

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, September 22, 2018



Greetings church family,

It was hard to sleep and hard to stay dry in the tents at the Tillamook County Fairgrounds for the Oregon Conference Pathfinder Camporee. At about 2 am on Sunday morning the rain started to come down very hard. It continued to come down at varying speeds until 9 am in the morning. As I heard the pitter-patter intermixed with the pelting of rain, I wondered how this would affect everyone's spirits and morale. Would some choose to be grumpy, sad or mad? Would they just make a choice to deal with and still be happy? I am very happy and proud to report that the rain might have dampened the ground but it did not dampen the spirits and attitudes of the Pathfinders. Even though we had to eat breakfast and pack up in the rain everyone was as happy to do as any other day.

This past weekend was the Oregon Conference Pathfinder Camporee. Our Sunnyside Pathfinder Club set up the most tents that I have seen since I've been here. This year our club has seen an influx of new members and it's a good challenge to have. It was great to have so many young faces from all around Oregon come to hear Dick Duerksen regale us with stories from the life of Paul as a first-person narrative. It was a great experience and a little rain wasn't going to ruin it for these Pathfinders!

Of course, living here in this part of Oregon we can't allow rain to negatively impact us too much. If we let rain bother us we could be in for what some describes as a long miserable existence. Since moving here, I have been amazed at how people walk, run, ride bikes, and even mow grass in the rain. There is no way that Portlanders let a little rain stop them from getting things done. We just simply make a choice to just carry on and get things done.

I believe very firmly that joy is a choice and a decision that we can make. We can choose to find joy in the situation we are in. Making that choice should be easier because of my faith and trust in God. We can have the confident assurance that God is on our side. If God is for us who can be against us? (Romans 8:31). We also often hear people say, "this too shall pass." We are especially aware of this when the physical rain comes in our lives. Do we make the same connection to the figurative rain in our lives? Eventually the sun came out on that last day of Camporee. We were all happy to see it and bask in its light and warmth. You can be assured that the Sun will always come out despite the rain. Because of that hope, trust, and faith may we always choose joy despite the rain!

Blessings to you and yours,

Pastor Juan Fresse



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.

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This Weekend

Today's services are at 8:45 and 11:15 am with Pastor Kara Johnsson presenting our Bible messaged titled "The Table."

A memorial service for Betty Sorensen, who passed away August 2, will be conducted here at Sunnyside this afternoon at 3:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, feel free to contribute to the Cliff and Betty Memorial Fund at Walla Walla University.

Church Announcements

Please pray for the family of Jim Dixon who passed away August 29. A memorial service will be conducted here at Sunnyside Church Sunday, October 7, 2:00 pm.

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.

Thursday, October 11, 6:30 pm, a Discipleship class will be starting. This is an opportunity to update on how to be effective in carrying out the mission of our church by sharing what Jesus has done for us with others. Registration forms are on the desk in the foyer. For more information contact the Staffords: Tom 360-936-5782 or Brooke 360-936-3373, bstafford@q.com

Thank you for filling in available dates on our flower calendar. We still have a few more available for this year. Please add your name to provide flowers for our worship services.

Handbells for everyone—yes, and for you, too! Not just listening, but ringing as well. In mid-September rehearsals for two handbell choirs will begin again – a 3-octave team for those fairly new to handbells, and a 5-octave team for more experienced ringers. We still need more ringers for the 3-octave choir. Working together as a

team provides a very rewarding experience making music together to share with others. Invite 2 or 3 of your friends to try something new along with you. Explore the possibilities by calling Rosemayne at 503-730-5317.

Encounters With God, September 29, 5:00 pm, will feature a young couple who will be sharing their inspiring stories of how God is working in Turkey.

Adventist Education

Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in **need of coaches for the following sports:**

7/8 Co-ed Soccer Assistant Coaches

5/6 Girls Volleyball Head and Assistant Coach

Church family please support your youth in athletics by providing leadership, guidance, and encouragement during practices and games. If you have any interest, no matter your experience level with the sport or coaching please contact Kevin McCray, Athletic Director via email kevin.mccray@paes.com or 971-212-1239.

Portland Adventist Academy

<http://paasda.org>

Chef Stef of Portland Adventist Academy is looking for volunteers to help with school lunches, Monday – Thursday between 9 am and 1 pm. If you can help any time during those **hours, please contact Chef Stef at 703-338-5747.**

Area Events and Announcements

The Healthy Heart Ministry is looking for retired or practicing medical professionals to take blood pressures at the Gateway Fred Meyer. The BP screening happens on the second Sunday of every month. Please contact Marjorie Schnibbe at 503-875.8311.

September 16-October 7: ABC Open house sale.

Download a flyer here abcflyer.com.

Mondays, September 17-October 22, 6 pm: Parenting With Love and Logic Classes.

Come, learn positive parenting skills using loving techniques and tools to raise happy and responsible kids. The six classes will be held every Monday from 6:00 pm-7:00 pm. The classes will cover various topics designed to help parents with children of all ages. This is an all ages event. The classes are free. Free childcare available as well. Register at <http://gladstone.k12.or.us/district-departments/community-education>. Location: Gladstone Park Adventist Church.

September 23, 6:00 pm: Michael Allen Harrison in concert.

Michael Allen Harrison, pianist and composer, will be in concert at Rockwood Adventist Church. This is a Pathfinder fundraiser. A limited number of reserved seats will be available at \$50 each. General Admission seats are available – donations accepted! To get a

reserved seat, or for more information, please call Jane Roe at 971-533-4838.

Event Location: Rockwood Adventist Church.

September 29, 5:30 pm. Vespers Program and Fellowship.

You are invited to a vespers program featuring inspirational Christian music with Carl Parker and friends, including testimonies, fellowship, and more.

Event Location: Stone Tower Church.

October 12-14 Women's Retreat: "Up From the Ordinary."

Oregon's 32nd Annual Women's Retreat will be at the beautiful Eagle Crest Resort with Jean Boonstra, associate speaker from the Voice of Prophecy. Breakout speakers are Dr. Joyce Choe, MD, MPH, Pastor Jana Lee, and Deborah Turner. Special musical guests: Gary and Shelly Parks, and Katrina Koch. Teen speaker: Erica Jones, associate director of Women's Ministries, NAD. Teens coming with a mom or mentor is priced at only \$55.00. Register by going to AdventSource.org or by calling 800-732-7587.

October 14, 4-7 pm (4-5 pm silent auction). PACS Dinner and Silent Auction.

Mark your calendars and plan on attending this year. Seats are limited. To learn more, download our sponsorship flyer on our website, pacsonline.org or contact Mark Fulop, executive director; mark.fulop@pacsonline.org or 503-252-8500 x113. We are actively seeking in-kind donations for the Silent Auction. Call 503-252-8500 for more information about silent auction donations.

Event Location: Embassy Suites, Airport.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Help someone by volunteering: PACS (Portland Adventist Community Services) has volunteer opportunities available. Apply online at pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 and ask for Kellie for more information.

JOB OPPORTUNITY

The Oregon Conference Risk Management Department is hiring a part time **Referencing Support Staff**. For the job description, please visit oregonconference.org, click the tab Departments, Human Resources, and then click on Employment. Or go directly to oregonconference.org/employment-home.

The Oregon Conference Treasury Department is hiring a full time **Moving Van Driver**. For the job description, please visit oregonconference.org, click the tab Departments, Human Resources, and then click on Employment. Or go directly to oregonconference.org/employment-home.

The Oregon Conference is hiring a full-time or possibly 2 part-time **Conference Receptionist(s)**. For the job description, please visit oregonconference.org, click the tab Departments, Human Resources, and then click on Employment. Or go directly to oregonconference.org/employment-home.