

## *Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church!*

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

I've never met anyone genuinely famous.

I've never met a President, nor a celebrity, nor a movie star... The closest I've been to a sports figure is sitting halfway up in a crowd at a Trailblazers basketball game.

As for Christian celebrities Stacie and I got to meet Chris Tomlin a couple of years ago, but to be honest he probably doesn't remember us.

There seems to be a divide in our society between those who are famous and the rest of us commoners. They hang out with totally different crowd and seldom descend to mix with normal people.

God is different, however.

This Sabbath we are beginning a three-part Christmas series with a study on the great "Condescension," Jesus coming down to our level to be Immanuel, God With Us.

I'm looking forward to worshipping with you!

~Pastor Eric

### **This Weekend! December 1, 2018; Pastor Eric Saylor. "God With Us"**

Come at 9:30am and spend an hour with us in bible study in small groups. Children's age appropriate classes too! Then stay from 10:45am – 12:15pm as we meet in the sanctuary for worship service.

**Next Weekend: December 8, 2018; Christmas Brunch! 9:30 – 10:30am. Followed by our annual Christmas program as a part of our worship service.**

## *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 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 and this special visit at Christmas time. If you would like to bring a couple of dozen home-made cookies please watch the bulletin for announcements regarding this event time and date. Thank you for caring and sharing!

### **Adventist Community Services Offering coming December 8**

The Adventist Community Services (ACS) annual offering is scheduled for December 8 and they are seeking your support. ACS assists many local Adventist agencies like our own local SonBridge. Donates will be received in the offering or you can donate directly to SonBridge.

### **Paradise Fire Recovery Offering**

If you wish to continue to support the humanitarian efforts you can still make contributions. Please mark your tithe envelops as “UCC Paradise Recover”.

### **India Team is returning – Team members arrived home November 30**

Our Maranatha Mission Trip Team members should have arrived home on Friday, November 30 if all of their travel connections worked as planned. We hope to hear a report from them in the coming weeks! If you read this prior to Friday, please pray for their safe travels!

Dwight B.	Eastgate SDA		Harry S.	Grangeville
Kristi B.	Eastgate SDA		Tammy S.	Grangeville
Rhonda E.	Eastgate SDA		Jamie S.	Grangeville
Carol H.	Eastgate SDA		Tammy J.	Walla Walla
Kevin R.	Eastgate SDA		Katelyn J.	Walla Walla
Stephenie R.	Eastgate SDA		Linda M.	Walla Walla
Debra P.	Walla Walla		Karl P.	Walla Walla
Myriam F.	Yakima			

### **Women’s Study Group**

Mondays, 7:00pm studying, “An Endless Falling in Love” by Ty Gibson. Meets at 910 SE Parkside Place, College Place.

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

### **Coming Church Events**

November/December	Food Boxes and Children’s Gifts
December 8, 9:30am	Christmas Brunch – No Sabbath School on this day
December 15, 5:30 pm	Children’s Christmas Party - Cookie Decorating
December 22	Cookies for our Shut-in members
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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<https://www.facebook.com/Eastgate-SDA-Church-206126468203>

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

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

### **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.

## **Church Laugh**

One Sabbath morning, the pastor noticed little Alex standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names with small American flags mounted on either side of it. The seven year old had been staring at the plaque for some time so, the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy and said quietly , “Good morning Alex.”

“Good morning Pastor, what is this?” he asked the pastor.

The pastor said, “Well, son, it’s a memorial plaque to all the young men and women who died in the Service.”

Soberly they just stood together staring at the large plaque. Finally, little Alex’s voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked, “Which service, the 8:30 or the 10:45?”

## **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 &**

### **Christmas Season Concerts from our Schools**

#### **December 5, Rogers Adventist School at WWVA Auditorium**

Grades 5-8 Christmas Program. 7:00pm

#### **December 5, Walla Walla Valley Academy Orchestra at Wheatland Village**

The WWVA Orchestra will present a small concert for the residents of Wheatland Village from 5:30 – 6:30 pm.

#### **December 6, Milton-Stateline Adventist School in their Gym**

All grades Christmas Program. 6:00pm

#### **December 7, Walla Walla University Music Department in the WWU Church**

WWU presents two back to back programs to celebrate the Holiday season. During the Prelude enjoy the Rogers Adventist School Jnr. High Hand Bell Choir in the lobby of the University Church. Admission is free. First program starts at 6:00pm with the second one starting at 8:00pm.

#### **December 8, Walla Walla Valley Academy Music Department at WWVA Auditorium**

Plan to be at the WWVA Music Department's annual Christmas Concert. Enjoy all of WWVA's musical groups including the band, bell choir, choir and orchestra. May God bless you richly this holiday season! <https://maps.google.com/maps?hl=en&q=WWVA%20Auditorium>

*See SDA Valley Community News & Events for Village Church event – December 8*

#### **December 13, Rogers Adventist School at WWVA Auditorium**

Grades K – 4 Christmas Program. 6:30 – 8:30pm

*Remember to take note of the Christmas Parades listed under Local Community 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.

### **Walla Walla University's Commitment to Diversity Plan**

Last April, WWU president John McVay announced eight areas of diversity focus that the university would immediately pursue in keeping with its mission which affirms that "every person is created in the image of God as a being of inestimable value and worth." These eight areas, which have been developed into a plan called Our Commitment to Diversity in collaboration with WWU students, faculty, and staff is being shepherded into action, and progress will be reported annually. "The specifics of the plan aren't just talk; they are an important foundation from which the campus family can take positive, deliberate, measurable steps toward fostering a more diverse campus community—the kind of community that inspires creativity and compassion and that develops young professionals equipped for a diverse world and future," says McVay. Read Our Commitment to Diversity and learn more about our action steps at [wallawalla.edu/diversity](http://wallawalla.edu/diversity).

### **SDA Valley Community News & Events:**

#### **A Song in the Air, College Place Village Church Christmas Program Dec. 8, 3:30pm**

A service of worship presented by the Village Church Choir, Orchestra, Kids of the King Children's Choir, Woodwind Ensemble and Grace Notes Handbells, featuring selections from Handel's MESSIAH and beloved seasonal carols.

### **Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News**

#### **The NAD Year End Meetings and Response to GC Compliance Plan**

The North American Division Year-End meetings have had live coverage. You can watch them all at this link: <https://www.nadadventist.org/news/2018-nad-year-end-meeting-video-coverage>. North American Division Year-End Meeting delegates voted approval on Tuesday, Nov. 6, for an official response to the recently voted document by the General Conference Executive Committee entitled "Regard for and Practice of General Conference Session and General Conference Executive Committee Actions." The approved response was drafted by a writing committee approved by delegates. Read the entire statement here <https://1.uccsda.org/NADRespondstoGCCCompliancePlan2018>

#### **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).

#### **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)

### **READ THE LATEST NORTHWEST ADVENTIST NEWS** at [www.gleanernow.com](http://www.gleanernow.com)

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

### **MORE NEWS**

NAD NewsPoints: [Click here for most recent North American Division 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.

### **"A NEW START" ON ADVENTIST PUBLIC RADIO** 9am, 3pm, 12am PST

Featuring the best Natural Healers in Adventism. Start your 2018 with a New Start to better health. Available online at the website, or Roku TV, SDA RADIO APP and YouTube. Problems Listening? Go to [www.adventistpublicradio.com](http://www.adventistpublicradio.com) and click "listen live".

**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!

### **Lifestyle Magazine**

An on-line magazine focusing on mind, body and soul. Find it at [www.lifestyle.org](http://www.lifestyle.org)

## **Local Community News**

### **HOSPICE OFFERS SUPPORT TO THOSE EXPERIENCING GRIEF THIS HOLIDAY SEASON**

**Walla Walla, WA** – The holidays can be a very difficult time for people who have experienced the death of someone they love. Memories of good times and togetherness at the holiday season serve to remind us of our loss. Walla Walla Community Hospice (WWCH) welcomes the community to an afternoon workshop to offer ideas to comfort and empower those grieving. Facilitated by the Hospice Bereavement Team, consisting of staff social workers and chaplains, attendees can expect thoughtful discussion and the presentation of a brief film featuring heartwarming and helpful interviews.

Any residents experiencing grief in Walla Walla, Columbia and NE Umatilla counties are welcome. The workshop will take place on **Sunday, November 18th from 1 to 3pm** in the newly renovated **Filipi Memorial Room located at the WWCH office at 1067 E. Isaacs in Walla Walla.**

For more information, call 509-525-5561 or visit [wwhospice.org](http://wwhospice.org) or the Facebook page at @wallawallahospice.

### **Walla Walla Parade of Lights**

The Downtown Walla Walla Foundation is pleased to present the Annual Macy's Holiday Parade of Lights. Always held on the first Saturday in December, this event features a huge variety of lighted entries and thousands of spectators who help herald in the start of the holiday shopping season. The parade begins promptly at 6 pm at the corner of Alder and Fifth Street. The parade travels east on Alder to Palouse, Palouse to Main Street, and Main Street to Fifth. The Jolly Old Elf Himself, SANTA CLAUS, will bring the parade to a close as he makes his way into Downtown Walla Walla. Interested in participating in the parade? There is no longer a fee to participate. <https://www.downtownwallawalla.com/parade-of-lights>

### **College Place Christmas Parade**

Thursday, December 6th 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Parade on College Ave - Entry Form available on-line. Vendors at Municipal Campus - Participation Form (Fee of \$20 for non farm market vendors) Municipal Campus/Fire Dept - Gathering, Market, Tree Lighting, Santa Visit, Carols Fireworks <http://www.cpwa.us/residents/events/index.php>

### **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 Keep on, no hire yet**

Camp MiVoden is looking for a full-time food service director. This is an opportunity be a part of a fantastic team that is impacting young people, families, and groups for the kingdom of God, all while living in a beautiful environment. Camp MiVoden was founded in 1940 and is an iconic Seventh-day Adventist Camp that has been connecting campers to Christ for generations. During the summer the food service director will be training, teaching, and coaching a food service staff to serve youth camps, family camps, SDA employees and a large retreat group or two. During the fall, winter and spring the food service director will be working with a small staff to serve rental groups primarily with food service but also in other areas as needed. If you are a person who enjoys cooking, hospitality, organization, and communication this is the job for you! 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.

### **Staff Position Opening in Kennewick, WA – Bangla Hope**

Do you have a passion for missions? Are you looking for a meaningful way to utilize your God-given gifts? Are you seeking a position where you can grow in your professional skills? Do you desire work that is more of a calling than merely a job? Then you may be just the right person to join our ministry team. Bangla Hope is an SDA-based ministry that serves orphaned and underprivileged children in Bangladesh. We are looking to add to our staff in our US Headquarters in Kennewick, WA. If you are interested in learning more about this opening, please call Debi Axford at (509) 586-4259 Monday through Thursday 9 am to 3 pm. You may also email her at [children@banglahope.org](mailto:children@banglahope.org) to request a job description and application.

### **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.

**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](mailto:info@harmonyinhomecare.com) or go online to view their Website at: [www.harmonyinhomecare.com](http://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](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

### **Special Offerings during the Holiday Season**

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#### **Eastgate Food Baskets & Christmas Gifts for needy families**

One could donate cash funds so that we could purchase some fresh vegetables and dairy products on the day that we put together the food boxes and make the deliveries. Mark a tithe envelop "Community Services – Christmas Food Boxes".

#### **Milton-Stateline Adventist School Kitchen Renovation**

The school is raising \$20,000 to renovate their old kitchen. The kitchen currently cannot be legally used for food prep until it updated. Once the update is complete, they will also use the kitchen for pie and baking fundraiser, have the ability to offer Home Ec. To students and provide students with the ability to help support their school. Mark tithe envelops MSAS Kitchen Project.

#### **Camp Fire burn in Paradise, CA**

Upper Columbia Conference churches already collected a special offering to support the survivors of the Camp Fire in Paradise, California. Funds collected through December of 2018 will be delivered to the Northern California Conference to provide support for those recovering from this tragedy. **You can still donate** to this fund. Mark your tithe envelope "UCC Paradise Recovery." You can also give online at <https://l.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."

**All funds go directly to support families who have lost everything except what matters most; life, love and hope.**