

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, March 16, 2019



Dear family,

I was one year into serving a church when it happened. A disaster. A child had lost their life in the blink of an eye. One minute they were on their bicycle, the next minute the bicycle was bent, a car bumper was stained and a life was lost. I'll never forget it. The phone call I received was from a friend of the family. "Pastor, there's been an accident. Johnny is dead." They gave me the family's name. It was just a few hours after the accident that I received the news. I jumped into my vehicle to drive to the home of the grieving family. What I saw when I got there was one of the biggest blessings I've ever experienced in my 34 years of ministry. Church members were stationed on the front walk, screening all that wanted to come in and see the wounded family. As I entered the house, several other church members were surrounding the family, weeping with them, mourning with them, comforting them. I listened as the church planned on who would stay the night with the young family, who would arrange for food, who would deal with arranging a service...the list went on. I saw the church surrounding this family and touching them with the love of Jesus.

As we continue our series called The Life and Times of Jesus here at Sunnyside, we will be stepping into the Sermon on the Mount. Pastor Kara is going to lead us this week into Jesus' opening statements from this epic sermon. The Beatitudes lays the foundation for what the New Community, the Kingdom of God is to look like here on this earth. Blessings on us all as we live the truths of Jesus, as He commanded them on the side of that blessed mountain.

**Pastor Mark Witas**



**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.

*A shout out thank you to Ted and Linda Mackett for the beautiful flowers in honor of Lloyd Wescott's 90th birthday last week. Thank you!*

## News & Notes

### THIS WEEKEND

**This Sabbath our services are at 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM.** Pastor Kara Johnsson will be presenting the Bible message for our worship services titled "All About Jesus / The New Community."

**Today, the Women's Ministries Weekend Retreat continues, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM,** we will enjoy a potluck lunch, Jean Boonstra applying the "Story of Esther" to our lives (on screen), and sharing some of our ladies' spiritual moments. Ladies, let's enjoy the bonding experience of spending time together.



**Tomorrow, Sunday, March 17, 3:00 PM,** The Oregon Sinfonietta will be here at Sunnyside Church in concert. Come, enjoy the special music blessing!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Believers' Class** – Beginning March 30, Pastor Mark will begin a "New Believers' Class." They will meet in his office at 10:00 AM, on Sabbath mornings.

**Phone System:** Many of you already know, but our church phone system is not currently working properly. So, if you call the church and someone doesn't answer, please call again. We are not able to access our phone messages. Thank you.

**Sabbath, March 23, 11:15 AM, will be Communion Sabbath – we will be having only one worship service.** Be sure and join us for the blessed event.

**Sabbath, March 30, 4:30 PM,** we will be blessed with Evensong with Robert Schmidt at the Organ and Jim Robertson with the spoken word.

**Sabbath, April 13, 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM,** the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus will present their inspiring annual Spring concert. Free tickets are now available at [www.oamchorus.org](http://www.oamchorus.org) or 503-970-1693. Get your tickets now; seating is limited.



**Vacation Bible School will be conducted June 28 and 29.** We are now looking for volunteers to help us this year. If you can help in any capacity please see Beverly Merino or call the church office 503-252-8080.

**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 / dining room set, kitchen items, and blankets — any house furnishings will help.

## LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE

### Pathfinder Sabbath



*Happy 90th birthday, Lloyd!*

## ADVENTIST EDUCATION

### Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>: Check out our new website!

And our Facebook page at:

<https://www.facebook.com/PAESPanthers/>

or use the QR code



PAES Kindergarten/First Grade Visitation is Thursday, March 21 from 1-2:30 PM. All children entering Kindergarten/First Grade for the 2019-20 school year must pre-register for this event by calling the school office at 503-665-4102 or by e-mailing [krista.lott@paes.com](mailto:krista.lott@paes.com) no later than 3:00 PM on Tuesday, March 19."

### Portland Adventist Academy

<http://paasda.org>

### May 3-5, Portland Adventist Academy Alumni Weekend.

We're so excited to invite our alumni and friends back to campus for a full weekend of activities designed to reconnect friends, teachers, and community. For details, visit <https://paasda.org/alumni/>. Event Location: Portland Adventist Academy.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

### March 25, 6:00 PM: Andrews University Alumni.

Are you an Andrews University alum? Or are you a student considering attending Andrews University? Join us for a complimentary dinner at our Portland regional event on at the Old Spaghetti Factory, 12725 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, Oregon. Network with Andrews alums, enjoy a delicious meal, and hear the latest news from Andrews University. Reserve your spot (it's free!) at [alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp](http://alumni.andrews.edu/rsvp) or by contacting us at (269) 471-3591, [alumni@andrews.edu](mailto:alumni@andrews.edu). We hope to see you there!





**March 29-31: Twin Rocks Friends Camp.**

Explore the privilege of praying as God's friend with "Communion with the Creator" at the 10th annual Oregon Prayer Conference. Speaker Dr. Paul Dybdahl will join us as we explore how friendship with God impacts our overall perspective on life, which then has a profound impact on our prayers lives. Find more information and register now at <http://bit.ly/ORPrayerConference2019>. Or call Tawny at 541-367-4913.

Event Location: Rockaway Beach.

**April 12-14: NW Prison Ministries Convention.**

Holden Convention The Northwest Prison Ministries Convention, which takes place every two years, has become a much-anticipated event for prison ministries volunteers. [Learn more and register here...](#) Or type in your browser: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/northwest-prison-ministry-retreat-tickets-53704536715>.

**April 14: Your Organic Powerhouse Garden Workshop**

by Lynn Hoag of [SunCountryGardens.com](http://SunCountryGardens.com). Grow delicious, fully-mineralized and biologically better than organic, healthy-healing fruits and veggies, with an abundant harvest freshly picked from your garden this summer! See what else you'll learn! Go to Information and Registration at [GardeningVancouver.eventbrite.com](http://GardeningVancouver.eventbrite.com).

**May 31-June 2, Men's Summit** – Men save the Date! The Oregon Conference Men's Summit is featuring Dave Schwinghammer, Oregon Conference VP for Administration. Pre-registration (Early Bird Discount) is \$125 through March. Registration in April is \$135.00, and the At-The-Door rate is \$140.00. Have any questions? Please call me, Bret McKay at 503-577-4686 or send me an email at [bret\\_mckay@fulfillmentcorp.com](mailto:bret_mckay@fulfillmentcorp.com).

Event Location: Grove Christian Camp.

**June 21-July 4, 2019: 2019 Great Controversy Tour.**

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](mailto:email) [GCTours@mac.com](mailto:GCTours@mac.com).

**September 22-26: Deaf Christian Women's Retreat.**

In 2002, a group of deaf women decided to start a Women's Retreat for deaf women in the Pacific Northwest.

Event Location: Camp Tilikum, 15321 NE North Valley Rd, Newberg.