.com). Books are available at the CONNECT for \$10.

Work of the People This drop-in small group casually discusses current events and how your faith relates to the world around us. Come for a short film and engaging discussion. No commitment or books required. Wednesdays, 7:00-8:00pm in JC's Café. Questions? Contact Rhonda.Alessio@AnkenyFirst.org. Topic for **Sept. 27: The News Is Good: Have we reduced the Gospel?**

Total Family Makeover Small Group-New Time! Parents of middle schoolers, this small group is for you and now the time matches when many of your kiddos are in confirmation! How do we find time in life's chaos to not only make sure our children are taken care of, but also that our children are learning how to be followers of Jesus? Moms, dads, and guardians join this small group on Sundays, 5:30-6:30pm at the CLC. Books are \$10. Leaders: Kate & Marshall Pauly.

Young Adult Group All those under 40, join us the first Tuesday of the month beginning in October. We'll meet at 6:30pm at The Fletcher on **October 3**. Grab some food and drink, and meet Pastor Mike for the year's kick-off meeting.

Women's Event October 14 Register on-line for "*Finding God in the Chaos & Clutter of Life.*" A fun day with author, mother and pastor Betsy Singleton Snyder!

Craft Day Everyone is welcome to Craft Day on the 4th Monday of every month. Join us on Monday, **Sept. 25**, in the Uptown Lounge at 1:00pm. Bring a craft project you're working on and enjoy some fellowship as you make progress on it!

Upcoming Blood Drive Tuesday, **September 26**, 2:00-6:00pm, Uptown Fellowship Hall. Sign up at www.lifesevservebloodcenter.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. Sign up for a day and time on The CONNECT card. Just two options left that will both be held at our Uptown location.

NEW! Next Step Gathering. Save the Date! We will be holding a meeting to explore what it means to be a United Methodist, and what it means to be a member of our church on **October 1**, 4:00pm, in the Uptown Family Center. This is also a great time to meet our pastors and learn about all the ways you can get involved in ministry at Ankeny First. Sign up on the CONNECT card.

The Greeting Card Ministry will meet on Tuesday, **September 26**. at 6:30pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. We will make cards for fellow church members. All supplies are furnished. No experience necessary. Join us!

Ankeny First Trunk or Treat Event "G.L.O.W. God Lights Our Way" Sunday, **October 29**, Christian Life Center. 3:00-5:00pm FUN-FOOD-CANDY-GAMES! Our annual Trunk or Treat is the place to come with your family, friends and neighbors—and spend the afternoon with us! You are invited to free hot dogs, chips and drinks! If you'd like to decorate your car trunk contact Pat.Crownover@AnkenyFirst.org.

Bright Beginnings Preschool Scholastic Book Fair Save the date for the preschool's main fundraiser. **Sept. 26-29**, 11:00am-12:30pm and **Sept. 29**, 3:00-3:30pm in the hallway south of the sanctuary at the Uptown campus. An online book fair runs Sept. 20-Oct. 3 using: <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/brightbeginningsatfirst>.

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 on the following date:
 - Thurs., October 12, 9:30am
 - Sun., October 15, 6:30pm

- I would like to help with the First Friend Ministry.

- I would like to attend the Next Step Gathering on October 1.

I need to reserve childcare:
 _____ # of children & _____ ages

- I can help with the heavy lifting for homeless meals at the CLC.

- I am interested in training for the following technical arts ministries:

- Audio Ministry Visual Slide Ministry
- Video Ministry

General News

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship September 24, 2017 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Liturgist: Vicki Eng

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384 vs. 1,2,4

*OPENING PRAYER/WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM Men's Vocal Group

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OFFERTORY "Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho" [arr. Morris] Praise Ringers

*DOXOLOGY / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Your Love, Oh God" #120

SCRIPTURE Proverbs 4:20-27

SERMON "Walls & Boundaries" Rev. Angie Loomis

*HYMN OF SENDING "Lord, I Want to Be a Christian" #402

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Head Usher—Ken Kise; Ushers—Melody Auten, Russ Copley, Rich & Nancy Degner, Lory Johnson

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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SERMON

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #384 vs. 1,2,4

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*PRAISE SONG "Love the Lord"

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"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

#89

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#95

SPECIAL MUSIC

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SCRIPTURE

Proverbs 4:20-27

SERMON

"Walls"

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