

Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!

A message from Pastor Eric Saylor

Last Sabbath morning I waked into the church fellowship hall. I was impressed by the beauty of the Christmas lights hanging from the ceiling, and wanting to share the moment with someone I walked up behind one of our precious church members and quietly said, aren't the lights lovely?

I expected her to respond with a, "Oh, yes. What a nice atmosphere." Instead I received a scream!

She had no idea I was there and I had completely surprised her with the sound of my voice coming over her shoulder.

Surprises can be startling and exciting, but they can also be distressing.

This Sabbath we are looking at a surprise that Joseph experienced. This was not a surprise over beautiful lights, it was the revelation that his fiancé was pregnant! Fortunately, God had a plan.

This Sabbath we finish our "Three Christmas Angels" series with a teaching on "A Scandalous Birth."

I'm looking forward to worshipping with you.

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: *Part III on December 21, 2019; Pastor Saylor wraps up the Christmas mini-series on the subject of: "Three Christmas Angels: "*

Next Weekend: *December 28, Pastor Saylor will lead us to the cross as we review the events of the last supper and celebrate communion.*

Eastgate Church News & Events

Week at a Glance

Sabbath, December 21

9:30am – 10:30am

Sabbath School Study

10:45am – 12:15pm

Pastor Eric Saylor

2:30 – 3:30pm

Singing Bands

Monday, December 23

11:00am

Christmas Food Boxes

Bring final contributions and help create boxes that can be picked up or delivered!

7:00pm

Women's Study Group

Studying a new book, please call Rhoda for specific details
910 SE Parkside Place, CP, WA

Wednesday, December 25

Merry Christmas

The Church Office will NOT be open today.

6:30pm

Carol Hargreaves' Group will not meet again until January 8

Sabbath, December 28

9:30am – 10:30am

Sabbath School Study

10:45am – 12:15pm

Pastor Eric Saylor: Communion Service

Monday, December 30

7:00pm

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Eastgate SDA Church Happenings!!

Dear church family, last evening (Tuesday, December 17) at 4:30 pm our brother in Christ, Bob Grimes, passed away. His faith was strong and God is good, we will see him again soon.

Please keep his family in your prayers as they grieve the loss of their loved one.

~Pastor Eric



Helpline Christmas Tree

Each year Helpline partners with area church to capture the true meaning of Christmas through their giving tree program. We have a Christmas Tree on display in the lobby with multiple paper ornaments hanging from the branches. If you are able, we would ask you to take an ornament. When you turn it over you will find items designed to meet basic needs of those struggling to make ends meet in our community. There are also ornaments for monetary donations for things like, bus passes at \$10 each and for heat/utilities at \$25 or \$50.

If you would like to help with this outreach, please take a tag and make a purchase. The items should NOT be wrapped. This will make it easier for the Helpline staff to access for appropriate needs. If your tag is for a monetary donation, please place it in an envelope with the paper ornament attached to the outside. These will be collected in a large manila envelope and be given to the Helpline staff.

Thank you for considering this as a giving option this year!

Christmas Food Boxes

We have had a time for nominating families who could use some help with food at the holidays. We have accepted the names you have submitted. Now we need to gather food donations to fill 21 food boxes! *We also still need about 10 small turkeys.* If you are uncertain as to what kinds of foods to bring, please look for the green sheet on the table in the lobby. We will gather on Monday, December 23 at 11:00am in the Fellowship Hall and put the boxes together. Pick up or delivery will take place between 1:00 and 3:00pm. Thank you for your help!



Asher Peterson Up-date

Asher is blessed to have a family member who is able and very willing to donate bone marrow. Asher's father, Delvin, would like to encourage you to be willing to find out about bone marrow

donation, check out www.bethematch.org. It only takes a cheek swab to be added to the registry, and you could save someone's life. We will be having another Blood drive in a few weeks. It will be on **Wednesday, February 12 from 12:00 – 5:00 pm**. You can search for blood drives at other times and locations at redcrossblood.org or vitalant.org.



At our recent blood drive on December 11 the Red Cross collected 22 units. This compares to an average of 16 previously collected here. As we plan for another blood drive in February, let's see if we can fill the schedule and collect a minimum of 30 units!

Wonderful Christmas Brunch

We had a wonderful Christmas Brunch this year! Thank you for bringing your special dishes to share! Our next opportunity to share a meal together will be the All-Church Fellowship Dinner on Sabbath December 28 here in our fellowship room, following the worship service.

Women's Study Group

Mondays, 7:00pm. Ladies - it's time for a spiritual growth for women and faith in Christ. This group of ladies invites you to join them as they read and discuss. If you are interested in joining them, please call Rhoda Ehrman at 509-200-2826.

We thank you for supporting your local church budget in addition to the world church?

Based on the most recent giving totals, for the year local church budget has averaged \$9,862.15 per month with a monthly budget of \$10,414.17.

November total combined budget giving of \$8,255.32 showed a reduction of our monthly budgeted giving.

At the recent board meeting there was a new request for financial assistance for two students at WWVA. The board approved \$1,000 of aid per student so our full financial commitment to Student Assistance now stands at \$11,200. So far this year we have donated \$5,261.80 towards this goal. As we near the end of the calendar year we thank you for supporting the mission of this local church and the budget required to accomplish that mission!

Financial Report

			<u>GOAL</u>
Combined Budget:	for the month of December	\$12,530.07	\$10,414.00
Parking Lot Project:	Balance remaining	\$ 3,047.16	\$14,324.29
Student Aid:	received	\$ 5,261.80	\$11,200.00
Pastor's Fund 2020	received	\$ 2,481.17!!!	\$ 2,000.00

Praise the Lord for members who can and do financially support the local mission of this church!

Pacific Power Bill Report

For those that might be curious about our electrical energy use here are a few little details.

December 2019 we have had an average daily temperature of 36 degrees. Our average daily use of electricity has been 368 kwh at a cost of \$41.89 per day. For the month \$1,340.41

Offering this Week

Local Church Budget

Offering next Week

UCC Advance

END OF YEAR FINANCIAL GIVING

There are a couple of major projects that we undertook this year in maintaining our church facility. One that we would like to clear the balance on by the end of the calendar year is our Parking Lot Reseal.

Any donations that you would like to direct to specific areas of ministry here at the church will appreciate receiving your gift. Please have all donations to the church office no later than Tuesday, December 31 by 1:30pm. If you process your banking donations electronically, please make certain the donation is received before 12:00 midnight December 31. This may be a New Year Banking Holiday so please check on this before the last minute. Thank you for your financial support.

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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? You can either contact the church office or Kim Boyd. He will once again be leading a team of individuals who will arrange for special music.

Collegiate & Young Adult Class

Tuesday Evening Bible Study

7:00pm Bible study each week at Wade Brook's apartment. They are on a study journey through the book of Romans. Visit the Sabbath School class, join the Messenger group and be in the know of what to bring and where to meet! Call Wade at (509)-525-2445 or Nicole M. at (541) 282-4803.

Monthly Friday Night Vespers, Next One – To Be Announced

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

They often plan a potluck supper so check with them for the plan for the evening. For an address contact Wade Brooks at (509)-525-2445, or Josh Boram at (541) 870-4661.

School News

WWVA - Steve Fuchs, Long Time VP of Finance to Retire:

Steve Fuchs has served as Vice Principal of Finance since 1992 and has decided to retire. So, Walla Walla Valley Academy is looking for a full time business manager. If you have experience and would be interested in more information you can contact Erik Borges through email borger@wwva.org or call 509-525-1050

Our Very Own WWVA Student Keenan Werner Needs our help!

Keenan Werner is in the band at WWVA and will be participating in a musical tour to Hawaii this coming spring. Keenan plays 1st and 2nd chair trombone depending upon the musical piece. The band will once again play for the World War II anniversary on Oahu, HI. Please be prepared to offer assistance as Keenan works his way preparing for the tour! Thank you for supporting this young man in his fundraising effort!

Our Very Own WWVA Student Cedric Bergherm raising funds

Cedric is also raising money for his portion of the band trip which will take place in the spring. Cedric is also in the Trombone section of the band. He is selling some homemade jam/jelly and lavender soap to earn this money. He and his mom Carrie have several flavors available and some different sizes as well. Please see more details in the Classified section on the last page of this newsletter. Also, look for Carrie Bergherm on Facebook or call 509-540-2412 or email carriebergherm@yahoo.com.

SDA Valley Community News & Events:

Steps of Paul and John Tour – 2020

Join Professor Carl Cosaert on this amazing tour thru Greece: Ephesus, Athens, Corinth, Laodicea, Meteora and more. Tour begins Wednesday, March 18th to Istanbul and ends in beautiful Athens, Greece. The price of the tour is \$2,345 per person plus airfare. For more information, please contact Shelle Blake at shelleblake@yahoo.com

Local Christian Aid Center Needs Your Help

Good afternoon. Here's a list of the current volunteer needs at the Christian Aid Center:

- * Donation Storage Room Organizer
- * Breakfast Cook
- * Registered Nurses

For more information, please contact Jeannette Regalado, Volunteer Coordinator, at (509) 525-7153 ext. 114. Volunteer application is available on our website at www.christianaidcenter.org

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News

UCC Office and ABC Holiday Hours

The Upper Columbia Conference office is open December 23, 24 and 30 and 31. Please call in advance on December 24 and 31 as noon closure is likely. The ABC will close December 24 at noon and will be open again on December 30 and 31. They will also close January 1 and 2, 2020.

Are You a Teen Pathfinder?

Teen Pathfinders head towards Camp MiVoden for their annual retreat. The speaker this year will be Pastor Caleb Foss from the Summit NW SDA Church in Post Falls, Wash. The worship team will be led by Allen Stafford. Go to <https://l.uccsda.org/TeenRetreat2020>

New Ministerial Director

A new ministerial director was named at the recent Conference Executive Committee on December 5, 2019. Pastor Eric Brown has accepted this position which also includes Family and Men's Ministries. Read the article here: <https://sp.uccsda.org/news2019-12-12/>

Youth Camps at MiVoden

Registration is open for all our youth camps. You have several to choose from our basic camps to our Ultimate camps and our 3-week DiscipleTrek camp. More information online at www.mivoden.com. There is a \$20 early payment discount available if the balance is paid by January 21. Any questions or assistance please call 509-242-0506.

Want to Work at Summer at Camp?

Camp MiVoden is currently taking applications for Summer Staff 2020. Please go online to www.mivoden.com to apply.

Registration for Camp Meeting

It is time now to register for the 2020 camp meeting - June 10-13, 2020. Go to: <https://www.uccsda.org/campmeeting> and find the reservation link at the top of the menu. The main speaker will be Lee Venden and he will share his focus on how Jesus wants to find and rescue every person. You will not want to miss this year's camp meeting.

Egypt Bible Tour 2020

Don't miss the opportunity to visit the earliest pyramid in Dashur and to spend time in the Egyptian Museum in Cairo. This tour, December 28, 2020 - January 6, 2021, also includes time in the Valley of the Kings, including the tomb of King Tut plus many more sites. You will visit Ancient Egyptian sites that make the Bible come alive. You will enjoy spending two nights on a cruise down the Nile. You will stay in four star hotels. The cost of the tour includes all meals, two domestic flights, travel in a deluxe coach, entrance fees for all tours sites and museums, guide and drive trips. This tour is hosted by Dr. Carl Cosaert, Professor of Biblical Studies at Walla Walla University. For a detailed itinerary and additional information send an email to Sharon Searson at sharons@uccsda.org.

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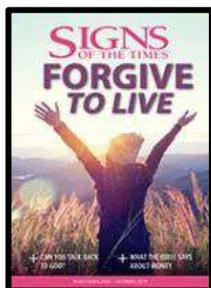
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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY - Do you struggle to explain your convictions about Sabbath or labor unions to your employer? Are you being asked to work on Sabbath? The Northwest Religious Liberty Association can help. Call Greg Hamilton and Rhonda Bolton at 360/857-7040.



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*® at 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 Mission360Mag.org.



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 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

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.

Cedric Bergherm – Fundraising for Spring Band Tour with WWVA

Cedric is selling some homemade jam/jelly and lavender soap to earn money for his Band trip to Hawaii this spring. They have several flavors available, and some different sizes as well.

Contact his mother Carrie for inventory available and pricing. carriebergherm@yahoo.com or cell phone 509-540-2412

ABC Christian Bookstore

Bibles ♦ Books ♦ Gifts ♦ DVDs ♦ CDs ♦ Games ♦ Cards ♦ and MORE!

OPEN - Sunday 10-3: Monday → Thursday 10:00 – 5:00: Friday ♦ Closed

Please Help to Support our local Brick and Mortar Store as they compete against on-line sales. Do some early Christmas shopping in our local store!!

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.

Need a Handyman? Try Wade Brooks!

Wade Brooks runs his own company serving the Walla Walla Valley. Contact him at 509-525-2445 or email to wallawallahandyman@gmail.com . Let Wade give you a helping hand!

PC SAVVY Computer Repair - Arron Pleier, www.pcsavvy.com or miltonfreewater@pcsavvy.com 509-593-0492

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Do you need a space larger than your home for entertaining a group of friends or family?

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 three (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

***Donate a Frozen Turkey for Christmas Food Boxes!
We still need about 10 turkeys for which we have some
donated freezer space! Let us know, we can store the
turkeys for you!***