Welcome to Milton Adventist!

- If you are new with us today we would love to know who you are. Please fill out a GETTING TO KNOW YOU communication card which you will find in the pew rack in front of you.
- Please share your prayer requests or suggestions on the communication card and place it in the offering plate or hand it to one of the church staff. We want to serve you in any way possible.
- If you wish a CD of the morning sermon please write your request on the CD Ministry Order Envelope available at the information desk or church office. You may drop the envelope in the offering or at the church office with a suggested donation of $3 per CD.
- We have assisted listening devices and lap blankets available at the Information Desk in the foyer.

Why We Live
At the Milton Seventh-day Adventist Church we live to glorify God. He is our Creator, Savior and Friend. There is no greater joy in life than really knowing God personally. We live for Him and... we live to introduce others to our Best Friend too!

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The Milton Seventh-day Adventist Church
Christmas Begins With Christ

Sabbath
December 24, 2016
Bible Study Groups
“Study to show yourself approved unto God...” 2 Timothy 2:15

9:30am – 10:35am

Deep and lasting friendships grow out the study of God’s Word; that’s what is so compelling about our 9:30am Bible study groups. We have classes for all age groups. Pick the one below that most fits your needs. There are several adult classes to choose from. May God bless you abundantly as you build your life on His eternal Word.

Children’s Divisions Hall
- Beginners (0-3 Years) ........................................ SouthWest
- Kindergarten (4 Years –1st grade) ......................... SouthWest
- Primary (2nd – 4th grade) ..................................... SouthWest
- Juniors - Earlineen .......................................... Northwest
- Senior High ...................................................... Northwest

Adult Bible Study Classes Room
Side Hall North of Sanctuary
- Class 1: Vernon Putz/Nancy Stolz ......................... Room #1
- Class 2: Loren Fenton ....................................... Room #4
- Class 3: Vaun Miller .......................................... Room #6

Other Locations
- Class 4: Ed Taylor ........................................ Sanctuary-Right Back Corner
- Class 5: Jeremiah Burt (Gen-X) ........................ Room #5
- Class 6: Lorin Wentland/LeRoy Waggoner .......... Fellowship Hall

From the Pastor’s Heart
With hushed voices and quiet breath we gather around the manger where, with all people, we admire God’s gift of salvation to His children. Jesus is more than the Miracle Baby, He is the Savior of all mankind. Today we will celebrate Christ’s entrance into this world through a special worship service. Music and Bible readings will remind us of how much God gave in giving Jesus. We will also celebrate the baptisms of two of our youth, Mara Fry and Kailee McNall. What a great day—Christmas Eve Sabbath—to be baptized! With them we renew our devotion to knowing and following Jesus.

Pastor Lloyd

Worship Service
“Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD...” Psalm 95:6

10:45am – 12:15pm

Song of Welcome (Please stand for opening song) Praise Team
- “Joy to the World” & “Good Christians, Now Rejoice”

Church Alive! Ben Tucker
- “Getting to Know You” Card / Guest Luncheon
- Christmas Eve Program: “Candles & Carols” 4pm today
- Ministry Focus:

Prayer & Greeting Pastor Lloyd

Congregational Song: “What Child Is This?” Hymn 141

Celebrating Children Claire Eslinger
- Children’s Song: Piano Solo
- Children’s Story: “The Gift of the Christmas Cookie” Audrey Eslinger

Baptismal Service: Mara K. Fry & Kailee Ann McNall Pastor Nancy

“For Unto You Is Born This Day A Savior”

Special Music: “Go Tell” Eslinger Trio
The Christmas Story: Luke 2:1-20 BLAST Youth Video
Congregational Song: “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly” Hymn 127

Retelling the Christmas Story Sara Burton
- “Breath of Heaven” Eslinger Trio
- “Rejoice with Exceeding Great Joy” Perrin Grandkids
- “Away In a Manger” Lisa McMackin
- “I Believe”

Christmas Devotional: “Miracle Baby—born on time” Pastor Lloyd
- Special Music: “Mystery” Joel Morgan

Congregational Song: “Silent Night” Hymn 143

Blessing-Sending: “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” Pastor Lloyd

Offering Will be Received at the Door as You Leave—

Praise Team: Lisa McMackin, Audrey & Dan Eslinger; Pianist: Gladys Wentland
Lead Elder: Ben Tucker
MILTON-STATELINE ADVENTIST SCHOOL
MSAS is accepting applications for a bus driver. You may contact the school at 541-938-7131 or email lepiba@miltonstateline.org.

SYMPOSIUM ON SPIRITUAL CARE AT WWGH
Save the date for the 7th annual Spiritual Care Symposium at Walla Walla General Hospital. Philip Watkins, PhD, will speak on "Gratitude: An Essential Foundation for Spiritual Well-being" Friday, January 27, 2017, 8:30 - 4:30 p.m. in the WWGH auditorium.

COATS & WARM CLOTHES
If you have new or gently used winter coats, gloves, mittens, scarves, stocking hats to give to the homeless and low-income folks, please bring them to the Wesley Methodist church. Pastor Tillie MakePeace is getting requests and will be giving them away locally. (Pastor Tillie’s cell: 541-701-1925)

PRAYER REQUESTS
If you have prayer requests, Milton Adventist Church has prayer warriors who will take your concerns and bring them to the Lord. Please contact: Nancy Stolz: 509-520-5442.

NEWS NOTES
Milton Church Life Calendar

**Today, December 24**
- 8:30am Prayer time with the church Elders (Youth Chapel)
- 10:45am Pastor Lloyd: Miracle Baby – 4 (Sanctuary)
- 1:00pm Fellowship Meal: Christmas Meal (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:00pm “Candles and Carols” sacred music program (Sanctuary)
- 4:09pm Sunset—“From evening unto evening you shall celebrate the Sabbath” Lev. 23:32

**Sunday, December 25**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Monday, December 26**
- 9-12pm Church Office Hours
- 10-4pm ACS & Thrift Store Open (713 S Main St. Milton-Freewater)

**Tuesday, December 27**
- 9-12pm Church Office Hours (Staff Worship & Meeting 9:30-11am)
- 6-7pm Support Group: “It Too Shall Pass” (Junior Room)
- 7:00pm BLAST Youth Group (Youth Chapel)

**Wednesday, December 28**
- 9-12pm Church Office Hours
- 12 noon Church Bulletin Information Due
- 6:15pm NO meeting of Pathfinder & Adventurer Clubs
- 7:00pm Prayer Meeting. Discover Jesus in the Scriptures (Junior Room)

**Thursday, December 29**
- 9-12pm Church Office Hours
- 10-4pm ACS & Thrift Store Open (713 S Main St. Milton-Freewater)

**Friday, December 30**
- 4:12pm Sunset—“From evening unto evening you shall celebrate the Sabbath” Lev. 23:32

**Sabbath, December 31**
- 8:30am Prayer time with the church Elders (Youth Chapel)
- 10:45am Pastor Lloyd: Communion Service
- 1:00pm Fellowship Meal: Soup & wraps; bring salad & dessert (Fellowship Hall)
- 4:13pm Sunset—“From evening unto evening you shall celebrate the Sabbath” Lev. 23:32
- 5:00pm New Year’s Eve Worship & Fun at Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, January 1**

**NEW YEARS DAY**

**RECEIPTS**
If you would like a receipt for this year, all donations (including online donations) must be postmarked by Saturday, December 31, 2016.
Today’s Giving Focus

Matthew 6:21: “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

During our morning worship service we include, as part of our commitment to praise God, a time for receiving an offering. An “OFFERING” is just that—we offer to God our gratitude for His gifts to us. Through prayer, singing, and worship we “offer” all of ourselves to Him. We are His! We also provide an opportunity for us to give financial offerings as well. Our Milton Church Budget is an ongoing emphasis which funds the core of our ministries here in this community.

❖ Today’s Giving Focus: Upper Columbia Conference Advance.
❖ The “loose offering” always goes for the Milton Church Budget. If you want to give specifically to any other ministry you must place it in the Giving Envelope and write the name of the ministry.

Year-End Giving for 2016

As you can see from below, our Milton Church Budget for 2016 was set at $132,532. That means we need an average of $11,719. Because we fell behind in our giving a few months the amount we need at this time to balance our 2016 Milton Church Budget is $19,000. We invite each of you to give a special Year-End gift to the Milton Church Budget during the closing days of this year.

Milton SDA Church Giving

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Various Milton Church Giving Projects

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Children’s Offering Report

Every week children bring forward an offering which is used to help with Student Aid (Worthy Student Fund). The funds given week-by-week make a big difference. Here is a report on how much funds have come in the last three Sabbaths. You can also give directly to Milton Student Aid.

❖ Sabbath, December 10  179.00
❖ Sabbath, December 17  72.00

Announcements

PLEASE ACCEPT MY GRATITUDE for all the cards and gifts following my son’s death. A special thanks goes to all those who helped make Jeb’s celebration a success. Joel Morgan, Lisa McMackin, Derek Kruger, Pastor Lloyd, Jan Roberts, Dave Brannen, Jeremiah Burt, Thelma Fleshman, and everyone else involved. Thank you, church family. --Denise Carr

PLEASE JOIN US for “Candles and Carols” a Christmas Eve worship experience filled with scripture, candle lighting, choir music and a chance to sing beloved Christmas songs with your friends and family. Saturday December 24, 4:00pm in the Milton Adventist Church sanctuary.

NEW YEARS EVE WORSHIP & FUN (Dec. 31 at 6pm)

Next Sabbath (Dec. 31) will be a New Year’s Eve gathering starting at 6pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will start with a group singing of favorite spiritual songs. Bring your instruments and join in. We will then have a short interactive reflection of how God has led this past year; followed by board games and two group activities.

PATHFINDER WINTER CAMPOUT

Our Milton Pathfinders are working on their Winter Camping honor January 6; they will camp out in the snow at Immigrant Springs. They need some extra winter camping gear. If you have sleeping bags, closed-cell sleeping mats, or cold weather rated tents they could borrow for this trip it would be greatly appreciated! Any items they can borrow need to be brought to the church by next weekend. Label all items with your name so they can return them to you promptly after the campout.

ADVENTIST COMMUNITY SERVICES & THRIFT STORE

ACS is in need of an individual to fold plastic bags to use at the check stand. This task may be done at home. Please contact Joyce Chinn for more details: 541-938-0333 or 509-520-2897. Thank you.

CARDS AND LETTERS APPRECIATED

Mike Gerking has moved away and would like to keep in touch with those of you who knew him. His address is: 611 Tennyson Ave., Apt. 113, Hines, OR 97738.

JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

We plan to take down the City of Bethlehem when the weather is warmer. The date and time will be announced. Those of you who helped to set up the town and any others who would like to participate, your work is much appreciated! We will include a lunch for all the workers!