Dear Family,

Regifting

There is a certain kind of regifting that is quite appropriate and even called for. As Christmas falls behind us and we face the new year, the gifts of this past Advent Season come to mind: In word, song, prayer, and drama, we unwrapped from Sabbath to Sabbath the treasured gifts of Hope, Peace, Joy and Love. Normally we regift those things that we do not want and pass them on to someone else, who might or might not value them more. These Advent gifts, while they sustain us sufficiently as we receive them for ourselves, find their best use when we also pass them on to someone else. That is the miracle of all-sufficient grace. In fact, the gifts become even more valuable in our lives when we share them for the benefit of others.

As you face 2019, a new year with new experiences and dreams, you are challenged to cherish the gifts of this 2018 Advent Season. Make them your own in special ways as you let His grace make you more hopeful, more peaceful, more joyful, and more loving. And then, by His grace, let Him lead you in 2019 to share Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love in unique ways, special ways, that only you can wrap and present, re-giving what you have been given.

Don’t let the giving end in December 2018.

May your 2019 be blessed with a special kind of regifting.

Happy Sabbath and Happy New Year!

Pastor Dave Allen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Sabbath, January 5, we will be having only one worship service. Our Bible study classes will begin at 10:00 AM and our worship service will begin at 11:15 AM.

A special International program is being planned for Sabbath, January 26. We want to feature all the nationalities represented in our Sunnyside Church. A comprehensive list can only be developed if you, our members, will contact Rosie, our secretary, with your country of birth or the country you identify with. Call 503-252-8080 or email: info@SunnysideAdventist.org. Please sign up to bring one type of food that represents your country of origin to sell at the International Food Fair, January 26 (evening). Contact Lorie Ramey (l2ramey@bctonline.com or Dianne Glovatsky with what item you would like to bring. This is an evening of fun, food, and fellowship.

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. Immediate needs are: Living room / dinning room set, kitchen items, and blankets — any house furnishings will help.

ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School
http://www.paes.com

Portland Adventist Academy
http://paasda.org

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

December 1-31. Adventist Book Center Sale.
Download a flyer at abcflyer.com

December 29, 2:00 PM: Les Chanticleers in concert.
Join us for the “Holidays” concert.
Event Location: Lents SDA Church.

January 6, 5:00 PM. Diabetes Undone.
Discover the little-known secrets to reversing pre-diabetes and Type 2 diabetes, backed by scientific evidence. This 8-week program (Sundays at 5:00 pm, January 6-March 3 at the Sandy Adventist Church) developed by diabetes expert Dr. Wes Youngberg has helped many people increase their energy, focus!, and overall health and eliminate dependence on medications. To enroll contact Dick Hanson at 503-698-4622 or come to the first class. Cost $99.
Event Location: Sandy Adventist Church.

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

Today we have only one worship service. It will be at 11:15 AM featuring Rick Westermeyer presenting the Bible message titled “Portrait of Grace.”

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.
January 9, 7:00 pm: Heart Help – “The Passenger” Women’s Group.
There will be an Informational Session on Heart Health. Class begins January 16. This is a 10 week group experience that, focuses on your beginnings and how you develop your unique attachment style. You learn what the 4 styles of attachment are and how science has shown these factors dramatically impact your life today. You will discover your style of attachment and how that relates to those around you and ultimately how to have a secure attachment. You will read your chapter and answer the questions in your notebook at home prior to class each week. Class consists of a 30 min video with Drs. Ron & Nancy Rockey enriching the weekly chapter reading and self-study homework by adding their insightful and personal perspective to each lessons’ topic. After the video we will share our answers to the questions with the group. Class is 100% confidential and limited to no more than 8 women. Cost: $49/workbook (these can be ordered together to save shipping if you contact Audrey by Jan. 2. For more info, contact Audrey: 503-957-0809.
Event Location: Healing Hope SDA Fellowship.

The Adventist Agricultural Association’s (AdAgrA’s) 5th annual conference is coming to the Pacific Northwest! Through short courses, seminars, plenaries, and networking, the conference offers information and inspiration for how and why Adventists need to be in the garden.

Dr. Gerard Damsteegt, a specialist in church history and development of prophetic interpretation, will lead this tour. See the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation come alive. Visit Rome and the Reformation sites in the Waldensian Valleys, Switzerland, France, and Germany. These tours give you a new vision of how to inspire church members for Jesus’ coming and future challenges. A most exciting experience! Call 269-815-8624, or email GCTours@mac.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES
Help someone by volunteering: PACS (Portland Adventist Community Services) has volunteer opportunities available. Apply online at pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 and ask for Kellie for more information.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES
PACS (Portland Adventist Community Services) Now hiring part-time Dental Front Office, and part-time Dental Hygienist
Volunteer positions open:
Dentists
For more information contact Carol James, Dental Clinic Manager, carol.james@pacsonline.org, call or text 503-758-1892.