

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!

A ubiquitous experience of Walla Walla Valley winters is fog, have you noticed?

This misty, cloudy weather settles into the lowlands so thickly that we can hardly see fifty feet ahead on the highway.

Many detest this weather, and I get it: light and blue skies are good for us, they lift our spirits and energize our minds... but I'm weird. I love the fog.

It feels comfortable, snug, even cozy. The world feels shut out and stresses feel further away. If you don't "get it" that's ok. I'm ok being different.

These winter valley clouds remind me of a passage from Hebrews. After discussing the heroes of faith in chapter 11 Paul describes them as a "Cloud of Witnesses." This Sabbath we're going to reflect on this cloud of God's faithful who point us to faithfulness. I hope you can join in as we study together!

Early service starts at 9:00, Sabbath school begins at 10:15, and [second service will be in person and online at 11:30.](#)

I pray this Sabbath brings you rest and rejuvenation!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: January 6, 2024: Pastor Eric Saylor

Next Weekend: January 13, 2024: Pastor Eric Saylor



Up-coming Eastgate Events

- January 1-10 Vertical 10 Days of Prayer
- January 13 Pathfinder Movie Fundraiser
- January 16 Church Board Meeting
- January 20 Health Ministries Movie Night
- January 22 CAC- Serve Dinner
- February 2-4 UCC Elder's Retreat
- February 3 Pathfinder Sabbath

Week At A Glance

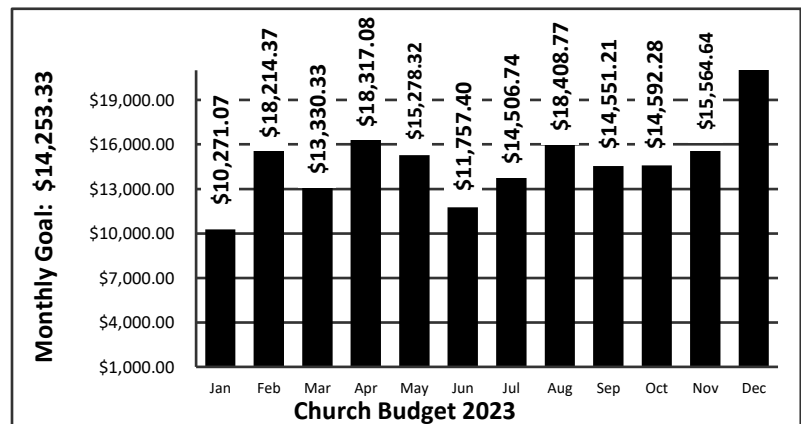
Sabbath, January 6, 2023

9:00am	Worship - Early Service
10:15am	Sabbath School
11:30am	Worship – 2 nd Service
6:30pm	Vertical 10 Days of Prayer

Sunday, January 7	6:30pm	Vertical 10 Days of Prayer
Monday, January 8	6:30pm	Vertical 10 Days of Prayer
Tuesday, January 9	6:30pm	Vertical 10 Days of Prayer
Wednesday, January 10	6:30pm	Vertical 10 Days of Prayer
	6:30pm	Pathfinder Club Meeting
Thursday, January 11	7:30pm	Men’s Bible Study, Pastor’s Office
Friday, January 12	6:30pm	Prayeradigm, Rosalie Dickerson’s Home
Sabbath, January 13		Sabbath Services- Pastor Eric Saylor
	1:30pm	Deacon’s Potluck
	6:00pm	Pathfinder Movie Fundraiser, Youth Center

This Sabbath’s Featured offering: *Church Budget*

Like every family, the local church family has financial obligations to meet. Some are easy to see like power and heat, but many are not as obvious: children’s magazines, Sabbath School Bible study guides, teaching supplies, staff salaries, cleaning services, church school operating expenses, property insurance, worthy student fund, and community outreach. These are but a few of the costs that must be met month after month as the local church seeks to be a light in the community. Because these expenses are constant, My Personal Giving Plan recommends that 3 to 5 percent of one’s income be set aside for the local church budget. This systematic giving ensures that all share both in the blessings and the responsibilities of the local congregation.



December Church Budget Offering Total: \$32,525.26

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 \$73,331.30! This is awesome! This leaves under \$187,000 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	\$ 73,331.30	\$260,000	\$186,668.70
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 22,063.61	\$40,400.00	\$ 18,336.39
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 51,363.75	\$55,000.00	\$ 3,636.25

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.



Pathfinder Movie Night Fundraiser-Jan. 13

On January 13 at 6:00pm, area Pathfinder clubs are hosting a movie night at the Youth Center in College Place. Our Pathfinders will have a food booth so it’ll be a great opportunity to enjoy a night out and support our Pathfinders!

Pathfinder Envelope Fundraiser

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.

Your support of fundraising efforts and through donations is so appreciated!



Religious Liberty Sabbath- January 13

A special offering for Religious Liberty will be taken on January 13. "Today, there are those who wish to "compel the human conscience" in troubling ways. Important religious liberty questions are being debated in courts, legislatures, and in the media. As People of the Word, we live in anticipation of Christ's soon return and we know, through prophecy, that threats to religious freedom will continue to multiply. But regardless of what happens, we have a

responsibility to defend God's gift of liberty."- Liberty Magazine. Liberty campaign continues through March 31, 2024 and this is also a great time to renew your support and receive Liberty Magazine. This magazine will keep you informed of threats to liberty and efforts to maintain religious freedom.

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.

Found- Earring in the parking lot after December 30th. 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

Best Weigh To Your Health at Village Adventist Church

Beginning January 8th and meeting each Monday in January at 7:00pm in the fellowship hall. Health coach, Dr. Dan Neisner, M.Div. will offer tips on nutrition, making healthy choices, and living a healthier life-style. 715 SE 12th Street, College Place.

Nutrition and Cooking Classes at Milton Adventist Church

Healthy Basics: Power of Your Plate, Foods for Healthy Weight, How Foods fight Diabetes & Heart Disease. Join Food for Life Instructor Gladys Wentland at Milton Adventist Church, 1244 N Elizabeth St. Milton-Freewater, OR, on Tuesdays, January 9 - January 30, 2024. Time: 7pm - 9pm. To Register, call 509-386-4838 or 541-938-3066. More Info: miltonor.adventistchurch.org \$40 for this 4-class series.

SET FREE SUMMIT

Stateline Adventist Church is holding a program to help people break free from addictions, starting January 21, 2024. See SetFreeSummit.com. We are looking for volunteers with a passion for bringing joy into others' lives to assist with prayer, encouragement, or as accountability partners in the follow-up program. To help, text or call (509) 526-0112 or email help@setfreesummit.com.

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.

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News



Vertical Conversations with God — January 1-10, 2024

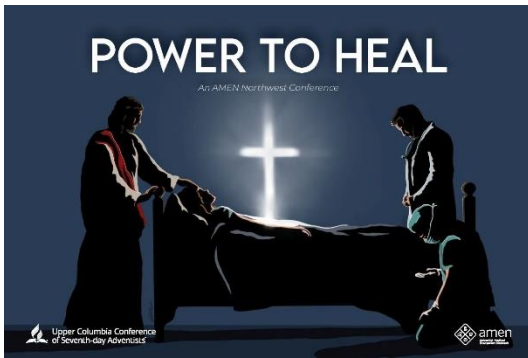
UCC Prayer Ministry invites you to join 10 days of prayer, January 1-10, 2024. This is a time to welcome in the new year with fasting and prayer, especially for God to bless abundantly the reading of His Word during 2024. Following the 10 days of prayer, join in Bible reading and prayer Zoom room, beginning January 12. For more information, promotional materials, calendar, and to sign up, visit uccsda.org/vertical.

Vertical Conversations With God: Bible Reading Room

Beginning January 12, UCC Prayer Ministries invites you to the Bible Reading Zoom Room at 8:30 p.m. to hear the daily Bible reading and pray. For zoom room links, go to the online prayer calendar uccsda.org/prayer#prayercalendar.

UCC in the Word — January 13

Upper Columbia Conference invites you to participate in UCC In the Word, a journey through the 66 Books of the Bible. It takes as little as 15 minutes a day with our One Year Bible Plan. In addition, every Saturday morning, many of UCC's pastors will be preaching on what you have read during the week. If reading through the Bible is something you've always wanted to do, then join us for UCC In the Word: Reading Through the Bible in One Year. Beginning Saturday, January 13, 2024 at a church near you! For more information visit uccsda.org/intheword.



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!

Open Positions at UCC

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

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

North American Division

World Church 10 Days of Prayer — January 10-20

You can find World Church resources for this year's 10 days of prayer in 37 languages! Join others in prayer January 10-20. For more information visit tendaysofprayer.org.

Biblical Greece Tour — July 3-15

Join George Dialectakis, a native of Greece, on a 13-day journey tracing Bible history on archeological locations from the time of Socrates and Plato to Daniel's prophecy about the Hellenic Empire and Alexander the Great. Follow the footsteps of the Apostle Paul and explore the writings of the book of Revelation by the beloved Apostle John. Discover the artistic wealth of the Greek Classical Era. Learn about the birth of Christianity in Greece nearly two millennia ago. George and Marcia will guide you through a Land Tour of Greece and a Mediterranean Cruise to bring the Bible alive in your mind! For more information visit www.biblicaltouring.com.

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.

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EASTGATE SDA CHURCH ON YOUTUBE

YouTube: Eastgate Church ~ Our Church Service is now being broadcast on YouTube at the following Link: [Eastgate Adventist Church](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). 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 pray for Rod & Cheryl Zuver & their family. Cheryl's mother has suffered a stroke.
- Please keep the Peterson family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Delvin's father.
- 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

- Thank you for your prayers for Dixie Cramer's former classmates, Steve & Donna Tanner. Donna has completed stem cell therapy and they have safely returned home. Donna is still free of cancer! Praise God for His healing power!