

Welcome to Our Church!

- ❖ 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

Our church exists to equip and empower members to reach their neighborhoods with the Christ-centered Seventh-day Adventist message of hope and wholeness. We are Christ's hands bringing HOPE to our community: Healing, Opportunity, Peace, and Encouragement.

Milton & Blue Mountain Valley District Seventh-day Adventist Church

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Seventh-day Adventist Church Milton & Blue Mt. Valley District



A Christmas of Light: Announcement

**Sabbath
December 26, 2020**



From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Fellow Travelers with Jesus,

Before anything was created on this world it was in complete darkness. Then God said "Let there be light," and there was light. Today we live in darkness unless light shines on us: light from the sun, moon, stars, candles, electric lights and more. During the Christmas season we see even more beautiful lights on Christmas trees and other holiday decorations.

We cannot live without light. Light is fundamental to life. Even plants need light. Have you ever been inside a pitch-black cave or dark room and then come into the light? The brightness is almost overwhelming! Just think: Jesus is that perfect light that draws us out of darkness "into His marvelous light." Jesus heals our souls, Jesus makes everything alive.

Jesus is the Light of the world. This season we lift Him up in our thoughts, actions and words.

*"I am the light of the world.
If you follow me, you won't have to walk in darkness,
because you will have the light that leads to life."
John 8:12 NLT*

Wishing you God's blessings and a
Merry Christmas,

Pastor Lloyd and Jana

Worship Service

"Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the LORD..." Psalm 95:6

10:45am – 12:15pm

Opening Song	<i>"Joy to the World"</i>	Hymn 125
Pastoral Welcome & Prayer		Pastor Lloyd
Call to Worship		Pastor Nancy
Songs of Praise		
	▪ <i>"Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light"</i>	Hymn 128
	▪ <i>"O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"</i>	Hymn 144
Worship in Prayer		Keith Wilkes
Message	"A Christmas of Light-4: Announcement"	Pastor Lloyd
Special Music	<i>"O Holy Night"</i>	Jim & Bayli Boyd, Vocal Andrew Perrin, Piano
Closing Song	<i>"Silent Night, Holy Night"</i>	Hymn 143
Benediction		Pastor Lloyd

Worship in Giving: UCC Advance

Please use offering envelopes and drop them in containers in the foyer.



Keyboard: Jan Roberts
Audio-Visual Technician: Martin Coronado
Christmas Decorations: Nanci Cooksley

News Notes

MILTON-STATELINE ADVENTIST SCHOOL



MSAS invites you to an online Book Fair! Any book purchase will help fund new books for our library. Great books for Christmas presents. Go to scholastic.com/fair and find our school: Milton Stateline SDA School. Thank you so much for your support!

SONBRIDGE COMMUNITY SERVICES



SonBridge Constituency meeting will be held via zoom on Sunday, **February 21, 2020, 10:00am**. 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! Thank each of you for your amazing support.

INTERNATIONAL CHILDREN'S CARE

Christmas Giving Opportunity: Consider giving an extra gift this Christmas to the orphaned children Adventists support through International Children's Care. **From now until December 31**, dedicated donors are matching every dollar given. Go to InternationalChildrensCare.org/matchinghope/. Thank you for your gift that instills hope this Christmas!

COVID-19 COMPLIANCE

- Please **sit in designated places** in the sanctuary (blue tape)
- Use masks** at all times (masks available in foyer)
- Keep to **physical distance** minimum of 6 feet
- Apply **hand sanitizer** as needed (available in the foyer)

If you have **associated with people who have been diagnosed** with COVID-19 whether inside or outside the Walla Walla Valley, please worship with us on Zoom. If you travel outside of the Walla Walla Valley area, please do so in a COVID-19 compliant manner.

Milton Church Life Calendar

Today, Sabbath, December 26

- 8:45am Prayer time with the church Elders (Zoom)
- 10:45am Pastor Lloyd: A Christmas of Light-4: Announcement (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 4:14pm Sunset— Lev. 23:32

Monday, December 28

- 9am-12pm **Church Office Open**
- 10am-4pm Thrift Store Open (713 S Main St. Milton-Freewater)

Tuesday, December 29

- 9am-12pm **Church Office Open**
- 10:00am Pastoral Staff Meeting (Pastor's Office)
- 7:00pm BLAST Youth Group (Zoom) **Starting on January 12**

Wednesday, December 30

- 9am-12pm **Church Office Open**
- 12 noon ***Church Bulletin Information Due***
- 6:15pm Pathfinders (Zoom)
- 7:00pm Mid-Week Bible Discovery (Zoom)

Thursday, December 31

- 9am-12pm **Church Office CLOSED**
- 10am-4pm Thrift Store **CLOSED** (713 S Main St. Milton-Freewater)
- 7:00pm Communion Service for Milton Church (Zoom)

Friday, January 1

- 4:19pm Sunset— Lev. 23:32
- 6:00pm JAM Vespers with Pastor Nancy (Facebook page & website)
First Friday night each month.
- 7:00pm Communion Service for Blue Mt. Valley (BMVM-Athena)

Sabbath, January 2

- 8:45am Prayer time with the church Elders (Zoom)
- 10:45am Pastor Lloyd: A Christmas of Light-5: Advance (Sanctuary & Zoom)
- 4:20pm Sunset— Lev. 23:32

The Pastors will be participating in their annual Pastoral Workers Meeting on Zoom January 12-13, 2021.



Announcements

BLAST YOUTH GROUP



BLAST IS BACK! Our BLAST Youth Group is returning via Zoom on Tuesday night, January 12, at 7:00pm—and every following Tuesday. Pastor Nancy will be sending out personal Zoom invites to all our teens. Please pray that this unusual way of having youth group meetings will be successful.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



During **January** we are collecting **WOW TOYS** for OCC Shoe boxes. Please bring them to the church foyer and put them into the trunk which is sitting on the table in the Ministry Nook. Thank you.

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.

BIBLE STUDY



You are invited to join us on **Wednesdays, 7:00pm** for the mid-week Bible Discovery group. You will read God's Word and be refreshed, vitalized, and energized by the messages given to us in the Scripture.

COMMUNITY THRIFT STORE



If you are interested in donating clothing and miscellaneous household items, you may drop them off at 713 S. Main Street in Milton, Phone: 541-938-9188. The Thrift Store hours are: **Mondays and Thursdays between 10:00am-4:00pm.** *The funds received support our worthy students, church and community outreach.*



Giving at Milton



As part of our commitment to praise God, we receive a love offering during the morning worship service. When we return the **Tithe** to God we proclaim our dependence and trust in Him. God invites us in Malachi 3:6-12 to return "all the tithes to the storehouse."

MCB = Milton Church Budget: If you want to support the ministries of our church, please give to MCB. *Loose offering goes for Milton Church Budget.*

Milton Church Budget (MCB)

1. Needed in 2020 (14,718 per month) -----	176,616
2. January-December, 2020 -----	160,394
Church Board Approved Projects	
3. Highway 11 Electronic Sign -----	\$ 3,520

**Thank you for giving to the Student Aid Fund.
Student Aid received \$27,173 through November!**

Children's Offering Report

The Children's Offering helps fund our Worthy Student Assistance. These funds make a big difference. Here is an update on how much has come in so far this year. You can also give directly to Milton Student Aid.

❖ January-December 2020 Total \$2,175

ONLINE GIVING AT MILTON

On-line giving is a great option. You may click on adventistgiving.org and then Milton Adventist Church (enrolled) and follow the directions. There are offering containers in the church foyer.

Notice: All year-end giving needs to be turned in by December 31

