

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, November 13, 2021



Greetings Church Family!

Special Traditions and Rituals

What are your families' special traditions or rituals that have meaning to you? Did you have a special Friday night tradition to bring in the Sabbath?

In my family we always had a meal together Friday night and then we would have family worship together. We would sing as a family with Mom playing the piano or organ and all joining in with harmony. It was such a solid tradition that our pet Gibbon Ape called Wah-Wah knew the routine as well. She would sit with her arms crossed in front of her on top of the organ leaning against the wall while the family sang. She would quietly listen in her spot as a part of the family. Then Dad or Mom would read an uplifting storybook or Bible lesson. No matter where we went, whether we were on a beach on the coast of BC or at home, that tradition was kept. If we had guests, they were automatically grafted into the family tradition. Sabbath was special and I loved Sabbath because we had so much fun as a family.



This week Pastor Mark is talking about parties, feasts, and meaningful rituals that God used in the Bible. Sometimes these things can lose their intended meaning and become just a meaningless ritual. God warned about that. However, it is fascinating that God loved to have a hands-on tradition that would help us understand Him. He liked celebrations and having fun and joy with His people. Here is a verse for one such feast in Exodus 12:14, "And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and you keep it as a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; you shall keep it a feast ordinance forever."

We are in the season for significant cultural ritual and traditions with Thanksgiving around the corner as well as Christmas. As you go through these special seasons and celebrations, find ways to make them the most meaningful. Ask God to help you bring out the best of the ritual or tradition in your family to make it a way to honor Him.

Pastor Wendy Witas

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

Welcome to Sunnyside! In compliance with state regulations, **please wear a mask over your nose and mouth the entire time you are in the building, both during Sabbath School classes and church service**, as well as maintaining physical distancing. We want to do our part in promoting a healthy situation. Again, if you feel sick or have been around anyone that has been sick, we request that you stay home and watch our services on livestream.



ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pathfinder Thanksgiving

Baskets! In the past, we have asked for non-perishable food donations. This year we are able to collaborate with Union Gospel Mission and they are helping us

with some of the basics. **Sunnyside Pathfinders would like to provide fresh fruit, vegetables, and something to make each family's Thanksgiving meal a little extra special like sparkling apple cider and whipped cream.** If you are able to help with food donations, below is the list of things we need this year. Please bring your items to the church between **November 6 and November 14**. Your support is greatly appreciated, thank you.

Apples—3-pound bags	Onions—3-pound bags
Oranges—2-3-pound bags	Butter/Margarine sticks—1 pound
Potatoes—5-pound bags	Sparkling Apple Cider
Carrots—1-2-pound bags	Whipped Cream Spray

Please pray for the following families:

Nick Manos who passed away this last Tuesday, November 9, following a Covid battle. A memorial service date has not yet been determined.

Tom and Brooke Stafford whose son, Sid, passed away Sunday, October 24. There will be a "Celebration of Sid and Janell Stafford's Lives" on Sabbath, **December 11, at 3:30 PM**, in the Stone Tower Seventh-day Adventist Church where Sid was a member. Location: 3010 NE Holladay St, Portland, Oregon.

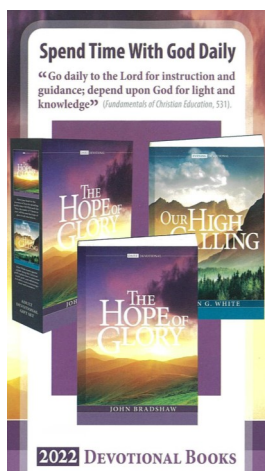
Robin Vandermolen, a friend of many, passed away September 19, 2021. He was a member of Glendale City Church in California. The Vandermolen family has invited you to commemorate his life via livestream. This will be shown here at Sunnyside Adventist Church in the fellowship hall, Sabbath, **November 20, at 2:00 PM**, or you can view it online at www.youtube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch.

There will be a Church Board meeting Wednesday, November 17, 7:00 PM, via Zoom. Board members please watch your email for your Zoom invitation. **Elders' meeting** will meet just prior beginning at **6:30 PM**. The Elders and Board meeting link will be the same.

We will be hosting Portland Adventist Academy's Senior Recognition Thursday, November 17, 7:00 PM. Congratulations to the graduating class of 2022!

Our neighbor, Cherry Park Elementary School, is in urgent need of boys' pants sizes 6-10 for their students. They also have a need for socks, underwear, and gloves for both boys and girls. A donation box is in the church foyer. We will be accepting donations through November 15. If you have any questions, please reach out to Jackee Duvall 503-309-9400.

For those of you who don't know — there is a Men's Bible Study group, that meets in person here at the church every Wednesday at 10:00 AM. All men are welcome to join us. Make it a priority to meet with us for study and fellowship.



Devotional books for 2022 are now available to be ordered. To receive your discount place your order through the church. The title of the adult devotional is "The Hope of Glory" by John Bradshaw and included in the book set is "Our High Calling" by E. G. White. [Click here](#) to view the flyer describing all the books available. Call the church office at 503-252-8080, or email info@SunnysideAdventist.org to order. Our bulk order will be placed December 2, and should be available for you to pick up from the church the following week. These books make great Christmas gifts!

The Primary children's division needs help! We are searching for teachers, schedulers/greeters, and helpers for arts and crafts. If you can help us, please contact Pastor Wendy at Wendy.Witas@SunnysideAdventist.org.

The Church Library is open! The library will be open on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of the month. Hours will be 10:45-11:15 AM, and 12:30-1:00 PM. The church library has a wide selection of books available for our members to borrow, so please stop by.

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!



Directory photos — just a reminder. We have a photo directory, but we are missing many photos or several need to be updated. Please help us know who you are by picture. Send a snapshot or professional picture and we will upload it for you to the directory. Thank you.

Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and [online](#). Thank you to those of you who have signed up — we have several dates still available. Take a minute to choose a date and let us know when you would like to share flowers with your church family. (Go to our website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org, click on "Our Ministries.") As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what you would like in the bulletin about the flowers.



If you are in need of financial help for rent, utilities, or other needs, the Family Resource Network stands by to help. Or if you know of a fellow church member that may need help and is hesitant to ask, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.

LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



Today: Annette Byrd, Sam Inaba; **Monday:** Wanda Krein; **Tuesday:** Richard Smith; **Wednesday:** Sonya Thompson; **Thursday:** Stan Ochs; **Friday:** Brian Clayville, Gwen Gingrich, Brent Plubell

ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School
<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Academy
<https://paasda.org/>

PAA ACADEMY DAY - NOVEMBER 17

Portland Adventist Academy is excited to welcome all 8th grade students to our campus on Wednesday, November 17, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM! We have planned a fun day — just for 8th-graders — where 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.

If you're an Amazon shopper, you can add Portland Adventist Academy as your [AmazonSmile](#) charitable organization. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to PAA. You can feel good knowing that you're helping our students receive a Christ-centered and character-driven education! Create your account at www.smile.amazon.com. Search charitable organizations for Portland Adventist Academy. Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

Adventist Health Portland will be presenting their 12th annual **Celebration of Thanksgiving concert** featuring the band Selah on November 20, 6:30 PM, at the Highland Christian Center. There are limited tickets available and they are reserved specifically for medical professionals in recognition of their hard work during these recent times. You may pick up tickets at Adventist Health Portland.



PACS UPDATE

Portland Adventist Community Services has been celebrating PACS Week this last week by posting behind-the-scenes videos and pictures on their social media that show what's been going on at PACS this year!

PACS Thrift Store is OPEN - we have temporary hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM-5:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM. Our donation drop-off center is open and we value your donations but due to a high volume of donations please call ahead to see if we are accepting, 503-252-8500. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220.

PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:

www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthirstore

Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

Housing Needed:

A nursing student is in need of a room beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving. The program is seven months long and would prefer an apartment or studio. If you can help out or know of someone that can, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080.

Last Week's Worship Service in Photos

