

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

This Christmas season our family has been enjoying an Advent Calendar. Each day we open a new “door” in the box and get a special surprise. It’s a fun way to count down the days to Christmas.

We aren’t the first ones to count down the days to Jesus’ birth, however.

The first One to do so was God Himself.

Paul wrote in Galatians that Jesus was born “...when the fullness of time had come...”

This Sabbath we’ll explore what this divine, cosmic Advent Calendar means for us!

I hope you can join in.

Please be careful if you choose to worship in person. There’s a possibility of freezing rain and I’d hate anyone to get hurt!

You can always [join in digitally on our YouTube channel](#), leave a message on the video saying “Hi!”

Whether you come in person or worship online, I hope you have a blessed Sabbath and a Merry Christmas!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: December 24, 2022: Pastor Eric Saylor; Fullness of Time

Next Weekend: December 31, 2022: Pastor Eric Saylor

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, December 24	9:00am – 10:05am	Early Service ~ Pastor Eric Saylor
	10:15am – 11:15am	Sabbath School Study
	11:30 – 12:50pm	Second Service ~ Pastor Eric Saylor
Sunday, <i>December 25</i>	<i>Christmas Day 2022</i>	
Wednesday, December 28	Cancelled	There will be No Prayer Meeting this week
Thursday, December 29	Youth Event ~ yet to be Decided	
<i>Friday</i> , December 30	6:00pm	<i>Agape Supper & Communion Evening.</i>
This is a Soup, Salad and Bread supper. We invite you to bring your specialties!		
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Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week ~ Second Service Outline

Worship Service 11:15am 12-24-2022 [Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube](#)

Gathering Song	Praise Team
Community Life	Carol Hargreaves
Kids Korner	
Children's Song	Praise Team
Children's Story	Casey Cramer
Songs of Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Prayer	Carol Hargreaves
Special Music	O Come, All You Unfaithful Stephanie C and Jen D
God's Word	Pastor Eric Saylor
Sermon Title:	Fullness of Time
Scripture:	Galatians 4:4
Song of Response	Praise Team
Benediction	Carol Hargreaves

Worship Team today – First Service

Lead Elder:	Carol Hargreaves
Praise Team Leader:	Rob Becker & Friends
Pianist:	Kevin Waite
Greeter:	Erik Johnson
Lead Deacon:	David Meyer
Lead Deaconess:	April McCorkle
AV Team:	Kevin Renshaw & Bob Daniel
Live Streaming:	No live-stream early service

Worship Team today – Second Service

Lead Elder:	Carol Hargreaves
Praise Team Leader:	Rob Becker & Friends
Pianist:	Kevin Waite
Greeter:	Whitney & Jeanette Johnson
Lead Deacon:	Seth Alford
Lead Deaconess:	Amber Maldonado
AV Team:	Dennis Anderson & Curtis Culp
Live Streaming:	David Meyer

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>NEED</u>
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 15,273.12	\$23,500.00	\$ 8,226.88
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 41,462.41	\$55,000.00	Phase 1, 2 &3

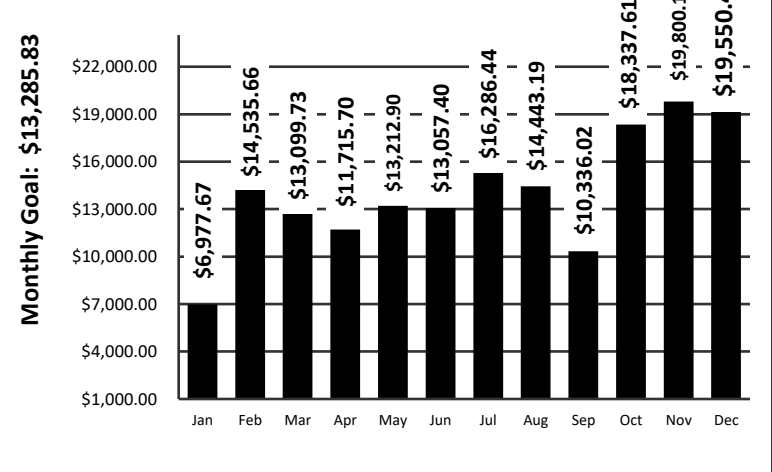
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Upper Columbia Conference Advance

Appeal: Matthew 2:2 “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

Cheers to the Royal Baby. We worship God with our resources because the royal baby, Jesus, was born on planet earth. The fascination for royal babies has transcended all ages. A search of the name “Archie,” a royal baby born to the Mountbatten-Windsor family in 2019, will give millions of results. The birth of

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a royal baby often creates a buzz in the media, and people feed on the most minute details out of curiosity and admiration. Likewise, seeing His star, the three magi left everything and everyone behind and embarked on a tiresome, time-consuming, and unsafe journey beyond the boundaries of

their homeland. When they arrived in Jerusalem, they disclosed the purpose of their trip: we have come to worship the King, born of the Jews. The description that we have of this act of worship deserves attention. Do you know any Christmas carols that the Magi sang to baby Jesus? Do you know the prayer that they made to the newborn King? Can you remember the words with which Joseph and Mary addressed them during their visit? Or any souvenir that they brought back home? Nowhere in the Gospel do we find such information. This silence is surprising and possibly significant! The focus was elsewhere: “On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh” (Matt. 2:11). They honored the royal baby by presenting gifts to him. The celebration of the birth of Jesus remains a major event in most countries and for many Christians. This year won’t be an exception. Listening to carols, enjoying some favorite seasonal food, blessing ourselves and our loved ones with gifts, and participating in some uplifting church services define Christmas for many of us. This week, as we worship with our tithes and regular offerings let us remember how the Magi worshiped the royal baby: by giving of their resources.

Prayer: Lord, as we talk, sing, and reflect about the birth of Jesus. Help us dedicate time and energy to seek You and to use our resources to honor You as King.

Eastgate Church News & Events

Membership Transfer – second reading

Members transferring in:

- ~James & Carmelle Boyd, from Milton Adventist Church
- ~John Cobble, from Kennewick Adventist Church
- ~Larry Lenz, from Palo Cedro SDA Church, CA
(Last three families from WWU Church)
- ~Steve, Janice Davis & son Todd
- ~Jonathan & Kinsey Nickell & children
- ~Robert & Elizabeth Taylor & children

Members transferring away:

- ~Ben & Rachelle & little Rendle to Adventist Community Church, Vancouver, WA

Refurbishing Projects continue 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 Sayler.

The Introductory Meeting will be here in our Library starting at 6:30pm. (January 4) Weekly online Support Meetings will be every Sunday from Jan. 8th to Feb. 12th (poster doesn’t say what time)

Hand Tied Fishing Flies: Learn to tie 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!

Christmas Food Packages & Shut-In Ministry

Food Packages and Gifts:

The church at large is welcome to bring contributions to the table in the lobby which will or has been used to fill food baskets. Deliveries will be up to each group individually by each group with each family.

We will continue to collect food through the month of December to assist individuals and families. Should we have an excess we will contribute to Eden's Pantry. A Pantry to support struggling college students at WWU.

Food insecurity is an issue facing college students across the nation and Walla Walla University students are not immune. In a survey conducted through the WWU Office of Student Life, 45% of student's respondents said that they have personally struggled with not having enough to eat.

Eden's pantry is an initiative to meet this basic need.

Pantry hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5:00-7:30pm

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

Our members who are not able to get out expressed their appreciation for the holiday healthy snacks. They received a small loaf of whole wheat bread, a container of Satay (soup), and several fruit healthy bars and cookies. Thank you to those who contributed our home members expressed their special appreciation!

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 or (509)529-1850) for more details

Youth Thursday Evening Gatherings

The Youth love to gather together; this week, December 22 is an undecided evening. Please wait to see and hear directly from the leadership if an event gathering will take place. 7-8:15pm. In the Fellowship Room and the Youth Room is their typical time to gather.

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 are reading the book, "*Your Best Life in Jesus' Easy Yoke*". Contact her at 509-200-2826.

General Eastgate Announcements

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

Our Audio/Video teams could use more help. 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 also 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 teams. The Team Leaders would gladly speak to anyone who might be interested. Contact Brian Hartman or Bob Daniel if you might be interested in learning.

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EASTGATE SDA CHURCH ON YOUTUBE

YouTube: Eastgate Church ~ Our Church Service is now being broadcast on YouTube at the following Link: [Eastgate Adventist Church](#). Thank you for subscribing!

Walla Walla Valley Academy

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.

Join the community in supporting WWVA and RAS!

For the **first time ever**, WWVA and RAS have been added the Valley Giving Guide. All donations given through the Guide from 11/29-12/31 will receive a match!



Proceeds from the Guide go to the Embrace Our Space fundraiser to update lighting, flooring, sound and chairs in the WWVA/RAS Auditorium. Updates will support the passions and talents of students and community members alike!
Not only does the Guide reward with a match, but also gives "prizes" based on the most donors. So every dollar helps!

For every \$875 gifted, WWVA will thank you by naming a chair in your honor or a person of your choice. Learn more about the project at wwva.org/embraceourspace.

To maximize your year-end giving, please consider making a tax deductible donation at valleygivingguide.org or the code below:



Thank you for supporting Adventist education.

[Walla Walla University](#)

Christmas Concert now available on YouTube news.uccsda.org/wwuc1222.

Walla Walla University Selected for Grant

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing announced that 10 schools of nursing have been selected to participate in a national initiative designed to transform nursing education and practice. Among the schools selected was Walla Walla University School of Nursing. To read more visit news.uccsda.org/grant1222

[Walla Walla Valley News](#)

All of us at **SonBridge Center for Better Living** want to share our gratitude for your faithfulness in assisting as we bring Hope & Wholeness to people in the Walla Walla Valley. Your generous donations of goods, time and money allow us to provide a child with snow boots, a mom with an outfit for an interview, a man with coveralls needed for a job, money for rent, gas and utilities and meals for the people living in transitional housing. This week we received a thank you note from one of our support group attendees, expressing appreciation for a listening ear and for being treated with respect and dignity. Your generosity makes it possible for us to provide for others. If you would like to volunteer, find out more or donate to this amazing ministry, please visit sonbridge.org or until the end of the year donate at valleygivingguide.org and search for SonBridge. May blessings and joy be yours!

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

Due to illness this event was 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.

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. If you or someone you know is interested in this job, please send a cover letter/email and resume to 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.

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Watching and Waiting ~ *By: David Jamieson, UCC President*

There is a story told about a boy who desperately wanted a watch for Christmas. This was no ordinary watch. It was one of those fancy, high-tech watches that had many features and functions. As

Christmas approached, he begged and begged his parents every day to receive this gift until finally they had heard about it so much that they said, “Johnny, please don’t mention it again or you won’t get it.” Well, Johnny wasn’t one to give up easily, so he began to devise another plan of action to highlight his desire for this watch.

To read the rest of this story, visit news.uccsda.org/watch1222.

President's Report and Executive Committee Actions for December 2022

David Jamieson, president of Upper Columbia Conference, completed his most recent *President's Report* this week. This report includes actions from the December 1 Executive Committee and his article, "Watching and Waiting." To read the report, go to news.uccsda.org/president1222.

"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 of the Southwest Region Conference, with special guest appearances from multiple music groups. For more information and to watch this program, visit news.uccsda.org/comeadorehim1222.

Coming Soon: The Upper Columbian

The UCC communications department has been working to improve our communication to you. Back in November we sent out a survey and have taken your recommendations and suggestions into consideration. This means a couple things — we are updating the main conference newsletter, as well as creating a webpage. Beginning in January 2023, *The News You Need to Know* will change its name to *The Upper Columbian*. Both Autumn Dunzweiler, managing editor of *The Upper Columbian*, and I are excited about the future of this publication. Change can often be difficult, but we are always open to feedback at news@uccsda.org. Thank you for being part of this journey, and we pray you will share this newsletter with others in your church.

May God continue to bless each of you in your personal ministry.

~ Dustin Jones, UCC director of communications and editor, *The Upper Columbian*

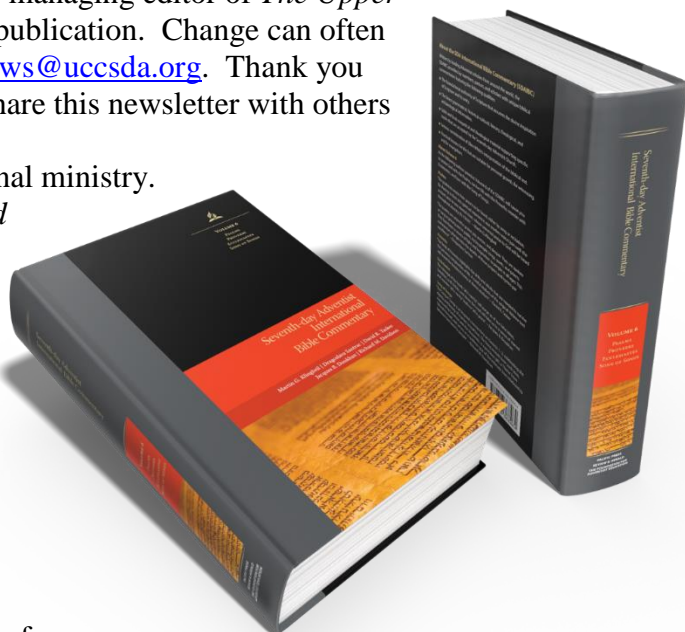
First New Adventist Bible Commentary

Released in Nearly 70 Years

After nearly 70 years, a group of global scholars decided to revamp the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary (originally published in 1953).

The first full volume (volume 6) of the new commentary, called the Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary (SDAIBC), was released this fall. Learn more in this interview with

Martin Klingbeil, SDAIBC contributor and professor of Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Southern Adventist University, and Jacques Doukhan, SDAIBC editor and professor emeritus of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis, Andrews University. Read more about this by visiting news.uccsda.org/commentary1222.



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

10 Days of Prayer — January 11-21, 2023

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.

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.

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.

Pavel Goia's Videos from Prayeradigm Shift

Pavel Goia spoke at Camp MiVoden for the Prayeradigm Shift and we are making the videos available to you. Please utilize these in your church, prayer group, or prayer outreach. The videos can be viewed at news.uccsda.org/goia1122.

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North Pacific Union Conference

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.

General Conference

Inter-America Division Votes First Woman in as Treasurer

Top Adventist leaders have voted to recommend Ivelisse Herrera as treasurer of the Inter-American Division (IAD). Herrera becomes the first woman to hold an administrative position in the 100 years since the division was officially organized in 1922. news.uccsda.org/treasurer1222.

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

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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.

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.

Requests: - What are your prayer requests?

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

Prayers requested for Kristy & Dwight Bartlett as they travel a road of disease diagnosis and treatment.

Prayers for Birdie Einig as she has begun receiving treatments for her illness.

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

Prayers for traveling mercies for members of our faith community:

Les & Anita Cunningham

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 for the opportunity to help a family where tragedy has impacted their lives this past year. To provide some food and gifts and special contact moments of support and love. May each of you find ways of doing this too!