

# 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](http://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.

**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".

**SPECIAL NEEDS** At our Uptown location, large print hymnals and bulletins and wireless hearing aids are available—ask an usher for assistance.

**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!**  
Next week we will conclude the sermon series, "Because We Believe" with the following theme; "For All the Saints".  
**Uptown Saturday:** Angie Loomis  
**Uptown Sunday:** Rev. Scott Hibben  
**Christian Life Center:** Rev. John Wagner  
**Faith Chapel:** Rev. Thom Bryant

## FEATURED INFORMATION THIS WEEK

### 2015 MALAWI PARTNERSHIP OF HOPE

If you have heard God's call to consider traveling to Malawi, Africa in the summer of 2015 with AFUMC, please come to an "interest" meeting today, **October 26**, 3:00pm in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. You will have a chance to hear about tentative trip schedule and costs, scholarship and sign-up deadlines, as well as share dreams of building new relationships with our brothers and sisters in Malawi.

### RESERVE YOUR AFUMC CHRISTMAS CARDS NOW ON THE CHURCH'S WEBSITE!

You can pay online, or pay when you pick up your cards. Cards are sold in sets of 25. One set is \$15; three or more sets are \$12 each. **Cards will be available for pickup at all three worship sites on Nov. 16 and Nov. 23.** If unable to pick up those dates, cards may be picked up at the Uptown or CLC church offices during office hours. Thanks for supporting the church's marketing efforts as we invite others to celebrate the birth of Jesus with us. Order yours today at [www.ankenyfumc.org/christmas-cards.htm](http://www.ankenyfumc.org/christmas-cards.htm).

### DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

Don't forget to set your clocks back an hour next Sunday!

### 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  
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### 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 Pastor:** Scott Hibben  
**Administrative Pastor:** Angie Loomis  
**Associate Pastors, Faith Chapel:** Thom Bryant, Dick Pfaltzgraff  
**Associate Pastor, CLC:** John Wagner  
**Associate Pastors, Thrive UMC:** Jeremy Poland, Jen Hibben  
**Director of Worship Ministry:** Jan Boehm  
**Director of Children & Family Ministries:** Pat Crownover  
**Director of Youth Ministry:** Rick Webb  
**Associate Director of Youth Ministry:** Theresa Bargfrede  
**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](mailto:firstname.lastname@AnkenyFUMC.org)

**Deadlines: Bulletin →Tuesdays 5:00pm; Nov 15 Newsletter→Nov 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](http://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

### THE ROAD OF RECOVERY

**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.*

**3 Locations ~ 9 Worship Services**  
**1 Congregation United in Christ!**  
Uptown Campus ~ Faith Chapel ~ Christian Life Center  
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**UPTOWN CAMPUS:** 206 SW Walnut Street  
**FAITH CHAPEL:** 7384 NW 16th Street  
**CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER:** 710 NE 36th Street

**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.*

**OCTOBER 26, 2014**

# Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

## October 26, 2014 ~ 8:30am

### PRELUDE

WELCOME/WORSHIP FOCUS

\*CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Lay Liturgist Melody Webb

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*"We Gather Together"* #131

\*OPENING PRAYER: God of grace and glory, make your presence known to us as we worship this morning. Jesus our Christ, may your name be praised from the rising of the sun through night's darkest hour; may your name always be honored among us. Spirit of Holiness, breathe life within us that unites us all in Christian love and servant-hood. O God, Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit, be known to us today. Transform our lives and our community into the image of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

\*WORDS OF PARDON AND ASSURANCE

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

ANTHEM *"When You Believe"* [Schwartz] Holly Hudson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER HYMN *"More Love to Thee, O Christ"* #453 vs. 1, 2, & 4

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SERMON *"What's Your Dash?"* Rev. Scott Hibben

THE APOSTLES' CREED #881 / RESPONSE #71

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

OFFERTORY

\*DOXOLOGY

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

\*HYMN OF DEDICATION *"I Surrender All"* #354

\*BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *"Take My Life and Let It Be"*

POSTLUDE

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**LITTLE ONES OPEN GYM** It's time for the little ones to come play and burn off some energy! Children of all ages are welcome (but must be accompanied by an adult) to run and play in the gym and hear a short Bible story. Join us on Tuesdays throughout the school year from 9:30-10:30am. Registration is not required...just show up and join us for some fun! Contact the CLC office, 289-9153, if you have any questions.

## MISSION & OUTREACH

**INGATHERING HEALTH KITS DEADLINE** Please return all Health Kits to the designated bins at either the Uptown or CLC by **October 28**.

**HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY**—A conference bringing together Greater Des Moines to end childhood hunger by 2015 will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church on Saturday, **November 8** from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Registration information is available online at [www.hopeforthehungry.blogspot.com](http://www.hopeforthehungry.blogspot.com). Cost: \$35.

**ANOTHER SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE AT AGAPE GARDEN.** Despite some challenges like torrential rains and hungry deer, we harvested **12,520 pounds** of produce this year – Glory to God! All the produce was given away—DMARC, Lutheran Church of Hope food bank, Hope Ministries, and AFUMC meal programs. We could not do this without the support of our church family and our dedicated volunteers. Thank you!

**NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR** Often our church becomes aware of individual emergencies of human need from within our own church, from our partners at Trinity UMC and Las Americas, or from other agencies. It is not possible, and sometimes not appropriate, to notify the whole church of all such needs, but it is very helpful to have a list of people willing to respond to requests in such situations. If you are willing to be on this list, we will notify you of these situations as they arise. You are then free to respond or as you are able. Contact Jacque Coulson, Director of Care and Connection, 964-4249.

**SUPPORTING AND SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES** The new Military Ministry team needs your help for a project in conjunction with Veteran's Day. We are asking for donations that will be distributed to the Veteran's home and the VA Hospital: individually wrapped snacks, *Forever* postage stamps, and full-sized personal hygiene items (shampoo, lotion, deodorant, body wash, etc.). Please place items in specially marked bins from **now through November 16**.

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS** Through your gifts, Church World Service will offer hope to refugees and disaster victims around the world through blankets and other life giving resources. Please consider donating your gifts for a sturdy CWS blanket if you haven't done so already. Offering envelopes can be found in the gathering space at any worship location.

----- (Place in offering plate or return to Church Office) -----

### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES – OCTOBER 26, 2014

- I would like to volunteer in the AFUMC Welcome Centers:  
 Uptown  Faith Chapel  Christian Life Center

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Uptown Campus ~ Contemporary Worship  
October 26, 2014 ~ 9:45am

GATHERING SONG  
WELCOME / WORSHIP FOCUS  
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CHILDREN'S TIME

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PRAYER

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CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

Malachi 3:7-12

SERMON

"Go Ahead, Test God"

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**COLLEGE STUDENT CARE PACKAGES!** Parents of college students are invited to JC's Café on Tuesday, **November 11** at 6:30pm. Bring 10 items (20 if you have 2 kids, etc.) to share with each other's kids, as we pack care packages for them. Parents in attendance will then mail these care packages to their own children. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Morgan at [kathydmorgan@gmail.com](mailto:kathydmorgan@gmail.com).

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULT STUDY & CONNECTION

**UMW CRAFT DAY TOMORROW, OCTOBER 27** All are welcome to join us the fourth Monday of each month in the Uptown Lounge at 1:00pm for Craft Day.

**LUNCH BUNCH POTLUCK** Join us **November 11** for a potluck Lunch Bunch at noon in the Uptown Fellowship Hall. Bring something to share and join in the fellowship! No need to sign up. We will hear from the Military Ministry Team in recognition of Veterans Day.

**TWO SPECIAL EVENTS ARE SCHEDULED SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23.** Both are designed to decrease stress and tension, while embracing the peace and glory of the season. **Cure for the Caregiver** is a workshop to help those caring for persons with mental or cognitive impairment. Uptown Fellowship Hall from 2:00–3:00pm. A **GriefShare: “Surviving the Holidays” seminar** is a workshop offering practical strategies for making it through the holiday season. Uptown Chapel from 4:00– 6:00pm. During both sessions, you'll meet with others who have an understanding of what you're going through. To register or find out more, call Jacque Coulson, 964-4249 or [jacque.coulson@ankenyfumc.org](mailto:jacque.coulson@ankenyfumc.org).

### CHILDREN & FAMILIES



**LITTLE ONES OPEN GYM** It's time for the little ones to come play and burn off some energy! Children of all ages are welcome (but must be accompanied by an adult) to run and play in the gym and hear a short Bible story. Join us on Tuesdays throughout the school year from 9:30-10:30am. Registration is not required...just show up and join us for some fun! Contact the CLC office, 289-9153, if you have any questions.

### MISSION & OUTREACH

**INGATHERING HEALTH KITS DEADLINE** Please return all Health Kits to the designated bins at either the Uptown or CLC by **October 28**.

**HOPE FOR THE HUNGRY**—A conference bringing together Greater Des Moines to end childhood hunger by 2015 will be held at Plymouth Congregational Church on Saturday, **November 8** from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Registration information is available online at [www.hopeforthehungry.blogspot.com](http://www.hopeforthehungry.blogspot.com). Cost: \$35.

**ANOTHER SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE AT AGAPE GARDEN.** Despite some challenges like torrential rains and hungry deer, we harvested **12,520 pounds** of produce this year – Glory to God! All the produce was given away—DMARC, Lutheran Church of Hope food bank, Hope Ministries, and AFUMC meal programs. We could not do this without the support of our church family and our dedicated volunteers. Thank you!

**NEIGHBOR HELPING NEIGHBOR** Often our church becomes aware of individual emergencies of human need from within our own church, from our partners at Trinity UMC and Las Americas, or from other agencies. It is not possible, and sometimes not appropriate, to notify the whole church of all such needs, but it is very helpful to have a list of people willing to respond to requests in such situations. If you are willing to be on this list, we will notify you of these situations as they arise. You are then free to respond or as you are able. Contact Jacque Coulson, Director of Care and Connection, 964-4249.

**SUPPORTING AND SHOWING APPRECIATION FOR OUR VETERANS AND MILITARY FAMILIES** The new Military Ministry team needs your help for a project in conjunction with Veteran's Day. We are asking for donations that will be distributed to the Veteran's home and the VA Hospital: individually wrapped snacks, *Forever* postage stamps, and full-sized personal hygiene items (shampoo, lotion, deodorant, body wash, etc.). Please place items in specially marked bins from **now through November 16**.

**CHURCH WORLD SERVICE BLANKETS** Through your gifts, Church World Service will offer hope to refugees and disaster victims around the world through blankets and other life giving resources. Please consider donating your gifts for a sturdy CWS blanket if you haven't done so already. Offering envelopes can be found in the gathering space at any worship location.

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#### MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES – OCTOBER 26, 2014

- I would like to volunteer in the AFUMC Welcome Centers:  
 Uptown  Faith Chapel  Christian Life Center

Name \_\_\_\_\_

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