

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!

A message from Pastor Eric Saylor:

My parents have always fed birds. Every summer my mom buys sugar, melts it into water on the stove, and fills her numerous hummingbird feeders that hang from nearly every branch possible as well as from the eaves outside of the kitchen windows.

Because of this offering the air buzzes all summer long, and even during the winter there are a few hangers-on who sip chilly nectar from the fake flowers.

When I was eleven or twelve I decided that I wanted to get to know our hummingbird friends. The problem was they didn't want to know me! As soon as I walked out the door they fled for cover. They had no idea I wasn't a threat. Despite this challenge, over the course of a summer, I was gradually able to stand next to a feeder while they fed and even had one land on my finger as it sipped sugar water.

It would have been much easier to get to know these avian friends if I could have been a hummingbird myself.

This Sabbath we are continuing our study into the Christmas story with "God One of Us." I wasn't able to become a hummingbird but I am thankful that God was able to join humanity!

I'm looking forward to worshiping with you!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend! December 15, 2018; Pastor Eric Saylor continues his December series with "God One of Us". The first in the series was presented on December 1, "God With Us" and is available at www.eastgatesda.org. This will be the second in the series. Joins us as we continue to celebrate the Christmas Holiday!

Next Weekend: December 22, 2018; Pastor Eric Saylor will continue his December series with "God Loving Us".

Eastgate Church News & Events

Season of Donations and Giving

This is the time of year when all organizations are striving to increase your awareness of them as you near the end of your giving year. They each hope to give you a tax exempt organization to donate to.

We each feel the need of others and wish to help those around us. We recognize that each one of us has a limited source of income and we thank you for being responsible in your giving to the many charities. So, please recognize we will pass along the needs for your consideration and pray for you as you help those in this world.

Sincerely, Eastgate Office

Eastgate Food Baskets & Christmas Gifts for needy families

Christmas Food/Gift Boxes - Gifting those in Need

Eastgate SDA Church, through our community service ministry has set a goal to provide a box of food and at least one gift per child for each family for which we receive a completed Nominating Form. *Can you help??*

Pick up a few grocery items each week and leave in the church lobby.

We will post children's gender, age & item requested on December 8. Please plan to have gifts and groceries here at the church no later than Sabbath, December 22. Thank you for your help!

We will put the food boxes together on Sunday, December 23 at 2:00pm if you would like to help.

Christmas Cookies for our Eastgate SDA shut-in members

We have a few members (approx. 20) who are no longer able to come and attend services here on a regular basis. So each Christmas we prepare small “baskets” of Christmas cookies and deliver them to these members. Our Visitation Committee members try to make contact with these members at least once a month along with this special visit at Christmas time. If you would like to bring a couple of dozen home-made cookies, the current plan is to meet at the church fellowship room on December 23 at 10:00am and create “cookie gift packages”!

Women’s Study Group

Mondays, 7:00pm. Meets at 910 SE Parkside Place, College Place.

Currently studying, *“Christian Warrior Women: A Guide to Taking Back Your Faith, Family & Future”* by Lisa Hawkins

Ladies- it’s time for a spiritual growth for Women and faith in Christ. Are you stressed, depressed or struggling with regret? Is your past stealing your future? Do you lack the faith to alter your personal and professional life?

Join this group of ladies as they read and discuss.

Prayer & Praise Wednesdays, 6:30pm Carol Hargreaves Home

Coming Church Events

December 15, 5:30 pm	Children’s Christmas Party - Cookie Decorating
December 22, 10am – 1pm	Cookies for our Shut-in members
December 23, 2pm – 4pm	Christmas Food Boxes and Children’s Gifts Boxing and delivering to the families in need
January 26, 5:30pm	Family Movie Night – Snow Ball Express

For more information on social events: Watch this newsletter, or Facebook – Eastgate SDA Church or our church website.

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SPECIAL MUSIC at Eastgate

Would you like to serve the church in song? Maybe you would be willing to provide a special music on any given Sabbath? Maybe you would like to serve the church in coordinating our weekly special music programs? If you have an interest in either of these activities, please contact either the Pastor or the church office.

Collegiate & Young Adult Class

Friday Night Vespers

This study group communicates through messenger and meets in various locations. They share food and song and great discussions. To connect with them, visit their Sabbath school class and get acquainted!

School News &

AMAZON SMILE and Milton-Stateline Adventist School

We have an Amazon Smile account on Amazon. This means that when you are purchasing

something from amazon go to www.amazon.smile and sign up and ask to donate to Milton-Stateline Adventist School. We will get a percentage of what you purchased on some of the items. This doesn't cost you any extra. The amount we raise will go to student financial aid. Thanks for helping us with this fundraiser.

SDA Valley Community News & Events:

None shared with us this week.

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News

How to Help With Paradise Recovery

Donations to UCC Paradise Recovery will be delivered to the Northern California Conference to provide support for those recovering from this tragedy. Mark your tithe envelope "UCC Paradise Recovery." You can also give online at <https://1.uccsda.org/UCCAdventistGiving> – Look for the "UCC Paradise Recovery" giving option under the "Conference/Union section." You may also mail a check to the Upper Columbia Conference marked "UCC Paradise Recovery."

Guatemala Mission Trip – March 20 – April 3 – Cost \$1900

Sign up now to reserve your spot! Upper Columbia Conference is sponsoring a mission trip to the San Luis, Guatemala area. Participants will get to help build a church and have an after school VBS program. You can visit our website for additional information and an application at www.uccsda.org/Guatemala . For questions, contact Denise Kinney at 509-242-0506 or denisek@uccsda.org .

Upper Columbia Conference Announces Official Position on the World Church Affirmation Sabbath Group

On December 4, 2018, the Upper Columbia Conference executive committee voted an official conference position banning activities of the group calling themselves the World Church Affirmation Sabbath (WCAS). [<https://sp.uccsda.org/English/pages/news-details.aspx?ID=153>]
Read more about the vote here. Read the Official UCC statement here.

Donate Suitcases, Beanie Babies, Hot Wheels for Guatemala Mission Trip!

Your donations of suitcases will allow Guatemala Mission Trip participants to take additional supplies for the trip. We are also taking donations for tooth brushes, beanie babies and small cars like hot wheels or matchbox for our village outreach. Any questions please call Denise Kinney at 509-242-0506 or denisek@uccsda.org .

Register now for 2019 UCC Camp Meeting

Camp Meeting lodging is now open for reservation. The UCC Camp Meeting main speakers this year are Randy Roberts, senior pastor of the Loma Linda University Adventist Church and Sung Kwon, director of the North American Division Adventist Community Services. Your whole family will be spiritually blessed as we seek to build up the family of God. This is the time to Invite your new members and interests! Go to: <https://www.uccsda.org/campmeeting> to register.

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Hurricane Florence and Michael updates

Georgia-Cumberland Conference is currently managing a Donated Goods warehouse in Donalsonville, Ga., housed in a cotton gin company. This warehouse serves six distribution sites. National Guardsmen are aiding our Adventist Community Services team. A Florida State Warehouse has been secured in Tallahassee, Fla., and should be in service soon. Adventist Community Services has been asked to operate this warehouse which may remain open for months. Teams are on standby around the US – including a team from Upper Columbia Conference. An ACS distribution site working with the state of Florida has been set up in Panama City. Donations for recovery efforts for these hurricanes can be made by:

1. Drop a donation in your local church offering plate marked “ACS Disaster Response.”
2. Call 1-800-381-7171
3. Mail a check to: Adventist Community Services, 9705 Patuxent Woods Dr., Columbia, MD 21046

SABBATH SCHOOL STUDY GUIDE NOW AVAILABLE ANYWHERE, ANYTIME

An Adventist Church pastor has turned his talents to app development, making the Sabbath School Adult Bible Study Guides available in multiple languages for phones and tablets. The Sabbath School app is available for Android and iOS, as well as a web version, in 29 languages and growing. Download on Apple App Store, get it on Google Play, or access online.

RELIGIOUS LIBERTY - Do you struggle to explain your convictions about Sabbath or labor unions to your employer? Are you being asked to work on Sabbath? The Northwest Religious Liberty Association can help. Call Greg Hamilton and Rhonda Bolton at 360/857-7040.

PRAY ONE MISSION is a North American Division initiative calling us to focused prayer for people who need Jesus. Do you know of one or two such people? As you pray for these individuals, please consider sending them a subscription to *Signs of the Times*® 800/545-2449. Prayer and the printed page are great teammates and proven soul winners.

MISSION 360° MAGAZINE Several publications, such as *Mission Post* and *Frontline* have merged and expanded to create a new official mission magazine of the Seventh-day Adventist church called Mission 360°. It will be published quarterly and you can sign up for an online version at www.Mission360Mag.org

Faith For Today is a television ministry committed to sharing God's grace with the world through broadcast media. That's been our vision since 1950, when Faith For Today launched its live inspirational television drama on ABC from New York City. That was more than 60 years ago, and we are now the oldest religious television broadcast in the world!

Local Community News

Walla Walla Free Clinic

Don't have the time to commit to a long, overseas mission trip but have a passion to serve? How about a short mission trip right here in the Walla Walla Valley? The Walla Walla Free Clinic is coming in April of 2019 and we are inviting you to be involved in this event! The clinic will be

held April 18th & 19th, 2019 at the Walla Walla County Fairgrounds. The Walla Walla Free Clinic will be offering free dental, vision, general medical, preventative and educational services to assist uninsured and under-insured people in our community. We need dental, vision & medical providers, as well as general volunteers to dedicate from 1 or 2 days of service. Every Love Heals Free Clinic is made possible by the compassion and love of our volunteers. From setup to tear down, first patient to the last, nothing could happen without the sacrifice of our volunteers. For more information and to register, go to www.WallaWallaFreeClinic.org.

Job Network

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

Job Opportunity at Camp MiVoden Keep on, no hire yet

Camp MiVoden is looking for a full-time food service director. In order to apply go to uccsda.org/jobs and fill out an application. For further questions please call 509-242-0506 to know more about this opportunity.

Job Opportunities in Upper Columbia Conference

To keep up on all job opportunities in UCC go to: Give <https://www.uccsda.org/jobs> .

Job Opportunities in the Oregon Conference

Looking for work in the Oregon Conference? Check the following for job postings: www.oregonconference.org/employment-home

Email job postings to office@eastgateadventist.church Weekly Deadline: Items must be received prior to 8:00am Wednesday mornings.

Classified Ads, Services & Needs

Are you in a service industry? Would you like your church family to be aware of what services you can provide? Please consider placing an ad in this space. At this time, to place an advertisement here will not cost any money. It should only be basic text with no illustrations or photos. To add graphics may or may not be possible based on time and graphic software available. Thank you, Office Manager.

Harmony In Home-Care Do you have a family member in need of care? Call for additional information. 509-540-0885 or email: info@harmonyinhomecare.com or go online to view their Website at: www.harmonyinhomecare.com. Office located at 103 E. Main St., Suite 304, Walla Walla, WA 99362.

REALTOR: Thinking about buying or selling your home? Want a Christian Realtor to be your advocate and guide? Let me serve you with the best resources and service in the business. Call or text Sarah Bergman at John L. Scott, Walla Walla at 509-240-6826 or reach me by email at sbergman@johnlscott.com for a no-obligation consultation and market analysis. I look forward to hearing from you.

Perfect venue for your holiday events! Havstad Alumni Center is a great place to gather with family and friends for the holidays. It has a home-like atmosphere, while providing enough space for your family dinners, receptions, company dinners and meetings, and a place to gather with friends. For additional information and availability, call (509) 527-2241 or email wallawallauniversityalumni@wallawalla.edu

Guests coming and you need an extra bedroom? Havstad Alumni Center has 3 beautiful guest rooms with private entrance, bathrooms and daily service for rent. For guestroom availability or to make a reservation, go to www.wallawalla.edu/alumni/wwu-alumni-association/havstad-guest-rooms/ or call 509-527-2241. Berna Anderson, Manager, Havstad Alumni Center Walla Walla University Alumni Association or email wallawallauniversityalumni@gmail.com

Submit your service ads to the following email address: office@eastgateadventist.church Weekly Deadline: Items must be received prior to 8:00am Wednesday mornings.

Thank you for your positive feedback and comments. Sincerely, Eastgate SDA Office Manager