

GATEWAY CHURCH

MONROE, IOWA

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2026

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4 • COMMUNION SUNDAY

Genesis 25:1–11: “Four Things Fathers Do Before They Die”

Genesis 25 reads like a family record and a funeral. But before Abraham's story closes, Scripture shows us four things he did before he died, and they reveal what really mattered about his life. This one is for dads, grandparents, and anyone who wants their life to count for the people coming after them. It points us to a Father who has already given his children everything he has. We'll also share Communion together.

FOLLOWING WORSHIP • SUNDAY

Lunch & Connect

After worship, we're heading to a local restaurant for lunch together. Restaurant to be announced Sunday. Everyone's welcome!

Come hungry, leave connected.

PLEASE PRAY • THIS WEEK

Pastor Jon & Christie

Pastor Jon and Christie are attending a Pastor's Retreat with the Christian & Missionary Alliance in Colorado Springs. Please pray for their time joining with our pastors and being together for refreshment.

OUR SERVICE TIMES

Same Message, Three Ways to Join

- 9:00 AM: Main Worship
- 11:00 AM: Announcements & message posted to Facebook, YouTube & our website
- 5:30 PM: Coffee & Conversation (same message, relaxed setting)

New to Gateway? We're so glad you're here! Scan the code below to connect, and let us know how we can pray for you.

OUR STAFF

Jon Dunwell

Lead Pastor

Troy Knight

Worship Leader

Stacie McCoy

Children's Coordinator

THIS WEEK AT GATEWAY

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

- 9:00 AM Worship & Communion, then Lunch & Connect (restaurant TBA)
- 11:00 AM Online Recap · 5:30 PM Coffee & Conversation

Tuesday, October 6

- 6:00 PM: Women's Bible Study, The Armor of God
- 6:30 PM: Men's Group

Wednesday, October 7

- 6:00 PM: Dinner, then Wednesday Night: The Familiar Stranger

Thursday, October 8

- 6:00 PM: Alpha (dinner, talk & conversation)

Sunday, October 11

- Genesis 25:19–34: “Heel Grabber”

Coming Up

- Wed, Nov 18, 6:30 PM: Blessing Box Packing Night

CONNECT WITH US



Scan to connect

Give online, catch up on messages, sign up to serve, and join the Weekly Text List. Tap the chair in front of you or scan here.

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REACHING OUT • BLESSING BOXES

Fill a Box. Bless a Family.

This holiday season we're packing Blessing Boxes for families and seniors in need, in our church and community.

\$5,000

OUR GOAL TO FILL THE BOXES

15

BOXES TOTAL

5 + 10

CONGREGATION + COMMUNITY

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18 • 6:30 PM

Packing Night

Help us pack the boxes. Boxes may be taken and delivered afterwards.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29 • AFTER SERVICE

Distribution

Any remaining boxes will be distributed Sunday morning following worship.

Ways to Give

- CASH or check (most needed!)
- Homemade snacks (made fresh for packing day), homemade canned soup, or dry mixes
- Homemade blankets, scarves, mittens, etc.
- Restaurant gift certificates (try asking local businesses to donate)

Special envelopes are at the offering station.

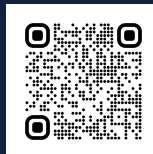
What Goes in a Box

- Fuel and grocery gift cards
- Homemade donated items
- Personal care products
- A devotional
- Toys (if children are in the home)
- Games for kids or a puzzle for a senior
- A candle
- Coffee mug and cocoa

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO PACK & DISTRIBUTE BOXES

Know an individual or family in need? Give Caren Knight their names, address, and the ages of everyone in the home so we can plan accordingly. Caren: 641-521-7985.

AN ESSENTIAL QUALITY: SERVING • THERE'S A PLACE FOR YOU

Ready Team
Meal Ministry
Youth Ministry
Gateway Kids Co!
Chair Reset Team
Communications & Media

Find your spot. Sign up.

Scan the code or visit:
gatewaychurchmonroe.com/serving

DISCOVER YOUR MINISTRY SHAPE

How has God wired you to serve? Take the free Ministry Shape Inventory at gatewaychurchmonroe.com on the Next Steps page. It takes just a few minutes and could change how you see your gifts.

AN ESSENTIAL QUALITY: GROWING • WEEKLY GROUPS

TUE • 6:00 PM

Women's Bible Study

Caren Knight leads The Armor of God.

TUE • 6:30 PM

Men's Group

Andy Algreen leads. Dinner 6:30, study 7:00.

WED • 6:00 PM

Wednesday Night

The Familiar Stranger. Dinner's on us.