

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, October 10, 2020



Greetings church family,



This week in the news headlines, there are two women who just became Nobel prize winners in chemistry for their contribution of what is called DNA Scissors. Possible uses for this breakthrough would be to cut out bad genetically transmitted diseases. These very smart ladies get to split \$10 million dollars, which I imagine they will use for more research.

It is great to celebrate benchmark success in science. Today however, I want to celebrate some other outstanding women who are winners in an even more profound discovery that cannot be bought or awarded with money. What did they discover? Well, they discovered friendship, support, deep Bible study, a shared love of Jesus that shines through each of their lives and a consistent group that is a catalyst for those things.

This wonderful group is called FaithLift. They meet every Wednesday from approximately 10:00-12:30 via Zoom during Covid-19. From 10 to 10:30 they pray for global and community concerns. From 10:30-11:30+ they study from a book of the Bible. Currently they are in the book of Acts. The last part of the time is spent on sharing personal prayers and then just fellowship and visiting.

These women have been meeting for a long time, at least since 2002, and possibly before. It was started by Elvera Blake. The group keeps adding new members as time goes on. If you ask the women who attend this Bible Study group what they like about it, many will tell you it changed their life because of friendship, support, and learning more about God. Some joined during a very difficult time in their life when they lost a husband and became widows. Through love, prayers, and care, these ladies support each other through many of life's ups and downs. They have found encouragement for their story. They have witnessed amazing answers to prayer and have found encouragement for their faith journey.

The first time I joined them was a few weeks ago. There were around 35 women studying together. I was so impressed by both their knowledgeable scholarly approach to the Bible and also their faith stories. Each one contributes deep insight, and all are learners in the process. They ask questions, laugh, and cry together. This experience confirmed to me that at the heart Sunnyside Church is so much more than a once a week Church Service. I have found a community here that loves and takes care of each other. This is the true sense of what a church should be. So, to all the women who are a part of this, thank you so much for bringing love and support to

each other and to me. You are celebrated this week for having found the greatest of discoveries together in friendship and love like Jesus taught. May God bless you each one as you continue to support each other.

Pastor Wendy Witas



Shout-Out

Send your "shout-outs" to info@SunnysideAdventist.org so we can include them in next week's Communiqué. This is a place you can recognize someone for doing well or going beyond expectations.

A special shout-out to our FaithLift ladies who provided food for our last NextGen event. Thank you FaithLift group! The food was especially tasty!

News & Notes

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic all services and meetings at the church have been canceled until further notice. Stay connected! Check out our Facebook page and website. If you are not receiving our emails, please forward your email address to info@SunnysideAdventist.org, so we can keep you informed of our activities.

THIS WEEKEND

Welcome to our worship service via streaming video at 11:15 AM. Pastor Mark Witas will present our Bible message titled **"The Law Can't Save You! But Jesus Can."**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sabbath School quarterlies are here! If you would like a new Sabbath School quarterly contact the church office and we will make sure you get what you need: 503-252-8080, text 971-238-9680, or email info@SunnysideAdventist.org. Or you may get it online at <https://absq.adventist.org/nextquarter#lessons>.

If you haven't received your Children's Sabbath Packet for October you may pick it up from the Information desk in the church foyer. If you do not have a code to get into the church, contact Rosie at the church office, 503-252-8080. Packets contain lesson stories, memory verses, crafts and activities for each Sabbath in October. We have packets for Beginners, Kindergarten/1st grade, Primary 4th/5th grades, and Junior High.



Cherry Park Elementary School, a neighboring school we have partnered with to assist their students, has sent us their wish list for this school year. They have made it very easy to help by giving us a link to supplies at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2HOXYTT1LVQ3K?ref=wl_share). These supplies will be delivered directly to the school. The

children who attend are many who are in desperate need of any help available. So your help will be greatly appreciated. Here is the link: https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2HOXYTT1LVQ3K?ref=wl_share. And here is a thank you from principal Kate Barker: "Thank you for always being so supportive. We are so grateful!"



▪ **We had so much fun at the last NextGen hangout** we want to do it again, and again, and again! Starting October 16 we will meet every Friday night from 7-9 PM! Please invite your friends and anyone that would enjoy some time together in community! See you on the 16th!

During this difficult time, if you are in need of financial help for rent, utilities, or other needs, the Family Resource Network stands by to help. Or if you know of a fellow church member that may need help and is hesitant to ask, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



Directory Update — Thank you to all of those who have forwarded a recent photo for the directory — however, we are still missing many photos! We would love to have your photo in our directory. If you haven't given us one, please upload a photo through your Elexio app or send a snapshot to info@SunnysideAdventist.org. If you can't email it, mail it; we'll scan it, and return it to you. It does not have to be one that is professionally taken. We just want to be able to identify you with a photo! Thank you for your help with this.

LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE

Church Service Last Sabbath.



Craig King



Arnold Petersen



Advent Trombone Quartet:
Roger Rosenquist
Jerry Davis
Dennis Springer
Jim Newell



Brooke Stafford



Pastor Mark Witas

ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

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Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>

SAVE THE DATE! November 8 is the PAASS Auction

The 2020 PAA Student Scholarship Auction, "Be True to Your School," is coming to a digital screen near you on Sunday, November 8, 6 – 7:30 PM. No cost to join in. Get together with friends and enjoy it together! Details coming later this month about how to view auction items online and download the mobile bidding app. You can help by donating auction items, events, and services. Contact Dawn Johnson or Sam Vigil Jr. at 503-255-8372 with donations or questions.

Student scholarships typically help more than one-third of PAA students to be able to attend PAA and receive an Adventist Christian education. Scholarships are especially important this year given the trials 2020 has handed all of us. We appreciate your prayers and support to keep our PAASS students at PAA. online version: <https://paasda.org/news/save-the-date-november-8-is-the-paass-virtual-auction/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

Adventist Book Center's Fall Case and Book Sale extends from October 11 to November 8. Download their flyer to view the sale items. [ABCflyer](#).

PACS NEWS: *(Portland Adventist Community Service)*

PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00-11:00 AM.

We are still operating with social distancing and social responsibility. If you or someone you know needs food please tell them about us. If you cannot make it to PACS please send a note with someone and they can get you food. Any questions please call PACS at 503-252-8500 or email pacsfood2020@gmail.com. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220

PACS Thrift Store is OPEN - we have temporary hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM-5:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.

Our donation drop off center is open and we value your donations but due to a high volume of donations please call ahead to see if we are accepting, 503-252-8500. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220

PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:

www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore

Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

If you have any 12-count empty egg cartons we would love to take them off your hands to use in our food pantry! Please drop them off at our Office or Donation Receiving. Thank You In Advance!

Job Openings at PACS

Full-time Development/Marketing Associate - Seeking a candidate who can effectively communicate the PACS mission and vision to our community, constituents, volunteers, and donors. See full job description visit, <http://www.pacsonline.org/job-openings>