

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church! *A message from Pastor Eric Saylor*

We're living in a winter wonderland! As a kid, growing up on the Oregon coast, I didn't get to experience this very often so every time we get snow it always brings childlike joy to my heart.

One of the challenges of this weather, however, is caring for our little farm. Deep snow and cold temperatures slow down and complicate everything. Knowing this I watch the forecast carefully and we were able to prepare our animals, their water troughs, and feeding systems to simplify and streamline their care. We were intentional about caring for God's creatures for whom we're responsible.

This responsibility echoes the first command God gave humanity. This first command isn't found in Exodus 20, it's found in Genesis 1. Join in for worship tomorrow as we continue our Creation series and explore the very first commandment.

You can join in online at our [YouTube channel](#) or come in person! Please wear a mask as we care for each other and protect the vulnerable among us.

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: *January 1, 2022: Pastor Eric Saylor*
Next Weekend: *January 8, 2022: elder Kristy Bartlett – Missions*

Week At A Glance

Friday, December 31	6:00pm	Agape Meal and Communion (see page 3)
Sabbath, January 1, 2022		
	9:00am – 10:00	Every Man A Warrior; Men's Class
	10:00am – 11:00am	Sabbath School Study
	11:15am – 12:15pm	Pastor Eric Saylor, <i>The First Command</i>
Monday, January 3	6:30pm	Facilities Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 4	6:30pm	Special Elders Meeting
Wednesday, January 5	6:30pm	Our Weekly Prayer Meeting will start anew
Thursday, January 6	7:00pm	Youth again meet Thursdays evenings
Sabbath, January 8, 2022	11:15am – 12:15pm	elder Kristy Bartlett

REMINDER

New **Year's Eve Agapé Communion:**
Come worship and fellowship on New Year's Eve! This Friday night, at 6:00pm, **we're gathering for an** Agapé Feast and Communion meal as we prepare to welcome the New Year. Feel free to bring some soup, or some bread, or some salad for dinner and a heart ready to worship.

Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

Worship Service 11:15am 01-01-2022 [Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube](#)

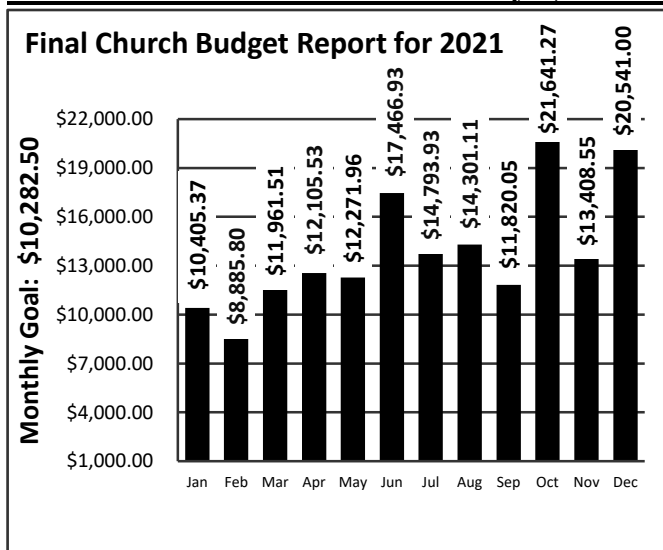
Gathering Song	Praise Team
Community Life	Rob Becker
Kids Korner	
Children's Story	Matt Davy
Songs of Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Prayer	Rob Becker
God's Word	Pastor Eric Saylor
Sermon Title:	Creation Series: The First Command
Scripture:	Genesis 1:28
Song of Response	Praise Team
Benediction	Rob Becker

Worship Team today

Lead Elder:	Rob Becker
Praise Team Leader:	Jimmy Schultz & Friends
Pianist:	Julie Schultz
Greeters:	Carol Reiswig, Buz & Gay Flegel
Lead Deacon:	Dwight Bartlett
Lead Deaconess:	Anita Cunningham
AV Team:	Kevin Renshaw and Dennis Anderson
Live Streaming:	David Meyer

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>NEED</u>
Student Aid goal for 2021-22	\$ 16,498.96	\$16,300.00	\$ 401.04
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 16,775.63	\$55,000.00	<i>Phase 1, 2 &3</i>

OFFERING OF THE DAY ~ January 1, 2022 ~ Local Church Budget 2022



First is Where He Belongs. We worship God because first is where He belongs. The opening words of the Holy Scripture, “In the beginning God,” positions God as “The First” without other details about His origin and prior existence. His position as “The First” is more than an honorific or a static title; it declares the Divine Being as the rightful Starter of everything. In Paul’s words, He is the Chief Cornerstone, and for John the Revelator, He is the Alpha. As the appeal “Put God First” resounds in our ears, it would be presumptuous to think that we can decide whether God is first. Putting God First is simply an acknowledgment of who God is: The First, The Starter. When we

put God first, we are aligning our existence with the order of the universe.

The story is told of two brothers who were busy assembling the pieces of a puzzle game. After some time, the father could hear conflict between the brothers. As he stepped into the room, he could

see both holding and pulling the same piece of the puzzle while screaming at each other. One wanted to place the piece at the bottom left and the other at the top right. ...He could not refrain from smiling and finally gave these words of advice: "Unless the piece is placed where it should be, you will never complete the puzzle."

Unless "The First," "The Starter," is placed where He is supposed to be, our existence will never be complete. We are doomed to be non-starters. In managing our resources, small and great, who and what is competing for the first place? If you aspire to make this year a masterpiece of your life, choose to acknowledge God as the First in everything.

Prayer: Lord, we praise You for being the great Starter of the universe. We invite You to be First in our life and First in the management of our resources. In You, we want a great start and to finish strong

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 and have the opportunity to recommit our lives to Jesus through partaking in the washing of feet, eating of unleavened bread and drinking of grape juice.

Membership Transfers ~ second 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. See you January 5 at 6:30pm. 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](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpi0ESiTONVM7uw9dcRxUHQ) or type out the address shown below. We are looking for 100 subscribers! <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpi0ESiTONVM7uw9dcRxUHQ>

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](https://www.facebook.com/Eastgate-SDA-Church-206126468203)

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!

Rogers Adventist School Surpasses Goal by 100%

In October, students at Rogers Adventist School set out to their annual jog-a-thon when their bus broke down! Ironically, they were jogging to raise funds for a new bus. Read the story about how God blessed their efforts, and how many miles the top three students ran, by visiting news.uccsda.org/RAS1221.

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 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

ARW (Adventist Retired denominational Workers)

Hand Picked - a well-known instrumental group in the Walla Walla Valley which plays gospel music with a bluegrass favor will be providing a musical program at 2:00 - 4:00pm, January 4, 2022. They will meet again in the SonBridge Education Center, 1200 SE 12th Street, College Place. For Info re Yearly Dues and/or Dinner Reservations, please call: Bona Engen, (509)522-4848, or Juanita Neal, (509)520-2913. **Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, January 3!**

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.

CONNECT LIVES. EMPOWER CHANGE.

Betty L. Farley; Communication & Development Manager

[Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News](#)

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

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.

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

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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

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. – Following surgery on Dec. 28 ~ prayers for healing & recovery

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.

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

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

Asher P. – Praises as improvement takes place

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.

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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