



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.

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 Fellowship Time! Uptown: Between the three Sunday services in Fellowship Hall and Saturday before worship.

Faith Chapel: Between services. Christian Life Center: Between services.

Communion The first weekend of each month. Healing oil is also available in the Uptown Chapel after communion.

Worship

Uptown: 206 SW Walnut St ~ 964.4249
Saturdays 5:00pm ~ Convergence
Sundays 8:30 & 11:00am ~ Traditional
9:45am ~ Convergence
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 ~ 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) Family Center
9:45: Disciple's Dojo (adult) Conf. Rm
9:45: Sunday School (adult) Library
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: Ramsey Village: Marge Reese

Altar Rose (CLC): In celebration of the birth of Mila Nielsen, daughter of Alec & Holly Nielsen, and granddaughter of Bill & Sherlyn Hudson.

Sympathy to: Kay Riggins on the death of her brother, Paul Applegate, on Aug. 25.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)23 (Sat)42 (8:30)170 (9:45)104 (11:00)97
(CLC-9:00)257 (CLC-10:45)161 (FC-9:00)55 (FC-10:30)13 Total = 922
SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)59 (FC)8 (CLC)172 Total = 239

GIFTS: Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our ministries and missions. You can give on-line at AnkenyFirst.org/giving-online.

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

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Small Groups at Ankeny First We have approximately 40 groups beginning in the next few weeks. There is something for everyone! Please visit our website: www.ankenyfirst.org/groups-page.htm and browse around, or visit our Welcome Center and find the purple brochure with a large listing of groups. Then decide what interests you and get involved!

Walk To Emmaus Our church will host the Walk to Emmaus, a 3-day spirit-filled weekend offered to both men and women from churches throughout central Iowa. The experience includes talks by lay and clergy on the themes of God's grace, disciplines of Christian discipleship, and what it means to be The Church. It is wrapped in prayer and meditation, fellowship, special times of worship and Holy Communion. The Men's weekend is Oct 18-21 and the Women's is Oct 25-28. For more information contact Rhonda Alessio, 515.964.4249, or Brian DePrez, 515.480.8700.

Live Well Classes: Overcoming Depression or Anxiety If you or someone you know has suffered from depression or anxiety, please encourage them to attend. Easy-to-follow, clinically proven programs for preventing and beating depression and anxiety with two separate 8 week classes. Come to a no-obligation orientation on Monday, Sept. 10, at 6:30pm to learn more at the CLC campus at 710 NE 36th St room 106/107. Class sessions begin Sept. 17 and continue Mondays thru Nov.5. Questions? Jim White 515.313-370. Register on our website at https://ankenyfirst.churchcenter.com/registrations/events. Registering and payment are also allowed at orientation session.

Children

Volunteer Opportunities in Children's Ministry

- Uptown Sunday School: 9:45—Pre-K & 1st grades; 11:00—2nd-5th grades
Bible Adventures (Uptown Wednesday evenings): Program Coordinator, Pre-K team, 1st-3rd grade team.

If interested, please contact Pat Crownover at Pat.Crownover@AnkenyFirst.org, or sign the CONNECT card.

Bible Sunday Is September 16 All Kindergartners and third graders are invited to "Bible Sunday" on Sunday, Sept. 16. This is a special time when Kindergartners and third graders receive their very own Bibles from Ankeny First. Parents and grandparents are invited to share in this special event with their children.

Youth

Youth News

- Spark for 6th-8th graders: 6:00-6:45pm at the CLC
Ignite for 9th-12th graders: 7:30-8:30pm at the CLC
We will host a weekly meal from 6:45-7:15pm for 6th-12th graders—\$3/person
Confirmation classes for 9th-12th graders will begin Sunday, September 9, in the Uptown Fellowship Hall from 1:00-2:00pm.

Questions? Drew.Safarek@AnkenyFirst.org.

General News

Childcare Workers Needed! We're hiring childcare staff! Hours are flexible; you choose your shifts! Perfect for moms and dads because you can bring your kids to work! Also ideal for older teens and working adults, with evening and weekend hours available. Download an application on our website or pick one up at the Uptown office. Questions? Email Stacie Gaylor at stacie.afumc.childcare@gmail.com.

Nursery Donations Needed To stock up our supplies in the nursery, we are accepting donations of disinfectant spray, tissues, disinfectant wipes, and baby wipes. Please drop them off at the nursery or the church offices. Thanks!

Interested in Joining the UMW? Ladies! You are invited to participate in the United Methodist Women. Circle meetings will be resuming soon. Please stop by the Welcome Center for more information or contact Michaela Owens at rmowens2@mchsi.com or 515.964.4640.

Serving Opportunities

I would like to try helping the church in a NEW way in the checked ministry area.

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

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

- We need more drivers for The Road! Check here to help.
I am interested in helping with Family Promise Sept. 30-Oct. 6.

Children's Ministry Volunteers

- I would like to teach Sunday School at Uptown this coming year.
I would like to help at Bible Adventures on Wednesday evenings this coming year.

(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 that 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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E-Mail _____

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PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "I Come With Joy" #617 vs. 1,2,3

PSALTER Psalm 34:1-14 #769

"Gloria Patri" #71

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*HYMN OF PREPARATION "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" #629 vs. 1,2,3

SCRIPTURE John 6:35-59

SERMON "Everlasting Feast" Rev. Mike Janes

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF SENDING "The Summons" vs. 1,2,3

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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Pianist: Christine Stone Hymn Leader/Liturgist: JoAnn Orthel

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*GATHERING/GATHERING SONG "Lord, I Need You"

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*SONG OF PRAISE

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Christian Life Center Contemporary Worship September 2, 2018 ~ 9:00am & 10:45am

*PRAISE

PRAYER

CHILDREN'S TIME

OFFERING OF OURSELVES

SCRIPTURE

John 6:35-59

SERMON

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SCRIPTURE John 6:35-59

SERMON "Everlasting Feast" Rev. Mike Janes

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*SONG OF SENDING "The Summons" vs. 1,2,3

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

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Worship Hosts: Greeters—Ron & Beverly Hummel, Paul & Cherry Marsden

Ushers—Linda Andeberg, Lisa Keller, Kerry Ostring, Tara Ramsey, Connie Rohwedder

Tech Support: Sherrill Marske, Brett Pike Organist: Jan Boehm

Hymn Leader/Liturgist: Beth Madison

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GATHERING / *GATHERING SONG "Lord, I Need You"

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*SONG OF PRAISE

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

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SONG OF REFLECTION "I Come With Joy" #617 vs. 1,2,3

SCRIPTURE John 6:35-59

SERMON

"Everlasting Feast" Rev. Thom Bryant

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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PRELUDE

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING HYMN

"Gather Us In"

TFWS #2236

*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

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#95

SERMON HYMN

"I Come With Joy"

#617 vs. 1,2,3

SCRIPTURE

John 6:35-59

SERMON

"Everlasting Feast"

Rev. Mike Orthel

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

"One Bread, One Body"

#620

*BENEDICTION/BENEDICTION SONG

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