

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, November 14, 2020



Greetings church family,

I was with a group of friends several years back at an after church potluck (remember those?) My son was about 7 years old at the time and was running around with his friends on the back deck of the home we had in North Carolina. Unaware that my son was adopted, one of our friends said, "Boy, Cole sure looks a lot like you and Wendy."

When Wendy informed them that Cole was adopted they were surprised. Wendy grabbed a picture book with pictures of Cole's birth parents and opened it. When the pictures of his birth parents were revealed there were audible gasps and nodding heads of how closely he resembles his biological mother and father.

Heredity is an amazing thing. Our nose, our eyes, our height, skin complexion, and our one weird thumb (my sister-in-law has two different kinds of thumbs, a long skinny one and a short round one—one from each side of the family are all because of heredity.

In Romans 5, Paul talks about heredity in regards to us and Adam's sin. The suggestion is, because Adam has passed the results of sin down through the ages, we are victims of the sting of sin. And, to be sure, we are. Not only can we observe the fall in the world around us, when we look in the mirror, if we are honest, we have to admit that we are fallen too. As Paul states it, "All have sinned and fallen short of the glory of God."

Our original father, Adam, cursed us with the fall. That's not the end of the story though. Another Adam, the 2nd Adam, or as Paul puts it, the New Man, Jesus, has adopted us into His family. His adoption has given us a new path, a new family name and a new destiny. It's nature vs. nurture, only this time, nurture wins the day. We are saved from the curse and brought into a new life of abundance. Praise God for adoption!

Pastor Mark Witas



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 Gene Denis from Karen Ulloth for providing so much hard work with the shelving in the basement. You and your sense of humor are such a pleasure to work with! Thank you, Gene!

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, so we can keep you informed of our activities.

THIS WEEKEND

NextGen will not meet this Friday.

Welcome to our worship service via streaming video at 11:15 AM. Pastor Mark Witas will present our Bible message titled "*Inheritance*."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, November 17, 6:30 PM, via Zoom.

Church Board meeting will take place Wednesday, November 18, 7:00 PM, via Zoom.

Needed! Volunteers for projection. Minimum requirements are a basic knowledge of computers, decent tech skills for troubleshooting, and knowledge of Google sheets. Please contact the church office if you can join the team. There will be training for you.

The November/December Children's Sabbath Packets are available 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 November and December. We have packets for Beginners, Kindergarten/1st grade, Primary 4th/5th grades, and Junior High.

Sunnyside Pathfinders will be assembling a limited number of Thanksgiving food boxes. If you are available to pick up a box for your family or someone you know, on **Sunday, November 22**, from 1:00-3:00 PM, please text Evelyn Hull at 503-560-9608 ASAP. We will need your name, phone number, number of people in the household and whether you are vegetarian or not. If you would like to help finance this project, please make your donation payable to The Family Resource Network.

Our NextGen hangout will be Friday, November 20, 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.)

Our NextGen group has taken the Genesis 12 text literally and we have created the Genesis 12 Project. This project will be ongoing and will be full of fun ways to bless our community around us. Our two ideas we are currently working on are sponsoring Porta Potties around the city for the homeless, as well as making care kits for the homeless. As a group we have a lot of ideas and some items but we need the church to rally around us to help us get the items we need. Items we would like to pack the care kits would include:

- water bottle
- socks
- crackers
- granola bars or cereal bars
- fruit snacks
- hand wipes
- hand sanitizer
- deodorant
- Kleenex
- toothbrush and toothpaste
- band aids
- nail clippers
- Chap stick
- ponchos
- combs
- notes of encouragement and uplifting Bible verses
- emergency blankets

We will be packing the care bags on **Friday, November 20**, so please have your donations to the church by Friday afternoon. If you would like to donate (financially or purchase any of the items above) please contact Pastor Billy. The NextGen group, and those it will benefit, thank you in advance.

Cherry Park School Toy Drive. The annual toy drive for Cherry Park School will be November 14 to December 13. Please bring your unwrapped gift and place it in the box (marked Toy Drive) in the foyer of the church. Cherry Park School is a pre-kindergarten through 5th grade school. Gift ideas: Playdoh sets, board games, Barbie dolls, dolls, trucks, Legos, crafts, Hot Wheels. Please feel free to reach out to: Jackee Duvall 503-309-9400 or jackeeduvall@hotmail.com.



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.

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. 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](#) 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. Search charitable organizations for *Portland Adventist Academy*. Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>.

Thank you! to all those who responded to the call to help bring back PAA students whose families have been hit especially hard by the coronavirus pandemic. Because of the generosity of supporters like you, 24 students and their families were helped to close out their 2019-20 school bills. And, because of donors like you, the COVID-19 Relief Fund opened the doors for 26 students to return who would not have been able to afford this year's tuition. Without your support, these students would not have returned. In all, 37 individual students and their families were helped by the generosity of donors like you for their school bills for last year, and to help many of them to return this year. More than \$86,000 has now been distributed to students and their families for their PAA school bills.

You're invited to join us for the 16th Annual Portland Adventist Academy Student Scholarship (PAASS) Auction.

Because of coronavirus restrictions, this year's auction will be all online. So you can join us from your home or wherever you are! PAASS Auction Registration Opens Sunday, October 25, 2020. Go to: www.paasda.org/auction (Registration web page will be live Oct. 25) Mark your calendar! **November 22, 2020, 5:30 – 7:30 PM**, "Be True to Your School" Coming to a screen online near you! [Read more.](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

AdventistBookCenter.com and Pacific Press Publishing are giving you a head-start on holiday shopping to be sure all your goodies arrive in plenty of time for gifting! We'll be hosting a Christmas sale Nov. 15–20 (that's THIS Sunday) with great deals on classics AND best-sellers, plus special one-day bonus deals. Most orders over \$50 qualify for free shipping (you can find those [details on our website](#)).

Check out videos for all the featured books at AdventistBookCenter.com/holiday-sale.

PACS NEWS: *(Portland Adventist Community Service)*

PACS fundraiser held on November 1 was a great success!

They exceeded their goal for the evening of \$50,000! In all, they raised \$54,760. That will go a long way to continuing to provide help the East Portland neighborhoods.

PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00-11:00 AM.

We are still operating with social distancing and social responsibility. If you or someone you know needs food please tell them about us. If you cannot make it to PACS please send a note with someone and they can get you food. Any questions please call PACS at 503-252-8500 or email pacsfood2020@gmail.com. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220

PACS Thrift Store is OPEN - we have temporary hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM-5:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM.

Our donation drop-off center is open and we value your donations but due to a high volume of donations please call ahead to see if we are accepting, 503-252-8500. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220.

PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:

www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore

Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

If you have any 12-count empty egg cartons we would love to take them off your hands to use in our food pantry! Please drop them off at our Office or Donation Receiving. Thank You In Advance!

Job Openings at PACS

Full-time Development/Marketing Associate - Seeking a candidate who can effectively communicate the PACS mission and vision to our community, constituents, volunteers, and donors. See full job description visit, <http://www.pacsonline.org/job-openings>

Room/Apartment Needed:

If you have a spare bedroom to rent or a 1-bedroom apartment, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080.