

WELCOME!

WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS! We're happy you are worshipping with us today and pray you will experience the love of Christ through our church. Each week we invite everyone to sign the **Friendship Pads** as one way to get better acquainted. To learn more about our church, pick up a copy of our newsletter, in-Site(s), available at each worship site or visit our website—www.AnkenyFUMC.org.

ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN Children are always welcome in worship, and "Worship Bags" with children's activities are available for them to use. Quality 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 At our Uptown location, large print hymnals and bulletins and wireless hearing aids are available—ask an usher for assistance.

SOUL FOOD CAFÉ All are invited to our informal meal Wednesday evenings during the school year between 5:00-6:30pm in our Uptown Fellowship Hall. Cost: \$3 per person (\$10 per family). NO reservations needed! Check the church website to see what's on the menu this week under "Groups & Study".

FELLOWSHIP You are all invited to Fellowship Time! **Uptown:** Between the three Sunday services in Fellowship Hall. **Faith Chapel:** After both services in Fellowship Hall. **Christian Life Center:** Between both services. **Spirit Alive:** Before worship.

FOR THOSE WHO GIVE ELECTRONICALLY If you make your church contributions on-line, but still find it meaningful to put something in the offering plate, you will find a small basket of cards at each worship site which say, "I give electronically." Pick one up weekly and put it in the offering plate. To donate from your smart phone, use the mobile version of our online giving page at any time. Simply scan the image you see here using your phone's QR code reader.

WE'RE GLAD YOU WORSHIPPED WITH US TODAY!

Join us next week as we continue our Lenten sermon series "Facing Fear".
Uptown Saturday & Sunday: "Can I Believe God Wants Me?" Rev. Bob Ward
Christian Life Center: "Fear of Giving Up Control" Rev. John Wagner
Faith Chapel: "Can Even My Sins Be Forgiven?" Rev. Dick Pfaltzgraff

FEATURED INFORMATION THIS WEEK

2014 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

A capital campaign is a special giving effort to fund facility needs. In a growing community like Ankeny, our church will always be reaching out to help new persons grow in faith, and our buildings are important tools for ministry. As we conclude our 2011 Capital Campaign, "Three Sites—One Future", our 2014 Capital Campaign Committee, headed by Brad Oelmann and Curt Gibson, is pleased to announce our 2014 Capital Campaign theme, "Faith Grows Here". Contributions to this campaign will be used for mortgage reduction at the Christian Life Center (70%), facility improvements at all Ankeny FUMC sites (20%) and the capital projects of our mission partners at Trinity UMC and in the Malawi UMC (10%). Watch for more information about the difference your giving can make!



DID YOU BECOME A MEMBER OF ANKENY FUMC IN 2011, 2012 OR 2013? THEN YOU'RE INVITED TO A CLASS REUNION AT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER

As part of "Faith Grows Here", we're inviting all those recent new members (2011-2013) to special gatherings called "Class Reunions." They will be held in the Christian Life Center Gathering Space from 7:00-8:00pm. Enjoy reconnecting with other members from your "class", see how they've become involved in the ministries of our church, learn about our 2014 Capital Campaign, and enjoy some delicious cupcakes! Childcare provided. Please join us! Questions? Contact Tim and Molly Weesner, mollyweesner@hotmail.com, Barb Valline, barb.valline@ankenyfumc.org, or call the church office, 964-4249.

- Monday, March 24—Those who joined AFUMC in 2011
- Wednesday, March 26—Those who joined AFUMC in 2012
- Thursday, March 27—Those who joined AFUMC in 2013

WORSHIP SERVICES

Uptown: 206 SW Walnut St ~ 964-4249
Saturdays 5:00pm ~ Blended
Sundays 8:30am ~ Traditional
9:45am ~ Contemporary
11:00am ~ Spirited Traditional
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 ~ 289-2171
Sundays 9:00am ~ Traditional
10:30am ~ Contemporary

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Uptown: 9:45 & 11:00am
~ 3yr old -7th grade
Christian Life Center:
9:00am & 10:45am
~ 3yr old -7th grade
Faith Chapel:
10:30am ~ 3yr old-3rd grade
Nursery available at all Sunday services.

Ministers: All God's People
Lead Co-Pastors: Martha & Bob Ward
Associate Pastors, Faith Chapel: Thom Bryant, Dick Pfaltzgraff
Associate Pastor, CLC: John Wagner
Associate Pastor, Thrive UMC: Jeremy Poland
Director of Worship Ministry: Jan Boehm
Director of Children & Family Ministries: Pat Crownover
Co-Directors of Youth Ministry: Shelly Kubik, Rick Webb
Director of Small Group Ministry: Lindsay Drake
Director of Care & Connection Ministry: Jacque Coulson
Director of Sports Ministry: Traci Schermerhorn
Minister of Visitation: Charles Tefft, Duane Churchman
Email staff at: firstname.lastname@AnkenyFUMC.org

Deadlines: Bulletin → Tuesdays 2:00pm; Apr 15 Newsletter → Apr 1

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF AFUMC EVENTS & OPPORTUNITIES:

Pick up a weekly calendar at any worship location (ask an usher for assistance) or go to our website: www.AnkenyFUMC.org.

Al-Anon
Mondays, 7:00pm, Upt Rm 314
AA
Wednesdays, 8:00pm, Upt Rm 314
Fridays, 6:00pm, Upt Rm 314
Saturdays, 6:30pm, Upt Rm 314
Wednesdays, 6:00pm, CLC Rms 103-104
Contact Gene & Marilyn Sewell
(964-0041) with questions.



Ankeny First United Methodist Church is a Stephen Ministry Congregation.



Bright Beginnings Preschool
Any questions, please contact Missy Starr: 229-0667



REAL. LIFE. CHANGE. Saturdays at the Christian Life Center. 6:00pm pizza and salad supper; 7:15pm worship; 8:00pm Recovery Group breakout. While this ministry and worship focuses on those recovering from addictions, friends and family members of those recovering, and those having trouble meeting life on life's terms, it is open to all. *The Road's 24 hour contact number, 515-777-8333, is "always on" and we are here to help.*

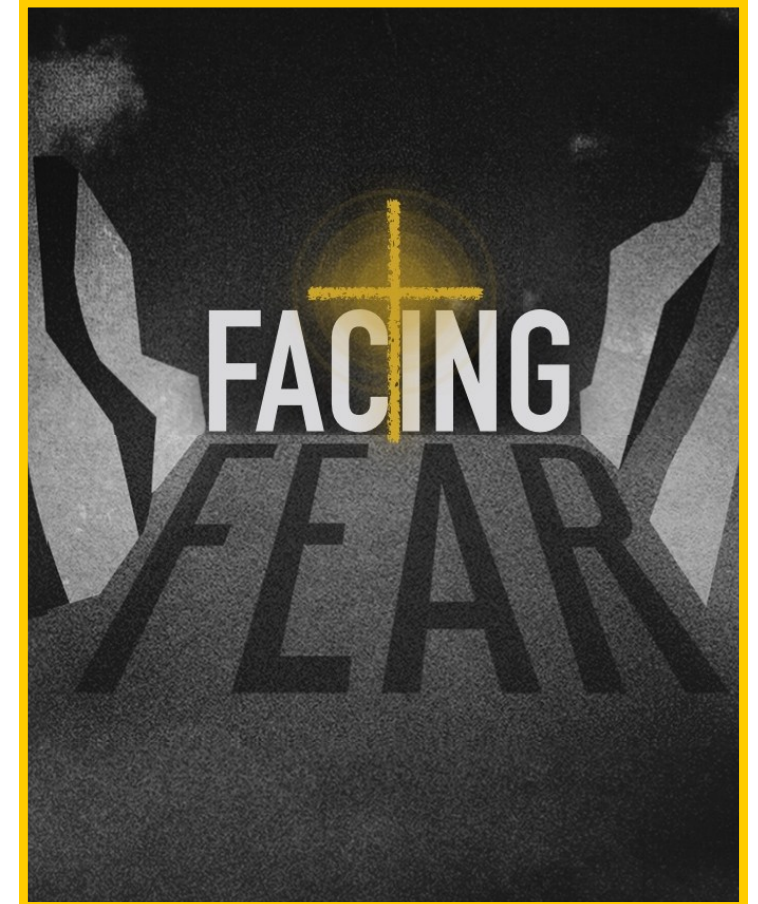
ADDITIONAL YOUTH INFORMATION

JC's Café (grades 6-12): Monday-Thursdays, 4:00-5:00pm throughout the school year. Closed for holidays and school breaks.
Ewe'th Group is a fellowship, service, study and worship group for 6th and 7th grade youth. Sundays from 5:00-6:00pm at the Christian Life Center.
The Gathering is specifically designed for the lives of teens in Ankeny for 8th-12th graders. Sundays at the CLC beginning with supper 6:00pm (\$3) then worship, fellowship and more from 6:30-8:15pm.

3 Locations ~ 9 Worship Services
1 Congregation United in Christ!
Uptown Campus ~ Faith Chapel ~ Christian Life Center
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Our Mission:

To be an open and inviting community of faith through which God grows deeply committed Christians.

Our Vision:

*INVITE people into Christ's Body.
INSPIRE them to become more like Jesus.
IMPROVE the lives of those in need.*

MARCH 23, 2014

Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

March 23, 2014 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME/WORSHIP FOCUS

*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Amazing Grace"

#378

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION: Almighty and merciful God, fountain of all goodness, who knows the thoughts of our hearts, we confess that we have sinned against you and have done what is evil in your sight. Today, we ask your forgiveness for the sins of our youth and the sins of our age, the sins of our souls and the sins of our bodies, our secret sins and our prideful sins, the sins we have committed to please ourselves and the sins we have committed to please others. At the foot of the cross, we seek your amazing grace. Cleanse us from our sins through the love of Christ, and set us free for his service through the power of the Holy Spirit. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

ANTHEM *"Lamb of God"* [arr. Lloyd Larson] Chancel Choir

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

#363

SCRIPTURE

John 8:2-11

SERMON

"Can Even My Sins Be Forgiven?"

Rev. Martha Ward

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

OFFERTORY

"Were You There/There Is a Balm in Gilead"

[Adams]

Amy Warren & Christine Stone

*DOXOLOGY

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

#298 vs. 4

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

"Victory in Jesus"

#370

*BENEDICTION/POSTLUDE

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CHILDREN & FAMILIES

EASTER CANDY NEEDED! Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed to place in eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt (to be held on April 19 at the Prairie Ridge Aquatics Center). Tubs are available at each worship location to drop off your donation. Our goal is to fill 8,000 or more eggs. To help fill the eggs, meet on Tuesday, **April 8**, at 6:00pm in Uptown Room 13. You can take home eggs to fill at your leisure by contacting Pat Crownover, Director of Children's Ministry, at 964-4249 or pat.crownover@ankenyfumc.org, or Christie Hollenbeck, Event Co-Chair, at 689-7901 or rchollen@live.com.

"WALK WITH JESUS" is a powerful, multisensory event that guides kids through Jesus' last days on earth. Kids will discover Easter in a way they'll never forget—from the Lord's Supper, Garden of Gethsemane, to Good Friday. Join us Sunday, **April 13** at 9:00 & 10:45am at the CLC and 9:45am Uptown for a tour of a lifetime!

EASTER SUNDAY SPECTACULAR What a joyous event—Easter and the resurrection of our Savior! All sites will celebrate Easter morning with the movie "The Story of Easter". All kids are invited to this special Sunday School event and celebration! April 20 at all sites.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL "WEIRD ANIMALS: WHERE JESUS' LOVE IS ONE-OF-A-KIND" & MINI-MISSIONS Registration is now open on-line for both morning (June 16-20) and evening sessions (June 15-20). \$20 for early bird registrants. 5th-6th graders sign up for our Mini-Missions that week too, but hurry, space is limited! Also \$20.

VBS VOLUNTEERS, AND DRIVERS & CREW LEADERS NEEDED FOR VBS MINI-MISSION TRIP Register now online at www.ankenyfumc.org to help with VBS! If you are interested or would like further information about helping with Mini-Missions, please contact Tammy Engebretson, Pat Crownover, or call the church office.

SPRINGBROOK CAMP JULY 15-16 All current 3rd-6th graders are invited to this two-day/one night camp at Springbrook State Park. This is a great time to enjoy the out-of-doors, learn about God's wonderful world, hike, swim, kayak, and much more. \$40 for lodging and meals. Limited space for campers, so register early at www.ankenyfumc.org.

THIS SUMMER ANKENY FUMC WILL OFFER A SHOW CHOIR CAMP for students who have completed 1st-8th grades! This camp, held **Monday, July 21-Friday, July 25**, will give students the opportunity to enjoy singing and dancing on stage with friends, while learning an entire show choir set with uplifting music and fun choreography! The elementary session (1st-4th grades) will meet 9:00am to noon, and the mid-high session (5th-8th grades) will meet from 1:00-4:00pm, culminating in a performance on Friday evening. Cost is \$30 per student, and includes a t-shirt, water bottle, music and CDs. *Registration is open through June 20* so register now at www.ankenyfumc.org.



YOUTH NEWS



DISCOVERY WEEKEND (MAY 2-4) is a retreat for Mid-High Youth (6th-8th grade). This spiritual growth opportunity is led by our High School Youth (9th-12th grades) and supported by adult volunteers. The weekend contains short messages delivered by our high school youth, small group times, service projects, games, lots of food, fun, music and family worship. One mid-high who registers **by TODAY, March 23** will have their registration fee refunded in a drawing, so get your registration in early! Registration is available on our church website.

Uptown Campus ~ Contemporary Worship

March 23, 2014 ~ 9:45am

GATHERING SONG
WELCOME / WORSHIP FOCUS
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*PRAISE SONGS

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER SONG

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*PRAISE/PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (10:45)

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON

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*CLOSING SONG

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#378

*GATHERING SONG

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[Adams]

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EASTER CANDY NEEDED! Donations of individually wrapped candy are needed to place in eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt (to be held on April 19 at the Prairie Ridge Aquatics Center). Tubs are available at each worship location to drop off your donation. Our goal is to fill 8,000 or more eggs. To help fill the eggs, meet on Tuesday, **April 8**, at 6:00pm in Uptown Room 13. You can take home eggs to fill at your leisure by contacting Pat Crownover, Director of Children's Ministry, at 964-4249 or pat.crownover@ankenyfumc.org, or Christie Hollenbeck, Event Co-Chair, at 689-7901 or rchollen@live.com.

“WALK WITH JESUS” is a powerful, multisensory event that guides kids through Jesus' last days on earth. Kids will discover Easter in a way they'll never forget—from the Lord's Supper, Garden of Gethsemane, to Good Friday. Join us Sunday, **April 13** at 9:00 & 10:45am at the CLC and 9:45am Uptown for a tour of a lifetime!

EASTER SUNDAY SPECTACULAR What a joyous event—Easter and the resurrection of our Savior! All sites will celebrate Easter morning with the movie “The Story of Easter”. All kids are invited to this special Sunday School event and celebration! April 20 at all sites.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL “WEIRD ANIMALS: WHERE JESUS' LOVE IS ONE-OF-A-KIND” & MINI-MISSIONS Registration is now open on-line for both morning (June 16-20) and evening sessions (June 15-20). \$20 for early bird registrants. 5th-6th graders sign up for our Mini-Missions that week too, but hurry, space is limited! Also \$20.

VBS VOLUNTEERS, AND DRIVERS & CREW LEADERS NEEDED FOR VBS MINI-MISSION TRIP Register now online at www.ankenyfumc.org to help with VBS! If you are interested or would like further information about helping with Mini-Missions, please contact Tammy Engebretson, Pat Crownover, or call the church office.

SPRINGBROOK CAMP JULY 15-16 All current 3rd-6th graders are invited to this two-day/one night camp at Springbrook State Park. This is a great time to enjoy the out-of-doors, learn about God's wonderful world, hike, swim, kayak, and much more. \$40 for lodging and meals. Limited space for campers, so register early at www.ankenyfumc.org.

THIS SUMMER ANKENY FUMC WILL OFFER A SHOW CHOIR CAMP for students who have completed 1st-8th grades! This camp, held **Monday, July 21–Friday, July 25**, will give students the opportunity to enjoy singing and dancing on stage with friends, while learning an entire show choir set with uplifting music and fun choreography! The elementary session (1st-4th grades) will meet 9:00am to noon, and the mid-high session (5th-8th grades) will meet from 1:00–4:00pm, culminating in a performance on Friday evening. Cost is \$30 per student, and includes a t-shirt, water bottle, music and CDs. *Registration is open through June 20* so register now at www.ankenyfumc.org.



YOUTH NEWS



DISCOVERY WEEKEND (MAY 2-4) is a retreat for Mid-High Youth (6th-8th grade). This spiritual growth opportunity is led by our High School Youth (9th-12th grades) and supported by adult volunteers. The weekend contains short messages delivered by our high school youth, small group times, service projects, games, lots of food, fun, music and family worship. One mid-high who registers **by TODAY, March 23** will have their registration fee refunded in a drawing, so get your registration in early! Registration is available on our church website.