

Sunday Worship

9:30 a.m.

You can watch our Sunday worship service live on YouTube through our website.

www.southgateumc.org/video

Scam Alert

We've had someone pretending to be Pastor Amy contact church members via email to request they purchase gift cards for her. This is a scam, do not respond to this request. Pastor Amy and the church will never ask you to purchase gift cards by emailing or texting you. If you receive this type of request or have any questions about a communication from church staff, please contact the church office.

Next Key: March 1

Deadline: Feb. 22



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Dear Friends,

How much do you know about the Apostle Peter? Did you know that wasn't his original name? Did you know that he was a powerful evangelist in the earliest years of the church? Did you know that his mistakes and stumbles on his faith journey have been recorded and shared for thousands of years?

This season of Lent (which begins with Ash Wednesday on February 14) we will be rediscovering Jesus through the eyes of one of his closest friends and followers: Peter. We will witness his profound moments of insight as well as his grand adventures in missing the point. Why? Because Peter is all of us. We witness in Peter our own stumbling paths toward Christ. Join us in the weeks of Lent as we journey toward Easter following Peter's Wandering Heart.

Blessings,

Pastor Amy



60th Anniversary Celebration 60 years of Shining On

We will celebrate the 60th anniversary of the first worship service at South Gate on Sunday, February 4 at 9:30 a.m. Our special guest is Ruth Van Gerpen, daughter of South Gate's first pastor, Rev. Donald Miller.

Mark your calendar for a summer celebration event that will be held on Sunday June 23.

Ecumenical Legislative Briefing Day

Saturday, February 10
8:00a.m.—1:00 p.m. (lunch served)
Christ UM Church

Come and learn about bills before the legislature and how you can advocate for justice through the passage of laws that protect the rights and address the needs of the less fortunate. Topics include housing, education, criminal justice reform and mental health. Register online as soon as possible.

nelegisbrief.org/registration

Thank You Notes

Thank you for all the kinds words of caring, prayers, hugs and cards we continue to receive during this very difficult time. Your compassion and support are greatly appreciated as we grieve the loss of my sister.

Diane Lamb

I am deeply grateful for your prayers before and after my surgery, as they brought me comfort and peace. Also, thank you for the warm, comforting prayer wrap, cards and thoughts.

Diane Hopmann

Thank you to the congregation and Leadership Board for the gift cards we received during the Christmas season. We appreciate your support for our ministry and look forward to serving you in 2024.

South Gate Church & Preschool Staff

My sincerest and heartfelt thank you goes out to all of you who reached out to me through cards, messages, and expressions of care after the passing of my mother-in-law. We miss her greatly but are comforted by all of the compassion that surrounds us. I am also grateful for the generous monetary gifts you gave me at Christmas. The compassion and generosity of South Gate UMC continues to astound and inspire me.

Pastor Amy



February Birthdays & Anniversaries

Birthdays

5 Ruby Thelander
5 Mel Schmidt
5 Lisa Maupin
11 Mindy Schilling
12 Diane McClain
13 Mary Swinton
14 Marcia Duckworth
16 Chris Harris
17 Anne Gillespie

20 Marla Higgins
20 Bruce Mieth
21 LeVern Trautman
26 Rory Zink
26 Kraig Schilling
26 Carla Mieth

Anniversaries

27 Dave & Sue Brothorst

Valentine Lunch

Bring your sweetheart, kids and friends to our Valentine Lunch on Sunday, February 11 at 11:45 a.m. Kerygma will be serving a delicious lunch, including the ever popular poke cake. RSVP on the bulletin board at church or call the church office.

Camp Scholarships

United Women in Faith would like to help send South Gate youth to church camps this summer. If you are interested in one of the scholarships available, please contact the church before April 15.

Volunteers Needed

Hearts of Faith will be volunteering at the Food Bank on February 9, 2024 from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. If you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Rae-Ann Thompson:

New waivers are also available on the bulletin board for you to fill out and bring with you. We will meet at the church if you would like to car pool.

Connection Point

Our friends at Connection Point appreciate our donations. In February they request diapers, pull-ups and baby wipes.



Pinnacle Bank Arena Concessions Volunteers Needed

As an ongoing fundraiser for the church budget, a small group of volunteers has been working at concession stands during events at Pinnacle Bank Arena since December of 2021. Since then they have raised:

2021: \$838

6 workers at 3 events

2022: \$11,276

2-9 workers at 50 events

2023: \$11,820

1-7 workers at 41 events

Since May 2023, only 5 workers.

Events include: concerts, wrestling, Disney on Ice, Monster Jam, Globetrotters, Dinners, Husker Men's and Women's Basketball, Girls' High School Volleyball, Boys' and Girls' High School State Basketball and other events.

We need more volunteer workers to continue this important fundraiser. You will need to obtain a food handler permit and alcohol server permit, which you can do online. Contact Rex Newsham if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

**Ash Wednesday
Worship**

Feb. 14 at 7:00 p.m.

Scout Sunday

February 18

Members of Troup 93 will participate in worship and serve coffee after the service.



Nebraska Brass Concert

**March 3 at 2:00 p.m.
South Gate Sanctuary**

South Gate is again hosting Nebraska Brass for an afternoon of great music. Mark your calendar for this exciting concert.

This brass quintet has entitled this concert: "Winter Heat: Hot Music for Cold Weather." Selections will include Firedance by Anthony DiLorenzo, Tin Roof Blues by the New Orleans Rhythm Kings, Frost-fire by Eric Ewazen and many more!

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for seniors (65+) and are available at the door. Students and kids are free.

Social Media

Follow us for news and inspiration.

www.facebook.com/southgateumc

Twitter (X) & Instagram:
[@southgateumc](https://www.instagram.com/southgateumc)

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, 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

Fundraiser Best Choice Labels

South Gate will once again begin collecting Best Choice labels. The church can earn \$30 for every 1,000 labels turned in. If you are interested in participating in this easy fundraiser, all you have to do is purchase Best Choice products, cut out the UPC label, bring the labels to church and place them in the Best Choice box next to the coatroom. Best Choice products are sold at Super Saver, Russ's Market, Leon's, Fresh n' Save Market, Whitehead Oil, and U-Stop.