



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.

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The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions designed to help couples invest in their relationship and strengthen their marriage. Date night setting including 3-course meal and private table. For couples (married at least one year) looking to build strong foundations, learn to communicate more effectively, and resolve differences well. Sunday nights from 6-8:30 p.m. starting September 8 in the CLC gathering space. Cost: \$50 per couple (scholarships available). Childcare is available upon request. Contact Nikki Schuchart with questions at rossnnik@gmail.com. Register at www.AnkenyFirst.org and click the "Register Here" button.

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 of 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. Register on our website, www.AnkenyFirst.org.

Financial Peace University for Teens We are offering Dave Ramsey's financial course for teenagers beginning **September 8** at 10:45am at the Christian Life Center. It will help your teen understand the advantages of saving, budgeting basics, the dangers of debt, and the power of generosity. This course is recommended for 8th - 12th grade youth. Register on our website, www.AnkenyFirst.org.

Financial Peace University If one of the "stressors" in your life is your finances, we are offering a course on how to achieve financial peace that has worked for over 5 million people including many in this congregation. Starting on **September 11** at 6:30pm in Uptown Room 310, we will be offering Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. This program will walk you through how to budget, provide a plan for getting out of debt, and give you ideas on how to better communicate with your spouse about money. Register on our website, www.AnkenyFirst.org. Questions? Contact Kate Pauly at k8pauly@gmail.com.

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.

Why Not Try Alpha? Wondering how to *connect* with others and deepen your faith? Heard about small groups and not sure where to start? #TryAlpha. Alpha is for everyone! 50+ year members, new members, non-members; we all have questions about life and meaning. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. The sessions include a meal, a topic discussion and good conversation. No pressure, no judgment—just an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own thoughts in an honest, friendly and open environment. Beginning **Sept. 15** at 5:30pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. Why not? Questions? Contact Kim Harmon at keckertdpm@aol.com.

Ladies, Please Join Us! UMW Circle meetings will resume soon. This is your invitation to enjoy fellowship as we serve together. You will find a list of Circles and meeting times in UMW brochures at the Welcome Center. Contact Michaela Owens at 964.4640 / rmowens2@mchsi.com for more information.

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:

- I would like to volunteer to help with our "Skills & Drills" basketball program.

(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

- I would like the twice monthly e-newsletter or our Thursday "This Weekend @First" email:

E-Mail _____

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WORSHIP



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

Faith Chapel: 7384 NW 16th St ~ **964.4249**

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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: Bridges: Bev Lewis **Methodist:** Tina Davis **Sunny View:** Kay Hill

Discharged: Daniel Davis, Verland McColly

Sympathy to: Rachel Johnson on the death of her mother, Jean Bishop, on August 21.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (Online) 98 (Sat CLC) 86 (8:30) 162 (9:45) 139 (11:00) 109
(CLC 9:00) 304 (CLC-10:45) 154 (FC-9:00) 50 (FC-10:30) 23 Total = 1,125

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown) 51 (FC) 8 (CLC) 126 Total = 185

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.

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Your Name Is Power"

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*PRAISE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

1 Corinthians 10:12-13; James 4:1-10

SERMON

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OFFERTORY

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; James 4:1-10

SERMON "Aspire to Purity" Rev. Mike Janes

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" #140

*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

SERMON HYMN "Lord Whose Love Through Humble Service" #581 vs. 1-3

SCRIPTURE 1 Corinthians 10:12-13; James 4:1-10

SERMON "Aspire to Purity" Pastor Lewis Cox

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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