

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

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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Rev. Amy Slater, Pastor

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Dear Friends,

Welcome to 2022! I count among my greatest blessings that I get to turn the calendar page on another year as your pastor. As we continue our journey together as a community of Christ-followers, I give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate some of the wonderful things we did together this past year:

- Maintained and strengthened our connection in another year of pandemic
- Deconstructed half-truths commonly associated with Christianity
- Incorporated Christian values and prayer into the preschool curriculum
- Learned and shared about our individual spiritual gifts

As I look ahead to 2022, I am excited for our future. Some of our plans include:

- Installing new playground equipment (delayed by industry shortages)
- Restructuring committees so leaders are spending less time in meetings and more time doing the ministry we love
- Sharing our faith stories in a new video and sermon series: Humans of South Gate

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- Collaborating with other Lincoln-area faith communities on justice initiatives

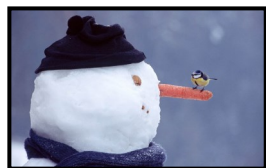
Thank you for being a blessing to me as your pastor, and more importantly, a blessing to the world as followers of the Way of Christ. May you experience joy and renewal in 2022.

Blessings,

Pastor Amy

Key Newsletter Subscriptions

There are now new ways to read this newsletter. You can continue to receive it in the mail as usually. You can also choose to receive a copy via email, read it on our website or pick up a printed copy at church. If you would like to change to one of these new options, please contact the church office. You can also use the in person worship sign in form on Sunday morning to indicate your preference.



Connection Point

In January we are collecting paper towels for Connection Point. 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

Tuesday Lunch Bunch

The group will meet for conversation (no lunch) on January 18 at 12:00 p.m. New members are always welcome.

Save the Date

Nebraska Ecumenical
Legislative Briefing Day
February 12 9:00 a.m. - noon
All Sessions via Zoom

Learn more about legislation on:
Climate Change
Education
Mental Health
Voting Rights and more

Register online at
www.nelegisbrief.org



January Birthdays

Birthdays

- 1 Lynne Weinhold
- 7 Fred Harb
- 9 Rex Newsham
- 16 Alfred Stark
- 17 Ryan McClain
- 19 Kathy Evasco
- 21 Cody Schilling
- 24 Betty Zink

- 24 Rachel (Snyder) Fuhrman
- 27 Ken Volker
- 27 Laurie Wieting
- 28 Vicki Leech
- 29 Charlie Bacon

Anniversaries

- 27 Dave & Sue Brolhorst

Thank You Notes

Thank you South Gate family for your thoughts, prayers and presence in our lives during Dad's final journey. Congregation Nurture and Care Committee and Strands of Love, you helped calm the rough seas of these past several years. We appreciate everything you have done for us.

Dennis & Marcia Duckworth

I wanted to thank everyone for the thoughts and prayers during the month of November and into December for me and my family. First for my surgery, which I continue to recover from and second, for the prayers for my Dad, Gerald. I know they were all heartfelt. Dad passed on to his eternal home on December 8, but all of your support helped me and my family so much. South Gate feels like Home to me.

Brian Reetz





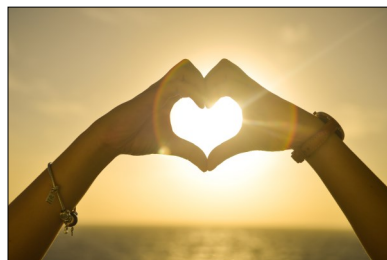
Caring Connections

One of the goals of South Gate's Care and Nurturing Committee (CNC) is "...to facilitate a care ministry..." We are currently sending holiday and birthday cards to our shut-ins and at Christmas we deliver a small gift.

With the help of the congregation, we would like to expand contact with our members who are unable to attend in person. We are asking your help by "adopting" a member and making monthly contact with them. We would ask that you commit to this project for one year. We currently have a list of 11 individuals and/or couples that could be "adopted".

If you are interested in helping with this endeavor, please contact Rae-Ann Thompson (402-741-1332) or rathompson358@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration and help with this project.



Year-End Giving Campaign Update

We offer our a heartfelt **THANK YOU**, to the South Gate Congregation, for your generous response to the extra Year-End Giving Campaign. Our goal was to raise an extra \$10,000. As of December 22, we have received \$10,702.92.

As has been stated, this money will go to the operating fund, which because of multiple reasons, has not kept pace with our expenses. With this extra gift from all of you, we expect to be able to pay all of our current bills.

Although we are now into the new year, please know that if you would still like to make an extra gift, you may do so. It will help us get off to a great start in 2022.

Again, thank you for your generosity! Together, we are making a difference,

Finance Committee and Administrative Council



Amazon Smile

If you shop Amazon, using AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support South Gate. Simply go to **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



Volunteers Needed

We have a variety of ongoing volunteer needs at South Gate. Scripture readers can help with worship either in person or by recording a scripture. Tech team members are needed to run the sanctuary projector and help with the sound system. Sunday School helpers assist the children's class teacher. If you are interested in helping with any of these ministries, please contact the church office.

thank 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.

Mission Market Update

Thank you for your support of our Mission Market. As of December 23, we raised:

- \$466.96 Food Bank Backpack
- \$302.12 Heifer International
- \$189.17 LuLu's on N
- \$77.14 UM Missionaries

You can support these organizations at any time by marking your donation with their name. Thank you for supporting missions at South Gate.