

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

A red rooster ruffled up his feathers in the chilly, early morning air. His sleep disrupted by unexpected light shining nearby, he stretched out his neck and complained with a piercing crow.

Across the barn a woman crying out made the family cow rustle, raising her head to see what was happening in the stall next to her.

These animals had no idea of the import of what was taking place in their space.

There, in a room made for animals, the Creator of the world was becoming a part of his creation.

I'm so grateful that we reflect on this event every year. It reminds us that God loved the world in this way: "that He sent his only begotten Son, that everyone who believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16)

This Sabbath we're reflecting on this event through story and song.

We're starting our time with a Christmas brunch at 9:30am. Feel free to bring your favorite breakfast treat.

Then, at 10:45 we'll gather for one worship service as we rejoice in the story of Jesus' birth. I hope you can join in!

If you can't come in person, or if you feel ill, please [worship with us on YouTube](#).

May the Savior bless you this Sabbath and give you peace.

~Pastor Eric

*This Weekend: December 10, 2022: Annual Christmas Brunch & Worship Service*  
*Next Weekend: December 17, 2022: Pastor Eric Saylor*

***Week At A Glance***

Friday, December 9	6:00 & 8:00pm	WWU Christmas Concert: WWU Church
<b>Sabbath, December 10</b>	<b>9:30 – 10:30 am</b>	<b>Annual Christmas Brunch</b>
No Sabbath School Study for this day	<b>10:45 am</b>	<b>Christmas Worship Service</b>
	Sunset	<b>4:07pm</b>
<b>6:00pm</b>	<b>Walla Walla Valley Academy Christmas Concert, WWVA Auditorium</b>	
Monday, December 12		Nominating Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 13	6:30pm	Church Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 14	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting, Pastor's Office
Thursday, December 15	7:00pm	Youth Fellowship Gathering
Friday, December	7:00pm	Prayeradigm at Carol H's Home
<b>Sabbath, December 17</b>	9:00am – 10:05am	Early Service ~ Pstr. Eric Saylor
	10:15am	Sabbath School Study
	11:30 – 12:50pm	Second Service ~ Pstr. Eric Saylor
Sunday, December 18	9:00am	Shut-In Ministry Basket Assembly

**Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week**

***Worship Service 10:45am 12-10-2022*** [Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube](#)

Gathering Song	Praise Team
Community Life	Liana St Clair
Kids Korner	
Children's Story	Casey Cramer

***Special Christmas Worship Service***

***Readings today come from the Desire of Ages pp. 43-49***

*If you are at home this Sabbath and would like to be able to follow along with the bulletin*

*Please go to [www.eastgatesda.org](http://www.eastgatesda.org) and find a bulletin under resources.*

Songs of Response	Praise Team
Benediction	Liana St Clair

**Worship Team today ~**

Lead Elder:	Liana St Clair
Praise Team Leader:	Kim Boyd & Friends
Pianist:	Arlo Heinrich
Greeter:	David Meyer, Jim Hall and Julie Hall
Deacons on duty:	Doug Hamilton and Casey Cramer
Deaconess on duty:	Birdie Einig
AV Team:	Kevin Renshaw, Dennis Anderson and Curtis Culp
Live Streaming:	Jim Schultz

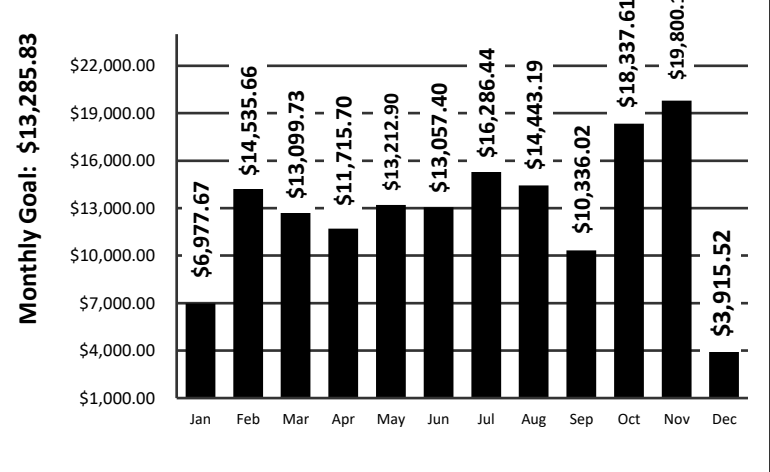
<b><u>Financial Report</u></b>	<b><u>RECEIVED</u></b>	<b><u>GOAL</u></b>	<b><u>NEED</u></b>
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 13,588.35	\$23,500.00	\$ 9,911.65
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 40,395.69	\$55,000.00	<i>Phase 1, 2 &amp;3</i>

**December 10, 2022**

**Adventist Community Services (NAD)**

A man beaten down physically by rains came to our Food Pantry for clothes & food. He was wearing a thin jacket, no shirt or socks, and we were able to serve him. He was so happy to receive the clothes that he put them on in the parking lot. Then he sat in the parking lot and ate an entire 16 oz. jar of peanut butter. He left a little more full, dressed, and hopeful than when he arrived. Thank God for the Better Living Center. (Spokane, Washington). This is only one story of many that is a result of Adventist Community Services Centers around the North American Division that commit to serving God's children. Community Services is God's invitation to do amazing things with Him. Hard times come in all shapes, sizes, and colors, and Adventist Community Services is responding to individual needs, developing relationships, and committing to make a difference in people's lives. ACS supports community outreach programs by funding development projects that make a major impact in your communities. A washer/dryer serves thousands of homeless to bring

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dignity and value to their lives. A shelter provides protection and offers hope. A portable shower trailer prepares someone for a job interview. And so much more. “I love this facility (New Life Food Pantry, Fultondale, AL) because their Christian walk shows in their attitude of the volunteers and the way they treat the pantry participants.” – Client A. “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.” Hebrews 6:10

**Appeal:** By supporting ACS, you can make a lasting impact and know that your dollars are going to something that is making a difference in someone’s life.

**Prayer:** Lord in your infinite grace, you do not look down on what we have brought to you. We thank you for the privilege of participating in your mission.

## *Eastgate Church News & Events*

### Annual Christmas Brunch and Christmas Worship Service

**Bruch: 9:30 – 10:30am**

Please bring your favorite brunch food to share this Sabbath morning! Sweet breads, egg bakes, potato dishes, fruits/fruit salads, Etc.! Please plan to wrap this social time up by 10:30 as Worship Service will be starting at 10:45am

**Christmas Worship Service: 10:45am**

This is a combination of readings, special music, contributions from our children’s divisions and congregational singing! Together we will recall the story of Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ. As you join us, please actively move to the middle of each pew so that we can provide a space for everyone to sit! ~ Thank you.

### Refurbishing Projects here at Eastgate

We appreciate your patience as we work on additional projects including painting, wall construction, etc.

We would also appreciate your help in taking care of our church facilities. If you participate in an event where food or drink are part of the process or inside<>outside traffic is involved; will you help by making sure that spills are cleaned up immediately? If we could monitor our comings and goings so as to reduce excess yard debris being tracked indoors? When spills, mud, dirt, etc. are left for someone else to clean long term damage often occurs. Thank you for your conscientious acts of service.

## *Winter Term Grow Groups*

### Are you looking to lead or participate in a grow group with the new year?

Green Smoothie Group – Guided by Brooke Goldner, M.D., author of the book *Goodbye Lupus* . It is a Six Week support group for the Green Smoothie Challenge. January 4 to February 12. Questions? Contact Stephenie Renshaw or Stacie Saylor.

The Introductory Meeting will be here in our Library starting at 6:30pm. Weekly online Support Meetings will be every Sunday from Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> to Feb. 12<sup>th</sup> (poster doesn’t say what time)

### Hand Tied Fishing Flies: Learn to ty fishing flies during the winter months

A group where we will learn together techniques of tying traditional and modern fishing flies. One goal for this group is to develop a greater understanding of the equipment and materials used in tying fishing flies. Ten sessions are planned and dates are reserved on the church calendar. Starting date is Monday, January 9 from 6:30 – 8:00pm followed by a week break, then two weeks in a row, Jan. 23 & 30. Additional dates will be discussed at the orientation the first evening.

If you have a family member who is interested in this class, consider equipment for Christmas Gifts related to this hobby/skill!

## *Social Committee Event*

### **Christmas Cookie Exchange ~ Brought to you by the Social Committee**

Get out your aprons, your favorite cookie recipe and put on some Christmas music! Bake up 6 dozen of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies (all one kind). Bring them to the cookie exchange and you will in turn take home an assortment of 6 dozen cookies provided by others! Bring your recipe to share, too!

***Sabbath, December 17, 5:00 pm in the church fellowship hall.***

There will be a memorial service in the church prior to this event from 2:00 – 4:00pm. We anticipate it should be done but we will appreciate it so much if you enter quietly. ~ Thank you!

## *Christmas Food Packages & Shut-In Ministry*

**Food Packages and Gifts: Christmas is fast approaching** and it is time to think of those who would benefit from something a little extra. Those who are experiencing food insecurity or need other minor assistance.

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 be taking names for our annual Christmas boxes only until December 10. As these names come in, we will refer these names to interested Sabbath School group or other individuals for assistance. Please contact Shelly Palmer for Family Units.

Please fill out a form (forms found in the lobby at the display). An additional questionnaire will be available for group leaders to assist in learning more about the families being helped.

Groups by family/friends/social groups or Sabbath School groups will be given the chance to be directly involved in finding out what families need and delivering directly to those families.

The church at large is welcome to bring contributions to the table in the lobby which will be used to fill food baskets.

Deliveries will be up to each group individually by each group with each family.

### **Shut-In Ministry for our own Church Members who physically can no longer attend:**

#### *A New Healthy Twist*

This year we want to deliver a pretty, healthy gift of love in a special “basket”. So, this year we would like to create gifts that have a new healthy twist. If we prepare cookies we want to use recipes that are newer healthier options! We would like to include home make healthy treats which might include fresh baked breads, zucchini bread, banana breads all in small loaves or muffins. If you would like to help in this process, please speak with Rosalie Dickerson or Stan in the office. Email:

[Rosalie.d843@gmail.com](mailto:Rosalie.d843@gmail.com) or Stan at the church office: [office@eastgateadventist.church](mailto:office@eastgateadventist.church)

## *School News & Children's Ministry Items*

**Milton-Stateline Adventist School** is looking for a certified, part-time teacher for grades five and six science and social studies. If you are interested in this position, please contact Jeanne Goodhew at (541) 938-7131.

### **Rogers Adventist School is looking for part-time employee(s) for the following:**

#### *After School Care Supervisors*

We are looking for someone who can do three shifts per week: Tuesday & Thursday, 3-5:30pm and Fridays from 12-3:30pm. We would give consideration to hiring a mature and responsible high school or college student, age 17+. Please contact Holley Bryant ([holley.bryant@rogersschool.org](mailto:holley.bryant@rogersschool.org) or (509)529-1850) for more details

### **Rogers Adventist School ~ Christmas Concerts**

Ensembles Program, Thursday, Dec. 15 at 6:00, WWVA Auditorium

## *Youth Thursday Evening Gatherings*

The Youth have resumed their Thursday night youth group each week from 7-8:15pm. In the Fellowship Room and the Youth Room.

## *Collegiate & Young Adults*

### Sabbath Morning Bible Study

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 II Kings. 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** Leader: Rob Becker, meet in Pastor's Office  
This is a bible study group for men, lead by men, praying for men studying together. If this interests you please contact the group leader Rob Becker or our Pastor Eric Saylor.

### **Men's Ministry Monthly Breakfast and Worship Time: Next UP – January 22 @ 8:00am**

The gathering will be following the Christmas season and the start of the New Year. We will gather again Sunday Morning, January 22. Join the men at 8:00am for physical and spiritual food to share!

## *Women's Grow Group*

**Rhoda Ehrman invites you to join a group of women studying together.** They will be starting a new book, "*Your Best Life in Jesus' Easy Yoke*" on September 12. Contact her at 509-200-2826.

## **General Eastgate Announcements**

### **Expansion of Support Teams for Audio/Video and Live-Streaming ~ Help Needed!**

We are trying to gear up for two services starting August 6. This is one area of ministry where more experienced operators would help to lighten the load.

Brian Hartman who leads the Live-Streaming Team is looking for one or two more individuals who would be willing to learn and assist in the ministry of our On-line Worship Service. There are those who use our YouTube as an option for viewing for a variety of reasons. We need to expand the team and he would be happy to speak to anyone who might be interested. Contact Brian at [hartmaninbox@gmail.com](mailto:hartmaninbox@gmail.com) or 509-240-6607 text or voice call.

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

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[YouTube.com/c/EastgateAdventistChurch/](https://www.youtube.com/c/EastgateAdventistChurch/)

## *Walla Walla Valley Academy*

### **Walla Walla Valley Academy Christmas Concert, Dec. 10 at 6:00pm**

Reserve a space on your calendar for your favorite high school music department!

## Walla Walla Valley Academy Kicks Off 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](http://news.uccsda.org/wwva1122).

## Walla Walla University

### Walla Walla University Music Department invites you to the following events:

To view the livestream visit our webpage: [WWU Music Department Concerts](#)

WWU Christmas Concert: Friday, 9 December 2022, 6:00 and 8:00 p.m., Walla Walla University Church

~ We hope you can join us!

## Walla Walla Valley News



**LATE BREAKING URGENT REQUEST**

**WHO:** Blue Mountain Television engineers have asked we notify donors and supporters immediately.

**WHAT:** The move of BMT's Master Control to Wallula has been reprioritized as urgent.

**WHY:** Roof failures at our current location have caused major leaks in our server rooms in Master Control that have put hundreds of thousands of dollars of mission-critical equipment at severe risk.

**REQUIREMENTS:** Reinstalling, reconfiguring and rebooting Master Control at our Wallula facility requires \$213,000 to initialize. It is on our project list, but due to the physical threat to the core equipment, fundraising to expedite the move of Master Control is now our top facility-related priority.

**GIFTS CAN BE MADE BY MAIL, THROUGH OUR WEBSITE OR OVER THE PHONE**

Keep the situation in your prayers because we know that God will guide our efforts. Please prayerfully consider giving to this urgent priority today. For the most current information about this breaking situation, please call 509-529-9149 or email us at [office@bmt.tv](mailto:office@bmt.tv).

### Pastor Steve Walikonis Retirement Party ~ a previous pastor of this congregation

**Due to illness changed to January 14** in the College Place Village Church sanctuary at 3:30pm for a special vespers where those who have been pastored by him will say "Thank you and God Bless" to Pastor Walikonis as he steps into retirement. Following the vespers all are welcome to gather in the foyer for some refreshments and conversation. Please bring cards filled with wonderful memories, funny stories, or advice on how to be retired for Pastor and Mrs. Walikonis.

### Stateline SDA Church

Don't miss this opportunity to experience **Castle Valley Academy Orchestra and Singers** on tour! They will be presenting a Christmas concert, *O Holy Night*, Wednesday, December 14 at 7:00 pm, Stateline SDA Church under the direction of Craig Cleveland. Craig is the president and music director at Castle Valley Academy in Castle Valley, Utah and was the former music director of the renowned Fountainview Academy Orchestra and Singers in British Columbia, Canada. A freewill offering will be collected.

### Christian Aid Center News for Job and Volunteers

**JOB Opening:** We have a job opening for a *Programs Director* in our department of *Men Services*. This staff member oversees the delivery of our various recovery programs. The job is full-time with

benefits. For a complete job description, please visit our website at [christianaidcenter.org](http://christianaidcenter.org). If you or someone you know is interested in this job, please send a cover letter/email and resume to [jradzikowski@christianaidcenter.org](mailto:jradzikowski@christianaidcenter.org).

### **VOLUNTEER Opportunities at the Christian Aid Center:**

--Breakfast Cooks in our community kitchen (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday shifts available)

--Van Driver to pick-up donated food on Saturday mornings

--Kitchen Helpers in our community kitchen (various shifts available)

--Registered Nurses to help in our Health & Wellness Center

--Prayer Warriors to pray on behalf of our guests. This is a women's prayer group that meets on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

For more information, please contact Jeannette Regalado, Community Engagement Director at (509) 525-7153 ext. 114. You can also fill out a volunteer application on our website at [christianaidcenter.org](http://christianaidcenter.org).

## **Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News**

### **Vertical: Thirty-One Days of Praying for Renewal**

Do you like to start your year off right? Vertical: Thirty-one Days of Prayer for Renewal will begin January 1 and going through January 31, 2023. We invite you to participate in “Thirty-One Days of Prayer for Renewal.” Your participation will bring growth to your life as well as your church. Sign up at [www.uccsda.org/vertical](http://www.uccsda.org/vertical)

### **Happy birthday, Jesus! — Free Children's Devotional**

A free 25-day activity devotional for the whole family created by the North American Division Children's Ministries Department is available for download. This devotional will take you through the first 25 days of December, to help you celebrate and remember Jesus, the real reason for the season. To receive your copy visit [news.uccsda.org/devotional1122](http://news.uccsda.org/devotional1122).

### **A Place for Education — SonBridge**

Service-oriented individuals are finding opportunities with SonBridge Center for Better Living, in Walla Walla, Washington, whose goal is to provide education and professional development to its employees, volunteers and community members. Read more about their place of education at [news.uccsda.org/sonbridge1222](http://news.uccsda.org/sonbridge1222).

### **Babylonian Tablets Unearth Insights into Judean Life in Exile**

In November, Evangelical Theological Society held their annual meeting in Denver, Colorado, Assyriologist and expert in Mesopotamian archaeology, George Heath-Whyte, discussed what the ongoing translation of the two hundred tablets found in 2014. The tablets were written in cuneiform script that reveal aspects of the life of Jews who lived in Babylon at the time of the exile. Read more at [news.uccsda.org/tablets1222](http://news.uccsda.org/tablets1222).

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## *North Pacific Union Conference*

### **Adventist Education Stories Being Collected**

The Center for Research on Adventist Education is looking to collect and share stories of individuals who credit Adventist Education with who they've become and what they've accomplished. To share your story and learn more about this project go to [adventistedstories.com](http://adventistedstories.com).

### **A Christmas Countdown: Bible Verses**

Counting down the days to Christmas is a beloved holiday tradition for many families. Adding to the classic advent calendars, North Pacific Union Conference has put together a list of Bible verses to count down to Christmas. For the full story see [news.uccsda.org/countdown1222](http://news.uccsda.org/countdown1222).

### **AMEN Northwest Conference Save the Date – March 10-12, 2023**

The AMEN Northwest Conference will be held at the Upper Columbia Conference office from March 10-12, 2023. The theme this year is "Optimizing Mental Health: A Biblical Perspective." Keynote speakers are Dr. Daniel Binus, Dr. Eric Shadle, and Cynthia Stark. Registration for the convention will open in early January so stay tuned for additional announcements.

## *General Conference*

### **It Is Written ReCharge Retreat - December 9-11**

Come join John Bradshaw, Wes Peppers, and Eric Flickinger along with NAD President Alexander Bryant, Dr. Ron Clouzet, and NAD Vice President Calvin Watkins in this exciting December weekend event that will recharge your members and leaders.

- When: December 9-11 (Register by December 5)
- Where: General Conference Headquarters, Silver Spring, Maryland
- Cost: \$189 with roommate, \$289 without (church/conference discounts available)
- Who should come: Conference leaders, pastors, local elders, personal ministry leaders, lay leaders, and church members!

Livestream: \$25, so you can watch online wherever you are. For more information and to register, please visit the *ReCharge* website at [itiswritten.com/recharge](http://itiswritten.com/recharge).

### **First Fully Digital Church Planted in the Southern Union**

The pandemic changed our lives indefinitely, including necessitating a new platform for sharing the gospel. Recognizing the constant need for quality and consistent online content within their territory and the world, the Gulf States Conference decided to plant a digital church. Read more about the digital church at [news.uccsda.org/digital1222](http://news.uccsda.org/digital1222)

### **Come Adore Him ABC Christmas Special — December 24 & 25**

The Southwestern Union, Southwest Region conference, Texas Conference, and the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission presents Come Adore Him. This ABC television special features a Christmas message from Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, president southwest region conference with special guest appearances from multiple music groups. For more information and to watch this program visit [news.uccsda.org/comeadorehim1222](http://news.uccsda.org/comeadorehim1222).

### **2023 NAD Adventist Ministries Convention — January 8-11**

Join us at the 2023 NAD Adventist Ministries Convention, held on Jan. 8-11. Register is open! We want to see all our ministries leaders at the "Replenish" Adventist Ministries Convention! To register and learn more, go to [news.uccsda.org/ministry1122](http://news.uccsda.org/ministry1122).

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## 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 from a father for his two special 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.

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.

Please pray for a sister who is facing breast cancer. Still early in the diagnosis and treatment.

### **Requests: - What are your prayer requests?**

Please pray for the family of Skyler Gregg. He was in the Ukraine and was recently killed. He was the son of Steve & Michelle Gregg, grandson of Gretta Gregg. The family has requested their privacy as they grieve this loss. Notes and cards are welcome.

There will be a memorial service here on Sabbath, December 17 at 2:00pm

Please remember Connie and Randy Roger's as they journey through treatment and travel to and from the treatment center. If you wish to assist financially? Please follow this link:

[www.GoFundMe.com/w4pcx8-love-for-Connie](http://www.GoFundMe.com/w4pcx8-love-for-Connie)

Prayers for Birdie Einig as she is dealing with some health concerns.

Prayers for Carol R. as she continues her recovery and adjustment to the loss of one of her eyes.

Prayers for a young man who is living in the homeless camp hoping to secure housing soon. – Shaun

### **Praises:**

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

Praises from Jonathan M. as he has found new employment and planning to start shortly.

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## Job Network

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

**Mt. Hope Cemetery seeks paid, on-call groundskeeper to provide vacation backup and relief work as needed. Duties include excavating graves, burial functions, lawn mowing and other tasks. Ideal candidate must have a flexible schedule. Interested? Call Steve Walikonis – 509-200-2116**