

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, May 26, 2018



Greetings church family,

It has been feeling an awful lot like summer recently. Summer does not officially start until June 21, even though for many, Memorial Day is the unofficial start of the summer season. This day from its inception was meant to be more than another holiday or day off from work.

Memorial Day originally honored military personnel who died in the Civil War. The holiday now honors those who died in any war while serving with the United States. Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day – Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who died while serving, whereas Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U.S. military veterans. These are the numbers of those who have died in the different wars that the United States have been involved in:

Civil War - Approximately 620,000 Americans died. The Union lost almost 365,000 troops and the Confederacy about 260,000. More than half of these deaths were caused by disease.

World War I - 116,516 Americans died, more than half from disease.

World War II - 405,399 Americans died.

Korean War - 36,574 Americans died.

Vietnam Conflict - 58,220 Americans died.

Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm - 383 service members died.

Operation Iraqi Freedom - 4,411 service members died.

Operation New Dawn - 73 service members died.

Operation Enduring Freedom - 2,346 service members died.

Operation Freedom's Sentinel - 48 service members have died as of May 2018.

Operation Inherent Resolve - 61 service members have died as of May 2018.

Even though this has been celebrated as a civic holiday I believe that there is some value in acknowledging the sacrifice these people gave. Many left their homes and comforts with the full knowledge that they might never return home. These people were willing to put the greater good of others before their own. They were willing to put their lives on the line so that others might live and have freedom. When we consider it from this perspective it reminds me of another person who was willing to sacrifice His life. Jesus was willing to sacrifice it all so that we could live and have freedom. Don't allow this special day to pass without thinking about the sacrifice of men and women who died so that we could be free to congregate, worship, and pray in church this week. Don't allow this special day to pass without recognizing that Jesus sacrificed it all in the battle between good and evil. So that you and I could have eternal life and eternal freedom.

Blessings to you and yours,

Pastor Juan Fresse



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 good or going beyond expectations.

Shout out to Ray Betz for getting our well for watering the grounds up and going. Thank you, Ray!

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

Today's worship services are at 8:45 and 11:15 AM. Juan Fresse will present our Bible message titled "Fight the Good Fight."

This afternoon at 12:45, the Sunnyside Nature Walking Group will meet together for lunch in the Sandy Room, and then hike up Beacon Rock.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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. This is a great time to visit with friends and make new acquaintances.

Please pray for the family of Raylene Sturges who passed away Thursday, May 17. A memorial service will be conducted Sabbath, June 2, 4:00 PM.

It's time to update our directory with current photos. A special thank you to Ben Dalusong for taking our photos for the last two weeks. If you missed getting your photo taken, feel free to send in a favorite picture you have. It doesn't have to be a professional photo. Send your picture to info@SunnysideAdventist.org. We would like as many pictures as possible for our pictorial directory.

We have an updated website! Take a look at www.SunnysideAdventist.org. We also have a new database app. There are links on our website as to where to download the app. We are using Elexio Community. The old app will not work with the updated information. You will need to go to your app store and look for **Elexio Community** with the big "E" on it. This app also has easy access for the children's Sabbath School check-in.

Graduation time! We would like to give our congratulations to the graduates of 2018. If you have someone that is graduating or know of someone that is, please send their information to the church office: info@SunnysideAdventist.org or call 503-252-8080. We would like to know their name, school, and if applicable, the degree they will be receiving.



Student Aid applications – It's that time of year again! If you are in need of financial aid to attend one of our schools, please fill out an application which is available from the table in the Narthex or the church office 503-252-8080. Please return your application to the church office not later than June 15.



Sabbath, June 16, 7:00 PM, we will enjoy the 37th annual Strawberry Vespers. Come and bring your friends to enjoy some of Portland's finest musicians performing great religious music. After the program, please stay and enjoy some of Oregon's finest strawberry shortcake!

SunnyCity is holding a drive to collect school supplies to be handed out at the July 1 event. We need **Crayola crayons, broad-line felt tip markers, and glue sticks** to share with our SunnyCity guests. Please bring your donations to the bin located in the church lobby.



SunnyCity Kids Fair is also happy to announce that Aaron Meyer, acclaimed concert rock violinist, will be closing the event with a free concert. Aaron is a local artist, internationally known for his mesmerizing performances and cutting-edge arrangements of timeless classics.

SunnyCity takes place on July 1, on the Portland Adventist Academy Campus from 1:00-3:45 PM. The concert is at 4:00 PM.

Volunteers are needed – please contact Elise Holcombe.

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. Current need: Sofa and living room set (tables, etc.)

EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Academy

<http://paasda.org>

Rivergate Adventist Elementary School

June 2, 2018, at 6:00 PM, there will be a special Farewell Vespers in the Rivergate School gym to celebrate Gary Blackwood and his 18 years of dedicated service to Rivergate Adventist Elementary School. Please join us to honor Mr. Blackwood, and help spread the word by inviting your friends and family.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lillian Ringering passed away April 11. A memorial service will be conducted for her Monday, May 28, 11:00 AM, at Woodburn SDA Church, 1253 5th Street, Woodburn.

The Healthy Heart Ministry is looking for retired or practicing medical professionals to take blood pressures at the Gateway Fred Meyer. The BP screening happens on the second Sunday of every month. Please contact Marjorie Schnibbe at 503-875.8311.

Thursday, May 31, 4:30 pm: Loma Linda University will be hosting an event, titled "Loma Linda Comes to You," in Portland at Portland Adventist Medical Center. We are planning this event especially for alumni, former patients, and friends of Loma Linda University Health. The event will begin with a social hour followed by a buffet. Rod Neal, Senior Vice President for Finance, will then provide an overview of Loma Linda University Health.

Event Location: Adventist Medical Center Education Center "A"

Friday, June 1, 7:15 PM: First Friday, a time of music and spiritual fellowship and we would like to encourage you to join us. The June First Friday program will feature praise and worship by the RoC Fellowship praise band and an inspirational thought from Dr. Ken Pak. Registration for the free June First Friday soup and salad dinner will open on May 21 and will run through Wednesday, May 30. Be sure to reserve your spot! Remember that registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and each dinner guest must register separately. Soup and salad will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on Friday, June 1.

Event Location: AMC Lower level Amphitheaters.

July 3-7: Light Bearers Annual Convocation.

The Minor Prophets—Major Salvation Promises in the Minor Prophets. They are called the Minor Prophets because of their size not their spiritual depth. Hidden in these little books are found sublime pictures of God's unrelenting love. That's why we plan to plumb their depths to mine rich nuggets of God's golden love that promises to keep our love alive in the coming crisis. We warmly invite you to join Light Bearers and our speakers, Ty Gibson, James Rafferty, David Asscherick, Jeffrey Rosario, Fred Bischoff, Nathan Renner, and Risë Rafferty for a Spirit-led journey that promises to build hope, faith, and love at our annual convocation. For more information, go to www.lightbearers.org, or call 541-988-3333. Event Location: Jasper, Oregon.

July 12-14 and July 17-21: Gladstone Camp Meeting.

Come be part of the team! Do you want to have a great time helping others and being part of a team that feels like family? If so, consider volunteering during camp meeting this year! We're looking for hardworking individuals who want to serve God through service to others... and who want to have fun doing it! We need volunteers for Hispanic Camp Meeting (July 12-14) and Gladstone Camp Meeting (July 17-21) in a variety of areas including hospitality, shuttle service, safety, and security. We will also need licensed RNs and EMTs/paramedics. Whether you can work one day or all week, we'd love to have you on our team! To volunteer, visit <http://volunteers.oregonconference.org> or contact Lisa Rodriguez at lisa.rodriguez@oc.npuc.org or at 503-850-3350.

Save the date! Volunteers Needed!

Portland Impact Your Health PDX is coming back to Portland in August! Adventist Medical Evangelism Network (AMEN), along with local volunteers, will provide a free medical, dental and vision clinic in Portland connecting people to the resources and services they need and deserve. The clinics will be held at Portland Adventist Academy, 1500 SE 96th Ave., Portland, on Friday, August 10 and Sunday, August 12, from 8 AM to 4 PM.

Volunteers needed: Dentists, dental assistants, dental hygienists, registered dental assistants, physicians, NP's, PA's, optometrists, ophthalmologists, opticians, lifestyle counselors, food service, nurses, EMT's, PT's, RN foot care specialists/podiatrists, chiropractors, beauticians/barbers, massage therapists, child care attendants, students, general volunteers.

To Volunteer, go to: volunteer.ImpactYourHealthPDX.com

For more information, go to: ImpactYourHealthPDX.com or contact Clinic Coordinator Brenda Duerksen at brendad@me.com; ImpactHealthPDX@gmail.com; 916-223-3896 or 971-202-9042.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Childcare provider needed: Part-time. Prefer someone who speaks French. Contact the church office for more information: 503-252-8080.

Our neighbor, the Gethsemane Lutheran Church, is looking for someone for nursery care for infants, and small children during Sunday worship, Vacation Bible School, possible additional hours as needed for other meetings or special events. This is a paid position. Contact jasmine@glcportland.org or call 503-256-1835.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Help someone by volunteering: PACS (Portland Adventist Community Services) has volunteer opportunities in the Food Pantry and Thrift Stores. We are currently in need of morning drivers/riders, cashiers, and goods processing. Apply online at pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 and ask for Kellie for more information.

HOUSING

House Share available: 2 small bedrooms, large living room, bath, half garage available to rent in a 3 bedroom house in Gresham. Seeking compatible single person or a couple. Available now. For more information please call 503-329-4801.