

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!

A message from Pastor Eric Saylor

I'm not an artist when it comes to drawing and painting. In college I took a class called "Intro to Art" and I did well in the cognitive theory and "history of art" sections but the creative drawing exercises were a stretch for me.

Stacie and I were dating at the time and I had been practicing my drawing skills for a few months in class so I decided to create an image of one of her favorite animals: a horse. It was going to be part of her Christmas present, I decided.

Painstakingly, stroke by stroke, I laboriously drew, erased, redrew, shaded, and blended until finally an image of a horse looked back at me from the paper, I had done it! It actually looked like a horse!

In Genesis 1 Moses describes how God is an artist of images, too. This Sabbath we're studying the creation of humanity and explore how God made them in His image. I hope you can join in!

As always you are invited to worship in person or you can join at our church [YouTube channel](#) where we'll be streaming the service. If you come in person please remember to show care and respect for each other by wearing a mask. Thanks!

Happy Sabbath,

~Pastor Eric

Next Weekend: December 4, 2021: Pastor Eric Saylor

December 11, 2021: Pastor Eric Saylor

Week At A Glance

December 4, Sabbath: **9:00am** *Every Man A Warrior; Helping Men Succeed in Life*
 10:00am Face to Face *Sabbath School classes throughout the building*

~Lenard Wittlake Sabbath School Adult Quarterly > ~ Remember, Do Not Forget > Lesson#10

~ The Builders – Adult Class > Nehemiah

~ The Word - Adult Sabbath School > the Book of Isaiah – Chapters 27 - 29

~ Young Adult Sabbath School, a class studying about David ~ II Samuel

11:15am – 12:15pm Worship Service – Pastor Eric Saylor

Sunset 4:08pm

December 6, Monday 7:00am Hope Group on Zoom

6:30pm Facilities Committee Meeting

December 8, Wednesday 6:30pm Prayer Meeting at the church this week

December 9, Thursday: 7:00-8:15pm Youth Night @ Eastgate SDA

December 10, Friday **Sunset ~ 4:08pm**

December 11, Sabbath: 9:30am ~ Brunch in the Fellowship Room

11:15am ~ Special Christmas Program here at Eastgate SDA

PLANNING AHEAD? DECEMBER 11 ~ CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT; 5-6:30pm

“LET YOU LIGHT SHINE” is our next Saturday evening social! We gather in the parking lot and pick up a scavenger hunt list, hot drinks and enjoy an evening ride looking for Christmas lights and specific characters associated with the holiday over the years!

This is designed as a group-family activity. Go in small caravans or with friends! Make a game of who sees the most from the list! The one who sees the most, everyone else buys them an ice-cream cone! ☺

Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

Worship Service ***11:15am*** ***12-04-2021*** ***Link to [Facebook](#)***

Gathering Song	Praise Team
Community Life	Lenard Wittlake
Kids Korner	
Children's Story	Jenny Alford
Songs of Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Prayer	Lenard Wittlake
God's Word	<i>Pastor Eric Saylor</i>
Sermon Title:	<i>Image of God</i>
Scripture:	<i>Genesis 1:27</i>
Song of Response	Praise Team
Benediction	Lenard Wittlake

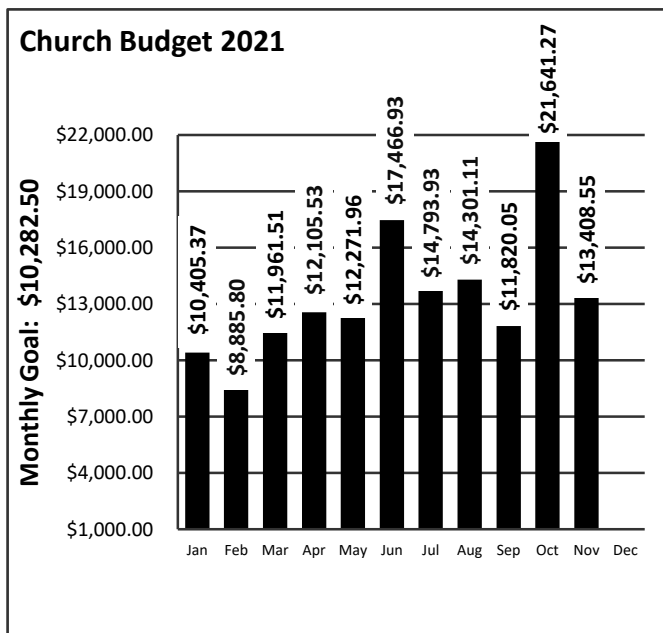
Worship Team today

Lead Elder:	Lenard Wittlake
Praise Team Leader:	Stan Maxted & Friends
Pianist:	
Greeters:	Carol Reiswig
Lead Deacon:	Harry Arriola
Lead Deaconess:	Gay Flegel
AV Team:	Ryan Daniel & Bob Daniel
Live Streaming:	David Meyers

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>NEED</u>
Student Aid goal for 2021-22	\$ 13,067.69	\$16,300.00	\$ 3,832.31
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 15,589.08	\$55,000.00	<i>Phase 1, 2 &3</i>

OFFERING OF THE DAY

~ December 4, 2021 ~ Local Church Budget



The Lord asked Noah to build an ark. Not by the riverfront, not by the ocean side, but on dry land. Each plank, each nail, and each cut was a testimony that he trusted in God. The finances for such an undertaking were enormous, but the command of God was clear. "Make thee an Ark of gopher wood." Genesis 6:14 If God asks you and me to do something, it's because He has already provided a way for it to be accomplished. God provided the wood, the manpower, and the finances to accomplish Noah's great task. He provided some in advance and others as they walked by faith. Today, God may ask us to take a leap of faith. To start a new ministry that will impact the community. To start a new Pathfinder club or Vacation Bible School for the children of the church. Often you may sense God calling you to step forward. I want you to understand

that in every venture in the Bible, God provided the resources as His people moved forward by faith. Remember Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Esther, Deborah, and Daniel, to name a few. The church budget includes many ministries that will enhance the lives of the church and the local community. Today as you give, you can become an Esther, a Daniel, or a Joseph for the Lord. When God touches your heart, give so you and others can take that step of faith and fulfill His will through your life.

Memorial Service

PLEASE NOTE: Jan LeRoy. July 1947 ~ November 3, 2021. The current plan is a Memorial Service at the Eastgate SDA Church, Sunday afternoon, December 12, 3:00pm

Eastgate Church News & Events

Face-to-Face Prayer Meeting to Gather weekly at the church Fellowship Room!

This group will be meeting every Wednesday. Questions? Please call Carol at 1-509-200-0587.

Tis the Season!

Christmas Food Boxes 2021

Christmas is fast approaching and we are thinking of our local food insecure families, those who would benefit from something a little extra.

If you have someone you know, whether an individual or family, with whom we can share love this Christmas season, please let us know. We will begin taking names for our annual Christmas boxes Sabbath. We would like to have all the names of those you feel would benefit from our Christmas boxes no later than December 11.

Gifts and Gift Tree: *If the family you are providing information for has children, please list their gender, their age and maybe an item they need or would appreciate as a gift. This Sabbath look for a Christmas Tree with Tags. These will give a child's gender and age and something they need or want. We can help with a gift for Christmas!!*

Please fill out the request form entirely (these can be found in the foyer/lobby). This year we will not be taking names over the phone, only through a submitted written form.

On Saturday evening, December 18, following the group Christmas caroling, we will gather in the Fellowship hall to put these special boxes of love together. We are planning to have the boxes ready to deliver Sunday, December 19 and are looking for volunteers to participate in this.

A list of suggested items is available as a bulletin insert or in the lobby of the church. Listen in church for additional announcements.

Christmas Caroling the Eastgate SDA Way!!!

Saturday, December 18 those who would like to go Christmas Caroling the old fashion way will gather at the church at 3:30pm. We will carol our surrounding neighborhoods and return to the church at about 5:30pm for a Hot Soup and Bread Supper. Be sure and wear Festive Christmas Attire, lights and/or Holiday Sweaters! When everyone has had a chance to warm up and satisfy their hunger, they will be welcome to stay and help with the sorting and packing of Christmas Food Boxes for our local food insecure families. We hope volunteers will step forward to deliver these to the families in need on Sunday, December 19. Plan now to be a part of this !!!

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC at Eastgate, December 11 for Church Service

We are one week away from our special Christmas Church Service. We have a number of people who have stepped up to participate in the musical program ~ have we heard from you yet?

Let us know ASAP!!! office@eastgateadventist.church ; 509-529-9933 voice message!

Thank you for sharing your talents and gifts this Christmas!

Looking for a place to volunteer your time?

From elementary school children to our retired friends, many are looking for meaningful things to do for their community. If you are one of these people, please check pages nine and ten (page 9, page 10) for opportunities to serve others in unique ways.

EASTGATE SDA WEBSITE! – <https://www.eastgatesda.org>

~ Sermon Archives ~ Bulletin Library ~ our weekly e-NewsLetter ~ Events Calendar ~ Offerings

EASTGATE SDA ON FACEBOOK Like and follow our page on FB!

<https://www.facebook.com/Eastgate-SDA-Church-206126468203>

Our Church Service is now being broadcast on YouTube at the following address. We are looking for 100 subscribers!

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpi0ESiTQNVm7uw9dcRxUHQ>

School News & Children's Ministry Items

Milton-Stateline Adventist School Eighth Grade Class: We, the eighth-grade class at Milton-Stateline Adventist School, are collecting recyclable cans and bottles to raise funds for our eighth-grade trip and graduation. Please help us by dropping off your cans and bottles at the school. Thank you!

Collegiate & Young Adults

Sabbath Morning Bible Study

This group is once again meeting in a Face-to-Face forum. Their current study is II Samuel as they study the life of David. To join this group and be in the know of how to meet, visit classroom 115 or call Josh Boram (541) 870-4661 or Mary Castrejon at (360) 349-7126.

Men's Ministry

Each Sabbath Morning: Every Man A Warrior; Helping Men Succeed in Life

Please Meet Room 145 every Sabbath ~ 9:00 AM

Every Sabbath a group of Eastgate Men continue a special Sabbath Morning study group – yes, for men only. The *Every Man a Warrior* guide book. It is designed specifically to deal with the issues that men face and need to succeed in. It has been used with men of all ages from teens to men in their 70s. Toby Slater will lead in studying and share the role with others as they progress.

Walla Walla Valley SDA News

Christmas Holiday SDA Schools Events at

Rogers Adventist School: (RAS) 5th-8th Grade Christmas Concert: Dec. 8; 6:30pm – 8:00pm at the Walla Walla Valley Academy (WWVA) Auditorium

Walla Walla University (WWU) Music Dept. Concerts, Friday Dec. 10; 6:00pm and 8:00pm start times. University Church [See Details on the next Page]

WWVA Christmas Concerts: December 11; 7:00pm at the WWVA Auditorium

RAS k-4th Grade Christmas Cantata: Dec. 15; 5:30pm – 6:30pm at the WWVA Auditorium

Milton-Stateline Adventist School (MSAS) Christmas Concerts: December 16; Time yet to be announced

Walla Walla University Department of Music

Dear Friends,

It is with special joy that we welcome you to this year's Christmas concert. It means so much to us to offer the gift of live music once again. Now that we can hold concerts, we say to everyone, "O Come, worship with us!" We hope that you will come and worship with us on **Friday, December 10, 2021, at 6 p.m. or 8 p.m., at the Walla Walla University Church.** Our invitation to you is an old one. The familiar Christmas carol, "O Come, All Ye Faithful" dates from about 1743. This carol echoes the ancient Biblical invitation,

"O come, let us sing unto the LORD" Psalm 95:1

There is another invitation that begins with the same words, "O Come." But this invitation is not horizontal (human to human), but vertical (human to heaven). It also forms the text of a Christmas Carol: "O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel." Have we not all felt this longing since God planted the hope of deliverance by cursing the serpent?

"I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your seed and her Seed; He shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise His heel" Genesis 3:15

Our concert includes both horizontal and vertical invitations of "O come" as well as other familiar carols beginning with the word "O." Active listeners will discover references to both "O Come, All Ye Faithful" and "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" in several places throughout the concert.

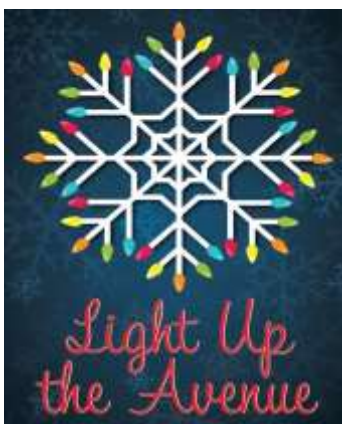
The Christmas concert is our gift to you, enabled in parts by gifts from generous donors. While admission is free, a suggested donation of \$10 per person would be appreciated. If you would like to give, we invite you to make a donation at the door or send a check with "Christmas concert" in the memo line to: Walla Walla University, 204 S. College Avenue, College Place, WA 99324. You may also give online at [My Gift](#). Select "Gift/Donation", then "Other Fund", and type in "Christmas concert".

Tickets are free but limited in quantity for both the 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. concerts. Scan the QR code below or visit [O Come tickets](#) to get your free ticket.



[Walla Walla Valley Community Events](#)

GERMAN CHRISTMAS SING-A-LONG, Dec. 11, 10:00 am, Walla Walla University, Fine Arts Center room 115. Stille Nacht, Ubi Sunt Gaudia and more. *Please wear a mask.* We'll share treats in the lobby after singing. For more info contact Kurt Schäfer, 527-3116.



Holiday Parade of Lights

Saturday, December 4, 2021 from 6:00 – 7:00pm The Downtown Walla Walla Foundation is pleased to present the Annual Holiday Parade of Lights. Always held on the first Saturday of December, this event features a huge variety of lighted entries and thousands of spectators who help herald in the start of the holiday shopping season.

The parade begins at the corner of Alder and Fifth Street, then travels east on Alder to Palouse, Palouse to Main Street and Main Street to Fifth. The jolly old elf himself, Santa Claus, will bring the parade to a close as he makes his way into Downtown Walla Walla.

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News

New Podcast Explores How the Seventh-day Adventist Church Works

The Seventh-day Adventist Church in North America is at a crossroads. Younger Adventists in particular are questioning whether the church is relevant to their personal lives and the world they experience. In response, the Adventist Learning Community has launched “How the Church Works,” an 11-part podcast that examines Adventist history, identity, and legacy, and Adventism's relevance in our changing world. For more information, see news.uccsda.org/podcast1121.

Free Christmas Devotional for Kids

"Happy birthday, Jesus" is a free, downloadable 25-day activity devotional for the entire family created by the North American Division's Children's Ministries department. This devotional guides readers through the first 25 days of December, while celebrating and remembering Jesus, the real reason for the season. It is currently available in English and Spanish, and will soon be available in French. To download, see news.uccsda.org/kidsdevotion1221.

Forged Men's Retreat Encourages Connection

Summit Northwest Ministries held their second annual Forged men's event at Camp MiVoden in September. The event tagline, “**a retreat for men who don't go to retreats,**” allowed the emphasis to remain on offering time and space to rejuvenate without a full seminar schedule. Read more about the event at news.uccsda.org/forged1121.

Contribute Using the Lowest Fees Possible

AdventistGiving negotiates the lowest possible fees for online giving. These costs are shared by the local conference (70%), union conference (10%), North American Division (10%), and General Conference (10%). When donating, please consider using ACH (electronic check or savings) as your payment method to help keep costs to a minimum.

For your reference (1st quarter 2020 fees):

- ACH (electronic check or savings account) averaged 19 cents each
- Debit cards averaged 0.63% of the amount donated
- Credit cards averaged 2.18% of the amount donated

Camp MiVoden Registration Now Open

Would you like to be in the great outdoors of the Inland Northwest and get to know Jesus and build a relationship with Him or strengthen your relationship with Him? We have an amazing program planned for next summer at Camp MiVoden. Our week schedule is going back to a 7 day week for our summer camps. Several of our camps are filling up, but we still have some space in our youth camps. Spaces will not last long in our Ultimate Camps. Please visit www.mivoden.com and register today for our 2022 summer camps. If you have any questions please email registration@mivoden.com.

November/December Issue of the *Gleaner* Available Online

Changes in culture can result in positive or negative shifts. The culture in our churches and communities will change for better or worse depending on our choice. Will we work to effect change that draws people closer to Christ or push them farther away? The choice is up to us. Read more in the November/December issue of the *Gleaner*, now available to read online at news.uccsda.org/NWAdventists1121.

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North American Division

General Conference Reaffirms COVID-19 Response

The General Conference released an article reaffirming the response the Adventist Church has taken regarding COVID-19 and reiterated their stance on vaccines. To read the full statement, visit news.uccsda.org/gc-covidresponse1121.

PRAY ONE MISSION is a North American Division initiative calling us to focused prayer for people who need Jesus. Do you know of one or two such people? As you pray for these individuals, please consider sending them a subscription to *Signs of the Times*® at 800/545-2449. Prayer and the printed page are great teammates and proven soul winners. <http://www.signstimes.com>

MISSION 360° MAGAZINE Several publications, such as *Mission Post* and *Frontline* have merged and expanded to create a new official mission magazine of the Seventh-day Adventist church called Mission 360°. It will be published quarterly and you can sign up for an online version at www.Mission360Mag.org

Special Request from the Primary Division!

The Primary leaders are looking for individuals who are willing to sign up and come tell a mission story in their classroom! They are looking for a minimum of 12 mission stories which would be a minimum of one story a month. But, if there is interest and support, the more the merrier!! They are looking for additional volunteers so chat with the leaders to learn what their needs may be.

Michelle Einig
Stefani Slater

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

Requests: - What are your prayer requests?

Prayers for all of our Health Care providers in our fellowship that they may be protected from infection from COVID-19

Seth A., Evon A., Kristy B., Jen B., Rachel B., Cal B., Jamie C., Stephanie C., Jen D., Guy E., Heidi E., Rhonda E., Rod F., Debbie H., Daniel H., Dr. Gilly I., Tammy J., Susan M., Julie S., Toby S., Nancy R.,Carolynn V., Sherry W.,

Mary C. – prayers for a speedy recovery for her mother who had a surgery Friday.

Daniel H. – Prayers as he regains strength and endurance.

Dick Pyke – Mt. Hope Cemetery Sexton, is recovering from illness and can use our prayers.

Prayers for our members who serve our community on either Fire or Police Departments

Grace B – Prayers as her arm heals

Marilyn R. – has returned home after her fall. She enjoys visits from her church family

Dan M. – appreciates your prayers for him.

Holly J. - Prayers as she continues the fight against cancer.

Asher P. – Special prayers as his treatment has taken him home and improvement takes place

Debbie P –prayers as it is harder to get around

Debbie S – continued health & strength

"D" Underwood – continues to be thankful for your continued prayers for her daughter & son

"D" U. – prayers for her daughter who is suffering breathing difficulties from COVID

Megan E.'s - continued prayers for her parents

Stan's friend Bruce K. - Prostate Cancer, prayers for healing

Tami J. – Continues to ask for your prayers as she struggles and praises for successes in Christ

Brian St Clair – Please remember Brian & Liana in your prayers, Brian's mother recently passed away.

Anonymous – Thank you for praying for my son who has schizophrenia. He has gotten on medicine voluntarily, what a miracle! He is starting to get better. A concerned mother.

In Military Service - Continual Prayer for those serving

Diane U. – Grandson in the Marines

Paul D. – Army Reserves

Evon A.'s daughter; Anna Harris ~ Navy

Seth A. – Air Force Reserves

Praises:

What do you have on your heart that you would like to share as Praise to the Lord!?!?

Erik J. – Lifts his voice in praise after celebrating his re-baptism this past Sabbath!

Job Network

Looking for a position? Looking to Hire? Please let us know so we can assist in getting the word out!

Job Opportunities in the Oregon Conference

Looking for work in the Oregon Conference? Check the following for job postings:

www.oregonconference.org/employment-home

New Positions Open at UCC

Upper Columbia Conference may have openings available. For more information and to apply see

uccsda.org/jobs.

• Administrative Assistant, Trust (PT)

This position involves working closely with the Trust department and the corporation attorneys, assists customers on the phone and in person, and serves as a Notary Public. The position will handle asset activity with the Trust, create and maintain files for documents, and works with records in Trust software. For more information and to apply, see uccsda.org/jobs.

Walla Walla University is Hiring

Would you or someone you know like to join the WWU team? We are hiring in a variety of departments, including Academic Records, Facility Services, Information Technology, Nursing, Social Work, and others. You can see all available positions and apply at jobs.wallawalla.edu. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

Youth Recreation Manager at SonBridge

Coordinate youth recreation programs during the summer and after school for College Place by creating a safe, healthy, and fun environment. Use your passion for the wellbeing of children and youth to develop citizens who demonstrate collaboration, kindness, and resiliency. To learn more email search@sonbridge.org or call 509-529-3100. This is a full-time position with benefits.

Classified Ads, Services & Needs

Are you in a service industry? Would you like your church family to be aware of what services you can provide? Please consider placing an ad in this space. At this time, to place an advertisement here will not cost any money. It should only be basic text with no illustrations or photos. To add graphics may or may not be possible based on time and graphic software available. Thank you, Office Manager.

Submit your service ads to the following email address: office@eastgateadventist.church Weekly Deadline: Items must be received prior to 8:00am Wednesday mornings.

Thank you for your positive feedback and comments. Sincerely, Eastgate SDA Office Manager

Need Electrical Work Done? Power Solutions Electric

Casey Werner and Trent Fowler may be your solution to your electric wiring and repair projects. Contact Heidi or Tara at pselectric01@gmail.com or 509-540-2656. It's always good to know your electrician!

REALTOR: Thinking about buying or selling your home? Want a Christian Realtor to be your advocate and guide? Let me serve you with the best resources and service in the business. Call or text Sarah Bergman at John L. Scott, Walla Walla at 509-240-6826 or reach me by email at sbergman@johnlscott.com for a no-obligation consultation and market analysis. I look forward to hearing from you.

A Report on this past year from SonBridge!

December 1, 2021

Dear Walla Walla Valley Constituents



Thank you for being part of the neighborhood of houses of worship which are meeting the basic needs for food, shelter and companionship for yourselves, your congregants and the community.

SonBridge Center for Better Living is prepared to join you in meeting the basic needs in the community. We can provide you with additional support for individuals and families needing clothing, dental services, family assistance funds for emergencies and targeted referrals to other agencies. We also provide a meeting site for special interest and peer or 12-step support groups.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the Washington State Health Department requires strict adherence to the sanitizing, social distancing and mask protocols for any public gathering. As those requirements are being met, we have seen the number of individuals attending peer support group meetings in our facility rise from 617 visits in January to over 4000 in November, more than a six-fold increase for support groups alone.

During the height of the pandemic, our Dental Clinic provided limited services to patients needing pain management and infection control. Now we are back to regular hours of operation with a large backlog of patients. We accept Washington Medicaid. For those who do not qualify for Washington Medicaid, the clinic has a sliding fee scale based on household income. The Clinic does not accept the Care Credit program for payment.

Our Family Assistance Program continues to provide necessary relief to needy individuals and households on Mondays & Tuesdays based on referrals from Helpline and other local social services agencies.

The Thrift and Gift Shop has reopened after being closed for almost two months during the COVID pandemic. It is now open Sunday through Tuesday from 10 am to 4 pm with extended hours on Thursday from 10 am to 7 pm. Store traffic has begun to increase and is higher than in previous years. It is a source of a variety of high quality and unique used goods that appeal to the general public. Proceeds generated by the store support the family assistance, dental and education programs at SonBridge.

In each of these areas, SonBridge Center for Better Living provides an opportunity for individuals to engage in purposeful and meaningful tasks or work, whether paid or voluntary. Job placement and work training are also available through the Senior Community Service Employment Program funded by the federal government through AARP. If you are interested, we invite you to join us for a program tour and a special meal. Our contact information is listed below, and we look forward to meeting you.

Sincerely yours,

Norman Thiel; Executive Director

SonBridge Team:

Vera Bohlman; Thrift and Gift Store Manager

Krista Williams & Carole Biswell; Assistant Store Managers

Wendy Cheng & Kitty Haney; Office Managers

Betty Farley; Communication & Development Manager

Wendy Cheng; Volunteer Coordinator

Steve Chinn; Chaplain

Community Organizations Helping People

Here at Eastgate Seventh-day Adventist Church when we receive a call for assistance we refer them to HELPLINE. We are not set up to know how to assess the individual needs and unless they are a church member, we probably do not know them.

HELPLINE assesses individual and family needs, provides some types of assistance and then refers them other local organizations including our valley church operated SonBridge as seen on the previous page. If you are looking for a local “mission” to support with your finances, HELPLINE is a blessing to this community.

Thank you for taking a moment to read this comment and the two letters presented. sm

HELPLINE Connecting Our Community

412 W Poplar St. Walla Walla, WA 99362

509-529-3377 www.helplineww.org

Thank you for your generosity, love and support during these challenging times. It is truly appreciated. May God's peace be with you all! Carol Ann

November 15, 2021

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Eastgate Seventh-day Adventist Church
Eric Sayler
380 Tausick Way
Walla Walla, WA 99362

Dear Eric,

As we approach the holiday season in another year of great uncertainty, we are especially **grateful for people like you - people committed to caring for each other during hard times**. The past two years have been a challenge for all of us yet for some it has meant life-changing circumstances - including job loss and illness. Circumstances that present hard choices such as: buy food or needed medications?

Members:

Carol Ann Buelow

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Liz McDevitt,
Executive Director

Mary, a mother of four young children, was at a breaking point when she reached out to Helpline. She had just filed for unemployment but had no idea when a check would come in. Her husband, recently injured on the job, had applied for disability but the application was still pending -leaving no income for a family of six. Even when they were both working they were barely able to pay bills and at this point bills were becoming past due. Mary felt embarrassed and ashamed she couldn't help her family fortunately a caring staff person was able to reassure her that is **exactly why Helpline exists**. We were able to assist her with a variety of services and connected her to other appropriate partner agencies. At the end of the call, Mary shared that the day before she felt so desperate she called the Suicide Prevention Hotline adding: "I feel like you have helped me more than they did. Thank for taking the time and really listening to me and helping my family." **And thanks to supporters like you, Helpline continues to be here to provide help and support for others struggling to make ends meet.**

Your year-end gift will make a meaningful difference in the lives of families like Mary's, and this year you have the opportunity to **have your donation matched** by donating online at <https://www.valleygivingguide.org>. Thanks to Blue Mountain Community Foundation and the Stubblefield Trust, all donations to Helpline will be matched – and **NO fees** will be charged, meaning Helpline will receive **more than 100%** of your donation! Feel free to call BMCF at (509) 529-4371 or visit the Valley Giving Guide website for more details.

On behalf of everyone here at Helpline, thank you for your support. **You** are truly making a difference in the lives of those in our community who desperately need our caring support.

Warm regards,

Helpline Board