



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

May 2 Communiqué



Hi Sunnyside Family,

Life is rarely as it appears from the outside. Each of us—personally and in our relationships—is moving through seasons filled with deep emotions, questions, longings, and quiet processing. These inner currents shape the quality of our lives and, over time, guide the paths we take.

Every day, something meaningful is being formed in us—something that truly matters. We are all in the process of becoming, and it is both a joy and a privilege, within our close-knit community, to witness one another's inner worlds—those places where God's presence meets what is alive in us.

This week has been a kaleidoscope of experiences: grieving with some of our friends as they enter end-of-life journeys, connecting with new friends who are hungry for a meaningful encounter with God and community, and walking through both hurt and healing, fear and hope. This is sacred ground in pastoral ministry.

I'm deeply grateful for each of you—those who stay attentive to the complexity of your own experiences, and those who trust our pastoral team to walk alongside you.

This Sabbath, as you gather in worship and fellowship, may we share not only spiritual and physical bread, but also care for one another through thoughtful attention and genuine, generous presence.

With care,

Pastor Violeta Bilan

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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 invite you to join our Young Professionals Bible study every Sabbath morning at 10:00 am, in the Tualatin room. It offers a welcoming space to dive into Scripture, ask real questions, and connect faith with the rhythms of life, relationships, and daily decisions. Come as you are and grow together in community.



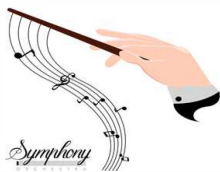
Today we will enjoy our monthly church potluck immediately after our worship service. If you didn't bring food with you today, join us anyway. We always have an abundance of food! Everyone is welcome and invited to join in eating and fellowshiping together.



Camp Meeting is coming up and our Pathfinders are in charge of selling the pronto pups as a fundraiser this year. We are in need of volunteers for the cash register and to help us in the snack shack. If you are able to help, please text Evelyn Hull, our Pathfinder leader, at 503-560-9608.



The exhilarating May/June graduating time will soon be upon us. And with it, parents and students will quickly start thinking about the 2026/27 school year. For many, the financial challenges stand as roadblocks to being able to attend a Seventh-day Adventist school. This is where the Sunnyside Student Aid Committee tries to assist. A few years ago our budget was \$50,000, however last year it was \$30,000. Some requests had to be turned away. Others had to be reduced in allocation. All of this was in a time of rising school operating costs. While donations are welcome anytime, May is a critical month for contributions because in June the committee will process assistance requests. Can you help! Mark your donation, **Sunnyside Student Aid**. Thank you!!! **Parents of students** who are requesting aid may reach out to the Sunnyside Church office, 503-252-8080, for an application to be sent to them. Application deadline this year is June 2.



May 3, at 4:00 pm, Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra will be in concert here at Sunnyside Church. The pre-concert talk with the director, Jonathan DeBruyn, will begin at 3:00 pm. Included in their repertoire is *Zampa Overture* by Ferdinand Hérold; Norfolk, *Rhapsody No. 1* by Ralph Vaughan Williams, and *Symphony No. 4* by Gustav Mahler. You may also view it via sunnysidesymphony.com, if you can't come in person. Don't miss this amazing concert!



The Oregon Sinfonietta will be here at Sunnyside Church in concert on May 17, at 3:00 pm. Their repertoire includes *Piano Concerto No. 27 in Bb, K. 595*, the Oregon Sinfonietta Concerto Competition Winner and *Stenhammer – Symphony No. 2*.

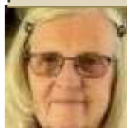


You're invited to the OAMC annual spring concert on Sabbath, May 23, at 3:30 pm, or 7:00 pm, at Sunnyside Adventist Church. The two identical concerts are free and open to the public. A freewill offering will be received. The "Psalms of Praise" repertoire is based on selections from the Book of Psalms. The concert offers a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join you to be encouraged by a message of hope and grace through uplifting music. In keeping with their mission, OAMC will be sharing about their planned mission to Brazil, assisting an evangelistic series by providing music of hope and grace in Jesus Christ. Our members who are in OAMC are Russ Davidson, Paul Dragulin, Conrad Gren, Jose Mamani, and David Schmidt. For more info: OAMCministry.org or facebook.com/oamchorus.



Please pray for the following families:

† **Anita Christensen** passed away April 25, 2026. Final plans are still being processed.



† **Bill Hohensee** passed away March 6, 2026. There will be a memorial service here at Sunnyside Church on Sunday, May 31, 2026, at 2:00 pm.



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, FaithLift, a group for ladies, meets 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 meets to study the Bible together in the Columbia Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.



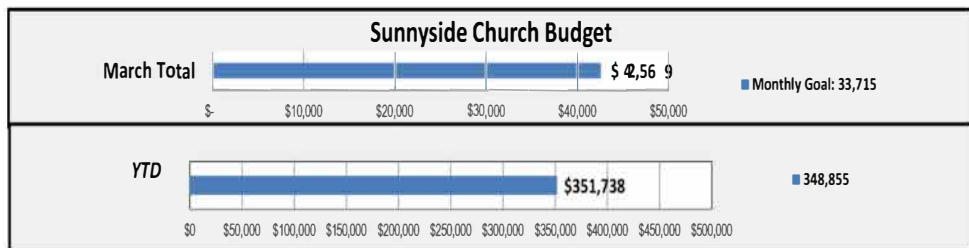
Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and online. (Go to our website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what you would like in the bulletin about the flowers.



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.



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.



Birthdays for this upcoming week.

Nikola Boscanin, Hunter Clark, Lisa Nicholson, Samuel Siminel,
Mitchell Kessler, Judith Kramer, Dekebo Yadeto, Mimi Jones, Janna Lian,
Taina Allen, Herb Hanson, Bethani King, Alan Mason, Angela Pierce, Rachel Stout,
Yodit Defar, Michelle Sanders, Alex Zapien, Stella Achayok, Donna Swanson



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Full-Time Treasurer Needed at PAES! Portland Adventist Elementary School is seeking a full-time treasurer to join our PK-8 campus. This role requires good communication, flexibility, and skills in bookkeeping/accounting (QuickBooks experience preferred; training available). Responsibilities include billing, payroll, reconciliations, A/R and A/P, 1099 filing, budgeting, and monthly/year-end closing, with occasional reports to the school board. Interested candidates can send their resume to principal@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. Requirements: Age 21+, college degree preferred, and experience teaching and/or supervising children ages 5-13. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply.



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>



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)

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.

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/>

🗣️ Our School Is Hiring – Join Our Ministry Team!

We are prayerfully seeking dedicated, Christ-centered educators to join our school family. Two full-time positions are currently open:

🎵 **Music Teacher (Full Time)** Serving students from Preschool through 8th Grade, including leading band and choir programs. We're looking for someone who loves inspiring young musicians and nurturing a joyful, skill-building music

experience.

👤 Preschool Teacher (Full Time) A caring, creative educator with a heart for early childhood learning (3 year olds) and faith-based instruction. This position requires an Early Education degree.

If you or someone you know feels called to serve in Christian education, we would love to connect. Please contact the principal, Mr. Tyman at principal@hvja.org or 503-663-4568.



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



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

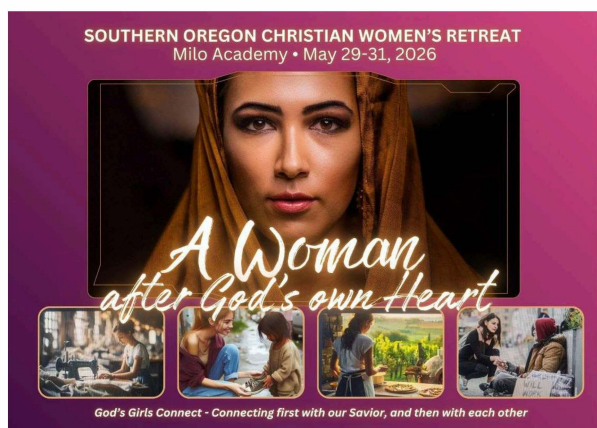


Ione Richardson, an Oregon Conference Women's Ministry assistant director, relief chaplain at Adventist Health Portland, and Bible worker in 15 Oregon Conference congregations over 46 years alongside her husband Pastor Gwynne Richardson, has passed away at 95. Her memorial service is May 31 at Walla Walla University Church, Heubach Chapel at 11 AM. Stream it at: <https://chrisdrake.stream/ione-richardson>



MOURNING A LOSS: After a years-long battle with Parkinson's, **Ed Wetterlin** passed peacefully to his rest in Jesus on Thursday morning, April 16. Ed was an active, longtime member of PVC, and of Hood View Church before that. A story-telling of his life is being planned and will be held in a few weeks (details forthcoming). Share, Josh and Kevin are grateful for the heartsongs and compassionate support of family and close friends, especially throughout the long, hard season of loving and caring for Ed during the advanced stages of PD.

Looking for Quality Childcare? Discoveryland is a faith-based, NAD-Accredited child development center that has been serving families at the Mt. Tabor SDA Church for 37 years. We currently have openings in our Infant, Toddler, and Preschool programs. At Discoveryland, children learn and grow through play, hands-on experiences, and interactive exploration in a warm, nurturing environment. We are also enrolling now for our exciting Summer Camp for ages 6–8! Schedule a tour: discoverylandpdx.org Call us: 503-209-1984 Come see why families love being part of Discoveryland!



MILO WOMEN'S RETREAT May 29-31, 2026 A Woman After God's Own Heart. JoAnn Davidson will be sharing what it means to be a Woman After God's Own Heart – flipping the script and discovering God's Heart in the Proverbs 31 woman. Not a checklist – A calling – Not Perfection – A Promise. Seeing how God often uses ordinary, even unlikely women, just like us to accomplish his purpose. To register send an email with your information to ggc.retreat@gmail.com or contact Tina at 541.530.3870 if you have questions. Post cards are located in the church lobby.

GOD'S GIRLS 1560 Westview Dr.
Roseburg, OR 97470

CONNECT



SPEAKER, Jo Ann Davidson is the Senior Research Professor of Systematic Theology at Andrews University Theological Seminary - *the first woman to teach in the Theology department.* She earned her Ph.D. in Systematic Theology. She is warm, genuine and has a special gift of sharing God's word in a way that you just can't resist.

THEME: A Woman After God's Own Heart - Flipping the Script & Discovering God's Heart in the Proverbs 31 woman. **NOT A CHECKLIST - A CALLING. NOT PERFECTION - A PROMISE.** Seeing how God often uses ordinary, even unlikely women, just like us to accomplish His purpose.

TO:

TO REGISTER EMAIL: ggc.retreat@gmail.com
Make checks payable to: Roseburg SDA Church
Mail check to: God's Girls Connect, ATTN:Tina Holland at 1560 Westview Dr. Roseburg, OR 97471

COST:

Single Occupancy \$140.00 per person
Double Occupancy \$120.00 per person
Covers room, all sessions, 4 meals and handouts
Per Session - \$30.00 - Includes 1 meal & handout
REGISTRATION OPENS AS OF MARCH
Limited space Retreat is for women 18 and older
NO REFUNDS AFTER MAY 10TH

OUTREACH 2026 : FASHION FOR COMPASSION

- **Bras and Panties for Teen Girls.**
- Sizes LARGE and SMALL .
- **NEW ONLY** Check Ross's, Walmart, Marshall's, TJ Max, Freddies, Amazon for great sales.



FRIDAY SCHEDULE:

Registration begins at 1:00 pm
Connections 3:30 pm
Dinner at 5:30 pm
Evening Meeting begins at 7:00 pm

FOOD: All meals are Vegetarian **Vegan Meals are available if requested at registration.**

IF YOU HAVE DIETARY RESTRICTIONS bring provisions. **Do not contact Milo or the Chef,** we will answer any questions you have.

BRING: Bible, Bedding, Towels, Toiletries, and a friend!
Outreach items, (New BRAS AND PANTIES for Teen Girls.
Sabbath Offering and refundable Key Deposit of \$10.00.
FOR MORE INFO: GOD'S GIRLS CONNECT webpage and FB page



Big Lake Youth Camp Summer 2026

Big Lake Youth Camp summer registration is now open! Ready to have a life-changing week of adventure? Sign up today for youth camps or family camps at Big Lake! www.biglake.org We are excited to see how God will move this summer and hope kids from your church and community will be a part of it!

Medical Volunteers Needed at Big Lake!

Big Lake Youth Camp is looking for RN's, NP's, PA's, paramedics, social workers, and counselors to volunteer at camp this summer! Spend Sunday through Friday at Big Lake helping support the health and well-being of our campers and staff so they can fully enjoy their week at camp. We especially welcome those with experience in family medicine, emergency care, or pediatrics. As a thank you for serving, a child of your choice can attend a week of camp for free! To learn more, email biglakemedical@biglake.org.

IMPACT CULTURE

THIS YEAR'S SPEAKERS

KAT ARMAS
ABUELITA FAITH

EUNICE REYES
@RATEDVFOOD

EVERETT PATTERSON
BIBLEPROJECT

BEN LUNDQUIST
RISE + LEAD PODCAST

KEVIN WILSON
@CROSSCULTUREKEV

KALEB EISELE
BRIDGES OVER WALLS

CREATORS LAB

HOLDEN CONVENTION CENTER
MAY 1-3
REGISTER NOW!

CREATORSLABPNW.INFO

Creatives! You're invited to this year's Creators Lab, May 1-3 in Gladstone, Oregon! Sponsored by the Oregon Conference, Creators Lab is a unique gathering designed to equip and inspire content creators, storytellers, and leaders to impact today's world with meaningful, faith-centered media. This year's speakers will include Kat Armas, author of *Abuelita Faith*, Everett Patterson from BibleProject, Kevin Wilson, Ben Lundquist, Kaleb Eisele, and more as they explore how faith intersects with culture, storytelling, and digital influence. Learn more at www.creatorslabpnw.info!

NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION



Alden Ho
Amazing Facts



John Lomacang
3ABN



Dick Duerksen

Central Oregon Camp Meeting

— June 25-27, 2026 —

Cascade SDA Church, 60670 Brookwood Blvd., Bend, OR 97702

Register at: leacampmeeting.com Contact: 541-223-8984

2027 Caribbean Cruise

FEB. 28 - MAR. 7, 2027

Join Bloom in Marriage hosts, Steve & Debby Keeton, and dynamic ministry duo, **Rick & Cindy Mercer**, on a 7-night Christian Marriage Retreat at Sea!

-  **Ports of Call:** Galveston, TX; Cozumel and Costa Maya, Mexico; and Roatan, Honduras.
-  **Inclusions:** Stateroom of choice, fine dining, all meals, optional marriage enrichment workshops on sea days, on-ship entertainment, and more!
-  **Stateroom Options:** Interior (\$1,775*), Ocean View (\$2,097*), Central Park Balcony (\$2,475*), or Ocean View Balcony (from \$2,697*). Price is per couple and includes taxes & port fees. *SPACE IS LIMITED!*

REGISTER BY APRIL 25 TO RECEIVE \$50 OBC!!

Ready to sign up or learn more? Visit: <https://bloominmarriage.com>



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DESTINATION HIGHLIGHT:
MISSION OPPORTUNITY & VISIT TO SLOTH SANCTUARY



ROYAL CARIBBEAN



For questions, contact:
Heather Tourville, VTA
Enchanted Valise Travel Agency
heathereenchantedvalisetravel.com
(833) 382-5475

FL Seller of Travel #075576
CA Seller of Travel #2009055-00
WA LMS #00590022
Iowa Registered Agency #1003

*Prices subject to change. Trip insurance, gratuities, air & excursions not included in price.

Set sail on an adventure by joining us for the 2027 Bloom in Marriage Cruise! A Christian marriage retreat at sea for couples of all ages, sailing roundtrip from Galveston, TX, February 28 – March 7, 2027, on the Symphony of the Seas. Hosted by the Adventist marriage ministry dynamic duo, Rick and Cindy Mercer, this relationship-enriching cruise will take you to 4 ports of call throughout the Caribbean, including Roatan, where you can participate in a mission opportunity followed by a visit to a sloth sanctuary! For more information or to register, visit <https://bloominmarriage.com>, or contact Heather Tourville at (833) 382-5473.

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

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!

Portland Adventist Community Services 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 Development & Planning Manager, Dental Clinic Coordinator, and Dental Assistant.** If you are interested in these positions, please visit our website, <https://www.pacsonline.org/careers>.

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!

We have a single, female young adult looking for housing, preferably not far from the church. If you have something available, hopefully with kitchen availability, we would love to recommend her to you. She would be willing to "share a home." Please contact the church office for more information at 503-252-8080.

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