



Greetings Church Family,

One of the vision points of our new Lead Pastor Mark is to grow our ministry to the immediate community around our church. I have always been most appreciative of the way Sunnysiders minister in so many relevant and effective ways to

people they are connected to in and from Sunnyside. One such member is Ron Meisner who recently "retired" from Portland

Adventist Community Services. working at PACS in February 2006, Valentine's Day! When he started PACS Food Pantry there were families daily receiving food. Now, later, there are more than 80 such being helped every day! Wow!



managing the about 40-60 thirteen years families

The neat thing about Ron's retirement is that he continues to volunteer at PACS each Thursday fetching, carrying, and delivering food hither and yon to keep this ministry thriving and relevant to our community. Thank you, Chief!

Jesus says, in Matthew 25:40 "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

Blessings,

Pastor Dave Allen



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 the team who worked so diligently in preparing for the Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra concert this last Sunday, those who performed, and those who helped clean up following the reception. Thank you to each of you!

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

This Sabbath our worship services are at 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM, with Pastor Mark Witas presenting our Bible message titled "All About Jesus / Tested, Tried, and True."

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nominating Committee is now beginning to meet. Please make it a matter of prayer, and if you are asked to serve, thank you for your consideration, and we will look forward to adding your name to our list of officers. We have included a survey this week in the bulletin, please take time to review it, mark your interest, including your name and best contact information, and place it in the offering plate as it is passed, or give it to one of our deacons.

March 15-16, Women's Ministries Weekend Retreat right here at Sunnyside Church. Beginning Friday night, 6:30 PM, Jean Boonstra, associate speaker for the Voice of Prophecy, will present her testimony of God's leading in her life (on the screen). Refreshments will be served. Sabbath, March 16, 1:00 PM-4:00 PM, we will enjoy a potluck lunch, Jean Boonstra applying the "Story of Esther" to our lives, and sharing some of our ladies' spiritual moments. Ladies, let's enjoy the bonding experience of spending time together. Come together for a phenomenally blessed weekend!

March 16, 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, Studies have shown that "families who play together stay together." We have planned another opportunity for our family to play together. You won't want to miss this opportunity to splash around with your family at the East Portland Community Center on March 16 at 4:30 PM. Come enjoy a swim in the lap pool, relax on the lazy river, go down the water slide or bring your young ones to play in the splash pad. Some light refreshments will be provided along with a great time in the water. This is a free event and open to everyone. Come and let's have a fun time together!

Sunday, March 17, 3:00 PM, The Oregon

Sinfonietta will be here at Sunnyside Church in concert. Reserve the date and come, enjoy the special music blessing!



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.



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.

Church Library - The church library has a wide selection of books available for our members to borrow. Stories of My Grandmother will help you discover what it was like to know Ellen White as a real person.

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.

ADVENTIST EDUCATION

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

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 <u>https://paasda.org/alumni/</u>. Event Location: Portland Adventist Academy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

ABC's Spring Case Food and Book Sale

Prices effective March 3-10, 2019. Please join us on Sunday, March 3, for complimentary vegetarian food samples. Event Location: Gladstone Adventist Book Center.

March 2, 3:00 PM: Memorial Service for George Ulloa.

George Ulloa passed away January 25. A celebration of life will be conducted for him at Meadow Glade Adventist Church.

March 3, 12:00-3:00 PM: Women and Kid's clothing/small items

SWAP. Come freshen up your closets for free and have fun! Only bring items in good repair please. Spread the word! Questions? Contact 503-223-0623.

Event Location: Tabernacle Adventist Church, Fellowship Hall.

March 9, 6:30 PM: Cowboy Camp Meeting.

Attention ATV enthusiasts and horsemen – The Adventist Horseman's Association is inviting you to participate in their annual Cowboy Camp Meeting. If you enjoy camping in the national forest and riding the trails you will love this event. Find out more by attending an informational meeting at the Gladstone Park Church Fellowship Hall, March 9 at 6.30 PM. For more info call 360-607-7446.

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

May 31-June 2, Men's Summit – Men save the Date! The Oregon Conference Men's Summit is featuring Dick Duerksen. Preregistration (Early Bird Discount) is \$125 through March. Registration in April is \$135.00, and the At-The-Door rate is \$140.00. Registration will be opening soon. Watch your bulletin for updates. Have any questions? Please call me, Bret McKay at 503-577-4686 or send me an email at 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 GCTours@mac.com.