

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!

A message from Pastor Eric Saylor

This is my favorite time of year. Winter is almost officially here, snow is (hopefully) building in the Blue Mountains, lights are going up around town, and holiday jingles are echoing over the airwaves. In the words of Meredith Wilson, "It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!"

Christmas as a cultural event is fun, but as believers there's so much more to reflect on than just lights, decorated trees, and holiday sweets. As this season deepens, our world, even the secular world, acknowledges the story of a little baby who was born in Bethlehem nearly 2000 years ago. We have an opportunity to speak into that awareness, to share with all who will listen that Jesus is the hope of the world.

Throughout this season, beginning this Sabbath, we're reflecting on that story. This week we're exploring the statement to Joseph by the angel visitor: "...you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21).

Early Service starts at 9:00, Sabbath School is at 10:15, and Second Service begins at 11:30. Second service will be streamed on [YouTube](#) for any who can't worship in person.

Next week, November 9, we're having our yearly Christmas brunch at 9:30. Please bring some food to share! There will be no Sabbath school time and we will all worship together for our special Christmas Worship Service program at 10:45.

I pray you experience rest and peace this Sabbath.

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: December 2, 2023: Pastor Eric Saylor

Next Weekend: December 9, 2023: Christmas Program

Up-coming Eastgate Events

- December 12 Church Board Meeting
- December 30 All Church Potluck
- January 13 Pathfinder Movie Fundraiser
- February 2-4 Conference Elder's Retreat

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, December 2, 2023

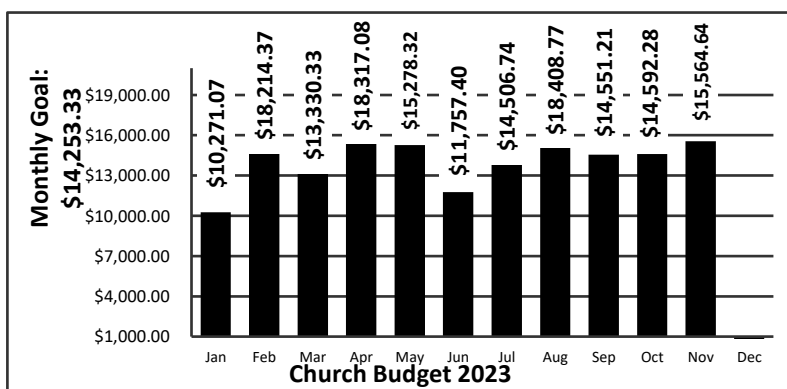
9:00am – 10:05am	Early Service
10:15am – 11:15am	Sabbath School
11:30am – 12:45pm	Second Service
12:45pm	Children’s Ministries Hot Cocoa Social

Monday, December 4	6:30pm	Facilities Committee
	7:00pm	Nominating Committee, Pastor’s Office
Wednesday, December 6	6:30pm	Midweek Prayer Service, Pastor’s Office
	6:30pm	Pathfinder Club Meeting
Thursday, December 7	7:30pm	Men’s Bible Study, Pastor’s Office
Friday, December 8	6:00pm	Prayeradigm, Rosalie Dickerson’s Home
Sabbath, December 9	9:30am	Christmas Brunch
	10:45am	Sabbath Service- Christmas Program

This Sabbath’s Featured offering: *Church Budget*

“And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”
2Corinthians 9:8

Thank you for your ongoing support of the mission of this church!



Church Facility Beautification

There are aspects of our church facility that have become worn through years of heartfelt, effective ministry. If these walls could speak, the stories of changed lives they could tell!
We have voted to update and repair a number of things around the facility:

Parking Lot Resurface, Reseal and Striping:	\$176,038.50 (work completed)
Water Line Repair:	7,405.20 (work completed)
Concrete Repair and addition:	7,300.00 (work completed)
Worn Carpet Replacement:	58,898.14
Lobby Window Glass Replacement:	2,626.67
Entrance Door Security Updates:	8,000.00

Because of your faithful, mission-minded generosity we have already raised \$64,164.15! This is awesome! This leaves under \$196,000 needed to complete these projects. If you would like to support

this vision of making God’s Worship and Ministry Center more appealing and usable you can mark your offering “*Facility Beautification*” and it will go toward this process. Thanks for your ministry-minded support!

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>NEED</u>
Facility Beautification	\$ 64,164.15	\$260,000	\$195,835.85
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 18,095.01	\$40,400.00	\$ 22,304.99
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 50,868.75	\$55,000.00	\$ 4,131.25

To support the ministry of Eastgate feel free to donate online or drop your gift in the offering box in the church lobby.

<https://adventistgiving.org/donate/ANINV>



Eastgate Church News & Events



Christmas Brunch

Our annual Christmas Brunch is Sabbath, December 9! Please join us for a potluck brunch at 9:30am followed by a combined church service at 10:45am. Please bring your favorite breakfast food/casserole- enough for your family and to share. This will be a great time of fellowship and worship together!

Kitchen

If you are missing casserole lids or other items in the kitchen, look on top of the refrigerator. We will keep the items until Dec.10, when we will donate or discard any unwanted items.

Pathfinders

Our Pathfinder Club is planning on attending the International Pathfinder Camporee in Gillette, WY next August. Your help is needed!! As you can imagine, this will take considerable planning and financial support. The International Camporee always proves to be such a huge blessing for the Pathfinders as they learn and worship God with 50,000 of their fellow Pathfinders. Please prayerfully consider how you can help. Currently, in the church lobby, envelopes are provided as a way to make donations or you can designate “Pathfinders” on a Tithe envelope. Either one can be placed in the offering box. On January 13, there will be a movie fundraiser for the whole family. Your support of fundraising efforts and through donations is so appreciated!



Meal Train for the Rick Family

Tyler and Wendy have been living in a hotel for several weeks with their 2 kids due to a fire in their house. They are forced to live elsewhere while repairs are being made. Please help show our love to them during this stressful time. Sign up to provide them a meal via the Eastgate Church’s Facebook post or contact Jenny Alford.

Christian Aid Center Service Opportunity!

Do you have a heart for service? Are you looking for a way to become involved in your community? The Eastgate church is working with the Christian Aid Center (CAC) to help provide, prepare and serve dinners for the less-fortunate population in our community. If you are being called to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Eric or Carol Hargreaves to volunteer.

We are scheduled to serve dinner on the 4th Monday of every month beginning in January. Some upcoming dates are:

January 22

February 26

March 25

April 22

May 27 (Memorial Day)

June 24

Thank you in advance for your heart of service!

Lost & Found

Lost- Fanny Pack

Found- Men's ring- Please call the office to identify.

Seeking Additional Landscaping Volunteers at Eastgate SDA Church

Carol Hargreaves is looking for individuals with some unique skill sets. The church has a mole/gopher problem. Both the front yard and back yard have resident rodents that we would like to remove. If you have that special skill set, we would love to receive your assistance!

There are several other special projects Carol is looking to accomplish. Visit with her and find out what she is looking for, how you might be able to help! Thank you for your time.

Sabbath Morning Bible Study – Young Adults Group

Collegians and young adults (or young at heart) are invited to come for breakfast at 9:30am every Sabbath morning and stay for an engaging Bible study. We read a chapter of the Bible together and then dig deep to discuss the hard questions and figure out life applications. Come visit us at Classroom 115 and bring a friend! We are currently studying the book of Nehemiah. For more information text Josh Boram (541) 870-4661 or Mary Castrejon at (360) 349-7126.

Men's Ministry: Thursday Night Men's Group ~ 7:30pm

Located in the Pastor's office. This is a Bible study group for men, led by men, praying for men. If this interests you please contact Pastor Eric Saylor.

Massages!

Adrienne Cole, a member of the Eastgate Seventh-day Adventist Church, is a physical therapist with experience with therapy in many areas as well as massage. Adrienne is currently only providing massage and has expanded her hours! She is available Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays. She is located at Special FX Salon at 921 S. 2nd Avenue in Walla Walla. Please call or text 509-520-1448.

Pricing: 45 min: \$45 60 min: \$55 75 min: \$65 90 min: \$75

(with \$5 discount for 1st massage)

Needlepoint Art!

Evon Austin is gifted in needlepoint and other decorative arts. If you are interested in purchasing or commissioning a work give her a call! (509) 540-8347 or justtherightwords@gmail.com



Walla Walla Valley Adventist Schools

Milton-Stateline Adventist School

Milton-Stateline Adventist School is having their Christmas program on Thursday, December 14, at 6:30pm. 53565 W. Crockett Rd. Milton-Freewater.

Walla Walla Valley Academy ~ Auditorium Remodel Campaign

WWVA is raising \$1 million to update their auditorium. This project will serve many purposes on campus and houses special moments in many people's lives. This special space has served thousands of people throughout our WWVA and Walla Walla community. It is well-used and well-loved, but the time has finally come for some much-needed updates. To find out more, and how you can participate, visit news.uccsda.org/wwva1122.

Walla Walla University

Walla Walla University Department of Music

The next few weeks have many opportunities to lift your Christmas spirit and contemplate the joyous birth of Christ including:

- **Evensong – Saturday, December 2nd, 4:00 p.m.** in the University Church. A delightful and peaceful way to end the Sabbath.
- **Steel Band Concert – Wednesday, December 6th, 7:00 p.m.** in the Melvin K. West Fine Arts Center Auditorium. Come hear our Steel Band's first performance of the year with some delightful holiday favorites!
- **WWU Christmas Concert – Friday, December 8th, 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.** in the Walla Walla University Church. This is our annual gift to you, featuring all our music groups and two performance times for your convenience! To view the livestream at 8 p.m. follow: wallawalla.edu/concerts.

Walla Walla University is Hiring

Walla Walla University is hiring for multiple positions! Benefits include free tuition, comprehensive medical, retirement and a generous paid leave program, and more! If you or someone you know is interested in an engaging new career, learn more and apply at jobs.wallawalla.edu.

Walla Walla Valley News

Walla Walla Valley Adventist Retired Denominational Workers* (ARW)

Walla Walla Valley Adventist Retired Denominational Workers are cordially invited to attend our December meeting.

Sunday, December 3. 1:50 – 4:00 pm

SonBridge Educational Center, College Place, WA

Potluck Buffet: Soup will be provided - please bring salads, sandwiches, or desserts

Program: "Old Fashioned Country Christmas"

Join us as we celebrate the Christmas season and the birth of our Savior. Music by the Lahti Family, Christmas carols and stories will inspire us as we fellowship together. Questions re ARW? Call Sharon Heinrich (813) 997-1704 or Barbara Bohlman (509) 540-4771.

*Any person or spouse who has worked for the denomination or one of its entities.

The Blue Zones Story: Your Pathway to Better Health (College Place, WA) — December 5

Do you want to learn the secrets of the Blue Zones that have kept people healthy and happy for thousands of years? Do you want to learn new and practical habits for a healthier new year? Come join Winston Craig, PhD, MPH, adjunct professor at Loma Linda University as he presents “The Blue Zones Story: Your Pathway to Better Health” at SonBridge Center for Better Living in College Place, WA, on December 5 from 7-8 p.m. Dr. Craig has more than 40 years of experience in health education to bring to your fingertips!

Solace- Walla Walla Community Hospice

Solace is a drop-in, in-person or zoom, grief support group offered by Walla Walla Community Hospice. This happens every Tuesday from 11:30am-12:30pm. This is a free on-going service and requires no RSVP.

College Place ABC Adds New Hours

The Adventist Book Center in College Place has added new hours to their store. The store is now open Monday 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.

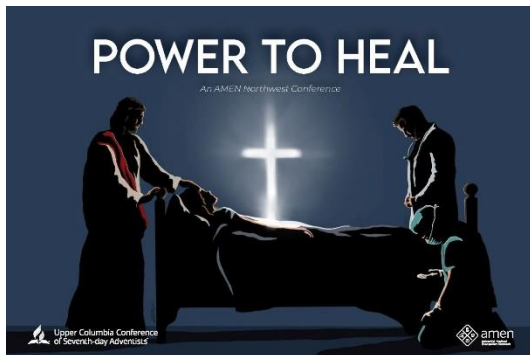
SonBridge Volunteer Opportunity

Come join the SonBridge Thrift&Gift Store team and serve our community as a Craft Enthusiast. Our volunteers enable the vital services of Helpline@SonBridge and SonBridge Dental Clinic. Take action at sonbridge.org/volunteer. 509-529-3100 or 1200 SE 12th St., College Place.

The Christian Aid Center

The Christian Aid Center has an immediate opening for a **Men’s Services Emergency Housing Director**. For more information, contact Jeannette Regalado at (509) 525-7153 ext. 114. You can also fill out an application at christianaidcenter.org.

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News



AMEN Northwest Conference

Come and be a part of the 2024 AMEN NW Conference, hosted at Upper Columbia Conference, March 8-10, 2024. The theme is "Power to Heal," with Dr. Neil Nedley as our keynote speaker. Join us for continuing medical education sessions with Dr. Brian Schwartz and Dr. Lyndi Schwartz, offering category 1 CME through Kettering Health. Elder Randy Maxwell will deliver inspirational devotionals, and Laura Williams will be the guest musical artist. Save the date for this enriching conference!

Free eCards from LifeTalk Radio

Are you ready for Thanksgiving? When was the last time you said "thank you" to someone in your life? Doing so only takes a minute when using free LifeTalk digital eCards, news.uccsda.org/eCard1123. A host of different and beautiful designs are available. Just a few clicks and you're done. It's a simple and easy way to let others know you're thinking about them via email or SMS texting. Don't miss this chance to make someone feel appreciated. Let them know today, your message will last a lifetime!

Know Someone Who Has Experienced a Recent Loss?

Adventist Community Services is offering a free newsletter particularly targeted towards those that are experiencing hardship from a loss of a loved one. Peace Be Still offers a weekly uplifting message along with a prayer, scripture reading, and music selection to help someone in need. To sign up, go to www.uccsda.org/peacebestill.

Elders Retreat (Camp MiVoden) — February 2-4

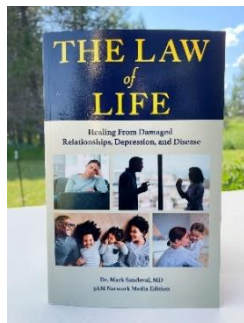
Serving as an Elder is both a privilege and a significant responsibility as you work alongside your pastor to provide spiritual care and leadership for your local church. You are invited to Camp MiVoden on February 2-4 for Large Church/Single Church District. You are invited to take some time apart from the business of leading the church to do what Steven Covey called "sharpening the saw." Set in the beauty of Camp Mivoden you'll have the chance to recalibrate, rest, and plan together with your fellow elders and your pastor. We'll talk about the partnership between pastors and elders and how to support each other as you face the challenges of ministry together. You'll receive practical tools for worship planning and building a biblical sermon in the midst of a busy schedule. You'll discover helpful ways to provide pastoral care to your members, including how to do a meaningful pastoral visit without taking hours to do it. You'll receive more than \$50 in free resources and tools that can make your job easier. Best of all, we'll have plenty of time to relax and fellowship together. The cost is \$50, though scholarships are available, if needed. To register, go to news.uccsda.org/eldersretreat23.

Center For Youth Evangelism Cruise — December 8-15, 2024

CYE is happy to invite you to an incredible cruise mission adventure to the Caribbean on December 8-15, 2024 and "Level Up". CYE mission trips give youth and young adults a chance to put their faith into action with mission work opportunities at each stop. Registration is open so don't wait! There is more information to come, but in the interim, questions can be emailed to cwm@cye.org.

Volunteers Needed at the International Pathfinder Camporee

Discovery Mountain Broadcast is looking for volunteer anchors and reporters to complete their on-camera cadre for the Discovery Mountain Broadcast Pavilion at the International Pathfinder Camporee. Are you the perfect fit to join our team in Gillette, Wyoming, summer 2024? For more information and to audition visit news.uccsda.org/audition1123.



He's Alive Ministries Releases "The Law of Life" Media Series

He's Alive Ministries, based in Spokane, WA, has released a new media series focusing on how to biblically improve your physical health, mental health, and overall life. The series, "The Law of Life Media Edition: Healing from Damaged Relationships, Depression, and Disease" is based on a 278-page book written by Mark Sandoval, MD, founder and president of New Paradigm Ministries. The media series includes more than 16 hours of in-depth instructional videos, in addition to the book. To continue reading and for more information visit

news.uccsda.org/Hesalive1123.

Open Positions at UCC

- ABC Bookkeeper/UCC Accountant
- Sales Associate — ABC College Place (Federal Work Study Student Position)

For more information and to apply, see uccsda.org/jobs.

North American Division

Adventist Health Tillamook Offers Grief Support

Grief is the natural emotional response to loss. It can be caused by a variety of events, including the death of a loved one, the end of a relationship, the loss of a job or the impact of a serious illness. Adventist Health Tillamook is offering in-person adult grief groups for people experiencing any kind of loss. They also have an **online grief support program** that creates safe spaces for people to process grief within community.

Annual Day of Giving for Adventist Community Services — December 9

The Annual Day of Giving for ACS is on Sabbath, December 9, 2023. This offering keeps volunteers serving communities across the North American Division. Whether distributing food and clothes, welcoming refugees, or teaching life skills, ACS fulfills Christ's mission to reach people by meeting needs and making communities places of wholeness. This year UCC Adventist Community Services is privileged to be one of two conferences spotlighted in the Annual NAD ACS Offering video. Thank you to ACS leaders and volunteers who share time, talents, and resources to make these outstanding outreaches happen. Your financial support of Adventist Community Services — locally, conference wide, and nationally — is greatly appreciated. Plan now to give at your church on December 9 or visit news.uccsda.org/ACSgiving1123.

'The Desire of Ages' In Braille and Large Print

For the first time in its nearly 125-year history, Christian Record Services is pleased to offer *The Desire of Ages*, by Ellen G. White, in multiple accessible formats: embossed braille, refreshable braille and large print in both English and Spanish.



NAD Resources for Digital Disciples

Exciting news for social media users! If you've ever wanted to share your faith in practical and meaningful ways on social media, but weren't sure how to do it effectively, check out the NAD resources. It's not just about sharing faith online; it's about fostering faith-based communities. The NAD training resources are the place to help you become a successful digital disciple. To learn more visit news.uccsda.org/disciples1123.



ADRA Continues Disaster Response

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is responding to the catastrophic earthquakes and multiple aftershocks that demolished the Herat province in Afghanistan on October 7, 11, and 15. The 6.3 magnitude earthquakes and powerful tremors, affected nearly 2 million people, causing significant destruction in hundreds of villages, and displacing thousands of people in the region. To continue reading visit news.uccsda.org/earthquake1123.



ADRA Offers Aid to Families and Displaced Survivors in Mexico

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is on the ground in Mexico responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Otis that struck on October 25. According to UN agencies, more than 1 million people, including 300,000 children, need humanitarian aid. To read more visit news.uccsda.org/Otis1123

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YouTube: Eastgate Church ~ Our Church Service is now being broadcast on YouTube at the following Link: [Eastgate Adventist Church](#). Thank you for subscribing!

Prayer Time ~ Cherishing People ~ "Pray for one another."

We are inviting you to pray for members and friends of our church family each day. Please keep this in a place that will make it easy for you to remember to pray for one another.

"... we do not make requests of *You* because we are righteous, but because of *Your* great mercy. *O Lord listen! O Lord forgive! O Lord hear and act!*"
(Daniel 9:18 & 19. NIV)

Anonymous:

Do you have an anonymous prayer request? Please state it via email to the church office, or on a communication card dropped in the offering box.

We will share it here anonymously for the body to provide prayer support!

- Prayers for our families ~ there are several couples who have recently become estranged, relationships lost, families broken. Pray for strength and healing of individual hearts.
 - Prayers from a father for his two teen children – that they stay safe in Christ!
- Praises and Prayers of thanksgiving for members of this church who care for each other, for their children, their grandchildren and their church.
- Two of our male members are dealing with prostate cancer in the early stages. Please keep these men in your prayers.
- Prayers for older members who are struggling to maintain their independence and dealing with realizing their increasing need to rely on others.
- Prayers for a brother who is struggling with addiction, trying to stay clean and sober while looking for a healthier work environment.

Requests: - What are your prayer requests?

- Please keep Bill Saunders, Debbie, and the entire family in prayer as they mourn the loss of Mary Jane.
 - Please pray for Margie McCubbins who is experiencing health issues
 - Please pray for Patti Becker and the entire family as they mourn the loss of Rob.
 - Please pray for Kaitlyn Harmon who is experiencing health issues.
 - Please pray for Matt & Judy Lombard as Matt is experiencing health issues.
 - Please keep Melissa Cadieux and family in prayer as they mourn the loss of Art Cadieux.
 - Please pray for the Rick family who are displaced due to a house fire.
 - Please pray for the Cobble family and relationships in this family.
- Please remember Connie and Randy Roger's as they journey through treatment and travel to and from the treatment center. If you wish to assist financially, please follow this link:
www.GoFundMe.com/w4pcx8-love-for-Connie
- Prayers requested for Kristy & Dwight B. as they travel a road of treatment. They will be making weekly trips to Seattle for treatment for the next year. If you wish to assist financially, please follow this link: www.gofundme.com/f/kristys-cancer-medical-treatment
 - Prayers for Tudy (and Richard) Carlton as she receives treatment for cancer.
- Prayers for Marilyn Kovach who is experiencing health concerns. She appreciates visits and calls!
- Prayers for Shawn K. as he faces serious heart problems. Pray for healing and continued blessings and faith as they go through this trial.

Praises!! -What are your Praises for your Heavenly Father?

"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms."
James 5:13

- Praise God!! Thank you for your prayers for Dixie Cramer's former classmates, Steve & Donna Tanner. Donna has been declared cancer-free, to the apparent surprise of her oncologist! In November, Donna will be going through stem-cell therapy. Please continue to pray for Donna & Steve and thank God for His blessings.