

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, August 24, 2019



### Greetings church family,

We started with pill pockets from Costco and for a time, Gipper thought they were okay. He would dutifully accept his pill pocket three times a day as asked. And then one day he stopped. I reached out, palm extended, and he gingerly picked it up and then dropped it on the floor, looking at me as if I was clearly

trying to poison him!

I wasn't.

He needs his medication. It keeps his heart functioning, enabling him to enjoy sniffing and running and doing all the things a dog likes to do.

What was I to do? I turned to the Greenie brand of pill poppers – peanut butter flavor. They worked for a while until the same thing happened.

The chicken flavor then worked.

After that, we turned to the chicory flavor.

From there, Kraft cheese singles were a huge (and can I say MUCH CHEAPER) hit. For a while.

Last week he suddenly realized that they were fake cheese. And so now, I find myself buying dog log from the fridge section of the pet food aisle, buzzing it up in my food processor and then gingerly squashing a table spoon of the smelly stuff around Gip's pills, three times a day. And I have a fair idea that I will need to come up with another plan in about a month.

Does Gipper realize the immense amount of effort going into his welfare? No.

Does he even appreciate it? I'm not sure. For the most part, he is suspicious of those pills.

Do I for one minute regret being his person? Not a bit. I love that dog. And I will keep finding ways to help him take his pills. Because that is what he needs.

It makes me think of God and the many ways he works to bring healing and wholeness in our lives. So often we don't recognize it. We can be as stubborn as Gip. But he just keeps finding new ways to reach us. And he doesn't give up. He won't. He loves us more than I will ever love Gip.

It makes me pause, thankful, at peace.

**Pastor Kara Johnsson**



### Shout-Out

Send your "shout-outs" to [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto: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.

*Shout out to the Pathfinder leaders and volunteers who made sure the recent Oshkosh Camporee went smoothly for all of our kids who were able to enjoy this memorable event.*

## News & Notes

### THIS WEEKEND

**This Sabbath our Worship Services are at 8:45 and 11:15 AM.** Pastor Mark Witas will be presenting our Bible message titled "Good Fruit / Bad Fruit."

**Guest Potluck** – If you are new to Sunnyside or visiting from out of town, we would like to invite you to get to know our church better over lunch. The Rippey Sabbath School Class will be hosting today's lunch in the Willamette room following our second service.

**Sunday, August 25, 3:00 PM**, Sunnyside church-wide corn feed, picnic, and classic car show! The fun starts at 3:00 PM, right here on the Sunnyside Church campus!



Fire-roasted corn, watermelon, and drinks will be provided.

Members and friends are invited to contribute favorite:

- \* Salads \* Finger foods \* Casseroles \* Entrees \*
- Desserts

There will be a bouncy house for the kids!

Bring lawn chairs.



**Special attraction: Classy classic car show!**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

▪ **"Back to School Night of Worship" a Portland area vespers for high school students** will be happening at Sunnyside on **Friday August 30 from 7:00- 9:00 PM**. All high school students are invited to come and bring a friend.

**August 31, 2019, 3:30 pm:** A memorial service will be held for **Paul Howard** who passed away on August 13 after courageously fighting cancer for almost 6 years. All are invited to come celebrate his life.

**Our monthly fellowship potluck will be next week.** Plan to attend and bring enough food for your family as well as extra to serve our guests. We will have many guests this week, so please plan accordingly with extra food. This is a great time to visit with friends and make new acquaintances.

**We, as a church, have been partnering with the nearby Cherry Park School** in giving support to their 500 students from preschool through the 5th grade. Thank you for the donations you have already given. Current needs are: winter coats, sweatpants or leggings sizes 4-10, glue sticks, crayons, pencils, colored pencils, dry erase markers, Kleenex, baby wipes, post-it notes, and shoes – kid sizes and adult sizes. You may bring these to the church and deposit them either at the office or place them in the baskets marked for donations. Thank you, again, for all of your support!

**Our neighborhood school, Cherry Park Elementary**, is soliciting help in many areas. We, as a church, have taken this opportunity to become partners with Cherry Park and assist them in any way possible. There is a bulletin insert that lists areas in which they are seeking help. Please fill this out, let us know where you would like to help, and turn it in today.

**Sabbath, August 31, 6:00 PM, the 17th Annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Vespers** will take place here at Sunnyside Church featuring inspirational music and Dr. Matilda Fry! Plan now to come and enjoy the weekend together. Our worship services will feature Fred Cornforth and Dr. Matilda Fry will be leading our Sabbath School.

**DATE CHANGE! Monday, September 2, 6:00 PM**, Pathfinder registration for the new year will take place here at Sunnyside Church. The Pathfinder Club is an exciting group of 10-18 year-olds who want to learn about life skills, outdoor pursuits, and ultimately, about Jesus. Pathfinders meet each Monday evening during the school year here at the church. If you have a child in this age-group, come and register them for the new Pathfinder year. There will NOT be a regular Pathfinder meeting on August 26. – only for those who went to Oshkosh to unload and pick up their belongings.



**Save the Date! September 28, 7:00 PM – The Heritage Singers** will be here at Sunnyside Church in concert!

**Family Resource Network** – Thank you for your continued support that has helped so many people in their time of need. Place your funds in an envelope marked Family Resource Network, account number 488.

## **ADVENTIST EDUCATION**

### **Portland Adventist Elementary School**

<http://www.paes.com>: Check out our new website!

And our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/PAESPanthers/>

or use the QR code



**Portland Adventist Elementary School is looking for Substitute teachers** for the 2019/2020 school year. Please contact the school at 503-665-4102 for more info or come by between the hours of 9-3 Monday-Thurs. for an application.

### **Portland Adventist Academy**

<http://paasda.org>

**There will be a Special Constituency Meeting September 4, 7:00 PM**, in the school Chapel. Sunnyside delegates, please plan to attend this very important meeting.

### **PAA Teacher is a Published Author**

We're thrilled to report that one of our teachers has had a book published! The book tells the true story about a member of the Portland Spanish Church who also happens to be a long-time volunteer at PAA as well as a current parent.

<https://paasda.org/news/paa-teacher-publishes-the-true-story-of-a-cuban-seeking-freedom/>

### **PAA Introduces New Teachers**

If you haven't already shared about our new teachers, we hope you'll do that, too. We're excited to start the new year with an additional English teacher AND a full-time art teacher. Read more here:

<https://paasda.org/news/paa-welcomes-new-teachers-3/>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS**

**Doris Brooks**, beloved middle school teacher, passed away Sunday, August 11, at the age of 99. A memorial service will be conducted at Healing Hope Seventh-day Adventist Fellowship on Sunday, September 8, at 2:00 PM.

**Winston Lenz**, a friend of many, passed away June 24. a Celebration of Life will be held on September 14. Please call his daughter, Lynnell Madson, 503-781-4140, for further details if you would like to attend.

### **August 23-25: 2019 Oregon Motorcycle Camp Meeting.**

Join us for Oregon's annual Motorcycle Camp Meeting at the Gladstone Conference Center in Gladstone, Oregon! This year's featured speaker will be Greg Hamilton of the North Pacific Union Conference presenting three Sabbath messages about the times past, present, and future. Come – even if you do not ride as this event is open to the public and share in the fellowshipping. Camping will be available. Visit [OregonAdventist.org](http://OregonAdventist.org), or call 503-850-3500 to learn more.

Event Location: Gladstone Conference Center

### **September 6-7: Adventist Single Adult Ministries Convention.**

Single adults 18 years and older join us for the annual convention titled "This is US" featuring Pastor James & Rise Rafferty and Gary & Shelly Parks. Lots of fellowship, food, and social activities.

Registration fee is \$65 and includes two meals on Sabbath. Go to <https://www.oregonadventist.org/ministries/relational#other-ministries> or <https://www.facebook.com/singlesoregon/> to register.

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[dull.angelica@gmail.com](mailto:dull.angelica@gmail.com) for more information.

### **September 7, 2019: Columbia Classics Reunion.**

We hope to have as many of our 50+ year alumni and their friends join us as possible for a light breakfast, morning program, group photos, potluck lunch and afternoon program.

Event Location: Columbia Adventist Academy.

**September 8, 2019: BJ Christensen Memorial Golf Benefit.**

Proceeds from this year's tournament will go to Big Lake Youth Camp's "Raise the Roof" campaign. Registration is open now at <http://biglake.org/golf-benefit/>. Last day to sign up is Tuesday, September 3! Contact the Portland Big Lake office with questions at 503-850-3585.

Event Location: The Reserve Vineyards & Golf Club.

**September 14, 2:30 PM: Christianity Under Attack in America.**

Join us for a stimulating, exciting and eye-opening workshop where you'll discover the truth about:

*Who* the real enemies of Christian freedoms in American are and *Why* it matters to you.

*How* to stop them in their tracks and save your country before it is too late.

*What* your legal, moral and religious rights as an American really are.

*How* to defend and protect your freedoms, rights, and liberties.

*Where* the economy, climate change, social justice, and resilience fit into the picture.

*How* precious our nation is to God and how highly He regards American freedom.

Event Location: Your Bible Speaks SDA Church.

**September 22-26: Deaf Christian Women's Retreat.**

In 2002, a group of deaf women decided to start a Women's Retreat for deaf women in the Pacific Northwest. The deaf women are members of a completely different people group with their own rich language and culture. There is an average of 20 women attending the Deaf Women's Retreat, and the deaf women who attend come from as far as the east coast. They enjoy gathering together – it's like a family reunion. This year they are hoping to rent a bus to take the women to the coast for the day; however, they do not yet have the funds for this to happen. Also, this year, for the first time, they will be selling shirts with their logo on them to help raise funds for future events. They are hoping and praying they will be able to earn enough money so they can pay the expense for the weekend, and bring in a speaker from another state. If you would like to help sponsor the retreat, you can send a check made payable to "Tabernacle Adventist Church" and mark it for "Deaf Christian Women's Ministries," 26 SW Condor Way, Portland, OR 97239.

Event Location: Camp Tilikum, 15321 NE North Valley Rd, Newberg.

**October 4 & 5 Women's Convention with Dr. Hyveth Williams.**

Ladies don't miss out on the Early Bird Special (ending 8/29/19)! "Rise UP – Daughter of the King". Breakout Speakers – Carrie White, LMHC, Pam Strachan-Proudfit, DMin, Wendy Witas, Associate Dir. Children's Ministries, and Gary & Shelly Parks. Special appearances - PAA Gospel Choir, Shannon & Jeanine Goodwin and Janice Nelson. Go to <https://www.adventsource.org/> or <https://oregonconference.eventcalendarapp.com/u/9177/17629> for more information and to register.

Email [terrie.griebel@oc.npuc.org](mailto:terrie.griebel@oc.npuc.org) for questions.

**PACS NEWS – Portland Adventist Community Service:**

**NOW IS THE TIME TO VOLUNTEER AT PACS** - We will be honest. We could use a few more volunteers! Join our community of service and volunteer at PACS even once a week for 4 hours! If you or someone you know would like to give the gift of service as a thrift store cashier, driver/rider, help in our food pantry or any other volunteer positions, please call Kellie Stephens at, 503-252-8500 ext 1120 or [kellie.stephens@pacsonline.org](mailto:kellie.stephens@pacsonline.org).

**PACS 2019 AWARDS DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION**

Save The Date! October 13, 2019 • Presented by Generations Retirement Communities. We hope to see you at our annual event honoring the amazing work of PACS staff, volunteers, community partners and YOU! As a community, we celebrate our achievements and invest in the future. For sponsorship opportunities, individual ticket sales, or information please contact Katie Linfoot at 503-252-8500 x1130 or [katie.linfoot@pacsonline.org](mailto:katie.linfoot@pacsonline.org).

**You're invited to our Grand Opening Ribbon Cutting**

**Ceremony** on Monday, September 9, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM, at the Gateway Grace Clinic, a caring nonprofit dental clinic serving low-income uninsured adults, a program of Portland Adventist Community Services. Please come celebrate with us as we open the long-awaited dental clinic! You've helped make this clinic a reality with your generous support and prayers. Location: 1424 NE 109th Ave, Portland 97220 | Parking at PACS or side streets on 109th Ave | more information please call 503-907-6768. Join Us!