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

In college my major was theology and minor was history. I enjoyed my classes. The concepts were interesting, the teachers were fantastic, but there was often something missing. Nearly all my classes, aside from practical ministry sessions and my work in the local church, were theoretical, idea based, and book focused. I often spent too much time sitting behind a computer or reading deep theology.

Because of this I decided to change it up when it came to my generals.

I'd always had an interest in metal work so I signed up for an Oxy-acetylene welding class. It was perfect. Once a week for four hours I got to sit at a fire brick-covered work station: welding rod in one hand, torch in the other, melting pieces of metal together. Week by week my skill increased until I was proficient in a variety of techniques. And when my welds were tested they were good! They were uniform, strong, and consistent.

Not only were they good, they were Very Good (I got an A).

This Sabbath we're exploring the statement that Gods creation was "Very Good." I hope you can join in!

Please remember to respect and care for each other as we gather. Masks are a must. Covid numbers are rising, the hospital is being stretched, and we've had several of our church family come down with Covid. Though this is going to happen, due to our world's situation, we can keep Eastgate from being the source of the spread. Thanks for your thoughtfulness!

As always you can watch online if you aren't feeing well (sorry for the technical issues last Sabbath).

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: January 8, 2022 Pastor Eric Sayler
Next Weekend: January 15, 2022: Pastor Eric Sayler

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, January 8, 2022

9:00am – 10:00 Every Man A Warrior; Men's Class 10:00am – 11:00am Sabbath School Study 11:15am – 12:15pm Worship Service; speaker; Pastor Eric Sayler 4:00pm Religious Liberty feature presentation (see page 3)

5:30pm All Church Business Meeting (see page 3)

Wednesday, January 12 6:30pm Our Weekly Prayer Meeting if weather cooperates

Thursday, January 13 7:00pm Youth Gathering resumes if weather allows

Sabbath, January 15, 2022 11:15am – 12:15pm

Monday, January 17: **Martin Luther King Jr. Day** 6:30pm Feathers & Hares 4-H Club

Tuesday, January 18, 6:30pm Church Board Meeting

Hospice Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ A New Sabbath School Meeting Group

If you like to crochet or knit, or have ever wanted to learn, this quarter we will be making prayer shawls and lap blankets for hospice patients. No experience or supplies are necessary but donations of full skeins of yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks are appreciated. We will be meeting at 10 AM in the library each Sabbath.

Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

Worship Service 11:15am 01-08-2022 Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube

Gathering Song Praise Team

Community Life Student Pastor Andrew Moeller

Kids Korner

Children's Story Pastor Andrew
Songs of Praise & Worship Praise Team
Prayer Pastor Andrew

God's Word Pastor Eric Sayler

Sermon Title: Creation Series: Very Good

Scripture: Genesis1:31

Song of Response Praise Team

Benediction Pastor Andrew

Worship Team today

Lead Elder: Student Pastor Andrew Moeller

Praise Team Leader: Kim Boyd & Friends

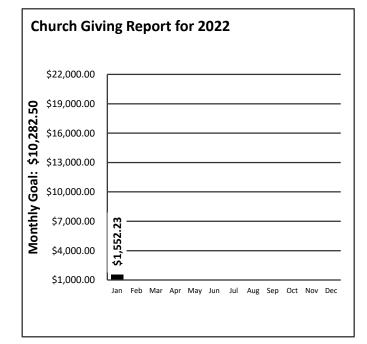
Pianist: Kevin Waite

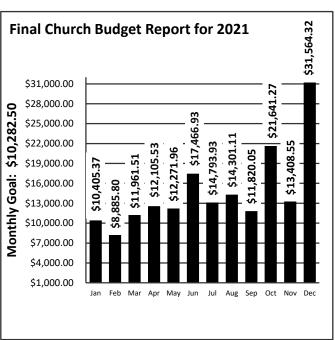
Greeters: Jim Hall & David Meyer

Lead Deacon: Dwight Bartlett
Lead Deaconess: Christine Wittlake

AV Team: Kevin Renshaw & Dennis Anderson Live Streaming: Ryan Daniel & Joshua Sayler

Financial Report	RECEIVED	GOAL	<u>NEED</u>
Student Aid goal for 2021-22	\$ 16,479.22	\$16,300.00	\$ 220.78
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 19,546.333	\$55,000.00	Phase 1, 2 &3





OFFERING OF THE DAY ~ January 8, 2022. Religious Liberty

Appeal: Matthew 5:9-13 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God."

The mission of the Adventist Church's Religious Liberty Ministry is to preserve the ability of its members to practice and share their faith as their conscience dictates, and to administer the Church's institutions in a manner consistent with our biblical beliefs.

The Public Affairs and Religious ministry protects and defends these sacred freedoms through the distribution of Liberty Magazine, legislative advocacy, public awareness initiatives, coalition building, education of our members and pastors, and the legal system.

The funds given today will go to sponsor Liberty Magazine subscriptions to individuals who make decisions that impact our ability to live out our religious convictions, to share God's love with others, and to maintain churches and schools that reflect our Christian values and teachings.

It will also support the legal defense of members who experience religious discrimination in the workplace.

The Seventh-day Adventist Church additionally advocates on behalf of the religious freedoms of individuals who believe differently than we do. In doing so, we honor God's gracious gift of individual choice and the power of the Holy Spirit to motivate sincere change.

Please prayerfully consider giving generously to this offering. The amount of money contributed directly impacts the number of Liberty subscriptions that are distributed and the number of members the church is able to assist.

Join me in making the religious freedom of our church and its members a priority.

Prayer: Lord, indeed You are the Wisest Instructor. We invite You to lead us in our life decisions and the management of our resources.

Eastgate Church News & Events

Religious Liberty late afternoon Presentation

This weekend kicks off our annual Religious Liberty campaign which will run through the end of March. To provide more context of what this really means we will host a presentation Saturday evening at **4:00pm** in the sanctuary. Join with us and then plan to stay for supper, vespers and the all church business meeting outlined below!

ALL CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING PLANNED FOR JANUARY 8, evening

The church leaders have planned an evening business meeting for the this Saturday evening. We invite each and every one to come and hear how God has blessed in 2021 and plans for 2022.

Please plan to arrive at 5:30pm

Come for supper. Please bring a Soup, some Bread or Salads. Please wear masks as we go through the serving line.

Remember!! **5:30 pm**!

Long Range Planning – September ~ Camp Wooten

We have requested through the Washington State Parks Retreat Center Program the use of Camp Wooten for a weekend retreat again this coming Autumn 2022. The tentative dates are September 16, 17 & 18. We will confirm which dates we are assigned in a couple of weeks. We wanted you to start to think about setting aside time in your calendars to attend this special all church campout weekend!

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

This group will be meeting every Wednesday. Due to weather we may have to occasionally cancel an evening. Questions? Please call Carol at 1-509-200-0587. Our next meeting? January 12, 2022.

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: <u>Eastgate Church</u> 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! When the weather warms we will be looking for someone to paint the Parking Lot Lamp Bases.

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

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.

January 23 ~ Men's Ministry Breakfast

We are planning to resume our monthly breakfast meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month. Please continue to follow announcements regarding this event!

Walla Walla Valley SDA News

The Walla Walla Northside Adventist Church

Is in need of a pianist to volunteer two Sabbaths a month. If you would be willing to consider volunteering please contact Richard Wimer by text or phone at 360-356-1812 or email to RichardWimer@gmail.com. Thank you, Richard Wimer, Church Clerk & Sabbath School Secretary.

ARW (Adventist Retired Workers)

Hand Picked - a well-known instrumental group will play gospel music with a bluegrass favor at a musical program January 9, 2022 from 2:00 – 4:00pm. ARW will meet in the SonBridge Education Center, 1200 SE 12th Street, College Place. Remember, you must have reservations to attend.

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News



Pathfinder Teen Retreat Registration Now Open

Registration is now open for this year's Pathfinder Teen Retreat. The theme, "Within the Struggle," will address personal and spiritual struggles our teens are facing today.

The retreat will be held January 28-30, 2022 at Camp MiVoden. For more information and to register, visit ucc.regfox.com/struggle

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.

January/February Issue of the Gleaner Available Online

Many parents and students feel pressure when making education choices. Sometimes, the simplest gestures or the grandest miracles can show God's calling. In this issue, discover 10 reasons Adventist Education is a good choice. Also, meet six students who felt guided to Walla Walla University on their unique path to Adventist education. Read online at news.uccsda.org/NWAdventists122.

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

Keeping the financial health of our church in mind ~ Giving Plan

How your local church budget fits into "My Personal Giving Plan"

Like every family, the local church family has financial obligations to meet. Some are easy to see like power and heat, but many are not so obvious: children's magazines, Sabbath School Bible study guides, teaching supplies, staff salaries, cleaning services, church school operating expenses, property insurance, worthy student fund, and community outreach. These are but a few of the costs that must be met month after month as the local church seeks to be a light in the community. Because these expenses are constant, My Personal Giving Plan recommends that 3-5% of one's income be set aside for the local church budget. This systematic giving ensures that all share both in the blessings and the responsibilities of the local congregation.

The North American Division encourages the use of the "My Personal Giving Plan." This plan was developed as a guideline to assist members in systematic giving. The plan suggests that, in addition to returning 10% of a member's personal income as tithe, certain percentages may be dedicated as offerings to three main categories:

- Local Church Budget: 3-5%
- Conference Advance: 1-2%

(Education, evangelism, VBS, summer camps, and union magazines)

• World Budget: 1-3%

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North American Division

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CAMPAIGN 2022

This is an annual event which celebrates freedom of conscience, a heritage and blessing we received from our Constitutional Founders, but one that requires continual vigilance to maintain.

In harmony with holdings by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Seventh-day Adventist Church believes that government at any level does not have the constitutional right to instruct anyone how to pray, when to pray, and who to pray to, let alone what religion to believe in – if any at all.

The founders of the nation wisely sought to guard against the employment of secular power on the part of the church, with its inevitable result – intolerance and persecution.

<u>Liberty Magazine:</u> Ultimately, God call us to preserve religious freedom not only for the sake of the Seventh-day Adventists, but for all people and institutions of faith. This is the real mission of Liberty magazine – keeping our community's thought-leaders up-to-date with thought-provoking articles regarding religious freedom law and civil rights issues. And it provides a glimpse of the true nature of our God who refuses to violate our power of choice. It reaches them in a way that no other magazine can. Please consider sponsoring subscriptions for leaders in your area.

^{*}Visit <u>www.personalgivingplan.com</u> to see a more extensive breakdown for each category.

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.,

Religious Liberty

Jay M. – Prayers for health challenges Connie R. – Is home recuperating but appreciates your prayers.

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

Prayers requested for several members who are currently experiencing the effects of winter viruses. We ask that you continue to reach out to fellow members checking on their well being.

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!?!?

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

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.