

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, March 9, 2019



*The heavens declare the glory of God; the
skies proclaim the work of His hands.*
Psalm 19:1.



Dear family,

Terry and I recently spent a week vacationing in the warm waters of the Caribbean. There were many highlights during this week – warm weather and a chance to spend quality time with my bestie being pretty high on the list! An unexpected joy, however, was the brilliance of the stars as we sailed far away from the lights of land. I have always enjoyed star gazing. When I was young and lived far away from those I loved, I used to take comfort in the knowledge that those I loved and missed, could see the same stars that I saw. I know, I was pretty sentimental!

As science has advanced, the stars have revealed an incredible depth of beauty in God's creation. What to the naked eye is a simple dot of light in the sky, sometimes even covered over by clouds, is in reality, a complex stunning work of art. It reminds me to pause before jumping to conclusions when it comes to God's human creation. In our "naked eye's perspective," we may only see a very dim dot of light. Sometimes the clouds of life can even block out that light altogether. But God's creative ability gives us the assurance that a work of art is present. Time and circumstances may need to pass before we can see, but it is there nonetheless.

Wishing you a blessed Sabbath,

Pastor Kara Johnsson



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.

*A special shout out to our Pathfinder leaders and assistants. They have created a wonderful program for our Sabbath worship and put in many hours of coaching, and prop building!
Thank you!*

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

This Sabbath our worship services are at 8:45 AM and 11:15 AM, with the Sunnyside Pathfinder Club presenting our worship services. Pastor Juan will present the Bible Message.

Guest Potluck – If you are new to Sunnyside or visiting from out of town, we would like to invite you to get to know our church better over lunch. The Children's Sabbath School Classes will be hosting today's lunch in the Willamette room following our second service.



Daylight Saving Time begins Sunday morning at 2:00 AM. Remember to set your clocks forward by one hour!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!



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 23, 11:15 AM: This is 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.

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.

LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



Paul Dragulin



Marlan Glovatsky



Elizabeth Fresse



Alan Swope, Alice & Erik Nielsen



Phillip Sandoval



Pastor Mark Witas

ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

PAES Kindergarten/First Grade Visitation is Thursday, March 21 from 1-2:30pm. 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 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

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 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.

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 or by contacting us at (269) 471-3591, alumni@andrews.edu. We hope to see you there!

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. 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.

May 31-June 2, Men's Summit – Men save the Date! The Oregon Conference Men's Summit is featuring Dick Duerksen. Pre-registration (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.