

## *Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!*

### *A message from Pastor Eric Saylor:*

Merry Christmas!!!

Trees are decorated, music is playing, families are gathering, children are anticipating... We have nearly reached the climax of Christmas! Whether you are anticipating a peaceful, quiet celebration with one or two, or whether your home will be busting at the seams with friends and family, each of us has a reason to celebrate!

This Sabbath we are reflecting on that reason, the true meaning of Christmas.

For the past few weeks we've been exploring the miracle of Jesus coming to this world: first we marveled at "Immanuel," that God came to be with us, next we rejoiced in the Incarnation, that God became one of us, this Sabbath we are celebrating the greatest gift, the salvation that Jesus came as a little baby to bring us.

I hope, as you worship with the Eastgate family this Sabbath, that the Gift of God Saving Us will bring Joy to your Christmas season.

~Pastor Eric

**This Weekend!** December! 22, 2018; Pastor Eric Saylor will continue his December series with "God Saving Us". We will have a baby dedication and lots of music as we celebrate this time of families at Christmas time.

**Next Weekend:** December 29, 2019; Pastor Eric Saylor will present, "New Creation" join us as we finish the 2018 year. Church Service will be followed with an All Church Fellowship meal. Please bring a vegetarian dish that might serve 6 to 8 individuals.

### *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**

*Due to this being Christmas eve, this group will not meet on December 24. Thank you!*

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: *This group will also not be meeting the week of Christmas. Thank you for making this note in your calendar.*

### **Coming Church Events**

December 23, 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.

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

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

**EASTGATE SDA WEBSITE!** – <https://www.eastgateadventist.church>

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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! Or contact Wade Brooks at (509)-525-2445.

## *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](http://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:*

### **New Senior Pastor Named for Walla Walla University Church**

Andreas Beccai has accepted an invitation to lead the Walla Walla University Church as senior pastor.

“We are excited to welcome Pastor Beccai to our university community,” says Pam Cress, chair of the search committee and associate vice president for graduate studies at Walla Walla University. “We’re impressed with his ease of engagement with students and his vision for equipping all members of our congregation to be fluent witnesses of Christ’s love. I look forward to our church family’s warmest welcome and enthusiastic support for our new senior pastor and his family as they plan to move to our community.”

Beccai graduated from Keele University (Staffordshire, United Kingdom) in 2007 with a bachelor’s degree in law with business, and then earned a master of divinity degree from Andrews University (Berrien Springs, Michigan) in 2012. He’s served as chaplain for Adventist Information Ministries, associate dean for Auburn Adventist Academy, and associate pastor for Green Lake Church of Seventh-day Adventists.

Since 2015, Beccai has served as lead pastor for Volunteer Park Seventh-day Adventist Church in Seattle, Washington. In that role he’s guided the church’s strategic planning; served as a public campus chaplain at University of Washington and helped lead the local Seventh-day Adventist Student Association; acted as a community ambassador for local nonprofit organizations and government officials; and facilitated a summer internship program for theology students.

“The call to the Walla Walla University Church has been a journey marked by divine providences,” says Beccai. “My family and I are looking forward to serving on campus, and we are excited to seek the flourishing of the campus community and our neighbors in the Walla Walla Valley.

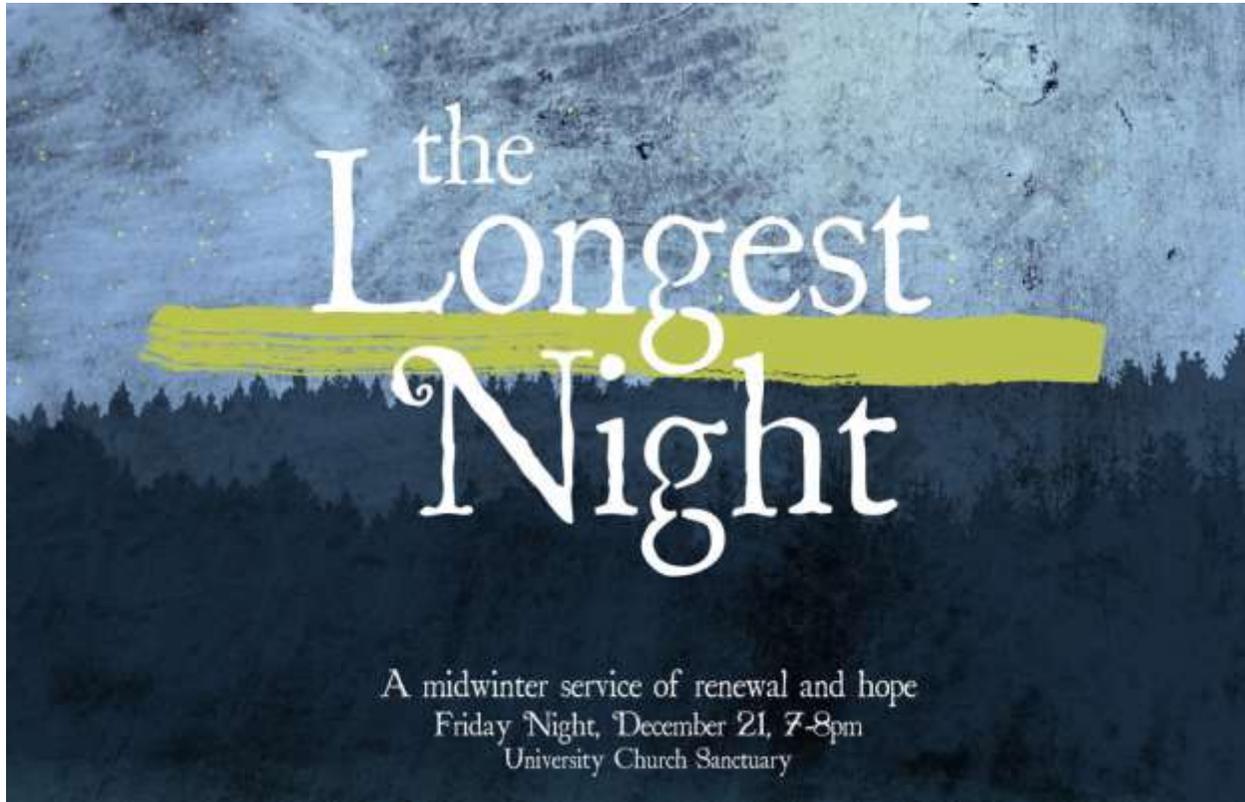
“I relish the opportunity to partner with bright minds to be agents of God, bringing help and hope and healing,” he continues. “As we dream and hope for the next season at Walla Walla University Church, we covet your prayers. We hope to foster a culture of faithful presence and gospel renewal as a dress rehearsal for the earth made new.”

“We enthusiastically welcome Pastor Beccai to the Upper Columbia Conference pastoral family,” says Elder Minner Labrador Jr., Upper Columbia Conference president. “His leadership and passion for our young adults will enrich our conference beyond measure.”

Beccai was born in Accra, Ghana, and spent his formative years in Reading, England. He enjoys playing soccer, reading, traveling and cooking. His wife, Cassandre, also received a master of divinity degree from Andrews University and has worked in Microsoft’s Global Human Resources Department. They have one daughter, Eden.

Walla Walla University Church members will become more acquainted with Beccai in January, and the family plans to complete their transition to the Walla Walla University Church in March, says Darold Bigger, interim senior pastor. “The pastors are enthusiastic about Beccai’s acceptance, and we look forward to working with him.”

## Also at the Walla Walla University Church



**The season that is festive for so many is bittersweet for some.** Winter solstice, the longest evening of the year, symbolizes the dark night of the soul that often accompanies disappointment, doubt, and loss of various kinds.

The good thing about the longest night is that with its passing, light shines forth more and more. The service of The Longest Night acknowledges pain and loss and points to a renewal of hope through the "Sun of Righteousness" who arises with "healing in His wings!" (Malachi 4:2) It's a different kind of Advent service, filled with both comfort and joy. Its focus is on our Wonderful Counselor, our Savior, who was not only a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief but is now our blessed Prince of Peace. Come for a meditative service of music, reflection, and healing prayer.

Join the University Church and bring a friend, Friday night, December 21, at 7pm in the Sanctuary.

### *Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News*

#### **Thank You UCC Members: For Your Giving to Paradise (Camp) Fire Survivors**

A heartfelt thank you to Upper Columbia Conference members who generously contributed almost \$100,000 for individuals and families who survived the tragic Camp Fire that impacted so many in the Greater Paradise area in early November. While the initial donation will be sent this week, donations for the survivors will continue through December. Please continue to pray for those who have suffered so much loss.

#### **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.”

### **Pathfinder Teens, Save the Date - Jan. 25-27, 2019**

The annual retreat for Teen Pathfinders is all about “A God Who Won’t Let Go.” Pastor Jared Spano from Pasco Riverview SDA Church will be the main speaker. Mark January 25-27, 2019 in your calendar!

### **Save the date for Children's Leadership Expo**

This will be Sunday March 3, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., at the Upper Columbia Conference.

### **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](http://www.uccsda.org/Guatemala) . For questions, contact Denise Kinney at 509-242-0506 or [denisek@uccsda.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### **UCC News and Events Can Arrive in your Inbox**

Be in the know. Sign up for News from UCC on the home page of our web site. Scroll all the way to the bottom. [www.uccsda.org](http://www.uccsda.org)

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### **MORE NEWS**

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## *Beyond the UCC of SDA News*

### **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](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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**

Camp MiVoden is looking for a full-time food service director. In order to apply go to [uccsda.org/jobs](http://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 Oppertunities 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)

Email job postings to [office@eastgateadventist.church](mailto: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.

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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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/](http://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](mailto:wallawallauniversityalumni@gmail.com)

Submit your service ads to the following email address: [office@eastgateadventist.church](mailto: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