

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!

Somewhere around second or third grade I discovered a love of reading.

Up to that point reading had been difficult, arduous, and time consuming, but now my skill level was to the point where I didn't have to think about the actual act of reading so I could focus on the content that I was reading.

Reading opened up new worlds, ideas, and visions of possibility that I'd never encountered before. The written word lifted me from my everyday, commonplace routine to experiences of adventure and discovery beyond my little circle of reality.

Written words are powerful...

This Sabbath we're beginning a year-long process of exploring not just written words, but The Written Word. I'll be inviting you into a journey where we'll be exploring God's Word in a way that you may not have experienced it before. I hope you can join in!

Early service will begin at 9:00 and Sabbath School starts at 10:15. Because the roads may be slippery [you're welcome to worship digitally at 11:30 via our YouTube channel](#), though we'd love to have you join in person if you're able.

I pray that you have a blessed and restful Sabbath!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: January 13, 2024: Pastor Eric Saylor

Next Weekend: January 20, 2024: Pastor Eric Saylor



Up-coming Eastgate Events

- January 13 Pathfinder Movie Fundraiser
- January 16 Church Board Meeting
- January 22 CAC- Serve Dinner
- January 26-28 Pathfinder Teen Retreat
- February 2-4 UCC Elder's Retreat
- February 3 Pathfinder Sabbath

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, January 13, 2023

9:00am		Worship - Early Service
10:15am		Sabbath School
11:30am		Worship – 2 nd Service
1:30pm		Deacon’s Potluck
6:00pm		Pathfinder Movie Fundraiser- Secret of the Fossil- Doors open at 5:00pm

Monday, January 15	6:30pm	Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 16	6:30pm	Church Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 17	6:30pm	Pathfinder Club Meeting
	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting, Room 345 (new location)
Thursday, January 18	7:30pm	Men’s Bible Study, Pastor’s Office
Friday, January 19	6:30pm	Prayeradigm, Rosalie Dickerson’s Home
Sabbath, January 20		Sabbath Services- Pastor Eric Saylor

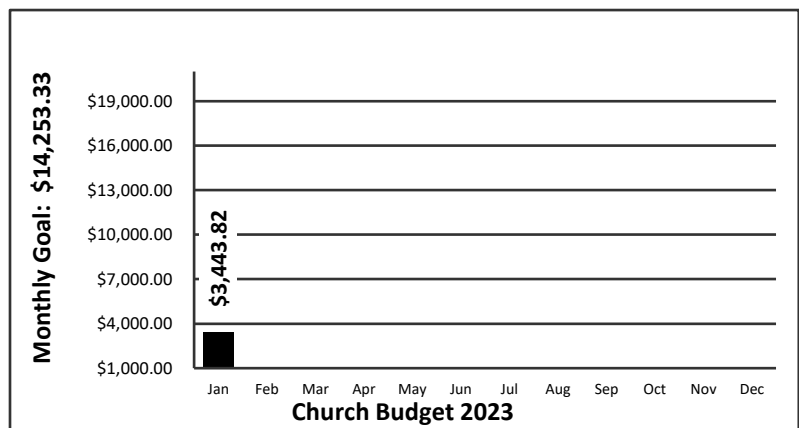
This Sabbath’s Featured offering:
Religious Liberty

Today, more than two-thirds of the world’s population live in countries where there are restrictions on religious liberty. Religious freedom is denied in places such as North Korea and Saudi Arabia. In Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iran, and many other countries religious minorities face hostility and danger. In China, people of faith endure government surveillance and restrictions.

In North America, we are blessed. We have the constitutional right to worship — openly and without fear. We can share our faith freely with others. Yet even here, we can’t take this blessing for granted. As we read the headlines and look at the culture around us, we can see that the God-given gift of religious freedom is not

always valued as it should be. And even today, in this land of liberty, Sabbath-keepers still face challenges in the workplace.

More than 150 years ago, Ellen White urged us to “hold high the banner of truth and religious liberty” in these last days. The offering we will collect now allows our church in North America to do exactly that — to defend religious freedom in the courts, to support church members who face discrimination in the workplace, and to send almost a million copies of Liberty magazine each year to lawmakers and thought leaders across our nation. Please give generously as together we work to safeguard the precious gift of religious liberty.



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 \$86,017.44! This is awesome! This leaves under \$174,000 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	\$ 86,017.44	\$260,000	\$173,982.56
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 22,299.61	\$40,400.00	\$ 18,100.39
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/ANINV>



Eastgate Church News & Events



Welcome to the Family!
 Jacob Lawrence Serl was born to Mitchell & Erika Serl on Tuesday, January 9, at 7:06am. He weighed in at 7 pounds 12 oz and 20.5 inches long. We are so excited for the Serl family and can’t wait to meet him!
 Congratulations Mitchell & Erika!



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 Tithing 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.

Sabbath Services at Brookdale in College Place

Your help is needed! Every 4th Sabbath of the month, Eastgate Church is in charge of the Sabbath Services at Brookdale in College Place. Help is needed in providing this service for the residents there. It takes place at 3:00pm on these Sabbaths at Brookdale. If you can help or need more information, please contact Carol Hargreaves.

Christian Aid Center Service Opportunity!

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. 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

If you are being called to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Eric or Carol Hargreaves to volunteer.

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



Facilities Information Corner

New Carpet Coming in February

New carpet has been ordered and we look forward to starting the installation Monday, February 12, 2024.

Each week for a series of four weeks we have installers working in each of the following areas:

- Main Hallway including the currently carpeted areas of the restrooms.
- Fellowship Hall [does not include the Youth Room or the Kitchen area]
- Office Hallway including the Mother's Room along with the hallway to and including the copier room.
- The stairway down to and including the Primary classroom.

While carpet is removed, the concrete floor is cleaned and prepared we need to have absolutely no foot traffic in the work zones. We will be working to coordinate with the Pathfinders during that time period for alternative locations of their meetings.

Each Monday will start a new area and by Friday each area should be finished. We will post in the bulletin each week which areas will be occupied for the following week. We appreciate and look forward to your assistance and cooperation during this time.

Practicing for the New Carpet

Several members have mentioned to the custodian the amount of muddy foot prints that have arrived on our church carpets. We would request that we all start practicing for our new carpet by checking and double checking our shoes so we are not tracking winter mud indoors. Thank you for doing this for our adults and our children 😊

Expect our Hallways to be Changing

In preparation for our new carpet there will be some work done on the walls of our hallways. The carpet base will be removed and walls and ceilings will receive a fresh coat of paint. Thank you for helping us care for these newly painted surfaces as they arrive!

New Lights in our Classroom Wing

Are you an astute observer? Maybe you notice that something has changed about our classroom, hallway, fellowship room/kitchen and restroom lighting?

Approximately a year ago we received a donation of about 100; T-8 LED replacement lamps for our fluorescent lighting fixtures. During the autumn of 2023 our maintenance man has been converting our lighting from the old fluorescents to the new LED. The result has been a reduction of wattage used for our lighting. Where previously each tube consumed approximately 32 watts of energy, now for

each tube we are consuming 12.5watts. [times 100 bulbs = 1,950 watts per hour on a Sabbath morning!]

Another positive thing you may notice will be the lack of “flickering” lamps. Also, all lamps throughout the education wing are the same color (color tone, “soft light”, “warm light” etc.). There are three small areas which remain yet to be converted. These areas are expected to be finished about mid-February.

Just a few of the items and areas where work has been or will shortly be taking place.

~ Thank you for your interest and support ~

Stan Maxted

[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.

SonBridge Constituency Meeting will be Sunday, February 25, 2024, at 10:00 AM

The agenda will include inspiring financial and development reports of God's blessings and an update of plans. This constituency session is for designated delegates, but interested parties are welcome to attend! Thank each of you for your amazing support.

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.

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News



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.

Here is the zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81737506481?pwd=bnxlSm5oK0xxSURnSU16UkhmcTFsUT09>

8:30-9:30 p.m.

MeetingID: 817 3750 6481

Passcode: 433052

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.

OT Portion of Reading Plan: https://irp.cdn-website.com/cb7ff47b/files/uploaded/UnbrandedITW_OT_Daily_Reading_Plan.pdf

NT Portion of Reading Plan: https://irp.cdn-website.com/cb7ff47b/files/uploaded/UnbrandedITW_NT_Daily_Reading_Plan.pdf



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!

2024 Sunset and Offering Poster

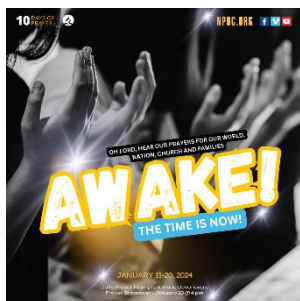
The new calendar for 2024 has been released by Upper Columbia Conference. To download a version, go to uccsda.org/stewardship.

Open Positions at UCC

- Executive Assistant, Treasury
- Sales Associate, ABC (On-call)
- Administrative Assistant (Part-time)
- Associate Director, Serve One More
- Administrative Assistant, Human Resources
- 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



NPUC 10 Days of Prayer — January 11-20

Everywhere we look in our world, our nation, our church, and our families, we see prayer needs. Join your Northwest family of faith January 11-20 for 10 Days of Prayer. You'll find daily devotionals and prayer resources at npuc.org. Our prayer time will culminate on Jan. 20 at 4:00 PM with a Northwest Time of Prayer Broadcast on @NWAdventist [Facebook](#), [Vimeo](#), [YouTube](#), and npuc.org. Let's awaken and seek God's intervention, guidance, revival and blessings together!

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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<https://www.facebook.com/Eastgate-SDA-Church-206126468203> [Eastgate SDA Church](#)

EASTGATE SDA CHURCH ON YOUTUBE

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 pray for Karen Nazaroff who is in ICU with severe health issues and in need of healing.
 - 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!