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

"Theology" can seem like a big, scary word. It's a word associated with ivory towers, dusty books, and ancient languages.

In reality, however, we're all theologians. In my own words theology is simply "speaking of God and our relationship to Him."

In the first three chapters of Genesis Moses, led by the Spirit, lays a foundation for all the theology that the rest of Scripture builds. This Sabbath, as we continue our Creation series, we're exploring part of that foundation: who are we and how do we relate to God?

I hope you can join us as we study the creation of humanity and delve into the beauty of God that is seen in our creation.

As we gather please remember that we are a family and family cares for each other. Please wear a mask. This is essential.

Also, if you are feeling ill at all, or if you have spent time with someone in the past five days who has been ill, whether you have symptoms or not, please worship from home. As always, we're broadcasting on our <u>YouTube channel</u> with church service starting at 11:15. Our church family loves each other and we care for each other. John 13:35

May this Sabbath bring you rest and rejuvenation!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: January 29, 2022 Pastor Eric Sayler
Next Weekend: February 5, 2022: Pastor Eric Sayler

#### Week At A Glance

#### Sabbath, January 29, 2022

9:00am – 10:00 Every Man A Warrior; Men's Class

10:00am – 11:00am Sabbath School Study

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

Wednesday, February 2 6:30pm Our Weekly Prayer Meeting – Fellowship Room

Thursday, February 3 7:00pm Youth Gathering – Fellowship Room

Sabbath, February 5 11:15am – 12:15pm Sabbath Service

#### <u>Prayeradigm Weekend Event – Coming February 25 & 26:</u>

Join us for an inspiring prayer weekend from the comfort of your own homes and churches! Experience a weekend that will leave you refreshed, challenged and connected as we seek to know God more deeply and understand His "Prayeradigm". Messages from Pavel Goia will be made available on-line. You are invited to meet as small groups to journey through the weekend together.

For More Information on how to register as an individual or small group visit the website at PrayeradigmShift.org

Eastgate SDA Church will host a "small group" here at the church. More information will be shared in the coming weeks.!

## Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

#### Worship Service 11:15am 01-29-2022 Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube

Gathering Song Praise Team

Community Life Carol Hargreaves

Kids Korner

Children's Song Praise Team
Children's Story Casey Cramer
Songs of Praise & Worship Praise Team

Prayer Carol Hargreaves

God's Word Pastor Eric Sayler

Sermon Title: Creation Series: Life from Dust

Scripture: *Genesis 2:7* 

Song of Response Praise Team

Benediction Carol Hargreaves

Worship Team today

Lead Elder: Carol Hargreaves
Praise Team Leader: Rob Becker & Friends

Pianist: Kevin Waite

Greeters: Wendy Rick, Buz & Gay Flegel

Lead Deacon: Dwight Bartlett

Lead Deaconess: Nellie Alford & Emma Culp AV Team: Ryan Daniel & Bob Daniel

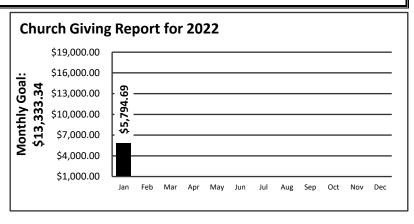
Live Streaming: Mike Meyer

Financial Report	RECEIVED	GOAL	NEED
Student Aid goal for 2021-22	\$ 17,212.34	\$16,900.00	\$ (312.34)
Student Aid goal for 2021-22 HVAC Up-grades	\$ 20,976.33	\$55,000.00	Phase 1, 2 &3

# OFFERING OF THE DAY January 29, 2022. Local Church Budget

**Appeal:** Numbers 8:17 "Every firstborn male in Israel, whether human or animal, is mine. When I struck down all the firstborn in Egypt, I set them apart for myself."

The Price of Life. We worship God with our resources because He has preserved our lives. We all remember



Joseph and Mary bringing baby Jesus to the temple 33 days after his birth. This event is known as the dedication of Jesus and has inspired many Christians. The origin of this practice goes back to the time that the Israelites left Egypt. During the 10th plague, the firstborn of the Egyptian was killed whereas God protected the Israelite firstborn. As a sign of remembrance, every parent in Israel would consecrate their firstborn son to the Lord and make the corresponding offerings. Depending on the

family's wealth it was either a one-year-old lamb or two turtledoves, offered in appreciation and for the consecration of a spared life.

God is still sparing lives today. Eric was a young man when he realized how God spared his life. His summer job was to clean some large windowpanes of a three-story building. He had to step out of each room and stood on a 12 centimeter edge to clean the outside surface of the fixed middle panel of each window. There was no security gear, only holding tight the frame with one hand while working with the other. One day, while he was working outside of a room on the third floor, a violent wind closed the window on his hand that was holding the frame. As a reflex reaction, he opened his grip. For some few seconds, he was standing still, hands free, 20 meters above the ground with no security. Miraculously, Eric came back to himself and managed to take hold of the frame with his injured hand. God had preserved his life and he chose to fully consecrate himself serving His Protector.

After going through a pandemic that has already killed millions of people, we as the survivors have many reasons to be thankful. This week as we worship with our tithe and regular offerings let us show appreciation to our Protector.

**Prayer:** Lord, we worship you because your love and care have preserved our lives. Receive our offerings of thanks and consecration to you.

## Eastgate Church News & Events

#### Face-to-Face Prayer Meeting to Gather weekly at the church Fellowship Room!

This group will be meeting every Wednesday. Due to weather we may have to occasionally cancel an evening. Questions? Please call Carol at 1-509-200-0587. Our next meeting? January 12, 2022.

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

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

#### EASTGATE SDA CHURCH ON YOUTUBE

YouTube: Eastgate Church ~ Our Church Service is now being broadcast on YouTube at the following Link: <u>Eastgate Church</u> or type out the address shown below. We are looking for 100 subscribers! <a href="https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpi0ESiTQNVM7uw9dcRxUHQ">https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCpi0ESiTQNVM7uw9dcRxUHQ</a>

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

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

#### Prayer Shawl Ministry ~ A New Group meeting during Sabbath School in the Library

If you like to crochet or knit, or have ever wanted to learn, this quarter we will be making prayer shawls and lap blankets for hospice patients or community members who are experiencing a difficult time and are in need of comfort and healing. No experience or supplies is necessary but donations of full skeins of yarn, knitting needles, and crochet hooks are appreciated.

Shawls and lap blankets are created in prayer and given as a reminder that the recipient is not alone in the midst of their loss or great sadness and to provide them with a sense of God's peace and love.

We will be meeting at 10 AM in the library each Sabbath. If you are not able to meet during this time, you can still participate at home and can drop off your completed shawl/blanket at a later date. Contact <a href="Keri.Self@gmail.com">Keri.Self@gmail.com</a> with any questions.

#### EASTGATE VOLUNTEERING OPPORTUNITIES

We are taking on several projects in the coming year with which we could use some well skilled do-it-yourselfer types! We will list projects here in the coming weeks. Thank you for checking back! We will be having some professional tree trimming done in the next few weeks. As a result, we will have a substantial quantity of maple wood available for firewood. If you would like the firewood we would ask you to clean up all of the twigs and small branches and relocate them to a future burn pile near the back corner of the church property. Please call the office to make these arrangements. When the weather warms we will be looking for someone to paint the Parking Lot Lamp Bases.

## <u>Membership Transfer Requests – first reading</u>

Melissa & Seth Gillham and children **from** Azure Hills SDA Church Sylvia Demaline **from** Healing Hope SDA Fellowship, Portland, OR Cheryl Wren, **to** Kennewick Adventist Church

## School News & Children's Ministry Items

All is quiet on the educational front ~ no news releases from any of the three institutions.

## **Collegiate & Young Adults**

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

This group is a vibrant collection of 20-40 ish believers who are currently studying II 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.

## Men's Ministry

## Each Sabbath Morning: Every Man A Warrior; Helping Men Succeed in Life Please Meet Room 145 every Sabbath ~ 9:00 AM

Every Sabbath a group of Eastgate Men continue a special Sabbath Morning study group – yes, for men only. The *Every Man a Warrior* guide book. It is designed specifically to deal with the issues that men face and need to succeed in. It has been used with men of all ages from teens to men in their 70s. Toby Slater will lead in studying and share the role with others as they progress.

#### Men's Ministry Breakfast

We are planning to resume our monthly breakfast meetings on the fourth Sunday of each month. We gather at 8:00am. Please continue to follow announcements regarding this event!

## Walla Walla University

#### WWU Receives Grant to Upgrade Bioengineering Laboratories

Walla University's School of Engineering has been awarded a \$351,000 grant by the M. J. Murdock Charitable Trust to redesign space and provide new equipment for bioengineering labs. The grant will be matched by generous WWU donors to provide more than \$700,000 to be invested in the new laboratories. Read more at <a href="news.uccsda.org/grant122">news.uccsda.org/grant122</a>.

## Walla Walla Valley SDA News

#### The Walla Walla Northside Adventist Church

Is in need of a pianist to volunteer two Sabbaths a month. If you would be willing to consider volunteering please contact Richard Wimer by text or phone at 360-356-1812 or email to <a href="mailto:RichardWimer@gmail.com">RichardWimer@gmail.com</a>. Thank you, Richard Wimer, Church Clerk & Sabbath School Secretary.

<u>The Annual ARW Valentine Brunch</u> will be **February 13 at 11:00 a.m.** in the Education Center at **SonBridge**. Come and enjoy a delicious **Catered Brunch** and a delightful **Variety Program**. Reservation **DEADLINE, TUESDAY,** February 8. For information: Please call <u>Bona</u> 509-522-4848 or Juanita 509-520-2813. Don't miss this GALA EVENT!

**SONBRIDGE CONSTITUENCY MEETING**: will be held on Sunday, February 27, 2022 at 10:00 AM. The agenda will include inspiring financial and development reports of God's blessings and an update of future plans. This constituency session is for designated delegates, but interested parties are

welcome to attend! This will be both an In-Person & ZOOM meeting. Please contact SonBridge for an invitation and information. Thank each of you for your amazing support.

#### **College Place Village Church**

Pastor Charles Brown, of *Adventist Reconciliation Ministries*, will present a conflict resolution seminar at the Village Church on February 4 and 5. Pastor Brown, formerly pastor of the Milton-Freewater Church, will present the seminar Friday, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., and Sabbath, from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. The main focus will be family relationships, but the principles presented have also helped dozens of church "families" resolve their conflicts. While registration is not required to attend, study guides are free to the first 60 registrants (limited to one set per couple). Call 509 525 0882 9-4, Monday through Thursday, or follow visit the Village Church's website anytime to register and reserve your materials.

## <u>Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News</u>

#### <u>Pathfinder Teen Retreat — January 28-30</u>

Registration is still open for this year's Pathfinder Teen Retreat. The theme, "Within the Struggle," will address personal and spiritual struggles our teens are facing today. The retreat will be held January 28-30, 2022 at Camp MiVoden. For more information and to register, visit ucc.regfox.com/struggle.

#### Food and Mood: What We Eat Affects How We Feel

Depression rates among adults in the U.S. have tripled from a pre-pandemic rate of 8.5 percent to 32.8 percent. What are the contributing factors? Has the pandemic affected eating habits? Is there a biblical connection between lifestyle choices and mental health? The North American Division Heath Ministries' Joy of Eating Club discusses all this and more at <a href="news.uccsda.org/FoodMood122">news.uccsda.org/FoodMood122</a>.

#### **AMEN Northwest Conference** — **Registration Now Open**

Registration for the AMEN Northwest Conference is now open! The conference, titled "Building on the Basics," will be held at the UCC office on March 11-13, 2022. For more information and to register, visit <u>uccsda.org/amenconference</u>.

#### **Camp MiVoden Registration Now Open**

Would you like to be in the great outdoors of the Inland Northwest and get to know Jesus and build a relationship with Him or strengthen your relationship with Him? We have an amazing program planned for next summer at Camp MiVoden. Our week schedule is going back to a 7 day week for our summer camps. Several of our camps are filling up, but we still have some space in our youth camps. Spaces will not last long in our Ultimate Camps. Please visit <a href="www.mivoden.com">www.mivoden.com</a> and register today for our 2022 summer camps. If you have any questions please email <a href="mailto:registration@mivoden.com">registration@mivoden.com</a>.

#### January/February Issue of the Gleaner Available Online

Many parents and students feel pressure when making education choices. Sometimes, the simplest gestures or the grandest miracles can show God's calling. In this issue, discover 10 reasons Adventist Education is a good choice. Also, meet six students who felt guided to Walla Walla University on their unique path to Adventist education. Read online at <a href="mailto:news.uccsda.org/NWAdventists122">news.uccsda.org/NWAdventists122</a>.

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

Adventist Giving 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

#### Keeping the financial health of our church in mind ~ Giving Plan

How your local church budget fits into "My Personal Giving Plan"

Like every family, the local church family has financial obligations to meet. Some are easy to see like power and heat, but many are not so obvious: children's magazines, Sabbath School Bible study guides, teaching supplies, staff salaries, cleaning services, church school operating expenses, property insurance, worthy student fund, and community outreach. These are but a few of the costs that must be met month after month as the local church seeks to be a light in the community. Because these expenses are constant, My Personal Giving Plan recommends that 3-5% of one's income be set aside for the local church budget. This systematic giving ensures that all share both in the blessings and the responsibilities of the local congregation.

The North American Division encourages the use of the "My Personal Giving Plan." This plan was developed as a guideline to assist members in systematic giving. The plan suggests that, in addition to returning 10% of a member's personal income as tithe, certain percentages may be dedicated as offerings to three main categories:

• Local Church Budget: 3-5%

• Conference Advance: 1-2%

(Education, evangelism, VBS, summer camps, and union magazines)

• World Budget: 1-3%

\*Visit <u>www.personalgivingplan.com</u> to see a more extensive breakdown for each category.

# **Do You Want to Share Major Life Events with the Gleaner Readers of the Pacific Northwest??**

When you have a significant major life event do you want to share it in the Gleaner? *The Gleaner* has provisions for announcements regarding the following:

- Anniversary Form
- Birth Form
- Birthday Form
- Obituary Form
- Wedding Form

You can follow these links or you can find them at <a href="www.nwadventists.com/contribute">www.nwadventists.com/contribute</a>

You can report these major life events yourself or I can help you from our church office. If you need my help, please contact me either by email or our office phone during office hours. Stan

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## North American Division

#### RELIGIOUS LIBERTY CAMPAIGN 2022: January 8, until March 31, 2022

This is an annual event which celebrates freedom of conscience, a heritage and the blessing we received from our Constitutional Founders, but one that requires continual vigilance to maintain.

In harmony with holdings by the U.S. Supreme Court, the Seventh-day Adventist Church believes that government at any level does not have the constitutional right to instruct anyone how to pray, when to pray, and who to pray to, let alone what religion to believe in – if any at all.

The founders of the nation wisely sought to guard against the employment of secular power on the part of the church, with its inevitable result – intolerance and persecution.

#### <u>The Student and the Senator</u> by Bettina Krause, *Liberty Magazine*; November/December 2021

They make an unlikely duo. A teenage "hijabi athlete" who is a devout Muslim with a passion for running. And an Ohio state senator, a self-described "hockey mom," intent on making sure all student athletes, regardless of their faith tradition, enjoy equal religious freedom rights. Together they're helping reshape how religious expression in sports is both perceived and protected.

Bettina Krause, editor of *Liberty*, talked with both Noor Abukaram and Senator Theresa Gavarone about their shared legislative quest.

#### **Noor's Story**

As 15-year-old Noor crossed the finish line of her fastest 5K of the season (22 minutes 22 seconds) she had no idea that race officials had already disqualified her. Delighted with her time, Noor walked to the boards with her teammates to check her stats, but was surprised that her name was missing. Her coach had bad news. In previous races Noor's choice to wear her hijab—a Muslim headscarf—while racing had been a nonissue. But too late, Noor's coach found that the Division 1 Northwest District required paperwork submitted in advance requesting a waiver for her religious garb.

Noor's experience that day became the genesis of her #LetNoorRun initiative (www.letnoorrun.com), which fights against discrimination in sports.

*Bettina Krause:* Noor, the day of the race, as you began to absorb the fact that you'd been disqualified because of your hijab, can you remember what was going through your mind?

*Noor Abukaram:* I was in disbelief. I didn't really understand what was going on. Actually, at first, I thought they were joking, because I've been an athlete my whole life and this kind of thing had never happened to me. I'd heard about it happening to others, but it had never happened to me. Honestly, I was really embarrassed. You can imagine—this was two years ago, so I was 15 at the time. I didn't want to go home on the bus, so I called my mom, and she came and picked me up.

*Krause:* It seems like the easiest thing would have been to try to put the whole incident behind you. To simply say to yourself, "OK, I'm going to make sure my coach applies for that waiver for future races." But you didn't. Why?

*Abukaram*: I remember talking to my older sister, and she reminded me that my younger sister's journey in athletics was just beginning; that she will be the next hijabi athlete in the hijabi household. Just the thought that something like this may happen to her next was enough reason for me to decide to go out and tell my story.

It wasn't something I wanted to do. I really just wanted to hide in my room and cry. I was quickly reminded, though, that it really wasn't about me. I was going to fight this fight for everybody. For the younger generation.

*Krause*: So very soon afterward you started the "#LetNoorRun" initiative. What happened then? What were you hoping to achieve?

Abukaram: The incident was in October of 2019, and we started #LetNoorRun in January 2020. At first what I really wanted to achieve was to bring together different stories of hijabi athletes like Bilqis Abdul-Qaadir and Amaiya Zafar, because we'd all had similar experiences.\* To me, it was important for people to see that it's not just a "once-in-a-blue-moon" kind of thing; it happens all the time to hijabi athletes.

*Krause*: What would you say to someone who asked, "Why can't you just not wear the hijab while racing? Take it off and then put it straight back on after the race."

Abukaram: Well, you have to really understand why we wear the hijab. It's not like a cosmetic thing, you know. It's a religious thing and something that is prescribed to us from God. It would be like someone asking me to take off my nose. It's a part of me. I started wearing hijab in 2015. Before I even started wearing it, it's something I wanted to do because my mom wears the hijab. My grandma wears the hijab. My aunts wear the hijab. I never saw it as something that's going to get in the way of anything.

*Krause*: America is a country founded on the value of religious freedom. But what have you learned about what religious freedom means and how it sometimes plays out in practice?

*Abukaram*: I remember telling Senator Theresa Gavarone about my story, and she just couldn't understand why it should have happened. We had both seen players or runners wearing cross necklaces all the time. And when I was talking with Bilqis about her situation with the FIBA (International Basketball Federation), she didn't understand, because some basketball players wear these huge tattoos of Bible scriptures. So it's just really a matter of making sure that everyone can experience the same sort of religious freedom.

*Krause*: Speaking of the senator, how did you two connect?

Abukaram: We had coffee back in January—the same day that I had my first #LetNoorRun event. And honestly, I didn't expect anything from it. I just expected to meet with her. It was cool! I dressed up, and we took a couple pictures. But then we actually got to talking. Immediately she took out her iPad and started taking notes. She got to work on it immediately, and that's something we didn't expect. That same night—like I said, it was the day of my event, and my lawyer was there—my lawyer said to me, "You won't believe it. Senator Gavarone called me and we're going to be working on something amazing." Then a few weeks later the senator called my mom and told us about the Ohio Senate Bill 181.

*Krause*: I've seen photos of you at the Statehouse and testifying before the senate committee. What has it been like for you being involved in this process?

*Abukaram*: It's one of the most real experiences that has come from telling my story. I have no idea how many interviews I've done, but it wasn't until I spoke with Senator Theresa and went to Columbus to testify and saw this bill coming to life that I realized *why* I did all those interviews. It was so people like Senator Theresa could hear my story!

*Krause*: You've recently started college—I'm wondering if your experience has influenced your choices. Is it changing your direction in life at all?

Abukaram: The #LetNoorRun initiative is something I plan to do forever. So when I was deciding what to study at the university, it was definitely "What can I study that can help me with this initiative?" I also have a passion for fashion design, so I'm going to be studying that and learning a lot about brand marketing, which I think will help with #LetNoorRun. Then I plan on going to law school, which is something heavily influenced by this journey of mine.

*Krause*: You mentioned right at the start of this interview that one of the motivations for you in standing up and taking on this fight was to speak for the next generation. What do you hope the next generation of Muslim women in America will experience?

*Abukaram*: I think one of the most important things about athletics is that it doesn't matter what you look like, or it shouldn't matter what you look like. Diversity is such a beautiful thing in athletics, because at the end of the day all that matters is what you bring to the sport. I think once we move in that direction, then it's going to be a really beautiful thing.

#### **Senator Gavarone's Story**

In May this year Ohio state senator Theresa Gavarone introduced S.B. 181, a bill to protect student religious expression in athletics. In June the senate passed the bill unanimously. An earlier iteration of the bill had been passed in the senate last year, but its progress in the house was stalled as COVID-19 disrupted the legislative schedule.

As of publication, the current bill was progressing through the house and on track to become law.

*Bettina Krause:* Senator Gavarone, I'm intrigued to know how and why you came to team up with Noor on this issue of religious expression in athletics.

Senator Theresa Gavarone: An article came across my desk about a student who had been disqualified for wearing her hijab while running in a race, and I wanted to get more information. The family lives in my district—the second Senate district in Ohio—and so I reached out and had a meeting with Noor and her mother. We sat down and Noor began to tell me her story and, honestly, it lit a fire. I'm a mother of a student athlete. My son, when he was in high school, played hockey and lacrosse, and his senior year he also played football. And you know just how hard these athletes train to compete at their best level. No student athlete should ever be forced to choose between exercising their deeply held religious beliefs and participating in high school athletics. It just shouldn't happen.

*Krause*: It sounds like you had an almost visceral reaction to the situation—you could envision how it would feel for it to happen to your child.

*Gavarone*: I'm a hockey mom. That inner hockey mom in me said, "This is not happening to a high school athlete!"

I'm beyond impressed with Noor. She's a fighter. She's really standing up for student athletes across the state, and that says a lot about her character. She's passionate, well spoken, and very composed. She has come down and testified in the senate committee twice. She was there when the legislation was introduced, and she was there when it passed on the senate floor.

Krause: What sort of considerations did you have to balance in drafting this legislation?

*Gavarone:* Well, the process in the legislature has been pretty smooth. Some people had concerns about safety issues, and we want to be very sure our student athletes are safe. We have language in the bill addressing those concerns. If something poses a safety hazard, reasonable accommodations can be made.

But it is incredible how this issue has brought people and communities together: the Christian, Muslim, and Jewish communities were all very supportive. And both Democrats and Republicans came together and passed the bill unanimously in the senate.

*Krause:* One of the reasons this story really stood out for me was the fact that Noor was able to engage in the political process to make change, and you facilitated that. It really was this partnership between a teenage citizen and a lawmaker, and I loved that. For you, personally, what does this sort of partnership mean to you?

*Gavarone:* You know, it means a lot. As a legislator, I can tell you that most of my legislation comes from people in my community, people I serve, constituents. And just seeing Noor's story in the paper and having a meeting with her and hearing her story, those are the kinds of situations that really drive me in the legislature. You know if this happened here, then it's happening all over the state—individuals taking an adverse situation and turning it into something positive. Making it a catalyst for change. And that's powerful.

\* Bilqis Abdul-Qaadir is a former University of Memphis basketball player, and Amaiya Zafar was the first boxer to wear a hijab in a sanctioned fight. Both women have battled discrimination for their choice to wear Muslim headgear and clothing while competing.

Article Author: Bettina Krause is the editor of *Liberty* magazine.

#### **Eastgate SDA newsletter editor's note:**

Think about sponsoring subscriptions to lawmakers or local politicians who you think should hear of religious liberty issues and concerns.

Subscribe for yourself so you can continue to be aware of issues that may not affect you but represent religious liberty freedoms which need to be protected.

## 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!

#### **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., Rod F., Debbie H., Daniel H., Dr. Gilly I., Tammy J., Susan M., Julie S., Toby S., Nancy R., Carolynn V., Sherry W.,

Rachel Drake – please pray for my friend Elijah who has sepsis and pneumonia.

Debbie P. – A friend in Colorado, Kathy, needs prayers for healing from pneumonia & COVID.

Religious Liberty Campaign until March 31, 2022

Kathy Joslin – has had to be hospitalized with COVID & pneumonia – she is the primary care giver for both of her parents who within the past year have suffered strokes. Now in Craig, CO.

Bernice- pancreatic Cancer, request prayers Jan R's husband, relief from post-surgical pain Jay M. – Prayers for health challenges

Connie R. – Is experiencing some complications. Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Prayers for our members who serve our community on either Fire or Police Departments

Prayers requested for several members who are currently experiencing the effects of winter viruses, colds, flu and COVID. We ask that you continue to reach out to fellow members checking on their physical, mental and spiritual well-being.

Dan M. – appreciates your prayers for him.

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

Debbie P – prayers as it is harder to get around

Debbie S – continued health & strength

"D" Underwood – continues to be thankful for your continued prayers for her daughter & son Megan E.'s - continued prayers for her parents

Stan's friend Bruce K. - Prostate Cancer, prayers for healing

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

Paul D. – Army Reserves

Evon A.'s daughter; Anna Harris ~ Navy

Seth A. – Air Force Reserves

#### **Praises:**

What do you have on your heart that you would like to share as Praise to the Lord!?!?

Paul D. – Has returned from deployment and has been reunited with his family! PTL!

### 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 is Hiring

Would you or someone you know like to join the WWU team? We are hiring in a variety of departments, including Academic Records, Facility Services, Information Technology, Nursing, Social Work, and others. You can see all available positions and apply at **jobs.wallawalla.edu**. Thanks for helping us spread the word!

#### Youth Recreation Manager at SonBridge

Coordinate youth recreation programs during the summer and after school for College Place by creating a safe, healthy, and fun environment. Use your passion for the wellbeing of children and youth to develop citizens who demonstrate collaboration, kindness, and resiliency. To learn more email <a href="mailto:search@sonbridge.org">search@sonbridge.org</a> or call 509-529-3100. This is a full-time position with benefits.

## 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!

**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 <a href="mailto:sbergman@johnlscott.com">sbergman@johnlscott.com</a> for a no-obligation consultation and market analysis. I look forward to hearing from you.

## Family Seeking a Personal Chef – Do you have any referrals??

Do you like to cook? And would you like to be paid for your services? We are seeking a personal chef who knows how to prepare non-spicy & delicious plant-based meals. This person would need to prepare two main meals a week for an elderly couple, with enough leftovers to freeze for meals throughout the week.

Interested? Contact Dixie Cramer at 509-522-0379. (Or text at 509-301-2827).