

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, October 17, 2020



**“Who is my neighbor?”**

**Greetings church family!**

I was recently listening to a commercial that mentioned how focused we have been, and rightfully so, on distance from others. Here at Sunnyside, many of our meetings are centered around how many people we can have at an event or how much room does our church have. How

can we all stay at a distance, but also stay close together as a community while still being safe?

When I think about distance in the Bible a few things come to mind, some that I will be writing about in future communiqués; however, initially my mind is brought to the Parable of the Good Samaritan. In the gospel of Luke, a particular expert on the law asks Jesus what he must do to inherit eternal life. Jesus asks this man “What is written in the Law? How do *you* read it?” The man states, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and love your neighbor as yourself.” Jesus tells him he has answered correctly and says, “Do this and you will live.” But an interesting question from the expert of the law follows Jesus’ command, “And who is my neighbor?”

After this question Jesus tells the parable of the Good Samaritan, one which many of us know well. If you need a refresher read Luke 10:25-37. However, when we think of the phrase “love your neighbor as yourself” we have to ask the question, “Who really is my neighbor?” It is my opinion, and I am very guilty of this as well, that we have universalized the term neighbor which allows us to drive past someone in need, or not worry about what is happening next door because we help out with other ministries, or help our friends out when they are in need. If we look at the Greek word used here for neighbor it is *plesion* (πλησίον), which literally means those who are closest to us. In a time where we are distancing ourselves from others, Jesus is telling us to love those that are literally the closest in proximity to us. This, of course and I pray, includes our family. Let me say here and now that our family must be the ones we treat with unconditional love. A family that shows and accepts love is the greatest sign of heaven on earth today.

After our families, the ones that are closest to us in proximity are our neighbors. Let me ask you this question, “Do you know all of your neighbors?” I don’t. I live in an apartment complex and while I know one of the families here, there are 5 apartment units where I do not know them. The challenge I have for you, and for myself, is to get to know and love our neighbors more. With our current environment including COVID and politics coming to a crescendo the world is legitimately separating us more than we have ever been before.

While we are trending in the wrong direction I hope we, as a Sunnyside community, can be those who turn the train around.

At the end of this communiqué there is an attachment that has an activity. Print it out, post it on your fridge or wherever your family is most, and as a family fill this out. If you cannot fill out all of the neighbors on your list, make an effort to find out who they are and show mercy during these times. Look for ways to pray for your neighbors, share your testimony with them, and ultimately as you build relationship with them share the Gospel with them! In my next communiqué I will be posting mine and I hope through our social media we can all share some of the names we know and those we are meeting during these times. Let’s be a community that draws near (relationally) to those that are around us, while ensuring the safety of those closest to us as well!

Below are a few resources and frugal/COVID safe ways to bless those that are closest to you, will help you get to know them, and be missional-minded Sunnysiders:

### Resources

[www.blesseveryhome.com](http://www.blesseveryhome.com)  
[pray4everyhome.org](http://pray4everyhome.org)

### Frugal/COVID Safe Missional Ideas

- ◆ Pray for them
- ◆ Write a note of appreciation or encouragement
- ◆ Give flowers via delivery service
- ◆ Send a text of affirmation
- ◆ Creatively share a word of encouragement or bible verse
- ◆ Ask them about their day and LISTEN to them
- ◆ Utilize GrubHub or other delivery service to deliver food or coffee/tea to your neighbors
- ◆ Pay for someone’s gas
- ◆ Pay for a drive-thru meal or coffee for the person behind you
- ◆ Give them a COVID essentials box (hand sanitizer, masks, gloves, etc.)

### Pastor Billy Hungate



### 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 and appreciation to each of our pastors for all the work they do behind the scenes to keep our church members connected, and the facility maintained in an orderly fashion!  
~From an appreciative Office Administrator that sees all!*

## News & Notes

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic all services and meetings at the church have been canceled until further notice. Stay connected! Check out our Facebook page and website. If you are not receiving our emails, please forward your email address to [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org), so we can keep you informed of our activities.

### THIS WEEKEND

Friday, 7:00 PM, NextGen hangout at Sunnyside Church.

Welcome to our worship service via streaming video at 11:15 AM. Pastor Dan Linrud will present our Bible message titled "The Truth About Trust."

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Sabbath School quarterlies are here!** If you would like a new Sabbath School quarterly contact the church office and we will make sure you get what you need: 503-252-8080, text 971-238-9680, or email [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org). Or you may get it online at <https://absq.adventist.org/nextquarter#lessons>.

If you haven't received your Children's Sabbath Packet for October you may pick it up from the Information desk in the church foyer. If you do not have a code to get into the church, contact Rosie at the church office, 503-252-8080. Packets contain lesson stories, memory verses, crafts and activities for each Sabbath in October. We have packets for Beginners, Kindergarten/1st grade, Primary 4th/5th grades, and Junior High.



**Cherry Park Elementary School**, a neighboring school we have partnered with to assist their students, has sent us their wish list for this school year. They have made it very easy to help by giving us a link to supplies at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com). These supplies will be delivered directly to the

school. The children who attend are many who are in desperate need of any help available. So your help will be greatly appreciated. Here is the link: [https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2HOXYTT1LVQ3K?ref=wl\\_share](https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2HOXYTT1LVQ3K?ref=wl_share). And here is a thank you from principal Kate Barker: "Thank you for always being so supportive. We are so grateful!"

Church Board meeting will be Wednesday, October 21, 7:00 PM, via Zoom. Board members, watch your email for your Zoom invitation.



**Our NextGen hangout will be Friday, October 23, 7:00 PM**, at Sunnyside Adventist Church. Join us if you're between ages 21-40, for good times together! This is an informal hangout to just belong

and become a community together. We will be social distancing so bring your masks (if you don't have one we can provide one for you). If you would like to bring your own chair feel free but chairs will also be provided.

**Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra**, directed by Travis Hatton, is presenting its virtual Fall concert Sunday, October 25 at 4:00 PM. Music featured includes works by Mendelssohn, Morricone, Greig, and Respighi. Visit [SunnysideSymphony.org](https://SunnysideSymphony.org) to live stream.



During this difficult time, if you are in need of financial help for rent, utilities, or other needs, the Family Resource Network stands by to help. Or if you know of a fellow church member that may need help and is hesitant to ask, let us know. Call the church office at

503-252-8080 or send an email to [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org).

**Directory Update** — Thank you to all of those who have forwarded a recent photo for the directory — however, we are still missing many photos! We would love to have your photo in our directory. If you haven't given us one, please upload a photo through your Elexio app or send a snapshot to [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org). If you can't email it, mail it; we'll scan it, and return it to you. It does not have to be one that is professionally taken. We just want to be able to identify you with a photo! Thank you for your help with this.

### ADVENTIST EDUCATION

#### Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

#### Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

If you're an Amazon shopper, you can add Portland Adventist Academy as your [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com) charitable organization. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to PAA. You can feel good knowing that you're helping our students receive a Christ-centered and character-driven education! Create your account at [www.smile.amazon.com](https://www.smile.amazon.com). Search charitable organizations for *Portland Adventist Academy*.

Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

**Adventist Book Center's Fall Case and Book Sale** extends from October 11 to November 8. Download their flyer to view the sale items. [ABCflyer](#).

#### PACS NEWS: (Portland Adventist Community Service)



**The 2020 PACS Annual Fundraising Event is going virtual this year!**

Sunday, November 1, 2020

Program 6:00-7:00 PM

Location: Your favorite couch or chair!

Speaker: Kaleb Eisele, founder of Humans of Adventism  
Help make PACS' biggest fundraising event of the year a great success!

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