



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

Guest Reception and Orientation Are you new to Ankeny First? Have questions about our church? Want to know what Ankeny First is all about? Join us today, **Sunday, January 12** at 1:30pm 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 Begins January 14 Do your finances give you stress? If so, we are offering a course on how to achieve financial peace that has worked for over 5 million people including many in this congregation. The course will be at 6:00pm at the CLC in Rooms 106/107. This program will walk you through how to budget, provide a plan for getting out of debt, and give ideas on how to better communicate about money. Registration is open on our website, AnkenyFirst.org. Questions? Contact Kate Pauly at k8pauly@gmail.com.

Small Group "It's Not Supposed to Be This Way" by Lysa TerKeurst Reality often ends up so very far from the life we long for. Discover that in God we can find unexpected strength as we wrestle between our faith and feelings. This group provides a safe place to share your disappointments, gather fresh biblical insight to get you through painful situations, and life-giving perspectives for living in between Eden and eternity. Pick up your book in the church office or on Wednesday, **January 15** in Uptown Room 317 for our first meet and greet night at 7:00pm. Discussion starts January 22.

Live Well is an easy to follow, clinically proven program using spirituality and science to decrease the effects of depression and anxiety. Thursdays at 7:00pm at our Uptown site in Rooms 310 and 315. This course is broken into two separate classes, one for depression and one for anxiety, each lasting 8 weeks. The cost is \$5 for materials. Classes start on **January 16**.

Alpha Begins January 19 Wondering how to *connect* with others and deepen your faith? Heard about small groups and not sure where to start? Alpha is for everyone—we all have questions about life and meaning. Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith. The sessions include a meal, a talk and good conversation. There's no pressure or judgment—just an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own thoughts in an honest, friendly, and open environment. Come and see for yourself beginning **January 19** at 5:00pm at the Christian Life Center. Questions? Contact Kim Harmon at keckertdpm@aol.com.

Ankeny First Singles Ministry Team encourages all Christian singles over 30 to join us for fellowship, activities/games, and fun on the third Saturday of every month. We will be meeting from 7:00 to 10:00pm Saturday, **January 18**, at JC's Café, located just west of the main Uptown building. Bring a favorite snack to share.

Divorce Care begins January 26 Uptown Room 315 from 3:30–5:00pm. Join others who are struggling with divorce or separation. Find support and tools to help you navigate this time in your life. Register on our website at AnkenyFirst.org.

Walk to Emmaus Retreat The Walk to Emmaus is a retreat sponsored by the Upper Room. It is not an actual walk, but refers to the scripture passage in Luke in which the disciples recognize the risen Lord on the way to a town called Emmaus. The purpose of Emmaus is to develop leaders for the church. Emmaus will inspire, challenge, and equip participants for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. The next retreat will be held at the West Des Moines United Methodist Church. The date for the men's walk is **February 6-9**; the women's walk is **February 13-16**. Pastor Angie will be the spiritual director for the women's walk. If you are interested in signing up or learning more, contact Pastor Angie or Rhonda Alessio (Angie.Loomis@AnkenyFirst.org, Rhonda.Alessio@AnkenyFirst.org, or 515.964.4249).

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 help with childcare duties at the Adoption Support Group at the CLC on the first Monday of the month.

(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 monthly e-newsletter or our Thursday "This Weekend @First":

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**

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 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 worship 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: Darlene Churchman **Discharged:** Bettie Bennett

Altar Rose (CLC): In celebration of the birth of Elyne Carol McNinch, daughter of Colton & Stacie McNinch, on January 1.

Sympathy to: Susan Jenks on the death of her brother on December 26. ♦ Janet Leonard on the death of her husband, Earl Leonard, on January 3. ♦ Rhonda Alessio on the death of her father-in-law, Jim Alessio, on January 6.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (Online) 124 (Sat CLC) 84 (8:30) 138 (9:45) 104 (11:00) 86

(CLC 9:00) 292 (CLC-10:45) 206 (FC-9:00) 40 (FC-10:30) 18 Total = 1,092

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown) 76 (FC) 7 (CLC) 145 Total = 228

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>

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*GATHERING/GATHERING SONG

"Only King Forever"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF WORSHIP "Another in the Fire"

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***PRAISE**

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:7-16

SERMON

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Christian Life Center Contemporary Worship January 11, 2020—5:30pm

*PRAISE
PRAYER

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:7-16

SERMON

"Shareable Faith—Grow in Your Faith"

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*CLOSING SONG

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January 12, 2020—9:00am

PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" #154

*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

Heavenly Metal

*DOXOLOGY / PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#95

SERMON HYMN

"Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service" #581

SCRIPTURE

Philippians 3:7-16

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*HYMN OF DEDICATION

"We Are Called" TFWS #2172

*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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