

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!
A message from Steven Forbis

Happy Sabbath Church Family!

We communicate all the time. Sometimes it's by writing an email, other times by making a phone call. Effective communication takes time, energy, and practice.

In most cases, communication is a two-way street. I cannot simply say something and expect that the person I was attempting to communicate with heard me, or better yet, understood what I said. David reminds us in Psalm 46:10 to "Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth."

When we communicate with God, we need to be ready to hear His response. This world is full of distractions. By listening to God, we can, by His power, navigate the trials that the evil one throws at us.

Please join as a family this Sabbath as we talk about communication. Our early service begins at 9:00, Sabbath school at 10:15, and our second service at 11:30. If you are feeling under the weather or otherwise can't join us in person, I invite you to watch the second service on our [YouTube](#) channel.

I look forward to worshiping with you!

~Steven

This Weekend: December 16, 2023: Steven Forbis

Next Weekend: December 23, 2023: Deborah Pankaske- Bell Concert

Pastor Eric will be on vacation until December 26. If you have a pastoral need, please reach out to our wonderful elder team.

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, December 16, 2023

9:00am	Worship - Early Service
10:15am	Sabbath School
11:30am	Worship – 2 nd Service

Wednesday, December 20	6:30pm	Midweek Prayer Service, Pastor's Office
	6:30pm	Pathfinder Club Meeting
Thursday, December 21	7:30pm	Men's Bible Study, Pastor's Office
Friday, December 22	6:00pm	Prayeradigm, Rosalie Dickerson's Home
Sabbath, December 23		Sabbath Services- Christmas Bell Concert

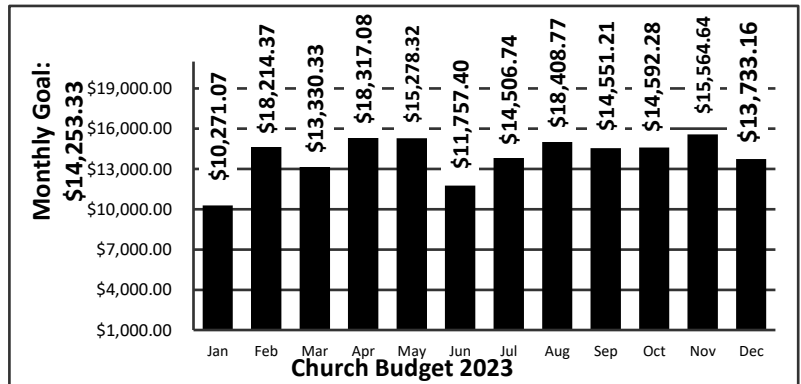
Up-coming Eastgate Events

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This Sabbath's Featured offering: *Church Budget*

“And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts: gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11



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 \$71,467.70! This is awesome! This leaves under \$190,000 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	\$ 71,467.70	\$260,000	\$188,532.30
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 18,829.36	\$40,400.00	\$ 21,061.04
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 51,018.75	\$55,000.00	\$ 3,981.25

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/ANIINV>



Eastgate Church News & Events

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.

Community Services

Our Community Services needs your help in serving our community. Please consider a monetary donation to help as they provide food gift cards for families that are less fortunate this season. You can also nominate a family you feel needs assistance. Forms are on the table in the lobby and can be turned in to the offering box. For more information on this outreach, contact Gay Flegel.

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

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 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

Once in Royal David's City, Lessons & Carols - December 16

You are warmly invited to attend, Once in Royal David's City worship service of lessons and carols presented by an ecumenical choir, orchestra, and readers of Scriptures directed by former Rogers Adventist School music teacher, Dr. Terry Koch at Pioneer United Methodist Church, 209 E. Birch St., Walla Walla, WA, Sabbath, December 16, at 3:00 p.m.

SonBridge

Have you seen the parking lot full, when you know the SonBridge Thrift&Gift Store, Helpline@SonBridge, and administrative offices are closed? SonBridge Center for Better Living is your local Adventist Community Services Center, extending hope to those in the Walla Walla Valley. God's unconditional love is expressed through resources and services such as financial assistance with a utility bill, a tank of gas, an ID card, and car registration. They provide comfort daily to people through a warm coat, a blanket, a bag of food, or relief from dental pain in the SonBridge Dental Clinic. Meetings, recovery and support groups, and classes meet daily between 6:30 am and 9:30 pm, providing space for an average of 3300 visits per month. With a city bus line that delivers people to our front door and 3500 cars that pass by on 12th Street in College Place daily, SonBridge collaborates with churches, organizations, and individuals to meet the needs of the underserved in our community. Join us in the Adventist Community Services mission of "serving communities in Christ's name" through sharing, connecting, ministering and discipling. Reach SonBridge at 509-529-3100 or www.sonbridge.org.

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.

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

UCA Boys Soccer Team Wins WA State Championship

UCA Lions make history after winning the Washington State Championship in boys' soccer! From a thrilling 2-1 win in regionals to a 4-0 triumph in the semis, they did amazing. A historic moment was made at the Federal Way Memorial Stadium as UCA had a 2-0 victory in the final. Character,

resilience, and sportsmanship—UCA’s got it all. Visit news.uccsda.org/ucasoccer1223 to read more about this monumental event.

25-day Kids Devotional

Happy Birthday Jesus. A 25-day activity devotional for the whole family created by the North American Division, Children’s Ministries department. This special activity devotional will take you through the first 25 days of December, to help you celebrate and remember Jesus, the real reason for the season. Available in English, Spanish, French, and Italian. You can also listen to Happy Birthday Jesus daily via Spotify, Apple Music, or PodBean! Visit the link for more information and to download the devotional news.uccsda.org/kidsdevotion1223



Arctic Mission Adventure Annual Offering — December 30

The annual North Pacific Union Conference offering, in support of Arctic Missions, is December 30. This offering is one of the primary funding sources for the AMA ministry, fully funded by donations from supporters in the NPUC and across UCC. AMA focuses on reaching more than 220 bush villages throughout Alaska. AMA has been blessed to enter several communities through radio and Bible workers, but there is more work to be done. Please pray for this ministry, and if the Lord leads you, donate to share the Good News with our Alaska Native brothers and sisters. Donations can be made, through Adventistgiving, by visiting news.uccsda.org/giving.



Vertical Conversations with God — January 1-10, 2024

UCC Prayer Ministries invites you to join 10 days of prayer January 1-10, 2024. Begin the new year with “Vertical Conversations With God.” We invite you to fast and pray for all who will participate in reading through the Bible this year — “UCC In The Word.” This can be an amazing journey through God’s Word for every man, woman, boy, and girl in our conference. Plan to participate in this 10 days of prayer by signing up at uccsda.org/vertical.



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!

The holidays can be a tough time for 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 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.

Open Positions at UCC

- ABC Bookkeeper/UCC Accountant
- Sales Associate — ABC College Place (Federal Work Study Student Position)
- Associate Director, Serve One More

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

North American Division

GYC Conference 2023 (Portland, OR) — December 27-31

The 2023 GYC Conference is happening December 27-31, 2023 at the Oregon Convention Center in Portland, Oregon. GYC seeks to equip and inspire young people to be Christian ambassadors to their respective places of work and study through biblical training, Christian fellowship, network opportunities, and leadership responsibilities. For more information and registration visit www.gycweb.org

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.

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.

'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.

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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 & George Kovach who are experiencing health problems and discouraged. Please no visitors at this time.
- 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.