

## Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!

### *A message from our guest speaker, Elder Roger Hernandez*

*Adventism, when done well, makes your life better and makes you better at life. (Adapted)  
If that is true, and by several measurables it often is, why are we hesitant to share Christ with  
our friends, foes, and family?*

*The Bible and Neuroscience offer a response.*

*Join us for this insightful presentation about mission, myths and my part.*

### *An accompanying message from Pastor Eric Saylor regarding this weekend*

Have you ever known someone who always had to have “the last word?” No matter how long the conversation had gone, no matter the decision made, some have to make sure their perspective remains ringing in the air.

There’s something significant about having the “last word.” There is a perceived authority connected to it.

In our earthly relationships this is often done in a negative way, used to manipulate a situation or forcefully emphasize one person’s perspective.

This isn’t always the case, however. Sometimes someone’s last words truly are the most important.

Jesus “last words” at the end of Matthew really emphasize what is most important: “Go...and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” (Mt 28:19, 20)

Our job as Jesus’ disciples is to make and grow disciples for Jesus, to invite everyone to experience the joy and hope of salvation and eternal life with the Savior. That is our calling. That is our purpose.

This weekend our friends and Evangelists, Roger and Kathy Hernandez, will be exploring with us our plans for making disciples in 2023 and beyond. This weekend will be meaningful of all who are a part of the Eastgate Church.

We will be gathering tonight (Friday) at 7:00, tomorrow for church, and tomorrow afternoon at 3:30. Please come join in to learn, be inspired, and participate!

~Pastor Eric

***This Weekend:** March 18, 2023: Elder Roger Hernandez; Preparing for Evangelism*

***Next Weekend:** March 25, 2023: Safety Sabbath and Pastor Eric Saylor*

### ***Week At A Glance***

<b>Friday, March 17</b>	7:00pm	Roger Hernandez, <u>Lost &amp; Found part 1</u>
<b>Sabbath, March 18</b>	9:00am	Early Service with Pastor Roger Hernandez, <u>Lost &amp; Found part 2</u>
	10:15 – 11:15am	Sabbath School Study
	11:30am – 12:45pm	Second Service similar to early service
	1:00 – 2:30pm	<u>Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner</u> Host or Guest
	3:30pm	Pastor Roger Hernandez, <u>Lost &amp; Found part 3</u>
Tuesday, March 21	5:15pm	Church Elders Meeting ~ Pastor’s Office
Wednesday, March 22	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting – Youth Room
Friday, March 24	7:00pm	Prayeradigm at Rosalie Dickerson’s home

Sabbath, March 25                      Safety Sabbath and Pastor Eric Saylor  
 9:00am – 12:45pm morning presentation will be repeated second service  
 1:00 – 2:30pm                      All Church Potluck; Bring your favorites!

**Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week ~ Second Service Outline**

**Worship Service 11:15am 03-18-2023** [Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube](#)

Gathering Song	Praise Team
Community Life	Carol Hargreaves
Kids Korner	
Children’s Song	Praise Team
Children’s Story	Carol Hargreaves
Songs of Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Prayer	Carol Hargreaves
God’s Word	<b><i>Elder Roger Hernandez</i></b>
Sermon Title:	<b><i><u>Lost &amp; Found Part 2,</u></i></b>
Scripture:	<b><i><u>Philippians 1:6</u></i></b>
Song of Response	Praise Team
Benediction	Carol Hargreaves

**Worship Team today – First Service**

Lead Elder: Carol Hargreaves  
 Praise Team Leader: Casey Cramer & Friends  
 Pianist: Dixie Cramer  
 Greeter: Harry & Brenda Arriola  
 Lead Deacon: Erik Johnson  
 Lead Deaconess: Heather Wimer  
 AV Team: Kevin Renshaw & Bob Daniel  
 Live Streaming: No live-stream early service

**Worship Team today – Second Service**

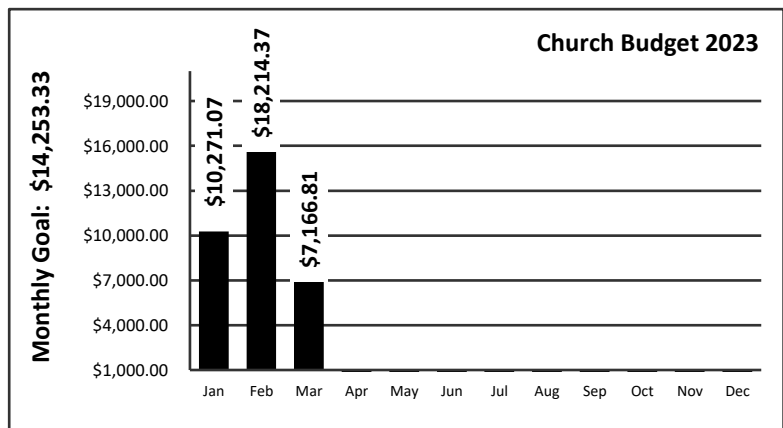
Lead Elder: Carol Hargreaves  
 Praise Team Leader: Jimmy Schultz & Friends  
 Pianist: Julie Schultz  
 Greeter: Len & Sue Laabs  
 Lead Deacon: Casey Cramer  
 Lead Deaconess: Heather Wimer  
 AV Team: Dennis Anderson & Curtis Culp  
 Live Streaming: Ryan Daniel & Josh Saylor

<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	\$ 25,819.41	\$25,271.50	\$ 547.91
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 45,221.01	\$55,000.00	Phase 1, 2 &3

**March 18, 2023 ~ Local Church Budget**

When does Spring begin? That probably depends on where you live in North America. Most schools will take a “Spring vacation,” with students and families vacationing to warm climates.

Some places are already experiencing warmer temperatures and signs of new life on trees and shrubs - plants that may have looked lifeless during the winter months. Of course, many places in North America



won’t have signs of Spring for another week or two, or maybe a month or two, but Spring will come, and the miracle of rebirth reminds us of the new birth Christ offers each of us.

What does this have to do with our call for the offering this Sabbath? At least two things.

1. Seasons change. Systematic giving to God remains a good practice for prioritizing God and living for Him on a regular basis. However, seasons can affect your giving pattern, sometimes resulting in smaller gifts and sometimes resulting in larger gifts. What season are you in right now? And when have your giving seasons changed?

2. God gives new life. We might think primarily about money when it comes to tithes and offerings - our gifts to God, but God continues to be the One who first gives to us. Even when it seems like we have little or nothing, God gives new life!

Whether Spring has arrived, or you hold to its promise to arrive soon, respond now to God's gift of new life for you.

## *Eastgate Church News & Events*

### **Safety Sabbath — March 25**

Safety Sabbath is an opportunity for Seventh-day Adventist Churches to focus on safety issues and create a safer environment for their congregation. Each year Adventist Risk Management, Inc. (ARM) provides churches with resources to help them focus on a specific area of safety. **Eastgate SDA** will be setting aside some time during the morning of **March 25**.



### **Thank you for helping to take care of our church**

We 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.

## *Spring/Summer Grow Groups?*

### **Planning for a New Group or a Repeat Group?**

There have been some amazing groups that we have seen impact our church and local community since Pastor Luke started us down this pathway of Small Groups or Grow Groups. We invite you to start thinking about what type(s) of group(s) you would like to create and share in for the summer!

## *EAC Youth Event Planned*

### **Friday Evening Youth Bonfire Vespers at the Alfords, March 31 ~ 6:00pm**

We will be gathering for a bonfire vespers out at our farm. We will be having hot dogs and chili starting at 6 pm and then a song service and worship time around the fire. I hope that you (ALL THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH) can all come! ~Jenny Alford and Youth leaders

## *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.

**Women's Ministry introduces ~ Women's Care 101 ~ Sunday, April 2; 9:30 - 11:00am**

The women have decided a Sunday morning breakfast would be a lovely break to share together in our Fellowship Room. They invite Ladies and Girls to participate in breakfast and a worship thought before moving into your routine for a Sunday! April will be the next gathering.

**Women' Ministry will present a weekend with Paulie Rogers; April 21, 22 & 23**

Paulie Rogers, author, play wright, blogger, teacher, spiritual coach and public speaker will be here for a weekend of sharing. The theme for the weekend:

***My House Renovated***

*One Room at a Time*

***Restored with Love***

Motto text: "By Wisdom a house is built, and through understanding, it is established; through knowledge, its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures." Proverbs 24:3-4

Purpose of this ministry: ***to build a relationship with Jesus for growth, healing and peace.*** To see more of her ministry please visit [www.restoredwithlove.com](http://www.restoredwithlove.com)

Her presentations while she is here with us will be:

Friday Evening: *Meet me On the Front Porch;*

Sabbath Morning Church Services: *His Life Giving Knock*

Stay for Lunch (provided by Women's & Men's Ministries)

Sabbath Afternoon: *Dress in God's Glory*

Sabbath Evening: *Finding Rest in Jesus*

Child care will be provided both Friday evening and Sabbath afternoon. Please plan to come and bring a friend who may be struggling with ***Restoration and Renovation.***

Printed materials [book sale & signing] by our featured speaker will be available Friday evening prior to sundown and again Sabbath evening following sundown.

**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 – March 26 @ 8:00am**

Join the men at 8:00am for physical and spiritual food to share! This will always be the last Sunday of the month unless otherwise noted.

**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.

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

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

**EASTGATE SDA ON FACEBOOK** Like and follow our page on Face Book!

**<https://www.facebook.com/Eastgate-SDA-Church-206126468203> Eastgate SDA Church**

## **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 ~ 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/wwval122](http://news.uccsda.org/wwval122).

### **Walla Walla Valley Academy Curriculum Carnival:**

Thursday, April 6 from 6-7:30 p.m. 300 SW Academy Way. Prospective parents and students are invited to visit both game and curriculum booths where they can meet teachers, learn about academic options, and mingle with other new WWVA families. Light dinner and snacks provided. All are invited!

## **Walla Walla University**

### **Free Concert ~ Live Performance ~ International Recording Artist**

Jaime Jorge, the internationally recognized violinist is coming to Walla Walla! On Saturday April 8th starting at 7pm at the Walla Walla University Church, Jaime Jorge will be playing a **free +** and you are invited! This concert, organized by WWU Hispanic Faculty Staff Association, will be benefiting Hispanic Ministries, Latinx Club, and Nuestra Iglesia, the student lead organizations at the WWU campus. During the concert you will have the opportunity to pledge donations from the heart to support the campus organizations. They will not only be benefitted by your donation, but they will have the funds needed to enhance what they are working on and provide new opportunities for the future! Jaime Jorge will be selling merchandise that will be available for everyone to purchase! So come on down early, to get a great seat, and enjoy an evening of beautiful pieces!

## **Walla Walla Valley News**

**The Christian Aid Center currently has three job openings.** For complete job descriptions, please visit our website at [christianaidcenter.org](http://christianaidcenter.org).

### **Recovery Programs Director, Women & Children Services**

We have a job opening for a Programs Director in our department of Women & Children Services. This staff member oversees the recovery program by providing leadership to reach program goals, implementing a culture of recovery, understanding the process of transformation, and enforcing program policies and procedures. The job is full-time with benefits.

### **Community Life Specialist, Women & Children Services**

This staff member provides a warm and friendly presence during the evening hours, while representing the organization and its philosophy. This individual also provides guest support and organizes activities to promote a sense of community. The job is part-time, typically from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, with some on-call time. Days of the week are flexible.

### **Business Manager (see next page)**

Our business manager will oversee general bookkeeping and accounting for the Mission, as well as database management and human resources responsibilities. This is a full-time position with benefits.

## [Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News](#)

### **Growing Together 2023**

Growing Together is inviting everyone to join a long-haul commitment to believe and promote that God can and will bless churches that are praying together and working together in the biblical methods of a Growing Together Cohort. Register by March 23, 2023. For more information and to register visit [growingtogethercohort.com](http://growingtogethercohort.com)

### **Bloom Marriage Retreat — April 7-9**

Are you looking to enrich a healthy relationship, revitalize a tired one, or rescue one gone awry? Do you yearn to reconnect and grow closer to your spouse? We all want a lifetime of love, support and faith, but sometimes we need a little help. The Bloom in Marriage Retreat Weekend is designed to help couples grow in their faith, learn new tools to strengthen their marriage, inspire hope and rekindle the spark. Relationships under fire may even begin the journey of healing. For more information visit [news.uccsda.org/bloom123](http://news.uccsda.org/bloom123).

### **Ministry+ Resources**

No matter what ministry you're involved with, Ministry+ can help provide the resources you need to do it well! Find free Quick Start Guide PDFs, ministry descriptions, Pathfinder honor requirements, a ministry directory, and more! Let us connect you with quality Christian resources to help fulfill your church's mission. Find resources at [news.uccsda.org/resources223](http://news.uccsda.org/resources223).

### **Men's Summit — April 14-16**

After two years, the Men's Summit is back. Join us April 14-16, 2023, for the beginning of the greatest adventure of your life. Our main speaker, Greg Phillips, writes, "Learning to follow the Holy Spirit's leading will take you places you never imagined and unlock the identity that God has for you — an unbreakable Father-son connection." Romans 8:14-15 says, "For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, 'Abba, Father!'" For registration visit [news.uccsda.org/adventure323](http://news.uccsda.org/adventure323).



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[www.gleanernow.com](http://www.gleanernow.com) Subscribe to *GLEANERWEEKLY*, the Northwest's weekly eNewsletter, at <http://www.gleanerweekly.com>

### **Upper Columbia Conference Camp Meeting — June 14-17**

After three years of online and hybrid camp meeting, there will be in-person camp meeting this year from June 14-17 at Upper Columbia Academy. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for additional announcements and registration at [www.uccsda.org/campmeeting](http://www.uccsda.org/campmeeting).



## *North American Division*

### NAD Health Summit — April 2-8

Join us at the 2023 "Power to Heal" NAD Health Summit to refresh your skills, gain more tools and resources for health ministry, connect with others who are passionate about health, be inspired as you serve others, be reenergized, and so much more! Registration is open, and space is limited. Make your plans now for this live, in-person conference, to be held in Lexington, Kentucky, on April 2-8 by visiting [nadhealth.org/summit](http://nadhealth.org/summit).

## *Pacific Northwest Related*

### *We were asked to include the following announcement:*

#### Sylvia Twing Hauner Memorial

Sylvia Edith Twing Hauner passed away March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023 from multi-health complications.

Sylvia and her husband Dennis graduated from Upper Columbia Academy and attended Walla Walla College in the 60's and still have friends in that area.

Sylvia's memorial will be in the Irrigon, OR SDA Church on April 15, 2023 at 2:00 pm followed by a meal at the Pavilion between the Post Office and library on Hwy 730 in Irrigon. The Irrigon Church is located at 205 Tumbleweed Blvd, Irrigon, OR 97844

In lieu of flowers, you may donate in Sylvia's behalf to the Irrigon SDA Church at PO Box 441, Irrigon OR 97844.

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**JAIME JORGE**  
LIVE PERFORMANCE!  
SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH  
7:00PM  
WALLA WALLA UNIVERSITY CHURCH  
212 SW 4TH ST.,  
COLLEGE PLACE, WA  
**FREE ENTRY** THIRTY-SIX YEARS OF INCREDIBLE MUSIC!

## 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 for a brother ~ Chris

Prayers from a father for his two teen 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](http://www.GoFundMe.com/w4pcx8-love-for-Connie)

Dixie asks for prayers for her mother as she recovers from a recent stroke.

Dixie also lifts praises to our miracle-working God. He has been working miracles and her (Dixie's) heart is overflowing with gratitude. They are in desperate need of prayers beyond their own to sustain them as they enter week seven of an ongoing crisis mode regarding her mother and stepdad.

Stephanie & John ask for prayers for their blending of families

John request prayer for his grandfather, Robert ~ declining health

Prayers requested for Kristy & Dwight Bartlett as they travel a road of disease diagnosis and treatment. Kristy returned home this past week.

Prayers for Birdie E. as she regains strength following treatment for her illness.

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

Maggie M. & daughter Alana G. may still be away for a trip to India and ask that you remember them in your prayers as they work with a group of about 300 orphans.

### **Praises:**

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



## *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](http://www.oregonconference.org/employment-home)

### **Open Positions at UCC**

- Sales Associate — ABC College Place (College Place)
- Administrative Assistant — KEEH Shine 104.9
- Sales Associate ABC — (4 Federal Work Study Student Positions) (College Place)

For more information and to apply, see [uccsda.org/jobs](http://uccsda.org/jobs).

### **Walla Walla University Job Positions** <https://www.wallawalla.edu/?id=1566>

STAFF: <https://www.wallawalla.edu/resources/human-resources-payroll/staff-employment/>

FACULTY: <https://www.wallawalla.edu/resources/human-resources-payroll/faculty-employment/>

**The Walla Walla University alumni Association is looking for a part-time Havstad Center Manager.** To apply please email your résumé to [Wallawallauniversityalumni@gmail.com](mailto:Wallawallauniversityalumni@gmail.com).

## *One More Thing!*



***Christine Wittlake, dedicated nurse  
Honored with the DAISEY Award at  
Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla  
Walla, WA***

Christine Wittlake is the [most recent recipient](#) of the DAISY Award at Providence St. Mary Medical Center in Walla Walla after being nominated by a patient.

The DAISY Award is part of a recognition program through the DAISY Foundation, which partners with health care organizations to recognize their nurses. The award recognizes nurses who show exceptional skill and compassion in their work.

Wittlake is a registered nurse in the Family Birth Center, where she helps new parents primarily with feeding issues and answering their questions.

“It’s so much fun to see them work through caring for an infant,” Wittlake said. “It’s so much more complex sometimes than they anticipate and yet it’s so wonderful that the parents are so invested, and they love the baby so much and they’re dedicated to those long hours.”

Wittlake is only the second person at Providence St. Mary to win the DAISY Award since the hospital [joined the program in 2022](#). The patient who nominated Wittlake wrote a letter explaining why she deserved to be recognized.

“We met Christine four days after our baby was born when we went in for a lactation consultation appointment,” the patient wrote. “She was beyond helpful and informative. I don’t know what I would have done without her. I was lost and at wit’s end.”

Wittlake, who has three children herself, said there was one experience in particular that inspired her to go into the labor and delivery area of health care.

“As a nurse, you go through different areas for your training,” Wittlake said. “But I remember handing a newborn to the father and he melted. He was so sweet. And he took that precious little baby and I thought, ‘I’ve got to just do this the rest of my life.’”

Originally from California, Wittlake came to Walla Walla for college and attended Walla Walla University. Before coming to Providence St. Mary, she worked as a labor and delivery nurse in Boise, Idaho, and taught childbirth classes.

She said there had been a few times that she helped parents with their newborn baby and then years later helped that child as an adult with their own baby.

“You meet a family, their brand new first baby, and then you see them again with their second, and sometimes you see them in town and they’re growing up,” Wittlake said. “We live in a small town, and it’s so much fun when their moms come up and say to their toddlers, ‘This was your nurse, she helped me when you were little.’”

Kathleen Obenland, spokesperson for the hospital, said any patient could [nominate a nurse](#) that made an impact on them.

“It’s often true that people who are given these kinds of awards say, ‘Why did I get this?’” Obenland said. “Christine’s just the nicest person and she’s so sweet.”

Wittlake said patients send nice cards and letters to nurses all the time, but being nominated for a DAISY Award came as a shock.

“It was a big surprise because I work with a team and everybody is so kind, you could put a daisy pin on each one of those people that I work with,” Wittlake said. “They really are amazing.”

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