

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!
A message from Pastor Eric Sayler

Merry Christmas!

It's shocking how quickly the holiday season has flown by. It seems like we were just complaining about the intense heat of summer!

One blessing of time rushing by, however, is that each day is one day closer to seeing Immanuel, "God with Us." This Sabbath we're exploring just that: Immanuel ... that God Himself came to be with humanity.

This Sabbath as we gather for worship we also have the double blessing of celebrating the birth of our Savior! I pray that as you worship in person or [online](#) that you are drawn closer Jesus, God with us.

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: December 25, 2021: Pastor Eric Sayler

Next Weekend: January 1, 2022: Pastor Eric Sayler

Week At A Glance

Friday, December 24	6:00pm – 7:00pm	Christmas Eve Vespers
Sabbath, December 25		
9:00am – 10:00		Every Man A Warrior; Men's Class
10:00am – 11:00am		Sabbath School Study
11:15am – 12:15pm		Pastor Eric Sayler
Sunday, December 26	Remember, Men's Ministry Breakfast will not meet until January 23	
Wednesday, December 29	Our Weekly Prayer Meeting Postponed until January 5	
Thursday, December 30	Youth will not meet again on Thursdays until January 6	
Friday, December 31	6:00pm Agape Meal & Communion (see page 3)	
Sabbath, January 1, 2022	11:15am – 12:15pm	Pastor Eric Sayler

REMINDER

This Friday evening from 6:00 – 7:00pm
Christmas Eve Vespers at the church
For those who are looking for a family worship experience.

Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

Worship Service 11:15am 12-25-2021 [Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube](#)

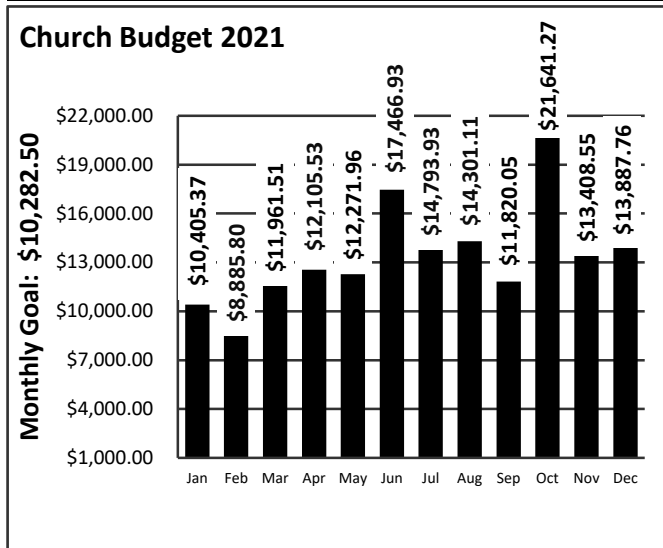
Gathering Song	Praise Team
Community Life	Kristy Bartlett
Kids Korner	
Children's Story	Colin Peterson
Songs of Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Prayer	Kristy Bartlett
Special Music	“With the Lambs and the Sheep” Steve Dickerson
God's Word	<i>Pastor Eric Saylor</i>
Sermon Title:	<i>Image of God</i>
Scripture:	<i>Matthew 1:23</i>
Song of Response	Praise Team
Benediction	Kristy Bartlett

Worship Team today

Lead Elder:	Kristy Bartlett
Praise Team Leader:	Casey Cramer & Friends
Pianist:	Dixie Cramer
Greeters:	David Meyer
Lead Deacon:	David Meyer
Lead Deaconess:	Michelle Einig
AV Team:	Dennis Anderson & Kevin Renshaw
Live Streaming:	Jimmy Shultz

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>NEED</u>
Student Aid goal for 2021-22	\$ 14,862.72	\$16,300.00	\$ 2,037.29
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 16,725.63	\$55,000.00	<i>Phase 1, 2 &3</i>

OFFERING OF THE DAY ~ December 25, 2021 ~ Upper Columbian Conference Advance



In the Bible, the King of Syria besieged the capital of Samaria. As a result, a great famine ensued. The famine was so severe that a donkey's head sold for 80 pieces of silver. The prophet Elisha went to the king and made a strange proclamation.

“Tomorrow about this time shall a measure of fine flour be sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria.” 2 Kings 7:1

The king did not believe him. How could this be? He had not learned never to limit what God can do for His people.

That night the Lord caused the Syrians to hear chariots, cavalry, and a marching army. In fear and confusion, the Syrians forsook their belongings and ran for their lives.

The next morning, some lepers decided to surrender to the Syrian army. It surprised them to discover that the large army had gone, their tents were empty, and they had left all their belongings behind. The lepers sent word to the king of Samaria. In one day, the city went from famine to abundance, just as Elisha had predicted.

This story reminds us that God holds our future in His hands. When a crisis comes in God's work, He provides ways for us to overcome. As we give to our local field today, remember that we worship a God of miracles. He will take what we give and increase it to touch lives in supernatural ways.

Upper Columbia Conference Advance offerings fund public evangelism, church and school building projects, elementary education, youth programs, student scholarships and literature evangelism throughout our territory

Eastgate Church News & Events

Friday, December 31, Agape Meal and Communion; 6:00pm

We are planning a Friday evening meal combined with a communion service here at the church on the evening prior to the new year ~ New Year's Eve. We will share a meal of soup, bread and salad. Please bring something to contribute to this meal. Prepare your hearts and minds as we recall the events of the last supper Jesus shared with his disciples.

Membership Transfers ~ first reading

To Eastgate from Hermiston SDA Church; Jessica and Jonas Oltman and children
From Eastgate to Stateline SDA Church; Fred and Rhonda Erbenich

ALL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING PLANNED FOR JANUARY 8, evening

The church leaders are planning an evening business meeting for the second Saturday evening in the new year. We invite each and every one to come and hear how God has blessed in 2021 and plans for 2022. *Please save the DATE!!* Details on time will come by next week.

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

This group will be meeting every Wednesday. However, it will take a break until after New Year's. Questions? Please call Carol at 1-509-200-0587.

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

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

EASTGATE SDA CHURCH ON YOUTUBE

YouTube: Eastgate Church ~ Our Church Service is now being broadcast on YouTube at the following Link: [Eastgate Church](#) or type out the address shown below. We are looking for 100 subscribers! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpi0ESiTQNVm7uw9dcRxUHQ>

EASTGATE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We are taking on several projects in the coming year with which we could use come well skilled do it yourselfer types! We will list projects here in the coming weeks. Thank you for checking back!

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

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

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

O Come: WWU Christmas Concert Available to View Online

Walla Walla University's Music Department held their annual Christmas concert on December 10, featuring the Symphony Orchestra, String Quartet, University Singers, and ICantori with special participation by guest soloist, soprano Arwen Myers. To view this program online, visit news.uccsda.org/OCome1221.

Sabbath Morning Bible Study

This group will not be meeting on Christmas Day ~ thank you for noting this.

This group is a vibrant collection of 20 – 40 ish believers who are currently studying 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

Blue Mountain TV wants to share with you their broadcast schedule of Christmas Concerts

The Village Church Christmas concert "The Mystery and the Majesty" will broadcast on Blue Mountain Television at the following times, December 18 at 7 pm, December 21 at 5:30 pm, and December 24 at 5:30 pm.

Blue Mountain Television will also broadcast the Walla Walla University Christmas program "O Come" at the following times, December 17 at 6 pm, December 23 at 5:30 pm, and December 25 at 7 pm. For a complete schedule of Blue Mountain Television's Christmas programming visit www.bmt.tv/christmas.

SonBridge Center for Better Living:

SonBridge provides a community where God's unconditional love is expressed through resources and services to revitalize the whole person. As 2021 comes to a close we need your help. Join us through contributing funds, donating items and shopping in our *Gift&Thrift* Store. If you contribute to SonBridge before Jan. 1 at www.valleygivingguide.org your gift will be increased with matching funds. Thank you for your generosity.

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Betty L. Farley; Communication & Development Manager

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News

Merry Christmas From UCC

The UCC communication department has put together a short video that you are welcome to share in your church or with friends. The video includes scenes from The Nativity Story put to "O Little Town of Bethlehem." To view the video, please visit news.uccsda.org/UltimateGift1221.

"For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; and the government will rest on His shoulders; and His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6

10 Days of Prayer — January 5-15, 2022

Lead your prayer group or church in 10 days of prayer and drawing closer to God with resources from the North American Division. To sign up or find more information, visit tendaysofprayer.org

Prayers for Kentucky

On December 10, 2021, Kentucky and five additional states were affected by what is being declared as the largest tornado in history. North American Division Adventist Community Services (NAD ACS) is assisting with purchasing supplies to assist with the relief efforts of ACS Disaster Response. To learn more about how to help those experiencing loss and displacement, please visit news.uccsda.org/tornados1221.

UCC Holiday Hours

UCC will be closed for the holidays to allow employees to spend time with their families. Offices will be closed: • December 23 (Christmas) • December 27 (Christmas) • January 3 (New Year's Day)

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.

Contribute Using the Lowest Fees Possible

Adventist Giving 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

AMEN Northwest Conference — Registration Now Open

Registration for the AMEN Northwest Conference is now open! The conference, titled "Building on the Basics," will be held at the UCC office on March 11-13, 2022. For more information and to register, visit uccsda.org/amenconference.

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

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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

Faith For Today and Lifestyle Magazine want who they are and how to find them!

Faith For Today is a television ministry of the North America Division, committed to sharing God's grace with the world through broadcast media. That has been our vision since 1950, when **Faith For Today** launched its live inspirational television drama on ABC from New York City. That was more than 65 years ago and we are now one of the longest running religious television broadcast in the world!

We want your congregation to know about **Faith For Today**, producer of the show *Lifestyle Magazine* and where they can watch us.

Lifestyle Magazine is a half hour television talk show focused on living a full, healthy and balanced life. It is the second longest continually running show on the air after "Meet the Press." The show features panel discussions, interviews and demonstration segments focused on whole life health, including fitness, nutrition, relationships, outlook and more. This multiple award-winning show reaches a wide age demographic and covers a wide variety of topics. It was recently voted a Top 20 brand influencer for health & fitness on Twitter (above *Shape Magazine*, *GQ* and more) by analyst group Analytica.

To find us check your local listings. However, if you have Dish or Direct TV we can be found on Folk and Hope Channel. To find broadcast times check out our website at: <https://lifestyle.org/>. For more information please call our office at (805) 955-7681.

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 or 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.,

Jay M. – Prayers for health challenges

Connie R. – Will be undergoing surgery on Dec. 28 ~ prayers please for healing & recovery

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

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 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

Megan E.'s - continued prayers for her parents

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

Stan M. – Prayers for my family as we gather for Christmas

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

Paul D. – As he is deployed on active duty away from family.

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!?!?

Mary C. – Praises for the recovery her mother is making from a recent surgery.

Praises for all of the cookie bakers who shared with our families and friends who cannot attend with us on a regular basis

Praises for family who have been a huge help over the last year and now live close enough for lots of positive family interaction! – Anonymous

Praises for all of the attenders making new and old connections with the church family during this month of December!

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

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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!

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