

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

When I was a kid our family took a yearly pilgrimage to visit my dad's family in Alberta, Canada. This 12+ hour drive was usually broken into two days, since three kids had a hard time sitting still that long. And though we drove through some of the most beautiful country on God's green earth it was booooring.

I don't remember doing the stereotypical "are we there yet ... are we there yet..." mantra but sometimes it felt like the journey would last forever, we would never arrive at our destination. It felt like the drive would be eternal. At that point in my young mind I had little to no concept of marking the time, tracking progress, and realizing that our goal would faithfully appear.

This Sabbath we're exploring a similar journey experience. Hebrews 11 speaks of someone who began a journey without even knowing where he was going. In this story we will learn lessons for our life as we follow God wherever He leads us today.

I hope you can join in!

As always, we'll gather for early service at 9:00, Sabbath School at 10:15, and Second Service at 11:30. If you aren't able to worship in person please join us online for Second Service on our [YouTube Channel](#).

I pray that you have a blessed and restful Sabbath!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: July 8, 2023: Pastor Eric Saylor; Letter to the Hebrews: By Faith Abraham
Next Weekend: July 15, 2023: Pastor Eric Saylor;

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, July 8	9:00am – 10:05am	Pastor Eric Saylor
	10:15am – 11:15am	Sabbath School
	11:30am – 12:45pm	Second Worship Service, Pastor Eric Saylor
	1:00pm	VBS Planning Potluck
	5:00pm	Bird Walk with Carol Hargreaves
Monday, July 10	6:00pm	Deacon/Deaconess Orientation Meeting
Tuesday, July 11	6:30pm	Church Board Meeting ~ Library
Wednesday, July 12	6:30pm	Midweek Prayer Service, Youth Room
Friday, July 14	7:00pm	Prayeradigm at Rosalie Dickerson's
Sabbath, July 15		<i>Communion Sabbath!</i>

Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week ~ Second Service Outline

Worship Service 11:30am 07-08-2023 [Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube](#)

Gathering Song	Praise Team
Community Life	Lenard Wittlake
Kids Korner	
Children's Song	Praise Team
Children's Story	Dr. Gily Ionescu
Songs of Praise & Worship	Praise Team
Prayer	Lenard Wittlake
Testimonial	Bun Tucker

God's Word *Pastor Eric Saylor*
 Sermon Title: *Letter to the Hebrews: By Faith Abraham*
 Scripture: *Hebrews 11:8 NRSV*
 Song of Response Praise Team
 Benediction Lenard Wittlake

Worship Team today – First Service

Lead Elder: Lenard Wittlake
 Praise Team: Julie Penner, family & friends
 Pianist: Kevin Waite
 Greeter: Erik Johnson & David Meyer
 Lead Deacon: Harry Arriola
 Lead Deaconess: Christine Wittlake
 AV Team: Ryan Daniel & Bob Daniel
 Live Streaming: No live-stream early service

Worship Team today – Second Service

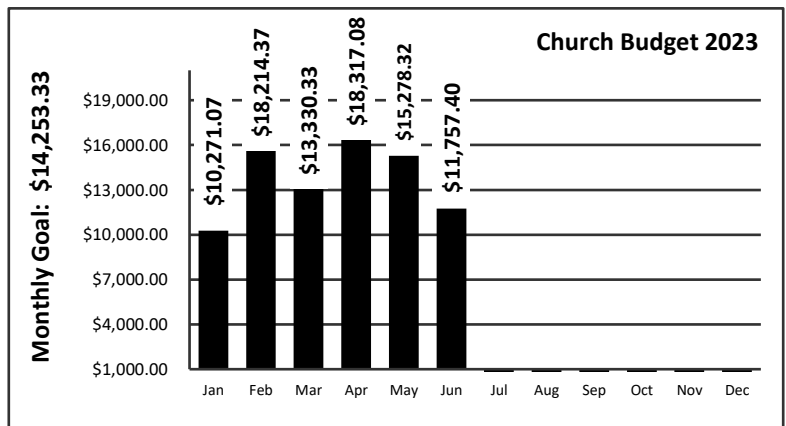
Lead Elder: Lenard Wittlake
 Praise Team: Julie Penner, family & friends
 Pianist: Kevin Waite
 Greeter: Whitney & Jeanette Johnson
 Lead Deacon: Whitney Johnson
 Lead Deaconess: Christine Wittlake
 AV Team: Kevin Renshaw & Allen Roy
 Live Streaming: _____??_____

<u>Financial Report</u>	<u>RECEIVED</u>	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>NEED</u>
Facility Beautification	\$ 54,393.08	\$260,000	\$205,606.92
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 31,032.21	\$25,271.50	\$(-5,760.71)
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 49,648.75	\$55,000.00	<i>Phase 1, 2 &3</i>

Eastgate Church News & Events

July 8, 2023
World Budget

Have you ever wondered what happens to the mission offerings you give each week or as part of your promise offerings? Think of your mission offerings as a vital river flowing through the entire world, providing life-giving support to build God's work in every mission field. But exactly where do our offerings go? What do they achieve? And what do they support?



Seventy percent of your weekly mission and promise offerings help support the work of about 400 missionary families working with the 13 world Divisions, plus the Middle East and North Africa Union Mission and the Israel Field, to help these regions build and sustain mission activities. The

remaining 30 percent of your mission offerings help several church institutions such as the medical mission work of Loma Linda University, the outreach of Adventist World Radio, and the humanitarian ministry of ADRA, the Adventist Development and Relief Agency.

Thanks to your faithful offerings, millions of people from the most challenging areas of the world have found salvation in Jesus and have joined the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Thousands of new congregations have been established in unreached areas, and new believers are being trained in how to share their new faith with others in their neighborhoods. Your river of mission offerings helps grow and sustain mission work throughout the world. Please keep this life-giving river flowing

Seeking Additional Landscaping Volunteers at Eastgate SDA Church

Carol Hargreaves is looking for individuals with some unique skill sets.

The church has a mole/gopher problem. Both the front yard and back yard have resident rodents that we would like to remove. If you have that special skill set, we would love to receive your assistance!

There are several other special projects Carol is looking to accomplish. Visit with her and find out what she is looking for, how you might be able to help! Thank you for your time.

Ministry Placement Team ~ second reading

Ministry Placement Team and the church board present the following person to serve as Pathfinder Leader of a new Pathfinder Club here at Eastgate SDA.

Steven Forbis

Your Cooperation is Requested

We will be planting new grass seed along the new sidewalk at the south of the Sanctuary VBS is completed. We are asking that we all allow this new grass to get a healthy growing start without foot traffic. We will be running water in this zone several times each day. Thank you for your assistance in this matter!

Sabbath Morning Bible Study – Young Adults Group

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 the book of Nehemiah. For more information text Josh Boram (541) 870-4661 or Mary Castrejon at (360) 349-7126.

Attention Primary Division Parents ~

Primary age children are invited to go directly to the classroom following early service. ***Craft Time Activities*** will be provided to engage the children.

Seasons of Service

Are you continuing to read this little worship and action booklet? Are you collecting stories of how this has impacted your life? We encourage you to do so!

- S** Spiritual Revival
 - E** Engaging Youth & Youth Adults
 - R** Reaching out to Others
 - V** Vibrant Church Revitalization
 - E** Excellence in Adventist Education
- SERVE → One More***

“Season of Service” Daily Devotionals and Service Activities.



If you have not yet picked up your family copy, please stop by the table in the lobby to get your copy. If they appear to be gone, please ask a deacon or greeter if there may be others. Remember; the challenge is to read it, follow it and share it. **We want to hear what you are doing to SHARE !!!**

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, led by men, praying for men studying together. If this interests you please contact Rob Becker or Pastor Eric Saylor.

Eastgate Events Calendar Dates Up-coming!

~July 22, Outdoor Church at Harris Park up the Southfork of the Walla Walla River out of Milton-Freewater, Oregon

~July 24, Monday: **American Red Cross** returns to Eastgate SDA Church. Schedule your blood donation at [American Red Cross Blood Services](#). 10:00am to 2:45pm

~August 12, A Picnic at Pioneer Park, All of the church is invited to participate in this Social Committee sponsored Potluck Picnic!

~August 26, Saturday evening, Church backyard, Social Committee Movie Night

~August 27, Sunday evening, "Back-to-School Luau" presented by Children's Ministry

~September 8 – 10, All Church Camp out at Camp Wooten Retreat. [Note: All dogs must be registered/certified service animals according to park regulations.]

Walla Walla Valley Adventist Schools

Milton-Stateline Adventist School News:

MSAS NEWS: Many things are happening around MSAS this summer! We have completed a raised garden bed where students will be able to do some gardening. Later in July as you drive by the school you may see new fencing going around our property. We are also excited that the paperwork for Learning Tree Christian Preschool is complete. Our kindergarten and preschool programs are now separate, and both have full-day opportunities. We would also be grateful if you could take a moment to visit our Facebook page and show your support by hitting the "Like" button. By doing so, you will play a significant role in helping us reach a wider audience. If you have questions about our school, please contact us at 541-938-7131 or visit our website at miltonstateline.org.

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/wwva1122.

Walla Walla University

Walla Walla University is Hiring

Walla Walla University is hiring for both faculty and staff positions. If you or someone you know is interested in joining our team, visit jobs.wallawalla.edu to learn more and apply.

Walla Walla Valley News

SonBridge Hiring Communications Associate

Do you enjoy writing, posting to social media, gathering information for newsletters, hearing a story and writing it down for magazine publication? Do you have an eye for graphic design to create flyers, posters, brochures and photo directories? Do you have a heart for service and enjoy planning and

helping with events? Then SonBridge needs you. For more information, please visit sonbridge.org/job-opportunities or call 509-529-3100.

The Christian Aid Center has the following volunteer opportunities and paid positions:

Barber	Dinner Server	Dinner Group (monthly commitment)
Handyman	Nurse	

For more information, please contact Jeannette Regalado, Community Engagement Director, at (509) 525-7153 ext. 114. You can also visit our website at christianaidcenter.org to fill out an application.

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

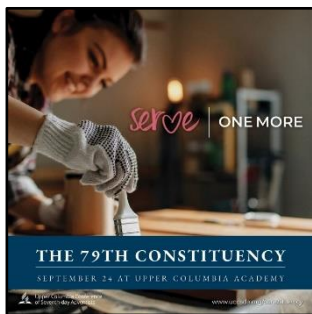
This staff member provides a warm and friendly presence during the evening hours, while representing the organization and its philosophy. This individual also provides guest support and organizes activities to promote a sense of community. The job is part-time, typically from 4:00 to 8:00 pm, with some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

If you, or someone you know, is interested, please visit our website at christianaidcenter.org for the complete job descriptions.

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News

Did You Miss Camp Meeting? No Worries

Visit news.uccsda.org/CampMeeting2023 to listen to Carlton Bryd and David Jamieson share the importance of Serving One More. Visit news.uccsda.org/FernandoOrtega to listen to Fernando Ortega sing.



Upper Columbia Conference Constituency Session Announced

Notice is hereby given that the quadrennial session of the Upper Columbia Conference of Seventh-day Adventists is called to convene at the Upper Columbia Academy convocation center in Spangle, Washington, on Sunday, September 24, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to receive from the officers and department directors of the Conference reports pertaining to the work carried on within its territory since the last Quadrennial session; to elect for the ensuing term officers, department

directors, and the Conference Executive Committee; and to transact any other business that may properly come before the delegates in session. Each church shall be represented at the sessions of the Conference by two delegates for the church organization and one delegate for each 75 members, or major fraction thereof, each of whom shall be a Seventh-day Adventist member in good and regular standing of the local church, which he or she represents.

David Jamieson, president

Rodney Mills, vice president for administration

Hayden Lake hosts FaithCamp, Jesus for Asia (Idaho) — July 11-16

July 11-16, 2023 Hayden Lake Adventist Church hosts FaithCamp, Idaho, presented by Jesus for Asia. For all ages! Focus is on faith and the great commission. Come be challenged and inspired to serve God. Meet missionaries; hear front-line mission stories; learn how to live by faith; see the impact you can make! Registration and meals are free. Visit faithcamp.org to register and for more details. With

questions please call, (423) 413-7321. If you are unable to attend in person, consider connecting via livestream at: youtube.com/@Jesus4Asia OR facebook.com/jesus4asia

Adventist Family Ministries (virtual event) — July 20-22

Family ministries leaders from local churches, conferences, other professionals who work with families, seminary students, graduate students, pastors, and lay persons who have an interest in improving their own marriages and families are invited to participate in Adventist Family Ministries Virtual Event, Families & Emotional Health. For more information and free registration visit acfrp.org.

Camp MiVoden, ABBA's Child Camp (Idaho)

Abba's Child is a camp designed to help grieving children process the loss that they have experienced while also getting them outside to have some fun at camp. There are some spots available for both Teen Abba's Child Camp (ages 12-15) July 23-28 and Junior Abba's Child Camp (ages 9-11) June 25-30. Register today by going to mivoden.com.

Film project brings students and pros together



Fifteen film students from *Walla Walla University* worked with 18 film industry professionals on the production of a short film last week at the Dayton Historical Depot, including other locations around the Walla Walla Valley and just outside Milton-Freewater. *Our own young member, Josie Henderson is the writer for this project and involved with WWU as they are the listed producers.* To read more visit news.uccsda.org/ColorofThreads723



Summer Health Tips

Is there a word that summarizes summer for you? Vacation. Hiking or backpacking. This is part one of a short series of summer-related health tips by Cindy Williams, RN, health ministries coordinator at UCC. In this article Williams shares the real concerns of food poisoning. "Food poisoning affects people year-round but, here in the United States, it seems like it is more common during the summer months." To read more

visit uccsda.org/summer-health-tips

Empowering the Next Generation



When young people are provided with supportive church environments and opportunities to lead, it can positively affect both the individual and the church. Read as six young adults share their stories, approaches to ministry and perspectives on the importance of young adults in the church. To read more visit news.uccsda.org/empowering723

Vertical: 24-10 Prayer Experience — September 15-24

Local church prayer leaders have invited the whole Upper Columbia Conference to participate in praying together corporately for 24 hours a day for 10 days for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Those who sign up will receive a daily devotional. Plan to pray with others each day in a daily 24-hour zoom. Sign up to participate and learn more about it visit uccsda.org/vertical



UCC Prayer Summit — October 13-15

Mark your calendar for the first annual Prayer Summit, October 13-15. All individuals, including prayer leaders within UCC Churches, as well as those interested in fostering prayer growth within their respective churches, are cordially invited to attend this event. Beginning Friday, October 13, at 5:00 p.m. at the Upper Columbia Conference headquarters. Listen to keynote speakers, Karen Martell, an experienced prayer leader trainer, from Central California Conference; and David Jamieson, Upper Columbia Conference president. Lodging will be available near the conference headquarters. Register by visiting news.uccsda.org/PrayerSummit1023. If you are willing to open your home to attendees and you live in the Spokane, Airway Heights, or Cheney area, please contact Kathy at kathym@uccsda.org.

Camp Meetings across the Pacific Northwest

Oregon Conference Camp Meeting at Gladstone, July 18-22, 2023

For more information about English or Spanish plans, follow the link to [Gladstone Camp Meeting](#)

Northern California Conference Camp Meeting at Redwood Area, July 23-29, 2023

For more information about this event follow this link to [Redwood Area Campmeeting 2023](#)

British Columbia Conference Camp Meeting, July 28 – August 5, 2023

For more information about this event follow this link to [BC Camp Meeting 2023](#)

North American Division

North American Division Adventist Community Services — Grant Opportunities

This week North American Division Adventist Community Services launched three new grant opportunities for Adventist Community Services ministries/outreaches. The three grants are an Innovation Grant, Youth Initiative Grant, and Immigrant Grant. A link to information about these grants is found at news.uccsda.org/acsgrants523. If interested in applying, please contact Patty Marsh, UCC Director for ACS, at Pattym@uccsda.org to discuss possibilities. Please note the first submission deadline is July 31, 2023.

NAD Women Clergy Retreat (Washington, D.C.) — October 9-12

There are 339 women clergy currently serving in the North American Division. The Ministerial Association is hosting a division-wide women clergy retreat October 9–12, 2023. For more information visit news.uccsda.org/connected1023.

Reconstructing Religious Liberty (Collegedale, TN) — October 20-21

The NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty ministry is excited to announce its upcoming October 20-21 conference “Reconstructing Religious Liberty in a Time of Religious and Secular Extremes.” Hosted by the Collegedale Seventh-day Adventist Church in partnership with Southern Adventist University, this two-day event will explore new ways to talk about religious freedom within a culturally and politically polarized America. Registration is now open with an early-bird rate of just \$49! For more information visit religiousliberty.info/events.

Water for Life is Looking for Volunteers (Poptún, Guatemala) — January 15-29, 2024

Water for Life is embarking on a new project to build a church in Poptún, Guatemala, starting on January 15, 2024. The church will take two weeks to complete. Individuals can join as volunteers for a few days or the entire duration. While some volunteers have already committed to the project, we are extending this opportunity to the UCC community. Water for Life has successfully completed 43 projects in the past, including new roofs, children's worship buildings, and complete churches. For more information, contact Gary Bartholomew at garyangiebart@gmail.com.

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<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!

Problems Accessing our On-line Church Directory?

If you used to access our on-line church directory through our church website ~ try going directly to the hosting site: www.instantchurchdirectory.com . Select Member Sign In and follow the procedures you have used in the past. ☺

Eastgate Market Place

Homemade Granola Made with Love

By Maru and her son, Malak, who is learning the virtues of work and money management. You may order regular or fruity granola. Place your order at maru.huamaniq@gmail.com or text 678-683-2917. Your support is appreciated.

Fresh Organic Raspberries

Ken & Ceci Browning have a patch of beautiful Double Gold raspberries. These are *not* u-pick. They are picked to order. \$4 a basket, contact Ceci via text or call at 541-308-6369 or Ken via text or call at 541-806-0950. To find out more!

Cherry Season at the Alford's Orchard is here!

Walla Walla Sweetwater Farm: Seth & Jenny Alford; 82038 S. Fork Walla Walla River RD, Milton-Freewater, OR 97862

U-Pick Cherries: Rainiers and Lapins = \$1.50 per lb.

Pre-picked/Farm Picked: \$3.50 per lb. to order call or text 541-809-8311

HOURS:

Sunday, July 2; 8-12 Closed for the afternoon. The season is winding down so text or call Jenny to find out if they are still picking. Plan to get them by the 4th of July!

Do You have Produce You Would Like to List 4 Sale?

Email the details with contact information to the church office at: office@eastgateadventist.church

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 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.

Two of our male members are dealing with prostate cancer in the early stages. Please keep these men in your prayers.

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 B. as they travel a road of treatment. They will be making weekly trips to Seattle for treatment for the next year. If you wish to assist financially? Please follow this link:

www.gofundme.com/f/kristys-cancer-medical-treatment

Prayers for Marilyn Kovach who is experiencing health concerns, she. She appreciates visits and calls!

Prayers for Shawn K. as a series of medical procedures are needed and funding for medical expenses are difficult ~ Thank you.

Prayers for our families ~ there are several couples who have recently become estranged, relationships lost, families broken. Pray for strength and healing of individual hearts.

What are your Praises for your Heavenly Father?

Share the Victories where Jesus Christ, God the Father & the Holy Spirit have blessed you these last few days or weeks. Let us know of the blessings that flow to His believers!