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

What's the best Christmas present you've ever received?

Maybe it was an RC car as a kid.

Maybe it was a special dinner invitation when you were going to be alone for the holidays.

Maybe it was a visiting loved one who you hadn't seen in years.

Though gifts are fun I'm afraid sometimes we, especially kids, get hyper-focused on them when in reality the greatest gift is Jesus.

This Sabbath we're focusing in on that gift.

In Isaiah 9 we read,

"Unto us a Child is born

Unto us a Son is given..."

All Christmas gifts pale in comparison to this one.

The Creator God giving himself to His creation.

Come worship with us as we reflect on this greatest Gift!

Early service starts at 9:00, Sabbath school at 10:15, and Second Service will start at 11:30, which will also be streamed on our YouTube Channel.

May the gift of Jesus bring you joy this Sabbath!

~Pastor Eric

This Weekend: December 17, 2022: Pastor Eric Sayler Next Weekend: December 24, 2022: Pastor Eric Sayler

Week At A Glance

Sabbath, December		am – 10:05am am – 11:15am	•	Service ~ Pastor Eric Sayler th School Study	
	11:30	– 12:50pm	Secon	d Service ~ Pastor Eric Sayler	
2:00pm	Skyler Gregg	~ Memorial Service			
Sunset		4:07		m	
		Cancelled	Social	Committee Cookie Exchange	
Sunday, December 18		9:00am	Shut-In Ministry Basket Building – Fellowship		
Monday, December 19			Nominating Committee Meeting		
		6:00pm	Feathe	ers, Hares & Hooves 4-H	
Tuesday, December 20		6:30pm	Elders Meeting		
Wednesday, December 21		6:30pm	Prayer Meeting, Pastor's Office		
Thursday, December 22		Youth Event yet to be Decided			
Friday, December 23		No events are planned for this evening.			
Sabbath, December 24		9:00am – 10:0)5am	Early Service ~ Pastor. Eric Sayler	
		10:15am		Sabbath School Study	
		11:30 – 12:50)pm	Second Service ~ Pastor. Eric Sayler	

Eastgate SDA Church Service this Week

Worship Service 11:15am 12-17-2022 Link to: ~ Eastgate Church: YouTube

Gathering Song Praise Team Community Life Dennis Reed

Kids Korner

Praise Team Children's Song Children's Story Grandpa Puppet Songs of Praise & Worship Praise Team Dennis Reed Prayer

God's Word Pastor Eric Sayler Sermon Title: The Promised Son Isaiah 9:6, 7 Scripture:

Song of Response Praise Team Benediction Dennis Reed

Worship Team today – First Service

Worship Team today – Second Service Lead Elder: Lead Elder: Dennis Reed Dennis Reed Praise Team Leader: Praise Team Leader: Melody Sjoren & Friends

Jim Schultz & Friends

Carrie Bergherm Pianist: Pianist: Arlo Heinrich

Greeter: Brenda Arriola Greeter: Anita & Les Cunningham Lead Deacon: Harry Arriola Lead Deacon: Whitney Johnson

Sharon Reed Lead Deaconess: Lead Deaconess: Sharon Reed AV Team: **Bob Daniel** AV Team: Gary & Ryan Wimer

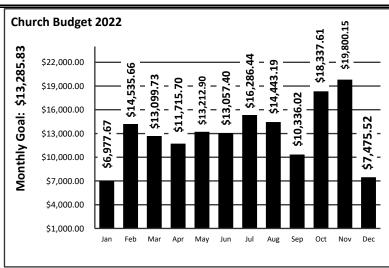
Ryan Daniel & Josh Sayler Live Streaming: No live-stream early service Live Streaming:

Financial Report	RECEIVED	GOAL	NEED
Student Aid goal for 2022-23	\$ 14,141.07	\$23,500.00	\$ 9,358.93
HVAC Up-grades	\$ 40,395.69	\$55,000.00	Phase 1, 2 &3

December 17, 2022 Local Church Budget

Appeal: 1 Samuel 17:37 "The Lord who rescued me from the paw of the lion and the paw of the bear will rescue me from the hand of this Philistine." Saul said to David, "Go, and the Lord be with vou."

He Empowers Giant Killers. We worship God with our resources because no one like Him empowers us to face life's challenges. Saul and his army went out to fight the Philistines. The Philistines had crossed over the border of



Israel. With Goliath on the battlefield, the soldiers in Saul's army faced the prospect of fighting a giant. This challenge was extraordinary. After the first day, the first week, the first month, Goliath was persistently harassing and frightening the Israelites. But David, the little lad from Bethlehem, knew that the Lord could provide rescue against internal, unusual and persistent challenges.

Empowered by God, he would be known throughout history as the giant killer. Just like David, a young boy overcame his life's challenges. He grew up with the dream of becoming a preacher but had to struggle with an acute form of stammering. This handicap was inborn, and the application of several remedial strategies was of no value. The issue dragged over many years. The challenge was internal, beyond ordinary, and persistent. However, empowered by God, he was healed of his broken voice and could live his life's dream. We all know the popular formula for a happy life: Parents send kids to school, kids study hard and pass their exams, embrace a well-paid career, get married, and live a long and peaceful life. Unfortunately, real life often fails to match this ideal. Unexpected troubles become lifelong companions. Nevertheless, in God, we can count our victories, those that were the most unlikely according to human criteria. Are they not sufficient reasons to worship God with our best resources? This week, as we worship with our tithe and regular offerings let us recall the numerous interventions of God.

Prayer: Lord, we are thankful for the many rescue operations that you have performed in our lives. Your effectiveness leaves us without a voice. In response, we dedicate ourselves and our best to you.

Eastgate Church News & Events

Membership Transfer – first reading

Members transferring in:

- ~James & Carmelle Boyd, from Milton Adventist Church
- ~John Cobble, from Kennewick Adventist Church
- ~Larry Lenz, from Palo Cedro SDA Church, CA

(Last three families from WWU Church)

- ~Steve, Janice Davis & son Todd
- ~Jonathan & Kinsey Nickell & children
- ~Robert & Elizabeth Taylor & children

Members transferring away:

~Ben & Rachelle & little Rendle to Adventist Community Church, Vancouver, WA

Refurbishing Projects here at Eastgate

We appreciate your patience as we work on additional projects including painting, wall construction, etc.

We would also appreciate your help in taking care of our church facilities. If you participate in an event where food or drink are part of the process or inside<>outside traffic is involved; will you help by making sure that spills are cleaned up immediately? If we could monitor our comings and goings so as to reduce excess yard debris being tracked indoors? When spills, mud, dirt, etc. are left for someone else to clean long term damage often occurs. Thank you for your conscientious acts of service.

Winter Term Grow Groups

Are you looking to lead or participate in a grow group with the new year?

Green Smoothie Group – Guided by Brooke Goldner, M.D., author of the book <u>Goodbye Lupus</u>. It is a Six Week support group for the Green Smoothie Challenge. January 4 to February 12. Questions? Contact Stephenie Renshaw or Stacie Sayler.

The Introductory Meeting will be here in our Library starting at 6:30pm. Weekly online Support Meetings will be every Sunday from Jan. 8th to Feb. 12th (poster doesn't say what time)

Hand Tied Fishing Flies: Learn to ty fishing flies during the winter months

A group where we will learn together techniques of tying traditional and modern fishing flies. One goal for this group is to develop a greater understanding of the equipment and materials used in tying fishing flies. Ten sessions are planned and dates are reserved on the church calendar. Starting date is

Monday, January 9 from 6:30 - 8:00pm followed by a week break, then two weeks in a row, Jan. 23 & 30. Additional dates will be discussed at the orientation the first evening.

If you have a family member who is interested in this class, consider equipment for Christmas Gifts related to this hobby/skill!

Social Committee Event

Christmas Cookie Exchange ~ Brought to you by the Social Committee

Get out your aprons, your favorite cookie recipe and put on some Christmas music! Bake up 6 dozen of your favorite homemade Christmas cookies (all one kind). Bring them to the cookie exchange and you will in turn take home an assortment of 6 dozen cookies provided by others! Bring your recipe to share, too! (time and place on the next page)

Sabbath, December 17, 5:00 pm in the church fellowship hall.

There will be a meriorial service in the church prior to this event from 2:00-4:00pm. We anticipate it should be done but we will appreciate it so much if you enter quietly. ~ Thank you!

Christmas Food Packages & Shut-In Ministry

<u>Food Packages and Gifts: Christmas is here!!</u> It is time to act for those who would benefit from something a little extra. Those who are experiencing food insecurity or need other minor assistance.

If you can provide assistance and have not yet joined a group, please contact Shelly Palmer for more information as to how she can use your assistance.

Groups by family/friends/social groups or Sabbath School groups will be given the chance to be directly involved in finding out what families need and delivering directly to those families.

The church at large is welcome to bring contributions to the table in the lobby which will be used to fill food baskets. Deliveries will be up to each group individually by each group with each family.

We will continue to collect food through the month of December to assist individuals and families. As the new year starts. Should we have an excess we will contribute to Eden's Pantry. A Pantry to support struggling college students at WWU.

Food insecurity is an issue facing college students across the nation and Walla University students are not immune. In a survey conducted through the WWU Office of Student Life, 45% of student's respondents said that they have personally struggled with not having enough to eat. Eden's pantry is an initiative to meet this basic need.

Pantry hours are Monday, Wednesday, Thursday from 5:00-7:30pm

Shut-In Ministry for our own Church Members who physically can no longer attend: A New Healthy Twist

This year we want to deliver a pretty, healthy gift of love in a special "basket". So, this year we would like to create gifts that have a new healthy twist. If we prepare cookies we want to use recipes that are newer healthier options! We would like to include home make healthy treats which might include fresh baked breads, zucchini bread, banana breads all in small loaves or muffins. If you would like to help in this process, please speak with Rosalie Dickerson or Stan in the office. Email:

Rosalie.d843@gmail.com or Stan at the church office: office@eastgateadventist.church we will meet Sunday Morning at 9:00am, December 18. Folks willing to deliver are also needed.

School News & Children's Ministry Items

<u>Milton-Stateline Adventist School</u> is looking for a certified, part-time teacher for grades five and six science and social studies. If you are interested in this position, please contact Jeanne Goodhew at (541) 938-7131.

Rogers Adventist School is looking for part-time employee(s) for the following:

After School Care Supervisors

We are looking for someone who can do three shifts per week: Tuesday & Thursday, 3-5:30pm and Fridays from 12-3:30pm. We would give consideration to hiring a mature and responsible high school or college student, age 17+. Please contact Holley Bryant (holley.bryant@rogersschool.org or (509)529-1850) for more details

Youth Thursday Evening Gatherings

The Youth love to gather together. Next week, December 22 is an undecided evening. Please wait to see and hear directly from the leadership if an event gathering will take place. 7-8:15pm. In the Fellowship Room and the Youth Room is their typical time to gather.

Collegiate & Young Adults

Sabbath Morning Bible Study

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 II Kings. For more information text Josh Boram (541) 870-4661 or Mary Castrejon at (360) 349-7126.

Men's Ministry

<u>Thursday Night Men's Group ~ 7:30pm</u> Leader: Rob Becker, meet in Pastor's Office This is a bible study group for men, lead by men, praying for men studying together. If this interests you please contact the group leader Rob Becker or our Pastor Eric Sayler.

Men's Ministry Monthly Breakfast and Worship Time: Next UP – January 22 @ 8:00am

The gathering will be following the Christmas season and the start of the New Year. We will gather again Sunday Morning, January 22. Join the men at 8:00am for physical and spiritual food to share!

Women's Grow Group

Rhoda Ehrman invites you to join a group of women studying together. They are reading the book, "Your Best Life in Jesus' Easy Yoke". Contact her at 509-200-2826.

General Eastgate Announcements

Expansion of Support Teams for Audio/Video and Live-Streaming ~ Help Needed!

Our Audio/Video teams could use more help. This is one area of ministry where more experienced operators would help to lighten the load.

Brian Hartman who leads the Live-Streaming Team is also looking for one or two more individuals who would be willing to learn and assist in the ministry of our On-line Worship Service.

There are those who use our YouTube as an option for viewing for a variety of reasons. We need to expand the teams. The Team Leaders would gladly speak to anyone who might be interested. Contact Brian Hartman or Bob Daniel if you might be interested in learning.

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: Eastgate Adventist Church. Thank you for subscribing!

Walla Walla Valley Academy

Walla Walla Valley Academy Kicks Off 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 news.uccsda.org/wwva1122.

Walla Walla University

Christmas Concert now available on YouTube news.uccsda.org/wwuc1222.

Walla Walla University Selected for Grant

The American Association of Colleges of Nursing announced that 10 schools of nursing have been selected to participate in a national initiative designed to transform nursing education and practice. Among the schools selected was Walla Walla University School of Nursing. To read more visit news.uccsda.org/grant1222

Walla Walla Valley News

All of us at **SonBridge Center for Better Living** want to share our gratitude for your faithfulness in assisting as we bring Hope & Wholeness to people in the Walla Walla Valley. Your generous donations of goods, time and money allow us to provide a child with snow boots, a mom with an outfit for an interview, a man with coveralls needed for a job, money for rent, gas and utilities and meals for the people living in transitional housing. This week we received a thank you note from one of our support group attendees, expressing appreciation for a listening ear and for being treated with respect and dignity. Your generosity makes it possible for us to provide for others. If you would like to volunteer, find out more or donate to this amazing ministry, please visit sonbridge.org or until the end of the year donate at valleygivingguide.org and search for SonBridge. May blessings and joy be yours!

Blue Mountain Television needs end of the year help ...

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LATE BREAKING URGENT REQUEST

WHO: Blue Mountain Television engineers have asked we notify donors and supporters immediately.

WHAT: The move of BMTs Master Control to Wallula has been reprioritized as urgent.

WHY: Roof failures at our current location have caused major leaks in our server rooms in Master Control that have put hundreds of thousands of dollars of mission-critical equipment at severe risk.

REQUIREMENTS: Reinstalling, reconfiguring and rebooting Master Control at our Wallula facility requires \$213,000 to initialize. It is on our project list, but due to the physical threat to the core equipment, fundraising to expedite the move of Master Control is now our top facility-related priority.

GIFTS CAN BE MADE BY MAIL, THROUGH OUR WEBSITE OR OVER THE PHONE

Keep the situation in your prayers because we know that God will guide our efforts. Please prayerfully consider giving to this urgent priority today. For the most current information about this breaking situation, please call 509-529-9149 or email us at office@bmt.tv.

Pastor Steve Walikonis Retirement Party ~ a previous pastor of this congregation

Due to illness this event was changed to January 14 in the College Place Village Church sanctuary at 3:30pm for a special vespers where those who have been pastored by him will say "Thank you and God Bless" to Pastor Walikonis as he steps into retirement. Following the vespers all are welcome to gather in the foyer for some refreshments and conversation. Please bring cards filled with wonderful memories, funny stories, or advice on how to be retired for Pastor and Mrs. Walikonis.

Christian Aid Center News for Job and Volunteers

JOB Opening: We have a job opening for a <u>Programs Director</u> in our department of <u>Men Services</u>. This staff member oversees the delivery of our various recovery programs. The job is full-time with benefits. For a complete job description, please visit our website at <u>christianaidcenter.org</u>. If you or someone you know is interested in this job, please send a cover letter/email and resume to <u>jradzikowski@christianaidcenter.org</u>.

VOLUNTEER Opportunities at the Christian Aid Center:

- --Breakfast Cooks in our community kitchen (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday shifts available)
- --Van Driver to pick-up donated food on Saturday mornings
- --Kitchen Helpers in our community kitchen (various shifts available)
- -- Registered Nurses to help in our Health & Wellness Center
- --Prayer Warriors to pray on behalf of our guests. This is a women's prayer group that meets on Thursdays from 10:00 to 11:00 am.

For more information, please contact Jeannette Regalado, Community Engagement Director at (509) 525-7153 ext. 114. You can also fill out a volunteer application on our website at christianaidcenter.org.

Upper Columbia Conference of SDA News

Coming Soon: The Upper Columbian

The UCC communications department has been working to improve our communication to you. Back in November we sent out a survey and have taken your recommendations and suggestions into consideration. This means a couple things — we are updating the main conference newsletter, as well as creating a webpage. Beginning in January 2023, *The News You Need to Know* will change its name to *The Upper Columbian*. Both Autumn Dunzweiler, managing editor of *The Upper*

Columbian, and I are excited about the future of this publication. Change can often be difficult, but we are always open to feedback at news@uccsda.org. Thank you for being part of this journey, and we pray you will share this newsletter with others in your church.

May God continue to bless each of you in your personal ministry.

~ *Dustin Jones, UCC director of communications and editor,* The Upper Columbian

<u>First New Adventist Bible Commentary</u> Released in Nearly 70 Years

After nearly 70 years, a group of global scholars decided to revamp the Seventh-day Adventist Bible Commentary (originally published in 1953). The first full volume (volume 6) of the new commentary, called the Seventh-day Adventist International Bible Commentary (SDAIBC), was released this fall. Learn more in this interview with Martin Klingbeil, SDAIBC contributor and professor of

Old Testament and Ancient Near Eastern Studies, Southern Adventist University, and Jacques Doukhan, SDAIBC editor and professor emeritus of Hebrew and Old Testament Exegesis, Andrews University. Read more about this by visiting news.uccsda.org/commentary1222.

Vertical: Thirty-One Days of Praying for Renewal

Do you like to start your year off right? Vertical: Thirty-one Days of Prayer for Renewal will begin January 1 and going through January 31, 2023. We invite you to participate in "Thirty-One Days of Prayer for Renewal." Your participation will bring growth to your life as well as your church. Sign up at www.uccsda.org/vertical

Happy birthday, Jesus! — Free Children's Devotional

A free 25-day activity devotional for the whole family created by the North American Division Children's Ministries Department is available for download. This devotional will take you through the first 25 days of December, to help you celebrate and remember Jesus, the real reason for the season. To receive your copy visit news.uccsda.org/devotional1122.

Babylonian Tablets Unearth Insights into Judean Life in Exile

In November, Evangelical Theological Society held their annual meeting in Denver, Colorado, Assyriologist and expert in Mesopotamic archaeology, George Heath-Whyte, discussed what the ongoing translation of the two hundred tablets found in 2014. The tablets were written in cuneiform script that reveal aspects of the life of Jews who lived in Babylon at the time of the exile. Read more at news.uccsda.org/tablets1222.

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Adventist Education Stories Being Collected

The Center for Research on Adventist Education is looking to collect and share stories of individuals who credit Adventist Education with who they've become and what they've accomplished. To share your story and learn more about this project go to <u>adventistedstories.com</u>.

A Christmas Countdown: Bible Verses

Counting down the days to Christmas is a beloved holiday tradition for many families. Adding to the classic advent calendars, North Pacific Union Conference has put together a list of Bible verses to count down to Christmas. For the full story see news.uccsda.org/countdown1222.

AMEN Northwest Conference Save the Date – March 10-12, 2023

The AMEN Northwest Conference will be held at the Upper Columbia Conference office from March 10-12, 2023. The theme this year is "Optimizing Mental Health: A Biblical Perspective." Keynote speakers are Dr. Daniel Binus, Dr. Eric Shadle, and Cynthia Stark. Registration for the convention will open in early January so stay tuned for additional announcements.

General Conference

Inter-America Division Votes First Woman in as Treasurer

Top Adventist leaders have voted to recommend Ivelisse Herrera as treasurer of the Inter-American Division (IAD). Herrera becomes the first woman to hold an administrative position in the 100 years since the division was officially organized in 1922. news.uccsda.org/treasurer1222.

First Fully Digital Church Planted in the Southern Union

The pandemic changed our lives indefinitely, including necessitating a new platform for sharing the gospel. Recognizing the constant need for quality and consistent online content within their territory and the world, the Gulf States Conference decided to plant a digital church. Read more about the digital church at news.uccsda.org/digital1222

Come Adore Him ABC Christmas Special — December 24 & 25

The Southwestern Union, Southwest Region conference, Texas Conference, and the Interfaith Broadcasting Commission presents Come Adore Him. This ABC television special features a Christmas message from Dr. Carlton P. Byrd, president southwest region conference with special guest appearances from multiple music groups. For more information and to watch this program visit news.uccsda.org/comeadorehim1222.

2023 NAD Adventist Ministries Convention — January 8-11

Join us at the 2023 NAD Adventist Ministries Convention, held on Jan. 8-11. Register is open! We want to see all our ministries leaders at the "Replenish" Adventist Ministries Convention! To register and learn more, go to news.uccsda.org/ministry1122.

Job Network

 $Looking \ for \ a \ position? \ Looking \ to \ Hire? \ Please \ let \ us \ know \ so \ we \ can \ assist \ in \ getting \ the \ word \ out!$

Mt. Hope Cemetery seeks paid, on-call groundskeeper to provide vacation backup and relief work as needed. Duties include excavating graves, burial functions, lawn mowing and other tasks. Ideal candidate must have a flexible schedule. Interested? Call Steve Walikonis – 509-200-2116

Family Looking for caregivers to assist two elderly church members remain in their home

Caring Help Wanted!

Weekend caregivers needed for two elderly people in their home. Potential weekday fill in. 3hr.-12hr. shifts available. No direct lifting required.

\$20/hr. If interested please contact: (509)520-5020

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, 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 special 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.

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.

Requests: - What are your prayer requests?

Please pray for the family of Skyler Gregg. He was in the Ukraine and was recently killed. He was the son of Steve & Michelle Gregg, grandson of Gretta Gregg. The family has requested their privacy as they grieve this loss. Notes and cards are welcome.

There will be a memorial service here on Sabbath, December 17 at 2:00pm. A Reception will be prepared in the Fellowship Room following the service.

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:

www.GoFundMe.com/w4pcx8-love-for-Connie

Prayers requested for Kristy & Dwight Bartlett as they travel a road of disease diagnosis and treatment.

Prayers for Birdie Einig as she has begun receiving treatments for her illness. Prayers for Carol R. as she continues her recovery and adjustment to the loss of one of her eyes.

Prayers for a young man who is living in the homeless camp hoping to secure housing soon. - Shaun

Praises:

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

Praises from Jonathan M. as he has found new employment and planning to start shortly.