

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!

A Message from Pastor Eric Saylor

You've probably noticed that we Americans often use words inaccurately. Take for example the word "Literally."

Instead of being used to mean "exactly" and "without exaggeration" many times we use it to mean precisely the opposite. Example: when describing how we feel when intently embarrassed someone might say, "I literally died."

"Um, no... you didn't. You're 'literally' telling me the embarrassing story right now, so you're very much alive," I'm tempted to say.

So, sometimes we use words inaccurately, but other times we don't actually know the true meaning of words. Sometimes we use words and assume that everyone is on board, we assume that we all get the principle, we assume that we all know what we're talking about.

One of these church words is "discipleship." We throw the word around, we talk about making disciples but we don't define it very often.

Starting this Sabbath, we'll start a sermon series exploring this word, step by step: beginning with our calling and concluding with eternity. I hope you can join in on this journey!

Early service begins at 9:00, Sabbath School starts at 10:15, and Second Service will be at 11:30. [Feel free to join online if you're not in the area or don't feel well!](#)

On another note, tonight (Friday) at 6:00pm, we will have a special meal and communion service for our kids, come check it out!

And tomorrow night (Saturday night) at 6:30pm, and beginning with vespers, Pathfinders is hosting a chili contest and talent show fundraiser! Bring an appetite! (:

I pray this Sabbath is a blessing and brings you rest!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: March 16, 2024: Pastor Eric Saylor

Next Weekend: March 23, 2024: Pastor Eric Saylor

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, March 16, 2024

9:00am	Worship - Early Service
10:15am	Sabbath School
11:30am	Worship – 2 nd Service
6:30pm	Chili Cook-Off & Talent Show Pathfinder Fundraiser
Sunday, March 17	4:00pm Eastgate Striders
Tuesday, March 19	6:30pm Church Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 20	6:30pm Mid-Week Prayer Circle, Room 345
	6:30pm Pathfinder Club Meeting
Thursday, March 21	7:30pm Men’s Bible Study, Pastor’s Office
Friday, March 22	6:00pm Friday Evening Prayer, Rosalie Dickerson’s Home
Sabbath, March 23	Sabbath Services-Pastor Eric Sayler
	1:00pm All Church Potluck
	3:00pm Sabbath Service at Brookdale CP

Up-coming Eastgate Events

March 24	Men’s Prayer Breakfast
March 24	Church Work Bee
March 24	Eastgate Striders
March 25	CAC-Serve Dinner
March 30	Easter Brunch
April 1	Facilities Team Meeting
April 2	CAC-Serve Dinner
April 5	Agape Feast Communion
April 20	UCC YA- “Let’s Start the Conversation”
June 19-22	UCC Camp Meeting- UCA, Spangle, WA
July 15-19	Vacation Bible School
August 1-12	Pathfinder Club to International Camporee in Gillette, Wyoming
September 20-22	Camp Wooten Church Campout

[2024 Northwest Camp Meetings](#)

North Pacific Union

- **May 17-18:** NPUC Regional Convocation, Mount Tahoma Adventist Church, Tacoma, WA

More information on the [NPUC website](#).

Alaska Conference

- **March 22–24:** Bethel Camp Meeting, Bethel, Alaska
- **April 12–14:** Barrow Camp Meeting, Barrow, Alaska
- **June 14–16:** Interior Camp Meeting, Harding Lake, Alaska
- **July 23–27:** Southcentral Camp Meeting, Pioneer Peak Campground, Palmer, Alaska
- **Aug. 1–4:** Southeast Camp Meeting, Vank Island, Alaska
- **Aug. 23–25:** St. Lawrence Island Camp Meeting, St. Lawrence Island, Alaska

More information on the [Alaska Conference website](#).

Idaho Conference

- **June 11–15:** English, Gem State Adventist Academy, Caldwell, Idaho.
- **June 11–15:** Spanish, Gem State Adventist Academy, Caldwell, Idaho.

More information on the [Idaho Conference website](#).

Montana Conference

- **July 10–13:** Mount Ellis Academy, Bozeman, Montana.
 - Featuring John Bradshaw as speaker

More information on the [Montana Conference website](#).

Oregon Conference

- **July 11–13:** Spanish-language, Gladstone Camp Meeting, Gladstone Park Conference Center, Gladstone, Oregon.
- **July 16–20:** English-language, Gladstone Camp Meeting, Gladstone Park Conference Center, Gladstone, Oregon.

More information on the [Oregon Conference website](#).

Upper Columbia Conference

- **June 1:** Hispanic Camp Meeting, Pasco, Washington.
- **June 19–22:** English Camp Meeting, Upper Columbia Academy, Spangle, Washington.
 - Featuring Ty Gibson and music guest Selah

More information on the [Upper Columbia Conference website](#).

Washington Conference

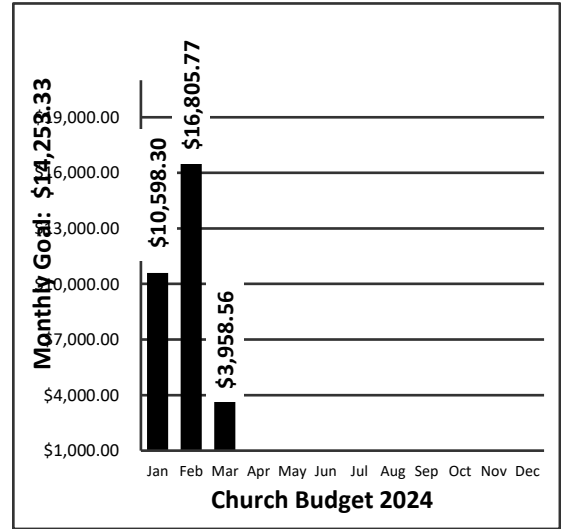
- **June 14–16:** Spanish-language, Auburn Adventist Academy, Auburn, Washington.
- **June 17–22:** English-language, Auburn Adventist Academy, Auburn, Washington.
 - Featuring Lee Venden, Dick Duerksen and Buddy Houghtaling, Chapel recording artist.

More information on the [Washington Conference website](#).

This Sabbath's Featured offering:
Church Budget

This Sabbath's offering is for Local Church Budget.

God is sovereign. God is in control. When the disciples, in the book of Mark, were caught in a storm, they cried out to Jesus for His help. Jesus was fast asleep, but they woke Him up and He calmed the storm that threatened their lives. Their response was, "...[they] said to one another, 'Who can this be, that even the wind and the sea obey Him!'"(Mark 4:41 NKJV). Today, we can rest in knowing that our God is able to calm all of the storms in our lives. Even deeper than that, God is able to give us a sense of peace, even when the world around us feels like it is in chaos. We are blessed to be able to gather as believers and encourage each other with our testimonies of how God has carried us through the storms of our lives. As we return our tithes and offerings today, let our hearts give from a place of gratitude for our "storm-calming" God.



Church Facility Beautification

Updates are happening all around the church! New carpet, new paint, new parking lot! We have raised \$89,768.69 and have \$170,231.31 left to cover these identified updates to our facility.

Great News!! A generous donor, who believes in our mission, has committed \$50,000 in matching funds! This means the next \$50,000 donated to this project will be doubled to equal **\$100,000!** Are you able to help make this happen? Please mark your donation as "Church Beautification" and drop it in the offering box or donate online. Thank you for supporting the mission of this church!

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 (almost complete)
Lobby Window Glass Replacement:	2,626.67
Entrance Door Security Updates:	8,000.00

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>NEED</u>
Facility Beautification	\$ 89,768.69	\$260,000	\$170,231.31
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 26,925.10	\$40,400.00	\$ 13,474.90
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 52,318.75	\$55,000.00	\$ 2,681.25

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

Background Checks

If you are over 18 and hold **any** church office or volunteer in **any** capacity in the church, you need to complete both training and a background check (training alone is not enough). Your team leaders will be addressing this as well. It doesn't take long and it is necessary. A QR code is provided for your convenience. If you think you are compliant, please log in to Sterling and ensure your information is up to date including Walla Walla Eastgate Church as your location of service. Feel free to call the church office if you have any questions or need assistance. Thank you for getting this done!



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. Some upcoming dates are:

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.

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 Fundraiser -March 16

The Pathfinder Club will be hosting a **Chili Cook-Off** and **Talent Show** on March 16th. Please join us! Enjoy cornbread, veggies, and entertainment all while sampling and voting on the best chili. Suggested donation: \$10 per person. The fun starts with Vespers at 6:30pm. Thank you for your support of our Pathfinder Club!!

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. Thank you!!

Additional Landscaping Volunteers Needed at Eastgate SDA Church

Carol Hargreaves would welcome help with the church landscaping! She is particularly looking for someone to help with the 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, or are able to help Carol with any other projects, she would love to receive your assistance! 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 Area 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

WWU's ICantori Releases New CD

Walla Walla University's select choir, ICantori, released a new CD called "A Sense of Place." Visit news.uccsda.org/ICantori124 to learn more.

Walla Walla Valley News

Easter Cantata (College Place, WA) — March 16

March 16, 5:00 p.m. College Place Village Church invites you to FootPrints in the Sand: A Journey to the Cross and Beyond, presented by adult and children's choirs, orchestra, and handbell ensemble.

Helpline @ SonBridge

SonBridge is hosting the 17th annual SoupPort Luncheon on Wednesday, April 10 between 11:00am & 1:00pm. SoupPort is a fundraiser luncheon to allow Helpline to continue providing for the underserved people of the Walla Walla Valley through resources, services, and referrals. This will take place at St. Patrick's Blanchet Hall, corner of 6th & Poplar, Walla Walla. Tickets are \$30 in advance and \$35 at the door. Help is also needed with painting bowls for the fundraiser. Cost to paint a bowl is \$10.89. For more information, call 509-529-3100 or visit sonbridge.org.

Extended Area News

Bangla Hope

Bangla Hope is a Seventh-day Adventist supportive ministry based in Kennewick, WA and in need of temporary housing for a missionary couple (no children or pets) from mid-April until about mid-October. They reside in Bangladesh the remainder of the year. If you have vacant housing and would like to support our ministry in this way, please contact Debi Axford at (509) 586-4259 Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 3 pm or send an email to children@banglahope.org.

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News

President's Report

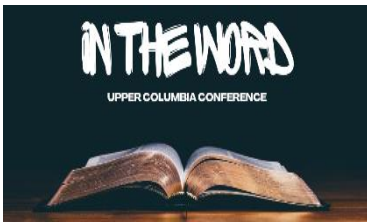
David Jamieson shares a message about how God is ever leading us, along with the actions from the recent Executive Committee and the upcoming Biblical Sexuality Symposium. More information at news.uccsda.org/report324

UCC Young Adults: Let's Start the Conversation (Walla Walla, WA) — April 20

Come join us for an opportunity to get to know each other and talk about changes within the church with the UCC Conference President and Youth Director. Your church and conference are interested in hearing your input as young adults! We invite young adults to join us April 20 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Walla Walla Eastgate Adventist Church. Visit news.uccsda.org/YAconversation324 to register.

ASI Northwest Chapter Conference (Walla Walla, WA) — April 19-21

ASI Northwest Chapter invites you to join us for a weekend of inspiring messages, stories of God working in our midst, and tools to support our evangelism in the marketplace. This free conference is for ASI members and others who are interested in sharing the gospel in our communities and around the world. Learn more by visiting news.uccsda.org/ASINW224.



UCC in the Word

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.

This Weeks Readings:

- March 16 Ruth 1–4
- March 17 1 Sam 1–8
- March 18 1 Sam 9–15
- March 19 1 Sam 16–23
- March 20 1 Sam 24–31
- March 21 2 Sam 1–10
- March 22 2 Sam 11–17

Ways to participate:

- Read through the Bible using our Bible Reading Plan (link below).
- Join the Zoom Bible Reading Room Daily (Sunday-Friday) at 8:30 p.m. (Additional instructions below)
 - Meeting ID: 817 3750 6481
 - Password: 433052

UCC Prayer Ministries invites you to listen to the word of God each evening, Sunday through Friday at 8:30 p.m. Each day's reading is at uccsda.org/prayer#prayercalendar. Select the date, select the Bible reading, scroll down to see the zoom link. Or go to news.uccsda.org/UCCITWZOOM124.

Meeting ID: 817 3750 6481

Passcode: 433052

For more information visit uccsda.org/intheword or uccsda.org/prayer.

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

Hispanic Women's & Young Women's Retreat (Camp MiVoden) — April 19-21

Jesus es Suficiente: Décimo-Cuarto Encuentro de Damas Latinas del Territorio del Alto Columbia. Visit news.uccsda.org/HispanicRetreat224 for more information.

Camp MiVoden

As many of you may know, Camp MiVoden is a Youth and Family camp within our conference that you can attend!!! If you are looking for an opportunity for your kids or family to have fun while building relationships in a Christ centered environment, look no further! Camp MiVoden is filling up fast for the summer and they would love to see you there! Check out the camps on the web at <https://www.mivoden.com> and check out the promo videos too! <https://news.uccsda.org/HymnPromo224> and <https://news.uccsda.org/PraisePromo224>



2024 UCC Camp Meeting

Are you coming to the 2024 UCC Camp Meeting at Upper Columbia Academy, June 19-22? Don't miss out on main speaker, Ty Gibson. Ty Gibson is co-director of Light Bearers and pastor of Storyline Adventist Church in Eugene, Oregon. Gibson teaches on a variety of topics, emphasizing God's unfailing love as the central theme of the Bible. He has authored eight best-selling books. Join us this summer, you won't want to miss out!



Visit uccsda.org/campmeeting for more information. Registration is set to open March 6!

Save the Date — UCC Women's and Young Women's Retreat (Spokane, WA) — May 4

UCC Women's & Young Women's Spring One Day Retreat Sabbath, May 4, 2024, at UCC.

Open Positions at UCC

- Associate Director, Young Adult, Youth, Club Ministries
- Sales Associate, ABC (On-call)
- Janitor (Part-time), UCC office and ABC
- Sales Associate — ABC College Place (Federal Work Study Student Position)

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

North American Division

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@eye.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 keep Donna Street in your prayers as she is having difficulty recovering from back surgery. She would appreciate cards, texts, calls, and visits.
 - Please pray for the Flegel family as they mourn the loss of Gay's mother.
 - Please pray for Karen Nazaroff who is experiencing severe health issues and in need of healing.
 - Please keep the Peterson family in your prayers as they mourn the loss of Delvin's father.
- Please keep Debbie Saunders and the entire family in prayer as they mourn the loss of Debbie's parents, Bill & Mary Jane.
- Please pray for Jay & Margie McCubbins as Margie is experiencing health issues and Jay has recently lost both of his parents. Pray for comfort as they grieve this loss.
 - Please pray for Matt & Judy Lombard as Matt is experiencing health issues.
- Please remember Connie and Randy Roger's in prayer. Connie is currently on hospice. 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.
- Please continue to pray for those in our church family who have lost loved ones. Pray for continued comfort as they navigate grief and that they will feel loved and supported. May they be reminded of our great hope!

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 that Cheryl Zuver's mother is doing well!