

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

Church Office Hours

8:00 am - 12:30 pm
Monday - Thursday

South Gate United Methodist Church
The Key
3500 Pioneers Blvd.
Lincoln, NE 68506

Return Service Requested

Next Key: Oct. 1

Deadline: Sept. 22



September 1, 2025

The Key

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Rev. Amy Slater, Pastor

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Dear Friends,

This September our worship will focus on two themes that speak to the heart of who we are as God's people.

On September 7, we'll share in a special service called *Season of Justice*. Guided by God's call for justice in scripture, we'll celebrate our work with Justice in Action, hear updates on the issues we're addressing together, and listen to testimonies from members of our own Network about why justice matters in their lives.

From September 14 through October 5, we'll move into a new series, *Created for Connection*. Our faith reminds us of what even a recent U.S. Surgeon General named—loneliness and isolation threaten our well-being—but God created us for connection. In this series we'll talk about connections within the church, with God, with our wider community, across barriers that divide us, and with the worldwide body of Christ on World Communion Sunday.

I invite you to join us each week as we lean into God's call for justice and rediscover the gift of connection.

With hope,

Pastor Amy



Passionate Advocate Wanted! Help Represent South Gate

Do you care deeply about LGBTQ+ welcome—whether as someone in the community or as a supportive ally—and want to help share that message? South Gate UMC is looking for a **friendly, organized volunteer** to be our **FaithAlliance Point Person**.

What's involved? Just a few simple but meaningful things:

- ♦ Attend monthly FaithAlliance meetings on **Sunday afternoons**
- ♦ Share updates with our church family
- ♦ Encourage participation in upcoming events

What's FaithAlliance? It's a network of Lincoln churches working together to share God's love with the LGBTQ+ community and to support and equip allies. You can learn more at faithalliance.com.

If this sounds like you, contact **Rev. Amy Slater** at: revamy@southgateumc.org.

Join a Choir

Choir rehearsals are beginning and we're looking for new members to join us to provide music for worship.

PraiseRingers meets on Mondays at 6:45 p.m. beginning Sept. 8.

Celebration Singers meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. beginning Sept. 3.

Brothers in Harmony meets on Wednesdays at 7:45 p.m. beginning Sept. 3.

The Kids' Choir (vocal & bells) meets on Sundays at 10:40 a.m. beginning Sept. 14

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Bose.

Financial Report

July 2025

Total Receipts = \$135,797
Total Expenses = \$144,835
Total Deficit = \$9,038

Thank you for your continued support.



September Birthdays

Birthdays

3 Doris Brown
5 Skylar Robbins
6 Steve Elliott
8 Grey Schoenleber
10 Gwen Neumann
15 Barbara Hellerich
15 Karen Hand
21 Gladi Helm
23 Betty Ohs
30 Eileen Fick

Anniversaries

10 Mark & Laurie Wieting
11 Randy & Jackie Sanks
16 Scott & Marci Craig

Grief Support

Rev. Galen Wray is leading a Grief Support session for six weeks beginning October 5 at noon in the Rose Room.

Grief Support is a supportive community of friends who have experienced loss. The losses in life come in many forms and experiences and all are invited to participate and take advantage of resources and coping mechanisms which may benefit us individually and collectively. The group is intended to help one move through grief and understand the stages of grief, as they continue the rest of their journey. We encourage anyone interested to contact the church office or speak to Rev. Wray.

Coming Soon: JIA Listening Sessions

It's time to look at your calendars and "Save the Date" for one of this year's listening sessions. Justice in Action has the opportunity to choose a new issue this year. These sessions are where we can provide input to help guide that choice. The sessions are scheduled as follows:

September 21 at 11:30 a.m. (Memorial Hall)
September 28 at 11:30 a.m. (Memorial Hall)
September 30 at 7:00 p.m. (Memorial Hall)
October 5 at 11:30 a.m. (Memorial Hall)

We are Justice in ACTION. Let the ACTION begin!



You are cordially invited to the
Service Celebrating the Appointment of

Rev. David Livingston
as the
Southeast Nebraska District Superintendent
of the
Great Plains Annual Conference
of
The United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 14, 2025
at 4:00 PM

Horizons Community United Methodist Church
3200 Grainger Parkway
Lincoln, Nebraska 68516

A reception will follow the service.
Please share this invitation with your church family.
All clergy and laity are welcome to attend.

Sunday Fellowship

Volunteers are needed to help with after worship fellowship time. Duties include:

- Purchase Donut holes (cost reimbursed)
- Make Coffee
- Serve
- Clean Up

If you would like to help, please sign up on the bulletin board at church.

Thank You Notes

Rory and I are both blessed to be members of such a caring church family. I want to thank everyone who came to visit me while I was in the hospital and Madonna, sent cards, flowers, a food gift card and especially all of the prayers. I hope that we will be able to attend a church service in person soon. Thanks again,

Randi Zink

The Outreach Committee greatly appreciates the assistance of multiple South Gate Members to facilitate, along with the Prescott Area Neighborhood Assn, an entertaining evening at our National Night Out Block Party.

We want to thank Pastor Amy for her day brightening in home visits with Linda.

Linda and Alfred Stark

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Thanks for your support.



School Supplies for BraveBe

Thank you again to our congregation for being very generous in giving to the BraveBe Child Advocacy Center backpack and school supply mission. The Mission Committee was able to deliver 110 backpacks and additional school supplies to BraveBe. The staff at BraveBe was very excited to see all of the backpacks and school supplies. Way to go South Gate!

- Here is a list of items donated:
- 110 backpacks
 - 61 spiral notebooks
 - 37 glue sticks
 - 152 markers
 - 132 pencils
 - 72 mechanical pencils
 - 69 boxes of crayons
 - 56 Pens

Leadership Board Update

There was no Board meeting in July. A summary of the August meeting will appear in the October Key.

Upcoming meetings will be September 23 and October 28 at 7pm, in Memorial Hall. Leadership Board Meetings are open to the public, meeting minutes available upon request.

CROP Walk

No one in this world should be hungry. That's why the CROP Hunger Walk is more than just a yearly gathering. It's a movement that's over 50 years strong, made up of compassionate people in more than 500 communities across the U.S. South Gate members will once again support this movement by raising funds and walking on October 12th. We plan to take a short (1 or 1.5 mile) walk around Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1200 S 40th St. Wear your South Gate gear and plan to meet in the OSLC parking lot at 12:45 p.m. The walk starts at 1:00 p.m.

Please support us by walking or donating or both! You can find a way to register and donate by visiting 2025 CROP Hunger Walk - South Gate United Methodist Church - Lincoln, NE, or you can sign up on the sheet on the Missions bulletin board.

Solar Celebration

Join us in the west parking lot on Sept. 7 after worship for a prayer of dedication for our solar panels. UWF will serve refreshments to help us celebrate.