



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: Mercy: Norine Wilson **Bridges:** Jerry Weiss **Discharged:** Betty Leonard

Altar flowers: Last week there were lovely flowers on the altar that we neglected to mention (our apologies). They were in honor of Karen Younie from David, Jennifer, Leland & Bella Suchan.

Altar rose (CLC): In celebration of the birth of Jolee Marie Kubik, daughter of Dave & Shelly Kubik on September 26.

Sympathy to: Ruby Diaz on the death of her sister, Rachel on September 29.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)31 (SA)49 (8:30)181 (9:45)135 (11:00)115
 (CLC-9:00)269 (CLC-10:45)174 (FC-9:00)39 (FC-10:30)26 Total = 1,019
SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)79 (FC)5 (CLC)155 Total = 239

GIFTS: Last week's offering for Christ's work here and around the world:
 Operating Budget \$40,505.14 Cap. Campaign \$8,007.00 Mission \$2,104.00

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

Connection — Small Groups

Christian Caregiving Course Do you ever feel uncomfortable talking about your faith, praying with others, or trying to comfort a friend? This course can help you relate to others in a caring and authentically loving way, as Jesus modeled for us. This 4-week course will be held on Monday evenings, 6:30–8:30pm starting **October 9**, using the text, "Christian Caregiving, A Way of Life." Cost is \$15 for the text-book. Scholarships are available. Register online or contact Jacque Coulson, Director of Care and Connection at 964-4249 or jacque.coulson@ankenyfirst.org.

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. Upcoming topics: **Oct. 11:** *The Antidote—Grace, Forgiveness & the Cross.* **Oct. 18:** *Mission Day.*

That the World May Know: Fire on the Mountain When the Israelites left Egypt, they were finally free to worship their own God. But with that freedom, new challenges emerged. During this 6-week study, participants will discover how God taught the Israelites to be a part of a community that loves God and the lessons we can begin to live out in our lives today. This group will begin **October 12** from 6:30-8:00pm in Uptown room 314. No registration is required. Books will be available for purchase at the first session. Leader: Ron Riggins

Christianity and World Religions Small Group This 6-week small group will explore the four major world religions—Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Judaism—and compares the beliefs of each with those of Christianity. In examining these world religions and the beliefs of their followers, this group will strive to build bridges with others to grow in our faith, seek peace in our world, love our neighbor, and find positive ways to share the gospel. Begins **October 15** in Uptown room 314 at 9:45am, led by Randy Loomis. Books available at the Uptown CONNECT.

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, **October 21**, at JC's Café, located just west of the main Uptown building. Bring your favorite snack to share!

Charge Conference This year's charge conference will be held today, **October 8** at 2:00pm at the New Hope UMC in Des Moines. There will be a very brief business meeting followed by worship and a time for learning how to have conversations about touchy subjects without them becoming divisive. All welcome!

Help Wanted Are you a stay-at-home mom and need a job where you can bring your kids? Are you retired and want a little extra income? The childcare team provides childcare during worship services, small group meetings, fitness classes, and more. Shifts are available at all three locations. Find shifts that work for you. Must be at least 16 years old. Apply online today! Or contact Stacie Gaylor, 515-306-0650.

Join Us You are invited to celebrate Cecil Rhoads turning 90! An open house will be held Sun., Oct. 15, from 2:00–4:00pm at the FFA Enrichment Center at DMACC.

Social Issues Ministry Opportunity On Tues., **October 17**, 6:30pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall, immigration attorney Jessica Maffitt will be a guest speaker for this ministry. Through the Benzoni Law Office, she represents immigrants in family, humanitarian and deportation cases. Maffitt also volunteers with Iowa Justice for Our Neighbors that works on behalf of the Iowa Annual Conference. Come for discussion about the "Dreamers," sanctuary cities, and the position of the United Methodist Church on immigration matters.

It's Time Again to Prepare College Student Care Packages! Parents of college students are invited Tuesday, **October 24**, in JC's Cafe at 6:30pm to assemble college care packages. Bring 12 of the same items (24 if you have 2 kids in college, etc.) to share with each other's kids, and we will assemble care packages for them. Parents will mail the packages to their own children. Questions about this event may contact Tammy Larson at tnt4isu@hotmail.com or at 515-669-9882.

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 am interested in helping in the following way(s) at the Trunk or Treat Event

- Greet and Welcome families
- Decorate Your Car Trunk
- Grill hot dogs
- Serve hot dogs, chips & bottled water
- Decorate sugar cookies
- Lead Halloween games

- I would like to assist with McKinley Elem. Conference Meals. (Make sure to include your email on the reverse contact information.)

- I would like help with yard work on Nov. 4 through Serve First.

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

PRELUDE Instruments of Peace

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Rev. Angie Loomis

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

*OPENING PRAYER

*WORDS OF PARDON & ASSURANCE "Gloria Patri" #71

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM "May Peace Flow" [Thompson/Miller] Lauren Wilken

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

OFFERTORY Instruments of Peace

*DOXOLOGY / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "Breathe On Me Breath of God" #420 vs. 103

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

SERMON "Windows" Rev. John Wagner

*HYMN OF SENDING "Amazing Grace" #378 vs. 1-4

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

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Head Usher—Doug Altman; Ushers—Rich & Nancy Degner, Wil Freese, Marvin Hastings

Pianist: Christine Stone Tech Support: Steve Fravel, Kent Kiefer

Instruments of Peace Director: Nate Newhard

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SERMON

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Uptown ~ New Traditions Worship

October 8, 2017 ~ 11:00am

PRELUDE Instruments of Peace
WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING
*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400
*OPENING PRAYER
*PRAISE SONG "You Are My King (Amazing Love)"
TIME WITH THE CHILDREN
ANTHEM "May Peace Flow" [Thompson/Miller] Melody Webb
OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS
OFFERTORY Instruments of Peace
*DOXOLOGY
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER
SONG OF REFLECTION "Breathe"
SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:14-21
SERMON "Windows" Rev. John Wagner
SONG OF SENDING "Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)"
*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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Today's Worship Helpers are listed below:

Worship Hosts: Greeters—Michelle & Marge King, Chris & Paula Williams

Head Ushers—Jack & Rhonda Stewart Ushers—Mike Long, Ruth McGee, Qian Moss, Kerry Jo Ostring

Tech Support: Brett Pike, Mark Johnson

Pianist: Christine Stone **Worship Leader:** Rev. Angie Loomis

Instruments of Peace Director: Nate Newhard

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

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***SONGS OF PRAISE** "Open Up the Heavens"
"All the Earth"

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS
OFFERTORY "10,000 Reasons/What a Beautiful Name"
[Myrin, Redman/Fielding, Ligertwood] Nick & Jenny Robertson

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

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WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" #400

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~ JOYS, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

OFFERTORY "Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive" Bells of Faith

*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

SPECIAL MUSIC "I Ring My Praise to God" Bells of Faith

SCRIPTURE 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

SERMON "Windows" Rev. Mike Janes

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "Amazing Grace" #378 vs. 1-4

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*PASS THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*PRAISE SONGS

CELEBRATIONS

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OFFERTORY

"There Is Power" [Brewster/Fieldes] Worship Team

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