



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

November 1 Communiqué



Hello Sunnyside Church Family,

It's hard to believe but the holidays are right around the corner! As we prepare to move into a month that Americans associate with gratitude, I want to encourage you to actively thank people in your life that maybe get lost in the hustle and bustle of everyday busyness.

One practice we try to do in our family before prayer at night, is to write down those big and small moments where we see God's hand at work, or general blessings we are grateful for. I think sometimes churches operate in a culture where we just assume everyone knows they are appreciated, or that they should just be grateful for the opportunities to help us when they can. In America, among our many blessings, we also struggle with a culture of consumerism—which includes religious goods and services like sermons, music, and programs.

Think about how often Paul wrote letters to churches thanking them for their support and appreciation for their faith, as well as encouraging others to become involved in their communities. I know we as pastors are grateful for Sunnyside and its members in so many ways. From kind and encouraging words, little notes, and the hugs, and smiles we received at church. I am also grateful for the many ways you care for each other. Whether it is the wonderful food that's cooked at events, or visits when someone is in the hospital, our members truly show they care in so many ways.

What can you do this next month to carve out space to practice gratitude instead of simply being a spiritual consumer?

Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday



You are invited to our next First Friday on November 7. First Friday is a once-monthly inspirational community fellowship event. It will be held at Adventist Health Portland Medical Center. It begins at 7:15 p.m. on the lower level in Amphitheaters C & D. This First Friday will feature an inspirational talk by Pastor Paddy McCoy and music by Crosswalk Worship Team. We would like to invite you to join us for this FREE event and we encourage you to invite your friends and family members.

Sabbath



Welcome to Sunnyside! We are happy you are here to worship with us. Let us know who you are by filling out one of the Connect Cards and handing it to the deacons or place it in the box in the foyer before you leave. **We especially welcome the Walla Walla University Orchestra members and their families.** They will be bringing us our music today.



"The Table" is a cozy, communal space for 18-35-year-olds to engage with Scripture over a Sabbath meal provided by our Sunnyside members immediately following the worship service in the Youth Room. This effectively replaces our young adult Sabbath School class which used to happen at 10:00 am. Unsurprisingly, shifting the time has allowed for more attendance and participation in discussion, especially for this demographic. If you're interested in flexing your cooking skills and providing a dish for hungry college students, either Pastors Violeta or Kevin would love to hear from you!



Today we will enjoy our church-wide potluck immediately after our worship service. If you didn't bring food with you today, join us anyway. We always have an abundance of food! Everyone is welcome and invited to join in eating and fellowshiping together.



The Adventurers are meeting today at 2:00 pm, in the Adventurers' room. The Adventurers Club meets twice a month and serves families with children 4-10 years old. It's never too late to join or visit! Your family will benefit greatly!



Please pray for the following families:

† **Jan Clayton** who passed away October 15, 2025. A memorial service will be conducted for her on **Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm**, here at Sunnyside Church.

† **Rosemayne (Burden Thompson) Alison** who passed away October 17, 2025. A memorial service will be conducted for her **Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 2:00 pm**, here at Sunnyside Church. In lieu of flowers or gifts, it is Rosemayne's wish that donations be made in her name to the following: PACS Center (Portland Adventist Community Services) www.pacsonline.org, or HOPE TV hopetv.org

† **Richard Thompson** who passed away October 20, 2025. A memorial service is not being planned.



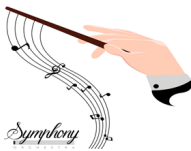
Membership Transfers — Second Reading:

Joining: Geoffrey, Amy, Vesper, and Atticus Heald from Summit Northwest Ministries Adventist Church, Post Falls, Idaho.

Leaving: Jeffrey and Eva Dickerson to Walla Walla University Church, College Place, Wa.



This afternoon at 4:00, Walla Walla University Orchestra, directed by Brandon Beck, will present a concert here at Sunnyside Church. You will not want to miss this exceptional music celebration. We welcome Brandon Beck, Director of the University Symphony Orchestra and Dr. Kraig Scott, our organist today. We are delighted to have the Orchestra with us. They have planned an afternoon of symphonic excellence. Join us for a special concert featuring the Walla Walla University Orchestra. The program will include Joseph Jongen's Symphonie Concertante, Op. 81 – a breathtaking work for organ and orchestra, featuring Dr. Kraig Scott at the organ. All are warmly invited to share in this beautiful afternoon of music!



Tomorrow, Sunday, November 2 at 3:00 pm, The Oregon Sinfonietta, under the direction of Dr. Donald Appert, will be in concert here at Sunnyside Church. Their repertoire includes Mozart—Symphony No. 41 “Jupiter” and Saint-Saens—Symphony No. 3 in C Minor, op. 78.



“Overflow” for 18-35-year-olds will meet **Friday, November 7, 6:00 pm**, in the Youth Room for a meal together and discussion of contemporary issues through praise and peer-to-peer discussion groups.



Church-wide Home Lunch – November 8, will be the next lunch event. This is a time to invite families to your house as a host or sign up to be invited to someone's home for lunch. There are forms in the lobby you may fill out to be either a host or a visitor. Plan ahead to enjoy lunch with friends!



You are invited to join us for a baby shower in the honor of Ashley (Mary Lou Wescott's niece), Trever, and Baby Maddox Reddig on **Sunday, November 9, at 1:00 pm**, in the Sunnyside fireside room. Gift suggestions include organic diapers, children's books, a group gift (see Dianne–503-706-5611) or the baby registry: my.babylist.com/gnycpsabz. Hope you can join us to celebrate!



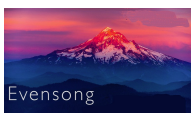
Our church directory is invaluable when it comes to learning who you are! Good news! We will have a professional photographer coming in to take pictures for us on **November 8, 15, and 22** in the fellowship hall/fireside room during Sabbath School and after church. Check with the photographer, you may be able to purchase portraits.



Devotional Books for next year are now available for ordering. The new year, 2026, is just around the corner! With the end of the year upon us, we are preparing for the new devotional book orders. Many of you enjoy having these available for Christmas gifts, so we want to make sure you get them in time. Stop by the table in the lobby to sign up. Place your name, include your phone number, and list how many of each of the books you would like. You may place your payment in a tithe envelope and mark it for devotionals. The order will be placed on December 6 and be ready for pick up by December 13.



Our Sunnyside Christmas Musical will be presented on December 12 and 13. We would like to give you the opportunity to help with funding one of our biggest outreach events of the year. You may use a tithe envelope or give online at orad.us/Give2Sunnyside. Please designate your donation for the “Christmas program.”



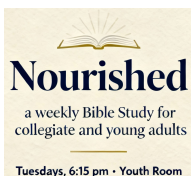
Evensong on December 20th at 4:00 P.M., at Sunnyside Adventist Church. The program will feature arrangements of holiday favorites from J.S. Bach and Brahms, as well as recent works by Melvin West and Paul Fey (an arrangement of the Widor *Toccata* combined with *O Come All Ye Faithful*). Also included will be singing of several favorite carols and an improvisation by the organist. The full range of sounds from the Rieger organ will be featured, from the quietest whisper to the thundering full organ. It will be presented by Michael Koller on the organ and Loren Dickinson with the spoken word. Several of the selections were arranged by Melvin West. Loren Dickinson and Melvin West lived next door to each other for some 12 years during their teaching careers at Walla Walla College (now University). It was during their many gab sessions that the idea of this vesper-type service, *Evensong*, was born. Doctor Dickinson was looking for an opportunity to present some of the wonderful gems of literature, while at the same time Doctor West was exploring the possibility of a vesper-type program with the organist providing several compositions, but relieved by readings from literature. So it seemed a natural to create an EVENSONG program in which the organ music was separated by selections from literature.



Come join us on Monday evenings to study the book “Last Day Events.” We’ll be going through this book discussing the words of E.G. White regarding the final days and how we can best prepare for them. This is an informal book club, we check in with each other, read the book, discuss what we’ve read and then pray for those on our hearts. All are welcome and the meeting is by Zoom so no one has to go out at night. Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92093000826?pwd=NL45Qa0tzo2QhAOszPhuVYRigTfeW3.1>



On Tuesdays, at 4:20 p.m., there will be a Bible reading class of the **Ancient Standard Version (ANSV)**. This class is open to all and will be conducted by Conrad Gren. Please come and join us. We will be meeting in the Bridal Room.



NOURISHED – a weekly bible study for our collegiates and young adults will meet weekly on Tuesdays, following WWU Nurses’ Bread Night at 6:15 p.m., in the Youth Room.



Our history class meets on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm, in the Youth Room. We will study “World War I.”



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, FaithLift, a group for ladies, meet here at the church to study the Bible, share their stories, and pray together over many needs as well as for those that need extra prayers. If this sounds like something you would enjoy attending, please come and join us. If you cannot be here in person, there is a Zoom link available to be able to join remotely.



Wednesday mornings at 10:00 our Men's Bible Study group meet to study the Bible together in the Youth Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.



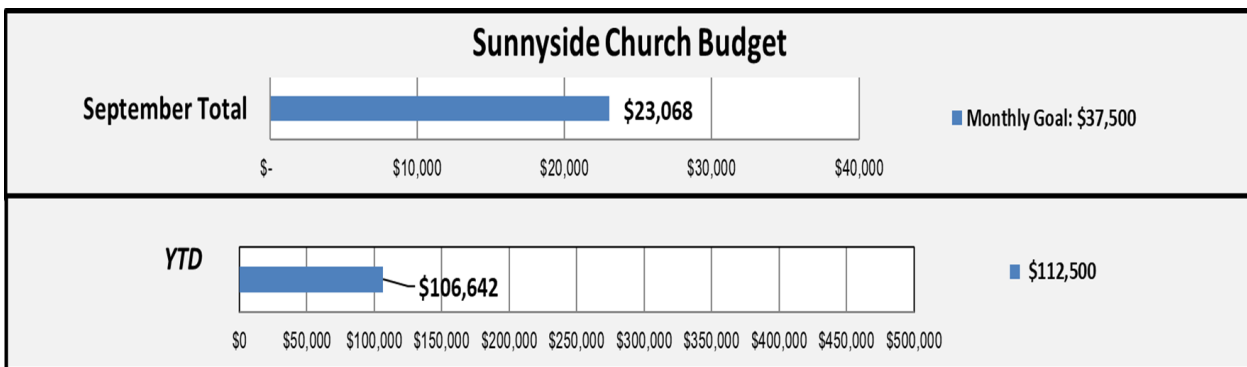
We are blessed with some very strong prayer warriors. If you have a special request, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or info@sunnysideadventist.org to submit your request. There is power in prayer, and it truly makes a difference.



Dollars for Missions! Labels keep trickling in, and we are quickly reaching another goal. Last week was a great week for the label count. We have already received a second check in response to our turning in labels! What a lovely way to give to missions! Continue to save your Loma Linda Labels and turn them in here at the church. There is a box in the Narthex for them. In the "old" days, we received 1¢ per label. Now they give us 25¢ per label. It's well worth saving and receiving "free" dollars for missions! Continue to save and turn in your labels.



Give online: orad.us/Give2Sunnyside



There are some of our family that need help with transportation in order to attend church. If any of you would be willing to help with this need, please contact the office for specific information 503-252-8080 or via email at Info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



If you live at CherryWood Retirement, our bus stops there to pick up anyone who would like to attend church. Please be ready, we stop by at 10:45 am for our church service at 11:15 am. This transportation is free, but if you'd like to contribute, you may mark it to "Bus."



Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us with video, audio, and the children's division. Please call 503-252-8080 if you would like to get involved.



Would you like to hear the service more clearly? Sunnyside Church provides assistive hearing devices you may borrow. They are located in the Deacons' office. Just let a deacon know of your need and they will be happy to help you.



We would like to publicly recognize special milestones in your life. Please take a moment to share with us special birthdays, anniversaries, or any other celebrations. We are family and we would like to share with each other. Also, please let us know when you are sick or need other prayers. We want to be a part of your life and pray together with you. Send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org or call the office at 503-252-8080 and let us know the latest with your family!



During this difficult time, if you are in need of financial help, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



Our Family Resource Network has been privileged to assist many of our members when things have been challenging for them or they have experienced unexpected expenses. We have helped with rent, utilities, food, gas, car repairs, and more. We would like you to be aware of what we do and give you an opportunity to contribute to the fund being used to assist our family. Mark your tithe envelope or check for Family Resource Network, and you will know that you have had the privilege of helping one of our members who doesn't even want to ask for help! We are here to help each other. Thank you for helping us build the fund used for these expenses.



Today: Wanda Schmidt; **Sunday:** Angie Krueger; **Wednesday:** Alin Dragulin, Manfred Schosnig; **Thursday:** Barbara Plubell, Jackie Sandquist; **Friday:** Mitzi Eichner, Renee Novak, Duncan Orina, Micahel Rettig



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply. Thank you,



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

PAA ACADEMY DAY & ACADEMY NIGHT:

Hello PAA Family,

An Incredible Week of Worship at PAA

This week, our students and staff have been deeply blessed by an incredible Week of Worship. Each day we gathered as a school family to worship together in special and meaningful ways.

Different student praise bands led us in powerful music worship, and we were inspired by messages from Tino Tsikirai chaplain with Adventist Health, who shared the theme “Love Asks Questions.” Through her own testimony and stories from Scripture, she reminded us how God invites honest questions—and how He lovingly answers in ways that draw us closer to Him.

Prayer has also filled our campus this week. In the morning, a junior, Trey led Morning Manna, while Pastor Tyler and Pastor Kevin supported and encouraged our students throughout the week—complete with Pastor Kevin’s famous chai and a campus-wide prayer walk.

Campus Ministries also launched a new Prayer Locker where students can share requests for our student prayer team to lift up each week.

We’ll close this memorable week tonight with worship, food, and fun at Pleasant Valley Adventist Church, where Chaplain Tino will share one final message.

We’re grateful for the student leadership, engagement, and faith that made this week so meaningful. As Chaplain Tino shared, “It is clear that your students are well prepared and come ready to be engaged in worship.” This is the foundation of who we are at PAA—growing together in faith, prayer, and praise. ❤️

Have a wonderful weekend!

Principal Mechelle Peinado

Attention 8th grade parents!

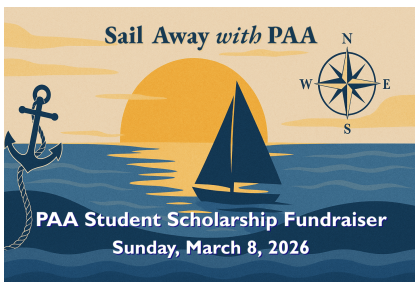
Portland Adventist Academy is excited to welcome your 8th-grade student to our high school campus from **9am to 2pm on Wednesday, November 12th!** We have a fun day planned – just for 8th graders – when students can get a glimpse of the high school experience at PAA, see classrooms, meet teachers, and hear about the clubs, activities, and programs offered. There will be drawings for tuition, fees and prizes, as well as several opportunities to win scholarships by participating in academic challenges. Lunch is provided. That evening, we will host **Academy Night** – an **Open House for 8th grade parents from 6:30 until 7:30**, with drawings for tuition and fees and a short meeting at 7:30. Call 971-351-8984 to register or email msperl@paasda.org. If you know other families with 8th graders who may want to join in, please pass the word along!

PAA Senior Recognition

PAA is thrilled to invite you to Senior Recognition on Thursday, November 13 at 7:00 pm, at Sunnyside Adventist Church (10501 SE Market St. Portland). This is an evening to celebrate the seniors and let them know we are proud of them. The evening will include a history of the class, a special message, and an introduction of the class along with music performed by seniors. After the event, the class of 2027 will be serving light refreshments.

Scholarship Funding

At Portland Adventist Academy, our purpose is to provide a Christ-centered, character-driven education to all students. However, many families face financial challenges that can make it difficult for their children to attend. We are reaching out to ask for your support in funding scholarships that will help make this life-changing education accessible to more students. Your generous donation can directly impact a student's ability to attend and thrive at Portland Adventist Academy. To make either a recurring or one-time contribution, please visit www.paasda.org or contact me at ubrown@paasda.org at 971-351-9028 for more details. As [students share in this video](#), thank you for your support in shaping the future of our students and helping them grow in faith and character.




PORTLAND ADVENTIST ACADEMY
A Christian High School

**ALUMNI
WEEKEND**

May 1-2, 2026



HONOR CLASSES
1951 (75-year), 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971,
1976 (50-year), 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001
(25-year), 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021 (5-year)

PAA & Fred Meyer. You may support PAA through the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Just connect a Fred Meyer digital account and connect it to your Shopper's Card, and designate Portland Adventist Academy as the organization you wish to support. You can get it all done on the Fred Meyer website here:
<https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>



Rivergate Adventist Elementary School

<https://www.rgsda.org/>



Hood View Adventist School

<https://www.hvja.org/>



<https://www.tualatinvalleyacademy.org/>



Tualatin Valley Academy Handbells Christmas Concert

December 2, at 6:00 pm, Tualatin Valley Academy Gym, 7405 E. Main St. Hillsboro, OR 97123



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

The Portland Campus of Walla Walla University is seeking a part-time nursing clinical instructor in pediatrics for Wednesdays, day shift. Please contact carol.healy@wallawalla.edu or phone 503-251-6115 opt. 2.

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Adventist Book Center's Fall Case Food & Book Sale is October 5 – November 2 , 2025. Sale prices are also good for all delivery locations. You can also go to www.abcflyer.com and click the **sale flyer link**.

CLOTHING DRIVE



Support Our Adventist Health Portland Clothing Closet

We're collecting new or lightly used **shoes** and new/packaged **socks** and **underwear** for our patient clothing closet. Your donation helps us care for our neighbors with love and dignity—ensuring everyone leaves feeling valued, no matter how they came.

Will you join us in serving our community? Drop off your donations at your church and help bring comfort and care to those who need it most.

Bring your new or lightly used **shoes** and new/packaged **socks** and **underwear** to your local church drop off location.

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Adventist Health Portland

10123 SW Market St
Portland, OR 97216

If you are interested in joining a peacemaking webinar, check out more info at:

<https://oregonadventist.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3206430>

OREGON CONFERENCE WOMEN'S
MINISTRIES ANNUAL RETREAT

Living a Life of Purpose

Called. What it means to be called...to anything
Inspired. What it means to be inspired by the right things
Transformed. What it means to be transformed
through a sense of wonder and awe
Propelled. What it means to live a life of purpose

Speaker: Carla Gober Park

TWIN ROCKS CONFERENCE CENTER, ROCKAWAY BEACH, OREGON
November 14 - 16, 2025

Oregon Conference Women's Retreat

Ladies, you're invited to this year's Oregon Conference Women's Retreat at Twin Rocks Conference Center, **November 14-16** in Rockaway Beach, Oregon! This year we'll be looking at what it means to Live a Life of Purpose. Featured speaker, Carla Gober Park will share what it means to be called, what it means to be inspired by the right things, and what it means to be transformed through a sense of wonder and awe. Learn more and register today at orad.us/OCWomensRetreat2025.

comfort SHAWLS

Do you knit or crochet?
Adventist Health Portland needs your
help making comfort shawls.

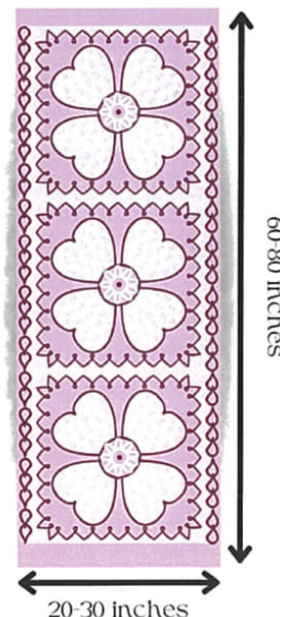
What is a comfort shawl?

A comfort shawl is a reminder of our love given to one in need of comfort and love. Comfort shawls comfort and bless those who are seriously ill, undergoing major medical treatment, in hospice, or those grieving the loss of a loved one.

How do I get involved?

You can bring comfort to these individuals by making a comfort shawl and delivering it to Adventist Health Portland's Spiritual Care Department (503) 251-6105. Use the guidelines below to make a shawl of the appropriate size. Many free patterns are available online. Beginner-friendly projects are welcome!

Get Involved! Call Spiritual Care at (503) 251-6105.



Church Organist Needed: The Stone Tower Adventist Church Music Department is seeking a volunteer church organist to play the organ during our worship service for up to two Sabbaths a month. Please contact Jeanine Goodwin at (503) 381-5577 or womensministry@stonetowersda.org for more details and if you or an organist you know would be interested.



YOUR DONATION EQUIPS OUR MINISTRY

We are collecting gently used or new copies
of these essential books:



Please bring your donated copies to PACS
[11020 NE Halsey St Portland, OR 97220](https://www.adventist.org/locations/portland)

Help us share the life-changing message of faith with our community!



How do we serve?

Portland Adventist Community Services – PACS is a vibrant faith-based Community of Service with staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners who provide food, low-cost dental care, and low-cost clothing/household items to individuals and families.

Hours: Thrift Store, Sun | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Mon – Thurs | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fri | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm / Sat | Closed

Donation Drop Sun | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Mon – Thurs | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm / Fri – Sat | Closed

Dental Clinic:

Contact the Gateway Grace Dental Clinic to schedule an appointment 503-907-6768

Volunteers:

To volunteer at PACS, contact Jaclyn Russell at (503) 252-8500 ext. 1130

Donations:

From large to small, we take them all.

Money, clothing, even big and tall,

humble egg boxes, and home goods for all

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve in a missional environment focused on giving hope to those in need through Portland Adventist Community Services, then please go to: <https://www.pacsonline.org/job>

There are three postings available.

* Development & Planning Manager

* Thrift Store Assistant Manager (Part-time)

PACS Thrift Store has many shoppers. We need Steps to Christ, Bibles, and Guides to share with them. If you have some to share, please let us know or bring them to PACS and hand them in to the office.



PACS is Hiring!

Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry and Dental Clinic. **We are hiring a Director of Quality Management and a Thrift Store Part-time Assistant Manager.** If you are interested in these positions, please visit our website ([pacsonline.org/jobs](https://www.pacsonline.org/jobs)) for job descriptions or email jobs@pacsonline.org for more information.

PACS needs truck drivers. Why?

This year, so far, our truck drivers have brought 365,670 lbs.(Jan-Mar) in donated food to feed our diverse community. That represents a huge number of people being fed. What a difference PACS drivers make! If you have a heart for people and like to drive a truck, no CDL license is needed, don't hesitate to contact Jaclyn.

Hours: 7:30-11:00-ish

Telephone: Jaclyn Russell at (503)-252-4589

Email: Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org

Sign-up: <https://www.pacsonline.org/volunteer>

Better Life Television, a non-profit Christian (Seventh-day Adventist) broadcasting ministry comprising television, internet, radio, broadcasting, and evangelism, is seeking a Speaker/Executive Director of Operations to drive performance and operational excellence for our organization. Employment preference will be given to members of the Adventist church, as permitted under the EEOC's Title VII provision. This position is based in Grants Pass, Oregon. [Learn more about this position.](#)

NW Adventist Federal Credit Union is hiring a Member Solutions Specialist. Why Join Us? We are more than a credit union. We are a ministry of service to our community. When you join our team, you'll find a workplace that is kind, supportive, and mission-driven. If you have a heart for service and enjoy meaningful, detail-oriented work, we would love to meet you. Apply today! Send your resume to staff@mynwcu.com or visit www.mynwcu.com/careers.



Are you interested in becoming a hospital spiritual care volunteer? Adventist Health Portland Spiritual Care department invites individuals of all ages to apply. Volunteers will have the opportunity to offer pre-surgery support for patients and their families, ensure patients have access to spiritual resources, and more. If you feel called to be part of our team, take the first step by filling out our application form: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/769001903>

Adventist Health Hospice is looking for compassionate volunteers to provide companionship to patients, provide a much-needed brief break for a tired caregiver, make phone calls on Thursdays to check on patient supplies, or assist with light housekeeping, errands, or pet support. Thorough training and support are provided by Adventist Health Hospice team members. If interested in learning more, contact Karen Hartmann, Bereavement/Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-251-6192 or email Hartmakl@ah.org. You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging time.

Volunteers Needed at PACS

PACS' thrift store, food pantry, and dental clinic all need volunteers. We have lots of fun and exciting jobs ranging from customer-facing cashiers and greeters to pricers and truck drivers behind the scenes. No experience or age requirements to volunteer, we're happy to train you and welcome the entire family! If you're interested, please contact our volunteer manager, Jaclyn, at Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

HOUSING NEEDED

A student is needed a room. If you have something available or know of someone that does, please contact the church office 503-252-8080.

We also have a family moving to Portland that needs a 2 or 3 bedroom, 2-bath house. Let us know if you know of one available.

Last Week's Worship Service in Photos



