# Welcome to Eastgate SDA Church! A message from Pastor Eric Sayler

Have you ever felt like an outsider?

Maybe as a kid you weren't included in a birthday party that all the other kids were invited to. Maybe at recess you were the last to be picked for a baseball team. Maybe as a teenager you felt not included in a conversation, standing in the group but never acknowledged.

I think we all know how these type of situations feel, I know I do.

But then think of the other side. How does it feel when you are intentionally included?

Someone invites you to a party.

Someone healthy intentionally chooses you as a friend.

Someone draws you into meaningful conversation, carefully listening and truly caring about what you think.

Now, consider how you might be that second kind of friend. How can you make people feel a part, included, and valued?

This Sabbath we're studying about a character from Scripture who seemed to be this kind of person: Someone who not only looked for ways to include people in the group, but who invited people of various backgrounds into connection with Jesus.

Early service starts at 9:00, Sabbath school is at 10:15, and Second Service begins at 11:30. There are a lot of sniffles going around so feel free to worship from home at our <u>YouTube channel for</u> <u>second service</u>. Also, there will be no judgment if you choose to wear a mask because you have concerns about health while worshiping in person, too.

May God bless you with rest and peace this Sabbath!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: September 16, 2023: Pastor Eric Sayler

Next Weekend: September 23, 2023: Pastor Eric Sayler

Week At A Glance		
Sabbath, September 16, 2023		
9:00 - 10:05	Early Service	
10:15 - 11:15	Sabbath School	
11:30 - 12:45	Second Service	
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Monday, September 18- Fric	lay, September	22 Parking Lot Project, Please park on the street	
Monday, September 18	7:00pm	Evangelism Team Zoom	
Wednesday, September 20	6:30pm	m Midweek Prayer Service, To be held at Casey and Dixi	
		Cramer's home, 30 Talon Loop, Walla Walla	
Thursday, September 14	7:30pm	Men's Bible Study, Location TBD	
Friday, September 15	7:00pm	Prayeradigm at Rosalie Dickerson's	

## Please note: Parking Lot Closed for Renovations September 18-22

Our parking lot project will be underway this coming week. If you need to visit the church, please park on the street. Please stay safe and do not walk in the work zone. Some activities at the church have been moved to another location and some have been cancelled. Please see announcements. Thank you for your cooperation as we make improvements.

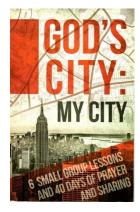
<b><u>Financial Report</u></b>	RECEIVED	<u>GOAL</u>	<u>NEED</u>
<i>Facility Beautification</i>	\$ 56,945.96	\$260,000	\$203,054.04
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 10,314.88	\$37,400.00	\$27,085.12
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 50,313.75	\$55,000.00	Phase 1, 2 &3

To support the ministry of Eastgate feel free to donate online or drop your gift in the offering box in the church lobby.

https://adventistgiving.org/donate/ANIINV



# Eastgate Church News & Events



# "My City: God's City" 40 days of prayer.

We are in the middle of a 40-day prayer journey as a church in preparation for Sep 30-Oct 7 "We All Have Hope" series. Be sure to pick up your copy of "My City. God's City." by Roger Hernandez so you can be a part of this focus! You can also find <u>a PDF version here</u>.

## Celebration of Life for Art Cadieux- September 30

The following message is from Melissa Cadieux:

"As many of you know, my dear husband passed away on August 30. Thank you to all the thoughtful, kindhearted people who have been so good to me during this difficult time. There are so many wonderful people out there and you have proven that to me over and over. We will have a Celebration of Life in honor of Art on September 30 at 4pm at the home of Gene and Adrianna Mahurin. The address is 28 Lilac Court, Walla Walla, WA."

#### "We All Have Hope" Evangelism Series

Starting September 30 and running through October 7 Roger Hernandez will be with us, sharing a series of messages to invite our friends, families, and neighbors to follow Jesus. Please keep this series in your prayers, and consider who you might invite to this amazing set of truth-filled, inspiring messages!



#### **Church Facility Beautification**

There are aspects of our church facility that have become worn through years of heartfelt, effective ministry. If these walls could speak, the stories of changed lives they could tell! At our recent church business meeting we voted to update and repair a number of things around the facility:

Parking Lot Resurface, Reseal and Striping:	\$176,038.50
Water Line Repair:	7,405.20 (completed!)
Concrete Repair and addition:	7,300.00 (completed!)
Worn Carpet Replacement:	58,898.14
Lobby Window Glass Replacement:	2,626.67
Entrance Door Security Updates:	8,000.00

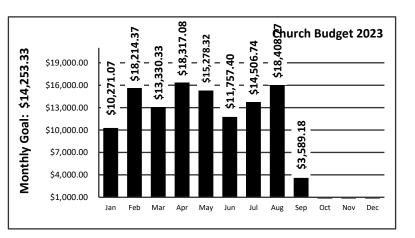
Because of your faithful, mission-minded generosity we have already raised \$56,895.96! This is awesome! If you would like to support this vision of making God's Worship and Ministry Center more appealing and usable you can mark your offering "*Facility Beautification*" and it will go toward this process. Thanks for your ministry-minded support!

## <u>Today's Featured offering:</u> <u>Church Budget</u>

This Sabbath's offering is for the local church budget.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35)

"When you clench your fist, no one can put anything in your hand. A clenched fist won't give, and can't receive." -Alex Haley (writer of the book Roots)



Let's give with open hands to further the Gospel of Christ in our community.

# **Christian Aid Center Service Opportunity!**

Do you have a heart for service? Are you looking for a way to become involved in your community? The Eastgate church is working with the Christian Aid Center (CAC) to help provide, prepare and serve dinners for the less-fortunate population in our community. If you are being called to serve in this way, please contact Pastor Eric, Carol Hargreaves, or Rob Becker to volunteer, from 4:00-6:00 pm, for one of the following dates:

- 1. September 25, Monday
- 2. November 30, Thursday

But wait, that's not all, there's more! Starting in January 2024, we (the Eastgate church family) will REGULARLY be serving dinners at the CAC <u>the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday of every month</u>. Thank you in advance for your heart of service.

## 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.

## <u>Sabbath Morning Bible Study – Young Adults Group</u>

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.

## Men's Ministry: Thursday Night Men's Group ~ 7:30pm

Leader: Rob Becker, location TBD. 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 Sayler.

#### Women's Ministry: Women's Care 101.2

Women's Ministry will be continuing the study begun in the spring of the Beatitudes and how to apply them to the various roles women carry. This Bible study group will meet once a month this fall in the fellowship hall beginning September 17 at 9:30am. Contact Barbara Henderson for more information.

#### Florescent Bulbs and Ballasts for Free!

The church is gradually transitioning our lighting fixtures from florescent to led bulbs. This will help with both labor and expense over the coming years.

Because of this we have a surplus of used yet working florescent tubes and ballasts that are looking for a good home. If you are interested please check in with Stan Maxted.

## **Needlepoint Art!**

Evon Austin is gifted in needlepoint and other decorative arts. If you are interested in purchasing or commissioning a work give her a call! (509) 540-8347 or justtherightwords@gmail.com



# Eastgate Events Calendar Dates Up-coming!

~ September 15 – 17	Pathfinder Camporee, Republic, WA
~September 24	UCC Constituency Meeting
~Sept 30-Oct 7	Evangelistic Series! Invite your friends!
~October 7	Fall Festival
~October 21	Children's Ministries Bonfire Vespers
~October 30	Health Ministries Cooking Class
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# Walla Walla Valley Adventist Schools

#### Milton-Stateline Adventist School News:

MSAS NEWS: We are 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 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 <u>miltonstateline.org</u>.

#### 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 <u>news.uccsda.org/wwva1122</u>.

# Walla Walla University

#### Walla Walla University is looking to partner with you for Thanksgiving.

Some students are not able to go home for Thanksgiving and Walla Walla University is looking for those willing to host a few students for Thanksgiving dinner or able to provide a dish that would be served for Thanksgiving dinner at the residence halls. If this is something you can help with, please contact the Director of Residential Life and Housing, Jon Nickell at (509) 527-2539 or email Jon at jon.nickell@wallawalla.edu.

#### 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

# Dinosaur Encounter (Pasco; College Place; and Spokane, WA) — \*September 29-October 1



Dinosaur Encounter is coming to a city near you! Dinosaur Encounter is an exciting 75-minute stage show for kids and families that explores dinosaur evidence from science, nature, literature, logic, and most importantly: The Bible. Showtimes vary depending on location. General Admission is \$15.00 and includes 3D glasses and a free gift. To purchase tickets, find showtimes, and learn more visit:

Pasco Riverview Church (Sept. 29): <u>dinoencounter.com/tricities</u> Village Church, College Place (Sept. 30): <u>dinoencounter.com/wallawalla</u> Spokane Valley Church (Oct. 1): <u>dinoencounter.com/spokane</u> \*dependent on location.

#### 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

The Christian Aid Center has a number of opportunities for volunteering:

\*Registered Nurses to help in our Health & Wellness Center \*Barber \*Van Driver (Tuesday mornings) to pick up donated food \*Mentors for male guests in our recovery program

For more information, contact Jeannette Regalado at (509) 525-7153 ext. 114. You can also fill out an application at <u>christianaidcenter.org</u>.

# **Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News**

#### ABC Bookstore Fall Sales Event Now Starting

The ABC Bookstore has released its 2023 Fall Sales flier and will have a bookdrop running through the month of October. Get your orders in now! We will be coming to Yakima, Tri-Cities, Pendleton, Wenatchee, Brewster, Omak, Coeur d'Alene, Bonners Ferry, Libby, and Sandpoint. Find out more about our bookdrop dates and times and see our flier at <a href="http://www.uccsda.org/abc">www.uccsda.org/abc</a>.

#### Fresh Granola for Sale

"Thank you all who bought our granola.

Our FRESH batch of fruity granola is ready for sale. We are blessed with this learning experience. My son has learned some principles of work and money management.

We have 20 bags ready to go. These are the ingredients: oats, almonds, sea salt, cinnamon, organic coconut oil, organic maple syrup, organic coconut flakes, vanilla extract, and dried cranberries.

Because this is our last BATCH, we would like to see them go for \$8 for each bag of 15 oz. You can text me at (678) 683 2917. Yes, or you can email <u>maru.huamaniq@gmail.con</u> Thank you for being so supportive!"

~Maria Huamani

#### **Exploring Ephesians with John McVay**

John McVay, president of Walla Walla University, recently authored the Adult Sabbath School Bible Study Guides for the third quarter of 2023. To supplement and promote the use of the study guides on Ephesians, McVay will be leading a variety of online sessions, recording podcasts, and teaching lessons for Sabbath School classes, the School of Theology, and camp meetings. For more information visit <u>news.uccsda.org/ephesians723</u>.

# **Upper Columbia Conference Constituency Session**



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



#### **Health Tip: Burnout Prevention**

Cindy Williams, RN, health ministries coordinator hopes everyone enjoyed the long weekend and encourages everyone to take a vacation. "Did you take a vacation this summer? I hope that the answer is yes! Over and over research has shown that there are significant benefits when you take an extended break from your work routine." To read more about burnout prevention visit <u>news.uccsda.org/burnout923</u>.

## Netflix Documentary Features Some of Loma Linda's Longest-lived Adventists

Dan Buettner's *Live to 100: Secrets of the Blue Zones* includes some of the director's observations on what he thinks helps Adventists to live to more than 80, 90, and even 100 while staying active, healthy, and engaged. "Blue Zone" is a term used to describe any area in the world where human beings have extraordinary longevity. To read more visit <u>news.uccsda.org/bluezone923</u>.

#### UCC Pathfinder Camporee (Sheridan Meadows) — September 15-17

Do I have a place in God's Kingdom? Do I even matter in the Kingdom picture? Am I needed in the church? This year's "Puzzled Adventure Camporee" will help Pathfinders discover the answers to some of these questions through challenging adventure, service, fun, and team building. The Adventure Camporee is our event teams' effort to maximize the natural beauty of the northeast corner of our conference and create a memorable learning experience for our Pathfinders. For more information, contact your club directors or visit <u>ucc.regfox.com/puzzled-23</u>.

## Hidden Figures: Stories of Adventist Women

This past year saw the creation of a new Pathfinder honor, "Women in Adventist History." Women have always been an important part of Christian history and this is especially true in Adventist history. Women were the backbone of the development of Adventism, beginning with the Second Great Awakening, the Millerite movement. "My own daughter, along with two of her friends, were the initial catalyst to beta-test and help develop the requirements," shared Michael Campbell. To read the full story visit news.uccsda.org/hiddenfigures923.

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

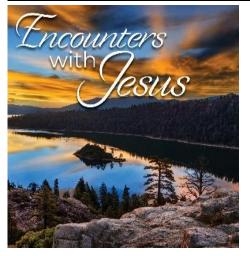
Local church prayer leaders have invited the whole Upper Columbia Conference to participate in praying together corporately for 24 hours a day for 10 days for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. Those who sign up will receive a daily devotional. Plan to pray with others each day in a daily 24hour zoom. Sign up to participate and learn more about it visit uccsda.org/vertical. Additional resources including zoom links can be found at <u>https://www.uccsda.org/verticalresources</u>.



## 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 <u>news.uccsda.org/PrayerSummit1023</u>. 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.

#### UCC Women's & Young Women's Fall Weekend Retreat (Camp MiVoden) — October 27-29



Early bird registration is now open for UCC Women's & Young Women's Fall Weekend Retreat at Camp MiVoden — October 27-29. Join keynote speaker, Lindsey Haffner, for a spiritually enriching weekend in fellowship, praise and music, good food, and fun on the beautiful shores of Camp MiVoden! To register visit uccsda.org/womensretreat.

#### **Offerings Accepted for Eastern Washington Fire Response**



Several large fires devastated the Spokane area recently. The most significant of these were the Gray Fire in Medical Lake and the Oregon Fire in Elk. More than 300 homes were lost, including homes to Adventist families. To donate to the UCC fire response, please mark your tithe envelope with UCC Fire Response. To donate online, go to <u>news.uccsda.org/giving</u> under the category UCC Disaster Response – NW Fires and indicate "UCC Fire Response."

## Additional Giving Opportunities in the Upper Columbia Conference

#### <u>Maui Fire</u>

Many of you may be familiar with the Hawaiian word 'ohana' which encompasses the idea of an extended family support system of caring individuals. We have the opportunity to be brothers and sisters to those living in Maui suffering enormous loss due to the recent catastrophic fire. Monetary donations are needed to cover even basic necessities for many families. No offering code will be created for donations. Members are encouraged to search for "Hawaii Conference Church" on Adventist Giving where they have 'Maui Fires Relief' listed as a local offering. There is also a giving link on the Hawaii Conference's website. Checks should be mailed to Hawaii Conference of Seventh-day Adventists - 2728 Pali Hwy, Honolulu HI 96817

https://www.hawaiisda.com/ https://adventistigiving.org/donate/ANPBB1

#### Serve One More

During Camp Meeting, Elder David Jamieson, Upper Columbia Conference President, invited members to be part of the "**Serve One More**" initiative in raising \$2 million by December 31, 2023. This fund will enable our churches, schools, radio stations, summer camp, and anyone else, young or old, who wishes to "**Serve One More**" to make a greater impact for the Kingdom of God by serving others through relevant, practical, and innovative community services. Offering code: Creative Evangelism #77006

# North American Division

#### ADRA Celebrates 40th Anniversary by Planting 40,000 Trees in Zimbabwe

The Adventist Development and Relief Agency (ADRA) is kicking off its 40th anniversary celebrations in Africa by planting 40,000 fruit trees across Zimbabwe from August to December. The theme of the #plantafruittree project, "Environmental Safeguarding and Climate Change," highlights ADRA's legacy of implementing practical efforts to mitigate the consequences of climate change and improve community health. To read more visit <u>news.uccsda.org/ADRA923</u>

#### 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 <u>news.uccsda.org/acsgrants523</u>. If interested in applying, please contact Patty Marsh,

UCC Director for ACS, at <u>Pattym@uccsda.org</u> 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 <u>news.uccsda.org/connected1023</u>.

#### 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.

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## EASTGATE SDA CHURCH ON YOUTUBE

YouTube: Eastgate Church ~ Our Church Service is now being broadcast on YouTube at the following Link: <u>Eastgate Adventist Church</u>. Thank you for subscribing!

# 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.

# **<u>Requests: - What are your prayer requests?</u>**

Please keep Melissa Cadieux and family in prayer as they mourn the loss of Art Cadieux who passed away on August 30<sup>th</sup>.

Please pray for the Rick family. Tyler's father, Glenn Rick has suffered a stroke and is in need of healing.

Please pray for Stephanie Coble who is experiencing significant health concerns.

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: <u>www.GoFundMe.com/w4pcx8-love-for-Connie</u>

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 Tudy (and Richard) Carlton as she receives treatment for cancer.

Prayers for Marylin Kovach who is experiencing health concerns. She appreciates visits and calls!

Prayers for Shawn K. as he faces serious heart problems. Pray for healing and continued blessings and faith as they go through this trial.

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.

## **Praises!! - What are your Praises for your Heavenly Father?**

Thank you for your ongoing prayers for Dixie Cramer's former academy classmates, Steve & Donna Tanner. We are praising God for His healing power in Donna's brain cancer! Last Monday the MRI showed the tumors greatly reduced by at least 80%. Please pray for God's continued healing for Donna, & for His strength for both her & her husband.