

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, September 1, 2018



### Greetings church family,

September is upon us! Some schools have already started up and the rest will this upcoming week. Summer is not quite done but it is on its last leg. There were a lot of good experiences that made me think this summer. I want to share one last experience from this past week that I think might be helpful for some.

This past week the Oregon conference pastors were invited to attend the pastor's family camp at Big Lake Youth Camp. While there my kids and others had the opportunity to ride the "SeaWolf" (a type of banana boat). The SeaWolf is an inflatable that people can sit on and hold onto as it is towed behind a boat. As I rode in the boat I could see that holding on was more difficult for some than others. Some would fall to one side and would stay down on that side. There were some who fell off to one side but would quickly bounce up as soon as possible to take their old spot. Sometimes someone would fall clear off and then we would have to stop the boat and circle around, so they could get back on. One time one of my boys almost fell off the SeaWolf but continued to hold on to the handle for almost a minute until the boat stopped and he was able to get fully back on. He had previously fallen completely off and said he didn't like that so he, "made sure that was not going to happen again." As I watched these people fight to hold on or get back up I was reminded of our own spiritual walks. There are times in our lives when our "ride" gets very bumpy and it can seem difficult to hold on. At times we might even get almost knocked off or are barely holding on. Sometimes after we fall off we are not sure whether we even want to get up and get back on the "ride."

We see throughout the Bible that there were characters and personalities that had some of these struggles as well. I was reminded of all these Bible characters including Joseph, the most recent one we have been studying. Most of these characters continued to hold on to God. Even when all hope seemed lost they held on for dear life. Regardless of what things may look like we must do the same. I want to admonish us all to continue to do the same. I share the words that Joshua shared with the leaders of Israel. "But you are to hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have until now." (Joshua 23:8)

Blessings to you and yours,

**Pastor Juan Fresse**



### 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 Wilfred Geschke for making arrangements to get our landscaping looking good again! Good job and thank you, Dr. Geschke!*

## News & Notes

### THIS WEEKEND

**Today's services are at 8:45 and 11:15 AM with Dr. David Taylor** presenting our "Jesus! God's Answer."

**Our monthly fellowship potluck is today** immediately following the second service. You are invited to stay, enjoy great food, good friendships, and make new acquaintances.

**Join us at 6:00 PM tonight** for the 16th annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Concert.

### 16th Annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Vespers

Sabbath Worship Services, Dr. David Taylor.  
Sabbath, September 1, 6:00 PM.

Come, enjoy our Sabbath night vesper service with Bobby McGhee and Friends. Stark Street pizza follows vespers.



Sunday, September 2, beginning at 7:30 AM, enjoy the Adventist Softball Tournament at Brush Prairie field.

View map at:

<http://www.gjihimages.com/softball/map.html>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**A memorial service for Charles Ward**, who passed away August 7, will be conducted at Healing Hope Church Sunday, September 9, at 1:00 PM.

**A dear friend of Sunnyside, and sister of Lorene Beaulieu, Irene Hendricks**, passed away July 29, in Sun City, Arizona. A memorial service is being planned for her on September 8, in Arizona.

**The memorial service for Betty Sorensen**, who passed away August 2, will be conducted at Walla Walla University's Paul

Heubach Chapel, at 3:00 PM, September 15. There will also be a memorial service here at Sunnyside Church, Sabbath, September 22, 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests consideration of donating to the Cliff and Betty Memorial Scholarship Fund at Walla Walla University for assistance to needy eligible students.

**We need more Children's Sabbath School teachers!** With more volunteers, we will not be required to combine some of the children's classes. Our deadline is September 5. Please contact us as soon as possible if you can help. Call the church office at 503-252-8080.



**Back to School!** Children's Ministries will be having a school supply drive. The donated supplies will benefit Sunnyside families. Suggested donations: backpacks, pencils, pens, paper, glue, scissors, binders, etc. There will be a

box in the foyer marked "School Supply Donations." Please contact Jackee Duvall with any questions: [jackeeduvall@hotmail.com](mailto:jackeeduvall@hotmail.com) or 503-309-9400.

**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:** Dining room table set and all household items.

**We have a request for transportation** for someone that would like to attend church, but doesn't have transportation available. If you can help, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080.

**Handbells for everyone**—yes, and for you, too! Not just listening, but ringing as well. In mid-September rehearsals for two handbell choirs will begin again – a 3-octave team for those fairly new to handbells, and a 5-octave team for more experienced ringers. We have more than 20 ringers who have made the commitment for weekly rehearsals preparing music to enrich our worship services- – ringing Level 3 and 4 anthems. We still need more ringers for the 3-octave choir, and 1 more experienced ringer for the 5-octave choir. Working together as a team provides a very rewarding experience making music together to share with others. Invite 2 or 3 of your friends to try something new along with you. Explore the possibilities by calling Rosemayne at 503-730-5317.

## **ADVENTIST EDUCATION**

### **Portland Adventist Elementary School**

<http://www.paes.com>

### **Portland Adventist Academy**

<http://paasda.org>

At the North American Division Teachers Convention, Pastor Stephen Lundquist, our Bible teacher and head of Religion Department, was honored with an Excellence in Teaching Award from the Alumni Awards Foundation (AAF). Pastor Stephen is one of 110 other NAD teachers who have received this award since the AAF was founded in 1995. Among the winners are PAA teachers Mark Smith (2011) and Mechelle Peinado (2014). Read and share the full story here: <http://paasda.org/news/stephen-lundquist-teaching-award/>

## **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.

### **September 8: Columbia Academy Classics Reunion**

There will not be a Friday night supper or meeting this year. Sabbath only at Columbia Adventist Academy cafeteria. Breakfast provided at 8:30 AM, Sabbath School, 9:45 AM, and church at 11:00 AM with Bob Davidson. Group pictures at 12:00 PM, followed with a fellowship potluck. There will be a tour of the gym. Come, celebrate this occasion with your classmates. This year's 50-year honor class is 1968. Join us for an afternoon special and an evening with County Gospel Praise. (The "Classics" stands for alumni who are celebrating 50 years or more!)

### **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.

## **JOB OPPORTUNITY**

The Oregon Conference Risk Management Department is hiring a part time **Referencing Support Staff**.

For the job description, please visit [oregonconference.org](http://oregonconference.org), click the tab Departments, Human Resources, and then click on Employment. Or go directly to [oregonconference.org/employment-home](http://oregonconference.org/employment-home).

The Oregon Conference Treasury Department is hiring a full time **Moving Van Driver**. For the job description, please visit [oregonconference.org](http://oregonconference.org), click the tab Departments, Human Resources, and then click on Employment. Or go directly to [oregonconference.org/employment-home](http://oregonconference.org/employment-home)