

Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.

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

www.southgateumc.org/video

Native American Ministries Sunday

April 13

Holy Week

April 13—Palm Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.

April 17—Maundy Thursday, supper from 5:00—6:30 p.m., worship at 7:00.

April 20—Easter Sunday worship at 9:30 a.m.

Next Key: May 1

Deadline: April 22



Return Service Requested

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Rev. Amy Slater, Pastor

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Dear Friends,

As we enter Holy Week later this month, we find ourselves in the heart of our Lenten theme, Everything In Between. This journey has invited us to explore the spaces between certainty and doubt, intention and action, stranger and neighbor. Now, as we approach the final days of Jesus' life, we witness how he stepped into those in-between spaces—between welcome and rejection, power and humility, grief and hope.

On Palm Sunday (April 13), we remember the tension as Jesus entered Jerusalem—joyful welcome for some, deep resentment from others. The crowds cheered, yet conflict brewed beneath the surface. This day reminds us that faith often calls us to stand in the midst of tension, trusting that God is present even when the path ahead is uncertain.

On Maundy Thursday (April 17 at 7:00 PM), we gather for an interactive service, walking with Jesus through his final meal, betrayal, and trial. Even in sorrow, Jesus offers love—breaking bread, comforting friends, and showing compassion.

Then, on Easter Sunday (April 20), we move from grief to joy, darkness to light. In the ultimate "in-between," Jesus steps out of death itself, revealing that God's love has no end.

I invite you to journey with us through this sacred week. Together, let us discover God's presence in the in-between spaces, where life is transformed, hope is renewed, and love leads us forward.

Blessings,

Pastor Amy



Shining Light Sharing Hope: SOLAR at South Gate!

The Leadership Board of South Gate UMC extends our heartfelt gratitude for your incredible support of our solar panel fundraiser. Thanks to your generosity, we surpassed our goal, raising \$18,937.66—an amazing 116% of our target!

Your enthusiastic commitment to this project reflects our shared dedication to caring for God's creation and ensuring a sustainable future for our church. Because of you, we are one step closer to generating cleaner energy for our facilities—reducing our environmental impact while shining Christ's light in our community.

Thank you for being part of this journey toward a brighter, more sustainable future!

Let's Hit the Trail

The Mission Committee is hosting a trail cleanup day on April 26 at 10:00 a.m. Meet at the church to get your supplies and then we'll head out to clean up our section of the Boosalis Trail. Sign up on the bulleting board if you plan on participating.

Leadership Board Update

Meeting February 25, 2025

Actions taken by the Board:

- Approved a Preschool Summer program to take place one week each in June and July 2025.
- Set goals for 2025 which include drafting a new personnel handbook for church and preschool staff.

Upcoming meetings will be March 25 and April 22 at 7:00 p.m. Leadership Board Meetings are open to the public, meeting minutes available upon request.

Financial Report

February 2025

Total Receipts = \$37,329
Total Expenses = \$40,106
Total Income = \$-2,777

Thank you for your continued support.



April Birthdays

Birthdays

1 Ryker Robbins
3 Stephanie Cummings
7 Pat Kelley
10 Linda Humphress
11 Ralph Snyder
16 Isabel Bousson
21 Tannah Schopp
27 Linda Stark
27 Shane Marquis

Anniversaries

9 Michael & Joyce Davidson
11 Roger & Judy Petersen
25 Todd & Kristi Schopp

Thank you Notes

Thank you all for the prayers, cards, phone calls and well wishes after my knee surgery. The gift card was very much appreciated!

Mary Swinton

Thank you very much for the cards, texts and in person expressions of sympathy for our loss of Alfred's brother, Randy. Your support at this difficult time was appreciated.

Alfred and Linda Stark

UWF News

South Gate UWF Cares Fund

Sometimes we all find ourselves in need of help, whether that being another person lending a helping hand or a little financial help. South Gate United Women in Faith have an emergency assistance fund called, "South Gate UWF Cares." This fund is for members of the congregation that may need a small "hand up." If you are in need or know of a member in need, please contact Pastor Amy. All requests are confidential. We are women in faith and we are here to help.

Camp Scholarships

United Women in Faith would like to help send South Gate youth to summer church camp. If you are interested in a scholarship, please contact the church.

Connection Point

The Mission Committee is collecting shampoo and conditioner for Connection Point through May 4. Your donations make a big difference in the lives of their clients.