



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: Iowa City: Dawn Olson Mercy: Vern Rettig Discharged: David Lange

Altar Flowers: In celebration of Bob & Connie Ruths' 60th wedding anniversary.

Altar Rose (CLC): In celebration of the birth of Garrett Glen Boyles, son of Eric & Tara Boyles, and grandson of Jill Boyles, on October 2.

Sympathy to: Michele, Michael & Jessica Van Der Heyden, and Raejean Bear, on the death of their husband/father/son-in-law, Scott Van Der Heyden, on October 7.

PRESENCE: The following are attendance figures from last week:

WORSHIP: (The Road)31 (Sat)20 (8:30)178 (9:45)120 (11:00)78 (CLC-9:00)265 (CLC-10:45)166 (FC-9:00)34 (FC-10:30)9 Total = 901

SUNDAY SCHOOL (Uptown)88 (FC)6 (CLC)161 Total = 255

GIFTS: Thank you for your ongoing generosity to our ministries and missions. You can give on-line at ankenyfirst.org/give.htm or by texting "AnkenyFirst" to 77977 for a direct link.

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

Connection

New Study for Moms Beginning Wed., Oct. 10 at 5:30pm in the Uptown Conference Room, our moms group will begin reading "Desperate" by Sarah Mae and Sally Clarkson. This group is for any mother experiencing all the good, the bad, and the craziness of motherhood. Join us for lively discussions and encouraging fellowship. Childcare available with advance notice. Questions? Contact Bethany Crouch at: justin.bethany.crouch@gmail.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, October 20, at JC's Café, located just west of the main Uptown building. Bring a favorite snack to share!

DivorceCare begins Thursday, Oct. 25, at 6:30-8:00pm in Uptown room 315. DivorceCare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. Don't go through separation or divorce alone. This support group is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help. You will learn how to heal from the hurt of divorce and discover hope for your future. Questions? Contact Jill Heimerman at Msjill213@yahoo.com.

Hunting Seasons Are About to Begin! Do you enjoy or have interest in hunting, archery, etc.? Contact Pastor Thom at Thom.Bryant@AnkenyFirst.org or check the box on the CONNECT Card for more information about groups forming with these interests and activities today!

"Powerful Tools for Caregivers" is an educational program designed to provide tools caregivers need to take care of themselves. If you take good care of yourself, you will be better prepared to take good care of others. As a participant you will learn how to: reduce stress, improve self-confidence, better communicate feelings, increase ability to make tough decisions and more. Classes will be held on Mondays from Nov. 5 to Dec. 10, in the Uptown Conference Room, 10:00-11:30am. Cost is \$30. For more information, contact Cheryl Clark, ISU Extension & Outreach Family Life Specialist at 641.373.2196 or cclark@iastate.edu. Registration is open at https://ankenyfirst.churchcenter.com/registrations/events

Mission

October Mission of the Month—It's time to think about the upcoming cold weather months and how not everyone has warm clothing or a warm home to sleep in. For the month of October, we will be collecting socks, gloves, hats, hearty soups, canned meat, peanut butter, facial tissues, sleeping bags, and blankets for men and women that need some warmth over the winter months. We will be distributing these items to Central Iowa Shelter and Services, YMCA Supportive Housing, and Joppa. Find a Mission of the Month envelope for your monetary donations at the Welcome Center or write "October Mission of the Month" on your check memo.

InGathering News On November 3, our Ingathering teams will take all the collected school kits and health kits down to Greenfield, IA to ship on to those in need. We have collected 455 school kits and over 200 health kits this year. Thanks for your generosity!

Iowa Hunger Hike Are you going home to a warm meal? Do you have a home in which to cook it? Thousands in the metro do not. It is for them that a Hunger Hike is held each year in Des Moines. The funds are allocated among more than a dozen area non-profit organizations that serve low-income, homeless, adults, children, former prisoners, etc. in the metro area.

Pam Zivley will be collecting for the Hunger Hike today at Faith Chapel (9:00-10:15am) and Uptown (10:30-11:00am). Otherwise, drop off your donation in the Uptown office until Oct. 31. Thank you to everyone who has already contributed.

Serving Opportunities

A. 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:

- I would like to help lead activities for Kids Gym Night.
I would like to teach Sunday School at the CLC.
I would like more information about a small group based around outdoor activity interests.
I would like to help at the Trunk or Treat event on Oct. 21 as a:
Griller
Food Server
Game leader
Provider of a trunk

(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

I would like our twice monthly e-newsletter:

E-Mail _____

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Uptown Campus ~ Traditional Worship

October 14, 2018 ~ 8:30am

PRELUDE

WELCOME / *CONGREGATIONAL GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" #176

*OPENING PRAYER

"Gloria Patri" #71

ANTHEM Instruments of Peace

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE / THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" [Englert] Jack Watkins

*DOXOLOGY / *PRAYER OF DEDICATION

HYMN OF REFLECTION

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #526

SCRIPTURE Jonah 4:1-11

SERMON "God Stands by the Decision" Rev. Mike Janes

*HYMN OF SENDING "Stand By Me" #512 vs. 1,2,3

*BENEDICTION / POSTLUDE

**Please stand in body or spirit.*

Today's Worship Helpers are listed below:

Worship Hosts:

Greeters—Susan Rhoades, Bob & Connie Ruths

Ushers—Kathy Beyer, Jim & Judi Logan, Vance & Jan Temeyer

Tech Support: Steve Fravel, Sherrill Marske

Organist: Jack Watkins Hymn Leader/Liturgist: Betty Arnold

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***GATHERING/GATHERING SONG** "Today Is the Day"

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SPECIAL MUSIC "All Around the World" Little Cherubs

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*PROCESSIONAL HYMN "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" #176

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SERMON

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE ~JOYS, CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

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