

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, April 6, 2019



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. Proverbs 3:5-6

Dear Family,

This past weekend I was blessed to visit Washington DC for part of my doctoral research. A trip to DC is always exciting, however, this one was more work than pleasure. It was a weekend jammed full of interviews and meetings and so by the time our early return flight rolled around, the 4:00 AM wake up was hard to face! However, face it we did, and we arrived at the airport bright and early to make our 6:00 AM flight. We had checked in online the evening before and so felt quite relaxed as we lined up to board. But as we presented our boarding passes, the computer system declined them. Suddenly, we became “those people” that did not seem to have themselves organized and were holding up the line. We were moved to the side as the attendants tried to work out what was wrong. Minutes ticked by and the line of boarding passengers dwindled as the attendants tried repeatedly to print out new passes. Our names were clearly on the list, but no matter what they did, a boarding pass could not be procured, and so we had to watch them close the door, and our flight leaves without us. Now, I would like to say that I took it all quite calmly, but the 4:00 AM wake up was still quite vivid, along with the stress of having to cancel meetings that I had been committed to attending! And so though I kept a smile on my face, I felt anything but calm!

It's hard to keep a broad perspective when you are face to face with stresses and bumps that are out of your control, messing up well-laid plans, threatening the ordered existence that we tend to cherish. However, God calls us to step back and allow Him to give us a peace that surpasses the bumps, to trust him with the tomorrows of our life.

For Terry and I, the frustrating delay turned into an unexpected blessing. Due to a very full schedule, the next flight that they could put us on was 12 hours later, which gave us one of those “free days” to enjoy; a “snow day” so to speak! Not only that, our weekend had happened to coincide with Washington DC's peak cherry blossom day, and so we were able to enjoy God's incredible beauty together. It was a good reminder for me to loosen the reins a little, and trust God with the unexpected bumps of life.

Looking forward to worshipping with you this Sabbath,

Pastor Kara Johansson



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 / The Hate that Kills.”

The pastor's “New Believers” class will meet in the Mother's Room at 10:00 AM. Please make a note of this location change.

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

Tuesday, April 9. 6:30 pm, Ted Mackett, our PAA Board representative, will host a meeting with a light supper provided, to discuss any concerns or issues about Portland Adventist Academy. Please come and share your knowledge and experience in how we can assist our constituent school. We will meet in the Willamette Room.



Sabbath, April 13, 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. Free tickets are now available at www.oamchorus.org or call 503-970-1693. Get your tickets now; seating is limited.

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.

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 Dave Allen



Robert Schmidt



Ben Dalusong, Cesar Acosta, Paul Dragulin, Lilly Baraka, Beverly Merino (not shown), Rae Stuart, Gabe Pinto



Matt Mandrones



Natalia Gramada



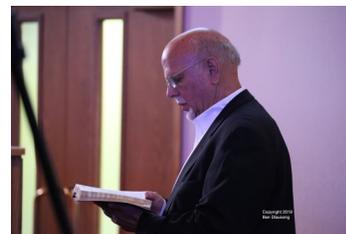
Jackee Duvall



Stephen Brothers



David Schmidt



Bruce Schmidt



Paul Dragulin



Mark Witas



Ed & Deborah Meelhuysen Pastor

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

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

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.