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

Several years ago our family was blessed to visit Costa Rica. There, in the south of the country we stayed in a bamboo house just a hop, skip, and jump from the ocean.

Having never been in a tropical rain forest before I was immediately amazed by the number of insects that greeted us as we arrived. These, in turn, fed the hundreds of geckos, anoles, and basilisk lizards that lived both inside and outside our house.

One of the most fascinating insects we came across was the leaf cutter ant.

I've seen innumerable documentaries about these ants, I know a relatively decent amount about them, I'd even seen a captive colony of them in a bug museum on Vancouver Island, of all places.

But now, on the southern tip of the Osa peninsula in Costa Rica I now came face-to-face with these curious insects.

When I discovered them, I sat down with my phone and recorded their progression.

A line of ants was constantly, purposefully walking single file across the sand, onto an exposed root, up a tree trunk, and to the branches where they would each snip off a section of leaf several times bigger than herself, and then carry it back down the tree, across the ground, and into the undergrowth to where there colony was. There they would use the leaf pieces to propagate fungus that they used for food.

As I sat there I decided to mess with them a little bit. Ant trails are simply pheromone trails that each ant participates in creating as they walk along, each individual making the chemical markers stronger. Knowing this, I picked up a leaf and placed it in the middle of the trail.

For a second the line was confused, halting to assess the problem. Obviously this wasn't the first time a leaf had interrupted their progress. Before too long the line had directed itself over and around several obstacles I placed in their way, determined to follow the line of their sisters who had left them behind.

Though the comparison is woefully lacking and clearly insufficient, my mind finds a comparison between these ants following each other to our experience of peer pressure. Unless we are intentional and thoughtful we are easily led along by peers, celebrities and others and eventually end up where we don't need to be, where we don't want to be.

This Sabbath we're looking at a story from Acts 26 where a king was influenced by peer pressure, where his fear of criticism kept him from doing what he knew he needed to do.

I hope you can join in! You can worship in person or you can worship online at our <u>Facebook</u> <u>Page</u>. May God bless you with rest this Sabbath.

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: June 19, 2021 Pastor Eric Sayler returns us to lessons from Paul Next Weekend: June 26, 2021 Pastor Eric Sayler continues with Acts of the Spirit

### Week At A Glance

June 19, Sabbath: 10:00am Live Sabbath Schools in the Church for all generations!

~ Lenard Wittlake Sabbath School Adult Quarterly > The Promise; Covenant Sign

~ The Builders – A New Adult Class > Ecclesiastes, Room 140

~ The Word a Zoom~Hybrid Sabbath School > the Book of Job.

~ Young Adult Sabbath School, a Zoom~Hybrid studying about David ~ I Samuel

~ All Divisions are in Face-to-Face Sabbath School Sessions 11:15am - 12:15pm Worship Service - Pastor Eric Sayler

Sunset 8:48pm

June 20, Sunday Father's Day

June 21, Monday Evening: 7:00pm Hope Group on Zoom

June 22, Tuesday: 6:30pm, Elder' Meeting

7:00-8:15pm Youth Face-to-Face Meeting

June 10, Thursday: 6:30pm Zoom Prayer Meeting

June 11, Friday Sunset ~ 8:49pm

June 12, Sabbath: 10:00am Live Sabbath Schools in the Church for all generations!

11:15am – 12:15pm Worship Service – with Pastor Eric Sayler

#### **Northwest Camp Meetings**

It's camp meeting season again. Due to pandemic precautions, many conferences are holding hybrid in-person/remote events. Here is list of camp meetings happening this week:

June 14-19: <u>Upper Columbia Conference</u> June 18–19: <u>Alaska Conference</u>, <u>Interior</u> June 18–26: Washington Conference

### Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

Worship Service 11:15am 06-19-2021 Link to Facebook

Gathering Song Praise Team
Community Life Lenard Wittlake

Kids Korner

Children's Story Mary Castrejon
Songs of Praise & Worship Prayer Lenard Wittlake

God's Word Pastor Eric Sayler

Sermon Title: Acts of the Spirit: Such as I Am

Scripture Text: Acts 26:28, 29 NRSV

Song of Response Praise Team
Benediction Lenard Wittlake

Worship Team today

Lead Elder: Lenard Wittlake

Praise Team Leader: Jimmy Schultz & Friends Greeters: Les & Anita Cunningham

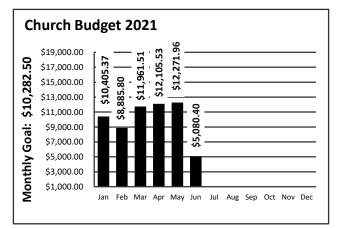
Lead Deacon: Buz Flegel
Lead Deaconess: April McCorkle

AV Team: Ryan Daniel & Bob Daniel

Live Streaming: David Meyer

Financial ReportRECEIVEDGOALNEEDStudent Aid goal for 2021-22\$ 562.22Needs for 2021-22 School yearHVAC Up-grades\$1,759.00\$55,000.00Phase 1, 2 &3

#### June 19, 2021 ~ Local Church Budget



The General of the Army of Syria was a leper. During one of the conquests against Samaria, the general captured a young girl and gave her to his wife as a maid. The Bible never gives the name of this precious child, but her influence would be great. She spoke of the God of Israel who could heal the husband of her mistress.

The wife told her husband of the hope of a cure. Naaman asked the king of Syria to write a letter to the king of Samaria requesting healing.

After several delays, Naaman arrived at the home of the prophet Elisha. He found a humble

home. To make matters worse, Elisha didn't even come out in person to meet the general. He sent his servant out to deliver the simple message. "Go and wash in Jordan seven times." 2 Kings 5:10.

Angry, Naaman headed home. But his servants urged him to follow the command of the prophet. When he did, God healed him of the leprosy.

A little girl shared with her mistress. The woman shared with her husband. The general shared with the king of Syria. Naaman came before the prophet of God, and God changed him. Today, we can do the same. When we give to the local budget, the funds are used to help share the gospel with others. Your name may never be known, but by sharing - like the little maid - lives will change as did that of Naaman the General.

### Eastgate Church News & Events

#### **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.

#### EASTGATE SDA WEBSITE! - https://www.eastgatesda.org

~ Sermon Archives ~ Bulletin Library ~ our weekly e-NewsLetter ~ Events Calendar ~ Offerings <u>EASTGATE SDA ON FACEBOOK</u> Like and follow our page on FB! <u>https://www.facebook.com/Eastgate-SDA-Church-206126468203</u>

### School News & Children's Ministry Items

#### New Program for Children Announced by It Is Written

*It Is Written* is pleased to announce a brand-new children's evangelism resource: Buried Treasure. The comprehensive 21-day program is specially designed to minister to children up to 12 years of age during an evangelistic series, Vacation Bible School, Sabbath school, or similar event. <a href="mailto:news.uccsda.org/treasure6221">news.uccsda.org/treasure6221</a>.

#### Part-Time Science & Social Studies Teacher Needed

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Please complete registration AS SOON AS POSSIBLE to assist us in planning

Volunteers and attenders alike! Please register today!

### **Collegiate & Young Adult Events**

#### **Sabbath Morning Bible Study**

This group is currently meeting in a hybrid of both in person and on ZOOM. Their current study is I Samuel as they study the life of David. To join this group and be in the know of how to meet, visit classroom 115 or call Josh Boram (541) 870-4661 or Mary Castrejon at (360) 349-7126.

### Summer Time Excess Garden Produce & Fruit Stands

#### **NEW SPACE FOR SHARING**

This space will announce to our readers those who will discover that they have more garden produce than they can use and are willing to share it with their church family.

- Individuals can send the office an email with their contact information and what they have to share. *Example*: "We have excess garden beets, carrots and cabbage. Please contact ..."
- Individuals who are looking for quantities of a specific produce can post here also. *Example*: "Looking for peaches for canning. Please contact ..."

This space will also allow brief announcements of Produce Stands which will charge a fair price. We hope this will be a benefit to our readers. *Editor* 

#### **Alford Rainier Cherries**

Starting next week, Monday, June 21, we will be selling Rainier and Lapin cherries! We will continue until the season ends or we run out of cherries. Typically the season ends in early July. We can pick cherries for you for \$2.99 per lb. or you can come pick them for \$1.50 per lb. All proceeds go to help with tuition next year for our kids! Call or text Jenny @ 541-809-8311 for a upick appointment or to order picked cherries! We will be open throughout the week, except Wednesday and Saturday. Please contact us before coming out! 82038 S. Fork Walla Walla River Rd., Milton Freewater, OR 97862

### Walla Walla Valley SDA News

#### **Ellen White and the Northwest**

In the late 1800s, Ellen White embarked on a dangerous voyage to the Pacific Northwest to help plant and grow the church. Despite the long journey and frail health, she traveled to Walla Walla and continued her ministry throughout the Northwest. Terrie Dopp Aamodt, Walla Walla University history professor, shares this story that originally appeared in the NW Adventists newsletter. Read the full story at <a href="mailto:news.uccsda.org/egw6921">news.uccsda.org/egw6921</a>

#### The Christian Aid Center has the following volunteer opportunities:

- \* Breakfast Cooks
- \* Childcare Helpers

For more information, please contact Jeannette Regalado, Volunteer Coordinator, at (509) 525-7153 ext. 114. You can also fill out a volunteer application online at **christianaidcenter.org**.

### SonBridge is Searching for a Programs Coordinator

This part-time position recruits and develops new programs and classes--and evaluates and supports existing programs. Please contact us at (509) 529-3100 or search@sonbridge.org

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



#### The Upper Columbia Conference Camp

Meeting has been meeting this week in the Walla Walla University Church and virtually.

There are still a few sessions left. You can either refer to the schedule below or if you are interested in participating in a seminar please go to the conference website and following the links provided there.

www.uccsda.org/campmeeting

#### **Camp Meeting Presentations**

#### Friday, June 18

12:00pm – Seminar (virtual)

• Dennis Smith

Baptism of the Holy Spirit & Prayer

2:30pm – Seminar (virtual)

• Lowell Cooper

The Holy Spirit Draws the Mission Map

• DeeAnn Bragaw

Go Ahead and Send the Rain, God, But Could We Skip the Mud?

4:00pm – Seminar (virtual)

• Eric Brown

Starting a Vibrant Men's Ministry

• Sung Kwon

Change the Questions, Change the World

6:30pm – Children's Program

Speaker: Rich Aguilera

7:00pm – Main Program

Speaker: Ron Halvorsen Jr.

"Who'd A Thunk It?"

#### Saturday, June 19 - Lesson & Church

9:30am – Children's Program

Speaker: Rich Aguilera
10:00am – Sabbath School Program
11:00am – Sabbath Program

Speaker: Ron Halvorsen Jr.

"Send the Rain!"

### Saturday, June 19 - Evening

6:30pm – Children's Program

Speaker: Rich Aguilera
7:00pm – Main Program

Speaker: John Freedman

"Refreshing Rain"

#### **How to Watch**

#### **In-Person**

If you are located near Walla Walla, you are welcome to join us for the in-person services at Walla Walla University Church. Seating may be limited and masks and social distancing are required.

#### **Streaming**

- Available at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/user/uccAdventist">https://www.youtube.com/user/uccAdventist</a> (UCC YouTube Page)
- Available on the website <u>uccsda.org/campmeeting</u>

#### **Broadcast television**

Blue Mountain TV (Walla Walla/College Place)

#### Volunteers Needed for Maranatha Project at UCA

UCA is so thankful that Maranatha will be there July 11-23, 2021 to help with demolition and painting of the girls' dorm. The help that UCA will receive from Maranatha volunteers makes it possible for UCA to afford and have the time to complete everything they would like to this summer. The project is currently looking for more volunteers, so if you or someone you know would like to come help out and create a beautiful new environment for the girls living on third floor of the dorm, please check out the project details at <a href="news.uccsda.org/UCA51921">news.uccsda.org/UCA51921</a>.

#### **Conference on Family Research and Practice**

Register for the free 2021 Adventist Conference on Family Research and Practice. This event, held July 22-24, will be facilitated virtually; this year's theme is "Forgiveness." This annual conference, held at Andrews University, is designed to provide professionals and family ministries leaders alike the opportunity to be exposed to best practice strategies and research in the area of family therapy, family studies, family ministry, social work, and psychology in order to enhance ministry to families. For more information and to register go to news.uccsda.org/acfrp6221

#### **Contribute Using the Lowest Fees Possible**

AdventistGiving negotiates the lowest possible fees for online giving. These costs are shared by the local conference (70%), union conference (10%), North American Division (10%), and General Conference (10%). When donating, please consider using ACH (electronic check or savings) as your payment method to help keep costs to a minimum.

For your reference (1st quarter 2020 fees):

- ACH (electronic check or savings account) averaged 19 cents each
- Debit cards averaged 0.63% of the amount donated
- Credit cards averaged 2.18% of the amount donated

#### **Bible Tours Offered in 2021**

We are excited to once again offer Bible Study Tours led by Dr. Carl Cosaert, Dean of the School of Theology and Professor of Biblical Studies at Walla Walla University. Below is a list of tours in 2021 for you to consider:

August 23 - September 3, 2021 — The Steps of Jesus Tour will be an extraordinary journey to Jordan and Israel that will bring the stories of Jesus and the early church to life unlike anything you have experienced before. Walking through the countryside in Galilee where Jesus often taught and seeing the remains of an ancient boat that dates back to Jesus time bring to life Biblical stories in a not to be forgotten way. Visiting the Nazareth Village provides an opportunity to see what life in Galilee would have been like in the time of Jesus.

December 13-23, 2021 – The Egypt Bible Tour will find you standing in front of the ancient Pyramids of Giza experiencing the same awe that Joseph felt when he stood before them nearly four thousand years ago. Visiting the spectacular monuments in ancient Thebes you will impress you with the courage and faith Moses had to have in God in order to stand up to the mighty Pharaoh of Egypt.

You will encounter many more experiences than those listed. Dr. Cosaert will be both your teacher and guide for all three tours. He has carefully chosen the best sites, hotel accommodations and restaurants to ensure your tour will be an amazing experience. For a complete itinerary and cost for the tour or tours you would like to join, please email Sharon Searson at <a href="mailto:sharons@uccsda.org">sharons@uccsda.org</a> or go to <a href="mailto:www.adventours.org">www.adventours.org</a>.

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### North Pacific Union Conference

**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.

#### NAD Religious Liberty Department Webinar On Current Events

Did you miss the NAD Public Affairs and Religious Liberty department's interactive webinar, "Christian Witness in an Era of COVID-19, Christian Nationalism, Racial Injustice, and the Equality Act?" Topics included Vaccines and Religious Objections; COVID-19 Pandemic and Local Church Closings (including Canadian perspective); Racial Stereotyping; Christian Nationalism; and The Equality Act and Religious Freedom. The full program can be viewed at <a href="news.uccsda.org/parl32421">news.uccsda.org/parl32421</a>.

#### NAD Sabbath School Convention – September 9-11

Do It Together — Sabbath School Convention 2021 is the first annual event of its kind! Sponsored by the NAD Adult, Children's and Youth ministries, the convention will focus on doing Sabbath School together. This event is designed to train leaders for in service, and to update teaching techniques and connection with student and teacher. Join us on Sept. 9-11! Fee is only \$20; register by Aug. 9 to receive a free swag bag.

For more information and to register, go to news.uccsda.org/nad6921.

### North American Division

#### NAD Ministry Releases New Resources to Educate Youth on Mental Health

Youth and Young Adult Ministries of the North American Division recently released a comprehensive, digital resource to educate youth on mental health, and offer encouragement and community for those

seeking help. OneTeam Mental Health is a website with material on depression, anxiety, suicidal thoughts, and wellness. For more information, see <a href="mailto:news.uccsda.org/health52621">news.uccsda.org/health52621</a>.

#### **New Video Series from NAD Family Ministries**

"A Word for Your Family" explores 52 common, everyday words with a biblical message. Presented by Drs. Claudio and Pamela Consuegra, NAD Family Ministries Directors, these videos will encourage you, inspire you, and make you think. Share them on social media or on your church website, download them, and show them in your church. Watch each word, write it down, meditate on it, and use the lessons to strengthen your family life! Watch the series at <a href="news.uccsda.org/2Z45tux">news.uccsda.org/2Z45tux</a>.

**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. <a href="http://www.signstimes.com">http://www.signstimes.com</a>

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

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### **General Conference**

#### **General Conference Launches COVID-19 Mental Health Initiative**

We in the midst of a mental health pandemic, with one in four young adults ages 18-24 reporting having seriously considered suicide in the past 30 days. That is a fact, but there is hope. Through the General Conference's new COVID-19 mental health initiative we can work together to counter isolation, loneliness, and hopelessness by offering positive coping strategies and establishing support structures. Sign up today to become an ambassador and raise awareness with your family, friends, and community at <a href="mailto:news.uccsda.org/health31021">news.uccsda.org/health31021</a>.

### Prayer 7ime ~ 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. We will share it here anonymously for the body to provide prayer support!

Three of our church women are fighting breast cancer.

#### **Requests: - What are your prayer requests?**

## Prayers for all of our Health Care providers in our fellowship that they may be protected from infection from COVID-19

Seth A., Evon A., Kristy B., Jen B., Rachel B., Cal B., Jamie C., Stephanie C., Jen D., Guy E., Heidi E., Rhonda E., Rod F., Debbie H., Daniel H., Dr. Gilly I., Tammy J., Susan M., Julie S., Toby S., Nancy R., Carolynn V., Sherry W.,

Prayers for Grace B. as she recovers from a recent surgery and through her rehab treatment.

Prayers for Vern & Jerra K's family

Randy R. & Stan M. - Prayers for Rehab and healing of our shoulders Erik J. – Prayers for continued making positive life changes.

Joe M. – strength to stop smoking and renewed strength to make positive life changes.

George K. – Requests prayers for continued healing from spinal compression fractures

Dan M. – appreciates prayers as he regains strength

Holly J. - Prayers as she continues the fight against cancer.

Dorothy C – Requests prayers as she continues to experience health issues.

Ruth H. – request your prayers as she recovers from surgical procedures and follow up procedures.

Asher P. – Special prayers as his treatment has taken him home and improvement takes place

Prayers for Asher and his family while they strive to stay infection and virus free!

Debbie P – for health, healing & strength, it is harder to get around

Deb K. – for health, healing as she recuperates from a recent surgery.

Debbie S – continued health & strength

"D" Underwood –requests continued prayers for her daughter & son

Megan E.'s - continued prayers for her parents

Tami J. – Continues to ask for your prayers as she struggles and praises for successes in Christ

#### **In Military Service - Continual Prayer for those serving**

Diane U. – Grandson in the Marines Evon A.'s daughter; Anna Harris ~ Navy Paul D. – Army Reserves Seth A. – Air Force Reserves

#### **Praises:**

Praises for our graduates. Those who have been a part of our church family for the past year(s) as they move on to the next phase of life, whether it be additional education or joining the workforce.

Doug H. – Praises God for the success of his treatment and prays for continuing healing.

### 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 the Oregon Conference

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

#### **New Positions Open at UCC**

Upper Columbia Conference may have openings available. For more information and to apply see uccsda.org/jobs.

#### **Walla Walla University Job Positions**

STAFF: <a href="https://www.wallawalla.edu/resources/human-resources-payroll/staff-employment/">https://www.wallawalla.edu/resources/human-resources-payroll/staff-employment/</a>
FACULTY: <a href="https://www.wallawalla.edu/resources/human-resources-payroll/faculty-employment/">https://www.wallawalla.edu/resources/human-resources-payroll/faculty-employment/</a>

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### 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.

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

#### **Need Electrical Work Done? Power Solutions Electric**

Casey Werner and Trent Fowler may be your solution to your electric wiring and repair projects. Contact Heidi or Tara at <a href="mailto:pselectric01@gmail.com">pselectric01@gmail.com</a> or 509-540-2656. It's always good to know your electrician!

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