

Sunday Worship 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Face Coverings Required for
Everyone Age 2 and Up

Stream Worship Live

You can watch our Sunday 8:30
a.m. worship service live on
YouTube through our website.

www.southgateumc.org/video

You can also watch anytime on our
website or YouTube channel.
Search on YouTube for South Gate
UMC Lincoln.

Sermon by Phone

Recording available after 12 p.m.
on Sundays.

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Deadline: Oct. 22

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Dear Friends,

What role does money play in your spiritual life? Are you comfortable talking about money, or does it make you squirm? When you think about money do you have a sense of abundance or scarcity? Your answers to these questions form your money story.

We all have a money story, whether we recognize it or not. Perhaps we are living from a story of fear or shame. Or a story that the church is dying and no longer relevant. Or a story that our actions won't have an impact. Or a story that we don't have enough. Where might God be speaking a new story into the limited ones we have told ourselves?

October's worship theme, "Our Money Story," invites us to discover and tell our money stories in light of God's money story of liberation and justice. This series encourages us to transform our stewardship practices into more full expressions of who we are and what we believe.

Money and possessions are one of the most common topics in scripture, and Jesus talked about money more than faith and prayer. Our money story, therefore, is a spiritual story. Thinking about God's money story should be liberating, inviting, and transformative. Join us at South Gate this month as we explore Our Money Story.

Blessings,

Pastor Amy





Trunk of Treat

The Prescott Area Neighborhood Association and South Gate UMC are hosting a Trunk or Treat event on Sunday, October 24 from 3:00 - 4:30 p.m. You can participate by decorating your trunk or donating individually wrapped candy. Sign up on Sunday morning or contact the church office.

Preschool Anniversary

South Gate Preschool is celebrating it's 30th year and you're invited to the party. On Sunday, October 17, come and learn more about our preschool. You can enjoy a special recorded performance by the children and tour the preschool area between worship services.

South Gate members recently donated \$117 plus the following art supplies:

- 600 napkins
- 978 large paper plates
- 428 small paper plates
- 15 boxes of markers
- 10 bottles of glue
- 34 glue sticks
- 9 water color sets
- 8 pens & 8 pencils

Connection Point

In October we are collecting fall cooking themed items for Connection Point.

- Small pkg. of flour (2-3 lbs.)
- Small pkg. of sugar (1-3 lbs.)
- Cinnamon
- Nutmeg
- Salt
- Pepper

You can bring your donation to church on Sunday or during office hours, 8:00 a.m. - noon, Monday - Friday. You can also support Connection Point with a monetary donation.

www.southgateumc.org/donate

Amazon Smile

If you shop Amazon, using AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support South Gate. Simply go to [smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com) to make your purchase and when you check out, you will be asked to select a charity to receive 1/2% of your purchase. To select South Gate, enter "**south gate lincoln**" in the charity search field. For information, including how-tos, go to:

[smile.amazon.com/about](https://www.smile.amazon.com/about)



October Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

- 1 Emily Schoenleber
- 3 Rebecca Grooms
- 10 Marjorie Parker
- 11 Amy Slater
- 11 Twila Trautman
- 19 Elizabeth Schoenleber
- 20 Jean Ann Pepin
- 20 Mikayla Wicks
- 21 Kristi Schopp

- 21 Laurisa (Parker) Richter
- 22 Eric Schoenleber
- 25 Barbara Nelson
- 26 Carrie Bose
- 28 Elijah Bousson

Anniversaries

- 3 Ron & Kathy Bailey
- 4 Rory & Randi Zink
- 7 Harvey & Jann Howard

Tues. Lunch Bunch

The Tuesday Lunch Bunch will meet on October 19 at noon. We will meet outside for lunch if the weather permits. If not, come for conversations only. Everyone is welcome.

World Communion Offering Sunday, October 3

Support seminary students and others studying to become church leaders by giving to provide scholarships.

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Volunteers Needed

We've reached the fall season and that means we need to start planning for next year! To continue to provide meaningful ministries and outreach we need volunteers to serve on program committees. You are invited to spend some time in prayer and think about what ministries you feel led to help. We need participants for mission, education, congregation nurture and care, trustees, finance and staff parish relations. Members of the Lay Leadership Committee (Ken Volker, Diane Lamb, Kathy Evasco, Pat Kelley, Dennis Duckworth, Scott Craig, Lorie Ford and Pastor Amy) will be glad to provide more information and help you find a ministry area that's right for you.



South Gate Giving

Thank you for your continued support of South Gate. You can give online at:

www.southgateumc.org/donate

You may also drop off a check on Sunday morning, during church office hours or give by mail.

Finance Report

Operating Funds: Jan. - Aug.

Income	\$ 129,913
Expenses	\$ 143,359

Photos Needed

We are seeking photos of people at church events for our website, social media and to project on Sunday mornings. Take a picture of your church friends or yourself at worship, the garden, volunteering in the community or engaging in an act of kindness. Email your picture to the church office. Please include a description and identify the people in the photo.

office@southgateumc.org

Ministry Spotlight

Have you ever thought about what goes on behind the scenes in preparing worship?

Every Sunday Pastor Amy leads South Gate in worship, but it is an entire team of paid staff and volunteers who help make it all happen.

There is rehearsal and preparation of hymns and special music. There is assembly of graphics and liturgy for the screen. There is technology to run in order to stream the service live and make recordings available online and via phone.

Because of the dedication of our people and the use of new technology, our message of God's love, grace, and welcome is able to be heard and viewed by more people than ever before. And it's only possible because of the money you give.

Thank you for your support of ALL of South Gate's ministries.

