



ANKENY UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

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Greetings!

One of the great things about summer is that it gives us a chance to relax and refocus ourselves on worship in church. For our hardworking teachers and choir, it's a chance to experience Sunday mornings without the pressure of performance. And so that's the perfect time to stop and think about what makes up our worship and why. So this summer, join us as we celebrate our worship in the sermon series Worship 101! Each week, we'll take a look at a different element of the worship service. We started with the invocation, and on May 29 brought the theme of peace, whether we were passing it in the beginning of the service or going out with it in the Benediction.

June 5 will be **Communion**, June 12 will be the **Call to Worship**, June 19 will be the **Lord's Prayer** and **Prayers of the People**, June 26 will be the **Offering**, July 3 will be **Confession**, July 10 will be **Scripture**, and July 17 will be the **Sermon**. Remember, if you're on vacation and want to catch up, the sermons are always posted to our Facebook page and www.ankenyucc.org (and usually to twitter), as well as to the iTunes podcast directory. But if you aren't away on vacation, Come and Worship!

Blessings,
Nathan

CONTINUING PRAYERS for

Nicholas Schreiner, Margaret Whiteley, Micah Beckwith.

Ankeny UCC A Welcoming Church Family

Greeters: Please sign up to be a greeter for one or more of the Sundays this summer.

Summer Music: Please contact Pastor Nathan if you would like to share your gift of special music during the choir's summer break from May 22 through Sept. 4. Solos, duets, and groups are welcome. Vocal or instrumental music are welcome. Young musicians and more experienced musicians are welcome.

Vacation Bible School: Are you ready for some Olympic fun? We'll be celebrating the international joy of Jesus with our Olympic-themed VBS One God Many Games from August 7-11, partnering with Ankeny Christian Church and hosted by them (they have a gym, in case it rains). Bible School will run from 6-7:45 for age 4 through 5th grade, and dinner will be provided (and, speaking of...calling all cooks! We're committed to providing dinner two of those nights). We had a lot of fun last year, and it will be a similar format this year. Do you like crafts or games? We'll need adult craft leaders and game leaders, as well as shepherds to go along with each of our classes to their different stations. And, of course, we invite any youth in 6th grade and up to join us as helpers!

Ankeny UCC Exploring Progressive Christian Theology

Unexpected Questions: The #UnexpectedQuestions parents group will meet at 4 pm on Sunday, June 12 at Firetrucker and on the 2nd Sunday of the month during the summer.

EmmanuALE!: June 21 at 7pm at Firetrucker Brewery
Let's share stories of when church has brought us closer to God. Or when it hasn't. Never come before? It's a low-key environment for casual discussion and serious inquiry.

Outdoor Worship: This June 19, we'll have our outdoor worship service around the pagoda at Summerbrook Park next door to the church. And as long as we're outside, let's have a picnic. Bring all the side dishes and picnic fixings you want (we'll have a sign-up in the lobby if you've got a chance).

June Birthdays

01 Madeline Rupp
02 Virginia Bettle
07 Nancy Pingel
11 Becky Orr Montgomery
13 Michael Holmes
15 Kendra Fulton
16 Jennifer Street
19 Rosie Howieson
21 Alyssa Braun
21 Elizabeth Fulton
21 Haley Rhoads
22 Walt Kreimeyer
23 Ella Wiechmann
23 Martha Willard
27 Carolyn Zuck
28 Aaron Braun

June Anniversaries

07 Kurt & Ann Van Thomme
12 Dennis & Marcia Albertson
12 Doug & Tami Fulton
16 Joel & Vick Schreiner
21 Don & Carolyn Zuck
26 Ken & Brenda Braun

**Is there a birthday missing or listed incorrectly? Notify the office to update records*

2016 May Weekly Attendance

May 01	May 8	May 15	May 22	May 29	Average
37	52	50	43	40	44

May Yearly Attendance Averages

2016	May 2015	May 2014	May 2013	May 2012	Average
44					

May figures for prior years unavailable.

Ankeny UCC Caring Within

Rides to church: Lorene Templeman who has been attending our church would appreciate a ride from Millpond to church for the next few weeks. Please call her at 964-1486 if you are able to help.

Naomi Circle: Meets Wednesday, June 22 at 9:30 am in Doris' Dining Room at Millpond. All are welcome. Meetings will now be regularly held on the 4th Wednesday of the month. As the parking at Millpond is challenging while they complete their additions, we can arrange for pick up from your home or the church if you wish to attend. Contact Laura Beckwith.

Financial Update:

In April, we gave 1,032.28 serving beyond the church, including money to Our Church's Wider Mission, Heifer International, One Great Hour of Sharing and the Ankeny Ministerial Travelers' Fund. We continue to be blessed in our giving outside the church. The general church offerings that allow us to be a Welcoming Church Family, Explore Progressive Christian Theology, and Care Within, came in at \$5189.23; on the year, we have given 40,221.41 vs. expenses of 47,569.19. Just a reminder that you can sign up to give automatically using vanco or your bank's bill pay system if you'll be traveling this summer!

Transition in Ministry Program: The team from Plymouth Church and our church concluded their work with assisting Pastor Nathan in his transition into ministry on May 29. The Plymouth Church presented our church with a gift certificate for a burning bush to honor their covenant with us. Thank you to Marlis Gilbert, Ruby Pleva, Tom Rupp, Becky Montgomery, and Scot Storjohann for their commitment to this program.

Garden Help: Gale Gilbert and Mark Howieson are again coordinating our church vegetable garden. Contact Gale or Mark if you would like to help plant, water, weed, harvest or transport produce to food pantries this spring and summer.

Flower Beds: If you would like to assist planting, weeding or watering the front flower beds this summer, please contact a trustee or Laura Beckwith. Daisy plants are available throughout the summer if you would like some for your garden. Contact Laura for plants.

Mowing: Mowing season has begun. If you would like to assist, a rider mower is available. Please sign up for a week or several weeks for this opportunity to make our church grounds look nice.

Administrative Help: If you are available to help with office administrative tasks, please contact Pastor Nathan.

Ankeny UCC Serving Beyond

AMOS: Check with Don Zuck, Joan Moore or Pastor Nathan about the accomplishments of churches involved with AMOS. They attended the 20 year celebration of the group and can share what has been done in the past 20 years and what might be available for our involvement in the Ankeny area.

Weekly Coin Collections for June will go to Pilgrim Heights – UCC Camp Retreat Center.

Heifer Project boxes and calendars are available at the back of the sanctuary. Put your full box into the offering plate any Sunday.

June DMARC Food Pantry request: Canned Seafood

(Please make sure to check expiration dates before donating items.)

GENERAL INFORMATION

Church Keys: We're taking an inventory of the keys and your cooperation in this project is appreciated. Please send Scot Storjohann an email message at storjo@msn.com and let him know if you have a key and what door(s) it/they lock(s)/unlock(s). Thank you for your help with our project!

Submitting Newsletter and Bulletin Items There are lots of ways you can submit something for the bulletin or newsletter. You can put your submission request in the "newsletter" mailbox in the narthex. You can call or email the office, or let Pastor Nathan know. Your feedback and submission requests are greatly appreciated! **Please make sure to put your name on communications left in case there are any questions.**

Service CDs available Do you have trouble getting to church on Sundays? We've been recording services, and can burn a CD for you so you can still be connected with us as we worship God. If you would like one, let us know in the office. And if you are interested in delivering CDs, we'd love to know that, too.

Contact Information for Pastor Nathan Willard Pastor Nathan Willard will usually be available in the church office Monday through Thursday each week from 9:00 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. There may be some times when other obligations interfere with that, but he can be reached other times by phone or email. You are welcome to email him at pastor@ankenyucc.org or call his Cell Phone: 515-639-0602. If it is urgent, don't hesitate to call.

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<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
			01	02	03	04
05 <i>10:30 Worship with Communion and Blessing of the Beach Balls 11:30 Fellowship Time</i>	06 Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm	07 Primary Election	08	09	10	11
12 <i>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Time 4 pm Unexpected Questions Group</i>	13	14 Trustees Meeting 7 pm	15	16	17	18
19 <i>10:30 Outside Worship 11:30 BBQ/Picnic</i>	20	21 EmmanuAle 7 pm	22 Naomi Circle 9:30 am Millpond	23	24	25
26 <i>10:30 Worship 11:30 Fellowship Time</i>	27	28 Council Meeting 7 pm	29	30		



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10:30 am Worship Time

11:30 am Fellowship Hour

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