

# THE GATEWAY

**February 2021**

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

Worship Team Meeting: February 2 at 5:15 pm  
Hosting the Schiffer School Leadership Class: February 4 at 10:30 am  
Health and Safety Team Meeting: February 15 at 5:15 pm  
Drive-thru Ashes: February 17 at 12:00–12:30 pm  
Ash Wednesday Service: February 17 at 7:00 pm, in-person, Zoom, YouTube  
Lenten Study "Words of Life": Begins February 21 - March 28 at 6:00 pm

## **Calendar Update**

Due to more meetings and activities occurring within the church building and the need to practice social distancing, we ask each team or activity to reserve a specific area for their gathering with the Church Office before scheduling a meeting or event. The following are the areas to reserve with the maximum occupancy per area practicing social distancing:

Filling Station: 12 person occupancy  
Fellowship Hall (West): 16 person occupancy  
Upstairs Classroom (North): 12 person occupancy  
Sanctuary: 30+ person occupancy  
Mini Kitchen: 4 person occupancy

The office is currently working on a sharable calendar to view the available areas for gathering. If your team is already scheduled for a February meeting, please contact the Church office to see which space is available.

## **Holy Week**

Holy Week is March 28-April 3. Stay tuned for more details to come!

## **Imposition of Ashes**

There will be three opportunities to receive ashes on Ash Wednesday, February 17. If you will be worshipping, virtually ashes can be delivered for you to use; please contact the office to receive them. Pastor Jim will be offering drive-thru ashes from 12:00–12:30 pm. Or you can receive ashes as part of the worship service at 7:00 pm.

## **Easter Lilies**

Order information coming soon!

## **Words of Life Bible Study**

Sunday, February 21, at 6:00-7:30 pm, we begin a 6-week study exploring a new book from Adam Hamilton called "Words of Life." Here is the description of the book: "In this book of Scripture and inspiration, bestselling author Adam Hamilton brings modern eyes to the most important set of ethics

in history. He considers the commandments in their historical context, considering the meaning of each commandment in Hebrew, unpacking how Jesus reinterpreted them, and showing how every thou-shalt-not was intended to point to a life-giving "thou shalt." He also explores how the latest research in science and psychology illuminates these commandments, rightly understood, as a way of ordering one's life beautifully in the present day. In a culture marked by workaholism, materialism, and social media-driven envy, God has given us a time-tested path that leads to gratitude, confidence, and peace." Books are available for pick-up in the Church office beginning the week of February 8. If you are interested, please be sure to get a book and start reading the first two chapters for our first discussion. Contact Pastor Jim with any questions. Learn more about this study here:

<https://youtu.be/WppMKwpXsQs>

### **Habitat for Humanity Faith Build**

Habitat for Humanity of the Eastern Bighorns is partnering with Thrivent Financial for a Faith Build in Sheridan. A Faith Build is a partnership with local churches, youth groups, and faith-based organization to build a home for a family in need. Stay tuned for ways you will be invited to be apart of this ministry opportunity.

### **Free Stress Clinic**

Every Wednesday from 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, and Saturday from 10:00 am – 11:30 am, American Acupuncture Council is providing a FREE public stress clinic in the Fellowship Hall. This Stress reduction clinic is using acupuncture, acupuncture beads, and meditation to help the community deal with COVID.

### **Legacy Pregnancy Center Baby Bottle**

Legacy Pregnancy Center's Annual Baby Bottle Change for Life Campaign. Your spare change supports the life-changing work of meeting the physical and spiritual needs of men & Women facing an unexpected pregnancy. We will once again be participating in this community outreach opportunity. The bottles will be available for pick-up at the church starting February 28.

**Women's Study in Philippians – "Get Out of Your Head" - Continues Thursdays at 10:00 am**

### **Puzzle Exchange**

A reminder that the puzzle exchange is located in the Church office lobby. Bring a puzzle, take a puzzle. This is a great way to share those puzzles that you enjoyed while seeing what others have enjoyed!