

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, April 13, 2019



Dear Church Family,

Writing on the Sermon on the Mount today, specifically Jesus' statements about adultery and lust. As I write toward what I'm teaching this weekend, I see that Jesus was revolutionary in his statements to protect and uplift the women in his society. I also see how direct Jesus was in

calling out the sin of breaching true intimacy for the sake of false intimacy.

In Matthew 5:27-30 Jesus hits at the heart of the problem when He says lust travels from the eye to the right hand, and that both of these things need to be put in check, for the health of the man, and to preserve the dignity of women that might be demeaned by thought and action. Jesus wants His children to experience intimacy.

I've been tasked to preach on this subject this weekend and will pull no punches in teaching the difficult truth that this is a problem that runs deep with conservative Christian men and women, just as it does in society at large.

Yet, the issue of lust runs deeper than just a person clicking a mouse and viewing a screen. Lust of all kinds can move a person into regrettable behaviors. It really boils down to what a person does with temptation--how they resist or give in to it.

My teaching will not be a shaming of those who are in the grips of failing time after time to temptation. I suppose to some degree, we are all weaklings when it comes to falling to the little devil, speaking on our shoulder. We need a call to authentic intimacy, a recognition that when we allow lust to go its course, we are demeaning another human being, and falling into false intimacy, something that cannot be satisfied.

And, of course, no teaching should be delivered without a personal challenge and lots of hope for the future. Hope for a better way. Hope for better and more authentic relationships. Hope for intimacy that reflects Jesus' prayer, "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you."

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.

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

This Sabbath our worship services are at 8:45 and 11:15 AM. Pastor Mark Witas will be presenting the Bible message for our worship services titled "All About Jesus / Man Problems."



Today, immediately following Sabbath School, there will be Children's Church in the children's wing.. All children are encouraged to join in for a very special Sabbath blessing.

There will not be a guest potluck today.

Today at 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM, the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus will present their inspiring annual Spring concert right here at Sunnyside Church.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for the families of:

Betty Reynolds, mother of Dave Reynolds, who passed away April 7. A memorial service is not being planned.

Guy Dove, whose father passed away this week in Florida. Pray for Guy's safe travel.

A memorial service for Jack Harris, who passed away in January, is being planned for Sunday, May 5, 11:00 AM, here at Sunnyside Church.

It's time for our Conference Connect (town hall) meetings around the Oregon Conference! Join us at 7:30 PM, Tuesday, April 16 at Meadow Glade Adventist Church or Wednesday, April 17 at Beaverton Adventist Church. We want to hear what God puts on your heart for the health and growth of God's kingdom in the Oregon Conference! We highly value your input and hope you can attend one of these meetings.

Friday, April 19, 7:00 PM, Service of Darkness will be presented. As we contemplate the last hours of Jesus' life in Bible readings and hymns, we are reminded once more of the enormity of His sacrifice and the wonder of His love. As we share the gathering darkness, we will be more prepared to appreciate the sunrise of His resurrection as we attend our Easter service Sabbath morning.

Easter Sabbath, April 20, we will have only one worship service: 11:15 AM.

Sabbath, April 27, 2:30 PM, we will enjoy a presentation of "Hell and Mr. Fudge," which is based on a true story of a young Bible-belt preacher standing up for what he sees as truth. This also ties in with the sermon of the day. Come and enjoy this presentation on how someone emerges as a defender of faith, Scripture, and a champion for God's love.



May 11, 1:30 PM – An all-church picnic is being planned at Happy Valley Park. Take time to come and join us. There are covered shelters, a nice playground for the kids, as well as many walking paths to enjoy. Pets are also welcome.

SunnyCity Children's Fair and Family Concert will be on Sunday, June 23 from 1:00-4:00 PM on the campus of Portland Adventist Academy. This is Sunnyside's outreach to the local neighborhood. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Elise Holcombe at 503-575-9845 for more information.

Vacation Bible School will be conducted the weekend of June 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.

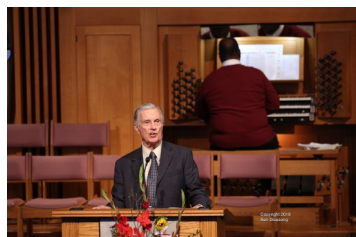
Interested in a garden plot? Adventist Health Portland is partnering with the non-profit, Outgrowing Hunger, to create the new **Market Street Garden**. Garden plot reservations are going quickly and almost full! There are many nations represented, including Afghanistan, Bhutan, Burma, Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mexico, USA, and others. (Slavic families have also expressed interest). Many are fairly recent immigrants and refugees. This is an amazing opportunity for Adventists who have a passion for growing fresh produce/flowers, AND for joining with the Spirit in sowing and possibly reaping souls for God's glory. Consider having your family, or join with other families to "farm a plot with God" in this amazing ministry opportunity. To apply for a garden plot, please complete the special form (located on the Narthex table) ASAP, and/or contact Adam Kohl at 971-231-4191, <https://outgrowinghunger.org/>.

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



Pastor Juan Fresse



Tom Stafford



Marlan Glovatsky



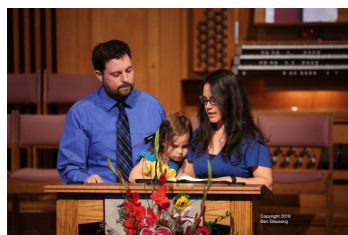
Isaac Nziacharo



Karl Helton



Charla Morford



Heiser family



Pastor Mark Witas



ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School

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And our Facebook page at:

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

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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.

Rivergate Adventist Elementary School

Please join Rivergate Adventist Elementary School for their annual auction at Gladstone Park Church fellowship hall on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at 4:30 PM. Tickets are now available at \$15 per adult, including dinner, and \$7 per child for childcare with games and

dinner in the Rivergate gym. Funds raised will go towards science, music, sports, our playground, and our Jr. High classrooms.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

A memorial service for Dr. Jerry Aso, a well-known dentist in the Portland area, will be conducted April 13, 2:00 PM, in the Eliot Chapel at the First Unitarian Church of Portland. Read his obituary [here](#), or type in your search engine <https://goo.gl/XBVJj2>.

Come be part of the team! Do you want to have a great time helping others and being part of a team that feels like family? If so, consider volunteering during Camp Meeting this year! We're looking for hard working individuals who want to serve God through service to others... and who want to have fun doing it! We need volunteers for Hispanic Camp Meeting (July 11-13) and Gladstone Camp Meeting (July 16-20) in a variety of areas including hospitality, shuttle service, safety, and security. We will also need licensed RNs, EMTs & paramedics. Whether you can work one day or all week, we'd love to have you on our team! To volunteer, visit <http://volunteers.OregonAdventist.org> or contact Lisa Rodriguez at lisa.rodriguez@oc.npuc.org or at 503-850-3350.

Sunday, April 7, 1:00 PM – Eugene Lambert's birthday party. Please join us as we celebrate Eugene Lambert's 90th birthday - at the Village Retirement Center (Gresham). We'll meet in the Rec Room for refreshments, stories, and some good fun. Do you have a memory or photo to share? Please send it to lisa.massena@gmail.com To RSVP and for directions, call Lisa at 339-236-0684.

April 12-14: NW Prison Ministries 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>.

Event Location: Holden Center, Gladstone.

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.

April 20, 5:00 PM: "King of Kings and Lord of All" Concert.

Belle Cantori women's chorus and His Praise men's chorus will be presenting an Easter concert 5:00 PM, Saturday, April 20, at Meadow Glade Adventist Church, located at 11001 NE 189th Street in Battle Ground, Wash. Belle Cantori singers are 25 women drawn from Clark County, Wash., and His Praise is a group of about 25 men drawn from the Portland, Ore., and Vancouver, Wash., area and from all walks of life, directed by Martha Natiuk and Charlie Drury, who have one thing in common: they love to sing gospel music. Come and enjoy their music followed by a reception where you can meet the singers following the concert.

Event Location: Meadow Glade Adventist Church.

April 23, 5:30 PM: PACS Constituency Meeting,

PACS is hosting a constituency meeting as required in our bylaws, April 23 at 5:30 PM (light dinner) followed by a program starting at 6:30. The meeting will be held in the Holden Center at the conference office. This year, PACS is opening the meeting to all of the SDA churches in our region. Attend and give input to the PACS 3-year Strategic Plan! RSVP to PACS at 503-252-8500 by April 16th or mark.fulop@pacsonline.org. Hope to see you there – Mark Fulop, Executive Director.

Event Location: Holden Center

April 25-29: Walla Walla University Homecoming Weekend.

Walla Walla University alumni and friends are invited to attend Homecoming Weekend 2019, April 25–28. Events are planned around the WWU core theme of excellence in thought and will include a banquet on Thursday evening, the annual Awards Celebration on Friday morning, a variety of fun and interesting seminars on Friday afternoon, PRISM Vespers, class reunions, and more. A full list of weekend events and registration information is available at wallawalla.edu/homecoming or by calling Alumni and Advancement Services at 509-527-2631.

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.

Event Location: Grove Christian Camp.

June 21-July 4: 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.

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. The deaf women are members of a completely different people group with their own rich language and culture. There is an average of 20 women attending the Deaf Women's Retreat, and the deaf women who attend come from as far as the east coast. They enjoy gathering together – it's like a family reunion. This year they are hoping to rent a bus to take the women to the coast for the day; however, they do not yet have the funds for this to happen. Also, this year, for the first time, they will be selling shirts with their logo on them to help raise funds for future events. They are hoping and praying they will be able to earn enough money so they can pay the expense for the weekend, and bring in a speaker from another state. If you would like to help sponsor the retreat, you can send a check made payable to "Tabernacle Adventist Church" and mark it for "Deaf Christian Women's Ministries," 26 SW Condor Way, Portland, OR 97239.

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