

# *Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué*

## *News & Announcements*

*Sabbath, August 4, 2018*



**Dear Family,**

I hope you have been able to stay cool during our heatwave this past week! In some ways, it reminded me of my Australian home, but I have to confess that I had moments when I wished its intensity away!

We humans are often like that; we spend so much time wishing for something other than what is. When it is cold, we are pining away for the sun. Then the sun appears, and we want it cool again! Perhaps we have a few issues of control, perhaps...

As I read the stories of Yahweh in the Old Testament, I pause at God's description of himself: I AM WHO I AM. Present, so present, but giving no room for humanity to control, box, or completely define him – though we continually try!

The idea of being able to define our God gives a temporal feeling of security. Just like the idea of being able to control our own salvation – there is an illusion of security there. But I am so thankful for a God who is so much bigger than me, whose reality defies definition.

In the words of Paul:

*Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!  
How unsearchable his judgments,  
and his paths beyond tracing out!*

*"Who has known the mind of the Lord?  
Or who has been his counselor?"*

*"Who has ever given to God,  
that God should repay them?"*

*For from him and through him and for him are all things.  
To him be the glory forever! Amen.*

In our hurried pursuit of control, may we pause for rest in the mystery of God.

(Romans 11:33-36)

**Pastor Kara Johnsson**



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 Del Colton for keeping our bus in excellent running order and to Erin and Ed Betz, and Bob Glass for keeping it up-to-date with DMV. Thank you!*

*Shout out to the ladies who took their precious time to clean and organize our kitchen. Thank you, Brenda Siaw, Kathy Kramer, and Dianne Glovatsky.*

## **News & Notes**

### **THIS WEEKEND**

**Today's services are at 8:45 and 11:15 AM with Pastor Kara Johnsson** presenting our Bible message titled "The Life of a Joe."

**Encounters With God meets at 5:00 PM**, in the Youth Room, featuring Jonathon Thorp.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Please pray for the family of Betty Sorensen.** She passed away Thursday evening, August 2.

**We need extra hands** to help with our church landscaping needs. If you can help on a regular basis, please contact the church office 503-252-8080.

**Friends of Megan and Jeremy Gates** are invited to their baby shower on August 5, 2018, at 3:00 PM, at the Stone Tower Seventh-day Adventist Church. They are registered at Amazon.

**Pathfinder fun adventures!** All kids in 5th grade to 12th grade come join the Pathfinders! Sunnyside Pathfinder registration is Monday, August 13, 6:00 PM, in the basement. Also, sign up for our first campout the weekend of August 18.

**Sunday, August 19, 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.  
Bring your favorite veggie-dogs for grilling.



Members and friends are invited to contribute favorite  
\* Salads \* Finger foods \* Casseroles \* Entrees \* Desserts  
Bring lawn chairs.

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



If you have any old vehicles you would like to display, contact Lloyd at 503-252-0165.

**Sunday August 12, 12:00 PM**, you are invited to witness the reaffirmation of the wedding vows of **Tiya Regassa** and **Deffo Mebrat**, at Sunnyside Adventist Church.

**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.)

**Child Car Seats.** We purchased quite a few of these awhile back and find we are no longer in need of them. If you are interested in an inexpensive child car seat, contact the church office, 503-252-8080.

## **ADVENTIST EDUCATION**

**Portland Adventist Elementary School**  
<http://www.paes.com>

**Portland Adventist Academy**  
<http://paasda.org>

## **AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**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.

**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 96<sup>th</sup> 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](http://volunteer.ImpactYourHealthPDX.com)  
**For more information**, go to: [ImpactYourHealthPDX.com](http://ImpactYourHealthPDX.com) or contact Clinic Coordinator Brenda Duerksen at [brendad@me.com](mailto:brendad@me.com); [ImpactHealthPDX@gmail.com](mailto:ImpactHealthPDX@gmail.com); 916-223-3896 or 971-202-9042.

## **October 12-14 Women's Retreat: "Up From the Ordinary."**

Oregon's 32nd Annual Women's Retreat will be at the beautiful Eagle Crest Resort with Jean Boonstra, associate speaker from the Voice of Prophecy. Breakout speakers are Dr. Joyce Choe, MD, MPH, Pastor Jana Lee, and Deborah Turner. Special musical guests: Gary and Shelly Parks, and Katrina Koch. Teen speaker: Erica Jones, associate director of Women's Ministries, NAD. Teens coming with a mom or mentor is priced at only \$55.00. Register by going to [AdventSource.org](http://AdventSource.org) or by calling 800-732-7587.

## **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](http://pacsonline.org) or call 503-252-8500 and ask for Kellie for more information.