



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: Hospice (WA): Marilyn Henricks **Iowa City:** McKenna Riebkes **Bridges:** Fred Long (hospice), Jerry Weiss, Roger Spahr, Norine Wilson **Methodist:** Tim Allyn **Discharged:** Joy Abuhl, Margaret Robinson, Brittany Wiederin

Uptown Altar Flowers: In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Sympathy to: Family & friends of Mary Ann Ash, on her death on October 13.

Baptism: (CLC 9:00) Bryson Keith Loya & Nolan Jeffrey Loya, sons of Bryan & Abby Loya, and grandsons of Jeff & Sandy Egli.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)26 (SA)38 (8:30)190 (9:45)122 (11:00)220
 (CLC-9:00)276 (CLC-10:45)191 (FC-9:00)54 (FC-10:30)26 Total = 1,149

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)107 (FC)0 (CLC)168 Total = 275

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

Operating Budget \$30,108.94 Cap. Campaign \$5,413.00 Mission \$2,470.00
 Food Pantry: 160 Food Items, 51 Personal Care Items, 4 Baby Formula, Sept. Donations \$1,385

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

Connection - Small Groups

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. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact [Rhonda Alessio@AnkenyFirst.org](mailto:RhondaAlessio@AnkenyFirst.org). Upcoming schedule: **Oct. 25: Rule of Love—Surrendering to Love.** **Nov. 1: Asking God In—Time With God.** **Nov. 8: Mission Day.** **Nov. 15: Happy Turkey Time + Live in Amazement.**

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. It's not too late to join! **Sundays** in Uptown room 314 at 9:45am, led by Randy Loomis. Books available at the Uptown CONNECT.

This Is My Brave—The Show Only \$10 gives you admission to a professionally produced performance of "This Is My Brave – The Show" presented in a dinner theater format in the Uptown Fellowship Hall on **Sunday, October 29, 2:00-4:00pm.** You will be treated to an uplifting presentation of touching essays, original music, comedy and poetry by individuals living with—or loving someone with—a mental illness. Sponsored by the Ankeny Mental Health ministry, all proceeds will be used to further advocate and support individuals and families living with a mental illness. Advance ticket reservations are available in the Uptown office or online: www.ankenyfirst.org/. Reserve your tickets today as space is limited.

General News

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.

Save the Date! The UMW Christmas Only Rummage Sale This annual Christmas-only Rummage, Boutique, & Bake Sale is just around the corner. The event will be held again in the Uptown Family Center: Saturday, November 4 (for early birds-cost is \$5) 7:30-8:30am, also 8:30am-5:30pm, and Sunday, November 5, 8:30am-12:30pm. It's everything Christmas! Volunteers and Christmas themed donations needed! Questions can be directed to Kathy Weatherwax, 515-964-7095 or email KathyLWax@gmail.com.

The Greeting Card Ministry will meet on Tuesday, **October 24**, at 6:30pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. We will make cards for fellow church members. All supplies are furnished. No experience necessary. Come join us!

Endowment Requests The Endowment Committee is now taking requests for 2017 grants. The earnings of our endowment fund may be used for these purposes: improvements to church buildings and grounds, Christian education, missions or worship arts. If you have a project that meets the qualifications, pick up a form at the CONNECT. Completed forms are due to the church office *no later than November 1.*

Trinity/Las Americas Trinity/Las Americas United Methodist Church, located at 8th and College in Des Moines, has long been a partner in ministry with Ankeny First. On **October 29**, Pastor Angie will be attending worship and Sunday school with them to continue to build and deepen our relationship. It would be great if a few of you would join her in supporting this partnership. Worship services begin at 10:00am with Sunday school to follow. If you would like to carpool, contact Pastor Angie, Angie.Loomis@AnkenyFirst.org.

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 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 assistance to clean up my yard on Nov. 4 through Serve First.

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship October 22, 2017 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP Worship Leader: Melody Webb

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

*OPENING PRAYER

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

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*DOXOLOGY / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN OF REFLECTION "The Gift of Love" #408

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:16b-21

SERMON "God Loves First" Rev. Mike Janes

*HYMN OF SENDING "What Wondrous Love Is This" #292 vs. 1-3

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Christian Life Center Contemporary Worship October 22, 2017 ~ 9:00am & 10:45am

*PRAISE

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SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:00)

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October 21, 2017 ~ 5:00pm

WELCOME/*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

***SONGS OF PRAISE** "Look to the Son"
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OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS
OFFERTORY "Song of My Father" Amity Wagner

*DOXOLOGY

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

SONG OF REFLECTION "How He Loves/Good, Good Father"

SCRIPTURE 1 John 4:16b-21

SERMON "God Loves First" Rev. Mike Janes

***SONG OF SENDING** "Forever Reign"

***BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE**

*Worship bags for children are available from Worship Hosts.
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Tech Support: Laddie Devine **Worship Host:** Karla Kasper
Worship Team: Tina Davis, Amity Wagner

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PRELUDE

Walnut Street Players

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" #394 vs. 1,2,4

*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

Walnut Street Players

*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#95

SERMON HYMN

"The Gift of Love"

#408

SCRIPTURE

1 John 4:16b-21

SERMON

"God Loves First"

Rev. Angie Loomis

*HYMN OF DEDICATION "What Wondrous Love Is This" #292 vs. 1-3

*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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