

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, June 9, 2018



Greetings church family,

Growing season is fully upon us. The pictures of the “first fruits” from our gardens have begun to show up on the different forms of social media that people use. I have already seen pictures of home grown strawberries, kale, lettuce, and horse radish shared by friends.

There is great joy in sharing with others what our gardens have produced. The interesting thing about that is that God also feels great joy in the bearing of fruit. Jesus says, “My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples.” (John 15:8)

Of course, this is not referring to “fruits” that come from our gardens but the spiritual fruit that comes from our spiritual journey. The process, in a way, is really a lot simpler than growing something in a garden. When we grow stuff in our gardens we have to add soil amendments and prepare the soil so the plants will have the nutrients they need. After we have prepared the soil, then we must continue to make sure that the plants receive enough water and light. Before those plants get to the point where they bear fruit, we must watch and make sure that no pests or diseases destroy or damage the plant before it produces. Some might be thinking all that work is why we don’t grow a garden. Some might be thinking if we can’t grow anything in a garden, how can we grow spiritual fruit? What must we do to be able to bear this fruit?

Jesus describes it this way,

“Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me. I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.” (John 15:4, 5)

Jesus says that we must abide in Him. It might be hard to understand what it means to “abide” in Him. This word can also be translated to stay, to remain. The idea is that if we stay in Jesus, remain with Jesus then we will just bear fruit. So, to grow spiritual fruit we don’t have to amend soil, water, or watch for bugs or diseases. When we abide with Jesus He takes care of all those things for us. We simply must stay with Him and He will guide us and help us to bear “much fruit.”

As we continue to go through this growing season and see all the fruit, I would challenge us to ask ourselves some questions. Are we bearing spiritual fruit? If the answer to that question is no, then we should ask ourselves are we still abiding, remaining, and staying with Jesus. Let’s get back to Jesus so that we can glorify God. If the answer to that question is yes, then we can take pleasure in the fact that we are glorifying God and proving to be His disciples.

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 well or going beyond expectations.

Shout out to our rose garden caretakers. The roses are beautiful and smell so good. Thank you for taking the time to make it such a lovely garden.

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

Today’s worship services are at 8:45 and 11:15 AM.

John McVay, Ph.D. will present our Bible message titled “Risen-Ascended-Exalted.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for the family of Fedalma Ruhl who passed away Wednesday, June 6. Graveside services will be held in St. Helena, California, which was her home for over 55 years. There she will rest next to her husband, Dr. Milton Ruhl, and her parents, Elder and Mrs. George Taylor.

A special thank you comes from the WWU Student Nurses to all who have taken time out to provide and prepare food for them each Monday night. They have expressed gratitude for the food, the community, and loving touch of each of you. Thank you!

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!

Friday, June 29, 7:00 PM, the 21st Century Artist Initiative presents “An Evening of Chamber Music” featuring Jonathan Butler, Jocelyn Zu, Laura Ha, Benjamin Dickson, Charles Noble, and Daniel Dickson. They will be performing works by Beethoven and Brahms.

Sunday, July 1, 7:00 PM, they will be in concert again presenting works by Dvorak and Mendelssohn. Both of these presentations are here at Sunnyside Church.

SunnyCity will be July 1, on the PAA campus. This kid-oriented, family-friendly event is our gift to our neighbors and our only kid-based outreach this year. The free admission Kids' Fair starts at 1:00 PM, and the event is topped off with a mesmerizing 4:00 PM concert by Aaron Meyer. See our information and volunteer sign-up booth in the narthex.



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 narthex.

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.)

LIFE ON THE SUNNYSIDE

Some of our dedicated potluck workers.



Marcia Dunham



Gary Kramer

ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Academy

<http://paasda.org>

- 1) Graduation weekend events are listed here: <http://paasda.org/news/graduation/>
- 2) Inside Out Service Day was a huge success thanks to many of our area pastors who are so great at helping out. Kudos! I wish I had the time to write a story about each of our locations and efforts. There were great things happening everywhere! One stood out that we wanted to share. We hope you'll share it with others as well: <http://paasda.org/news/show-love-on-inside-out-service-day/>
- 3) Lastly, we have three staff departing later this month. But Monte Torkelsen, who has been a valuable part of PAA for five years with a total of 25 years working for OC youth, is leaving us all too soon. He's taken a job at Kettering University Church and will be leaving later this week. You can share that news here: <http://paasda.org/news/thanks-pastor-monte/>. We'll share more about staff changes in next month's update.

Congratulations to our graduates of 2018!



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL:

Portland Adventist Elementary School:

Nathan Mebrat

Son of Dr. Dekebo Yadeto and Eftu Wakjira

Meadow Glade Adventist Elementary

Kelsey Judd

Niece of Devi and Kevin Petersen

Floyd Light Middle School

Mark Hull

Son of Evelyn and Benny Hull

HIGH SCHOOL:

Portland Adventist Academy

Gabriela Hutuleac

Daughter of Vasile and Lidia Hutuleac

River Neil

Grandson of Ted and Linda Mackett

Adoniah Simon

Son of Edson and Madelaine Simon

Alexander Tapu

Son of Elena Tapu

David Douglas High School

Chloe Hull

Daughter of Evelyn and Benny Hull

Hill High School

Matthew Hanchett

Son of Grant and Bethany Hanchett; Grandson of Brenda and Caleb Siaw

COLLEGE:

Mt. Hood Community College

Marlee Blair, Associates of Applied Science in Healthcare Management

Daughter of Connie Stone; Granddaughter of Lloyd & Lorrie Wescott

Walla Walla University

William Johnson, Business Administration

Son of Dr. James Johnson and Merrily Rockwell

Florida Medical School

Doug Baasch, Medical Degree, with residency in oral Maxilla-facial surgery

Son-in-Law of Ron and Joyce Benfield

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PACS needs empty egg cartons – Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS) is in need of more clean/empty egg cartons (sizes: dozen or 18 count). If you have any please bring to PACS' Food Department or if you know someone who comes to PACS you can ask if they can bring them. We appreciate your help in providing empty egg cartons to help serve our Food Pantry shoppers!

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.

June 17-July 1: Milo Academy Mission Project.

Are you interested in a mission project in your home state that will have a lasting impact on the lives of young people? Come enjoy the opportunity of spending 2 weeks (June 17-July 1) on the beautiful campus of Milo Adventist Academy working on projects, such as painting, Camp Umpqua improvements, and campus security enhancements to name a few. For more information, call Randy Thornton, principal, at 541-915-2950. To register and download an info pack go to <https://maranatha.org/projects/tgid2748/>.

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 Risé 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.

July 19-20: American Red Cross Blood Drive.

You can sign up now for the Gladstone Camp Meeting blood drive, July 19-20! Our online registration is currently open. It's quick and easy, just go to www.RedCrossBlood.org enter sponsor code: SDAConference and follow the instructions. For help with online scheduling or for other questions, please call 1-800-RED CROSS, or email Jeanie.Greisser@redcross.org. Eligibility questions? Call 1-866-236-3276. A Red Cross sign-up table will also be available on Tuesday and Wednesday at camp meeting, July 17-18th from 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM, in the Plaza Pavilion.

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

Portland Adventist Elementary School is looking for a Part-time Art Teacher, and a Part-time Technology Coordinator

for the 2018/2019 school year.

If interested, please contact Brandon O'Neal at 503-665-4102.

Currently PACS has an opening on our team.

Goods Processing Coordinator: This is a part-time position reporting to the Associate Director and will support the operations of the PACS Thrift Store. This position starts as soon as possible and is responsible for receiving, sorting, pricing and coordinating inventory of clothing and household items. The position supports volunteers with training and direction. Complete job description is on our website <http://www.pacsonline.org/job-openings>.

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.

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

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.