



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.

CONNECT

Starting Fresh As we prepare to begin another school year, it's a great time to set our minds on learning more about our relationship with Jesus and with each other. Small groups are intended for just that purpose. Consider joining one of the sermon series small groups that will begin the week of Sept. 8th, or join one of the many other small groups that are starting up. TODAY, at both the CLC and Uptown sites, we will have a small group display table where you can ask questions and sign up. Learning together and growing closer to God and each other is what our church's method (*worship, connect and respond*) is all about. Questions? Contact Rhonda.Alessio@AnkenyFirst.org.

NOOMA is a video series offered as a small group on Sunday nights at 6:30pm in the Uptown Conference Room. Each week there will be a different video to watch and engaging conversation to follow. Come as you are. This is an on-going group.

It's Not Too Late to Join Disciple 1 Are you ready to dig deep into your faith? This study gives the Old and New Testaments equal time, emphasizing the wholeness of the Bible as a revelation of God. DISCIPLE draws upon the work of scholars, the personal Bible reading and study of the participant, and dynamic group discussion to aid understanding of the Bible. *Connect* with others as you draw closer to God through Bible study. Register on our website.

Monday Night Small Group Begins Aug. 19 This group will discuss the sermon questions given in the bulletin each week. There're no books, no homework, just come as you are and let's talk about what you heard. This group meets Monday nights at 6:00pm in JC's Café on the west side of the main Uptown building.

"Twelve Women of the Bible—Life Changing Stories for Women Today" This new study is being offered for women each Tuesday beginning **August 27**, 9:15-11:00am at our Faith Chapel location. Books cost \$8 each. Questions? Call Colleen Mooi (515.689.6087) or email colleenmooi@yahoo.com for more information.

Guest Reception & Orientation Are you new to Ankeny First? Have questions about our church? Want to know what Ankeny First is all about? Join us **Sept. 8** at 1:00pm for our Guest Reception and Orientation in the Uptown Family Center for an opportunity to meet some of the pastors and staff. Learn about our process for making disciples for Jesus Christ, hear about our unique three-site faith community, and visit our Ministry Fair to learn more and find ways you can get involved.

Financial Peace University for Teens This course will help teens understand the advantages of saving, budgeting basics, the dangers of debt, and the power of generosity. This course is recommended for 8th through 12th grade. Begins Sunday, **September 8**, at 10:45am in the CLC Exercise Room.

Financial Peace University Dave Ramsey and his team will walk you through the basics of budgeting, dumping debt, planning for the future, and more. Cost is \$110. Scholarships available. Wednesdays, beginning **Sept. 11**, 6:30pm Uptown Room 310.

Young Adults Small Group Are you somewhere between high school graduation and not yet ready to start a family? This newly formed group of 20-somethings invites you to join them beginning **September 12** at 7:00pm in Uptown Room 313, as they consider how to deepen their faith with others in a similar life phase.

Uptown Adult Music Rehearsals Begin August 21! All are welcome to join rehearsals beginning August 21 for our Instruments of Peace, Praise Ringers, Praise Teams, and Chancel Choir. If you love to sing, play an instrument or help with tech support, get involved this fall! Contact Jose.Clavell@AnkenyFirst.org.

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OUR METHOD

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 Sunday morning Fellowship Time! It occurs between our worship services at all three sites.

Communion The first weekend of each month.

Worship

Uptown: 206 SW Walnut St ~ **964.4249**

Sundays 8:30 & 11:00am ~ Traditional
9:45am ~ Contemporary

Christian Life Center: 710 NE 36th St ~ **289.9153**

Saturdays 5:30pm ~ Contemporary
Sundays 9:00am & 10:45am ~ Contemporary

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10:30am ~ Casual

Sunday School

Uptown:

9:45: 3yr old -7th grade
11:00: 3yr old -7th grade

9:45: Seekers (adult) Rm 317

9:45: Disciple's Dojo (adult) Rm 310

9:45: Sunday School (adult) Rm 314

Christian Life Center:

9:00: 3yr old -8th grade
10:45: 3yr old -8th 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: Kay Hill Discharged: Linda Alber

Altar Flowers: In honor of Lory Johnson's birthday.

Sympathy to: Julie Suby on the death of her mother, Carole Lea Kraber, on August 9.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (Online) 99 (Sat CLC) 82 (8:30) 148 (9:45) 103 (11:00) 63

(CLC 9:00) 218 (CLC-10:45) 121 (FC-9:00) 42 (FC-10:30) 19 Total = 895

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown) 54 (FC) 4 (CLC) 72 Total = 130

GIFTS: Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our ministries and missions. You can give on-line at ankenfirst.org/give.htm or by texting "AnkenyFirst" to 77977 for a direct link.

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

Find events at <https://ankenfirst.churchcenter.com/registrations/events>

Opportunities to Respond

A. I would like to help the church in a **NEW** way in the checked ministry area below:

- Worship Arts (anything music, audio/video)
- Worship Hospitality (usher, greeter, welcomer, communion server)
- Small Groups Sports & Fitness
- Youth Children's
- Missions Christian Care

B. I would like to serve in the following **UPCOMING** ways:

- Please contact me. I'd like to help with Soul Food Café on Wednesday nights.

(Please make sure to fill in your name & contact information on the reverse side of this card.)

Congregational Care

We always want to know how we can reach out to individuals who need our care. If you know of someone we've missed, please let us know.

Name _____

Contact Info. _____

Hospital _____

Stay Informed

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Organist: Kim Field Tech Support: Sherrill Marske, Marc Smith

Liturgist/Hymn Leader: Betty Arnold

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*SONG OF WORSHIP "Yes, I Will"

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***PRAISE
PRAYER
CHILDREN'S TIME
OFFERING OF OURSELVES
SCRIPTURE
2 Timothy 3:14-17
SERMON
"Meditate/Study/Rinse/Repeat"
Pastor Lewis Cox
*CLOSING SONG**

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**Christian Life Center
Contemporary Worship
August 17, 2019—5:30pm**

WELCOME / *PRAISE SONGS

OFFERING OUR PRAYERS, PRESENCE, GIFTS, SERVICE & WITNESS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE 2 Timothy 3:14-17

SERMON "Meditate/Study/Rinse/Repeat" Pastor Lewis Cox

*CLOSING SONG

*BLESSING

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August 18, 2019—9:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Blessed Assurance" #369

*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

*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION #95

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