

Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

January 10 Communiqué



Hi Sunnyside Church!

The first week of the year has arrived, and our students are back to their regular school routines.

Life has returned to its pre-holiday patterns. These steady rhythms can be our friends or our quiet adversaries: they can work slowly and surely toward our well-being, or just as subtly against it. This is why the beginning of a new year feels so appealing for making resolutions—whether spiritual, physical, emotional, relational, or financial. As we step into reflection and commit to practical next steps, it's deeply helpful to remember that God is on our side. He is intentionally working on our behalf, making all the resources of heaven available to us. This is true not only in a spiritual sense, but also through His providence and down-to-earth wisdom for every area of our lives.

It is exciting to witness how His transformative and empowering presence begins to penetrate more and more compartments of our lives as we allow Him in. And as we face the inevitable challenges of life, we can always count on His unconditional love and faithful presence.

I am grateful to those of you who know this reality through lived experience, and I'm thankful for your commitment to walk alongside others who are journeying toward wholeness with compassion and grace.

Looking ahead, I'm excited for the resumption of choir rehearsals on January 15, the Cake and Pie Contest at the end of January, and I want to bring to your attention our annual International Sabbath and Food Fest on February 28—so you have plenty of time to experiment with new costumes and recipes!

My prayers are with those whose hearts are grieving and those whose bodies and spirits are healing.

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.



Please pray for the following families:

† **Wesley Hamlin** passed away December 6, 2025. A memorial service is not being planned.

† **Lou Wildman** passed away on December 21, 2025. A Celebration of Life service is being planned and will be announced soon.



† **Pam Bullock** passed away November 24, 2025. A memorial service is planned here at Sunnyside Church on January 25, at 1:00 pm.



Partial Nominating Committee Report – First Reading:
Worship Team Members: Terrill Allen, Carl Buchanan



The Bible Reading class is beginning again on Tuesdays at 4:20 pm, in the Bridal Room. They will be reading from the “Ancient Standard Version.” All are welcome. This group is led by Conrad Gren.



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.



A tradition returns! Sunnyside Bake Off (formerly known as *Let Them Eat Cake*) will take place Saturday night, January 17, at 6:00 pm, here in the Fellowship Hall. This is designed for the men to bake either a cake or pie, and bring it for judging and prizes! Men, be creative! Then we will auction them off with proceeds targeted for the orphanage in Zimbabwe, and Sunnyside's production projects.



On Sunday, January 18, at 3:00 pm, the Oregon Sinfonietta with Dr. Donald Appert, Music Director/Conductor, will be here at Sunnyside Church in concert. Their repertoire includes Tchaikovsky's *Romeo and Juliet Overture*; Ponchielli's *Capriccio for Oboe and Orchestra*, and Vaughan Williams's, *Symphony No. 3 "Pastoral"* with Linda Appert as soprano soloist. Plan to attend this outstanding concert.



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.

Business Meeting

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, there will be a church business meeting and Elders' meeting. The Elders' meeting will begin at 6:00 pm, with the business meeting immediately following at 7:00 pm. Both of these meetings will meet in-person in the Sandy Room. Our business meeting agenda will be as follows: Devotional and Prayer, Minutes Review, Membership, Finance Report, Visioning, and Pastors' Reports.

[ELDERS MEETING](#)



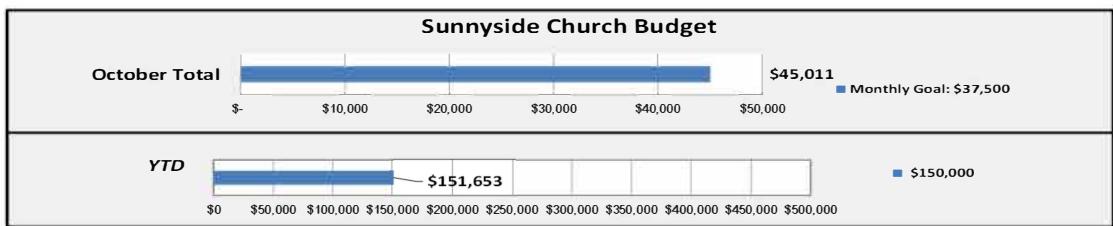
Michael Campbell, Ph.D., director of the North American Division department of Archives, Statistics, and Research, will be joining us on January 23 and 24. We are planning to gather Friday evening, and Sabbath morning enjoy a General Sabbath School class. He will be speaking for our worship service, and then we'll get together Sabbath afternoon for a question and answer time. Save this date; there'll be more information provided as the dates get closer.

MISSIONS

Thailand Mission Trip, March 10-31, 2026. For more information contact Ray Betz at 503-756-3667 (text or call) or via email at betzrm@comcast.net – be sure to include "Thailand Mission Trip" in the subject line.



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.

Robert Byrd, Patrick Iyamurem, Sandra Reynolds, Caleb J. Siaw, Patricia Steinmetz, Ashley Heick, Karl Helton, Donna Hull, Ryan Tapu, Seblu Sana, Kristin Buroker, John Choppala, Pauline Davis, Michal Overland, Kort Petersen



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.

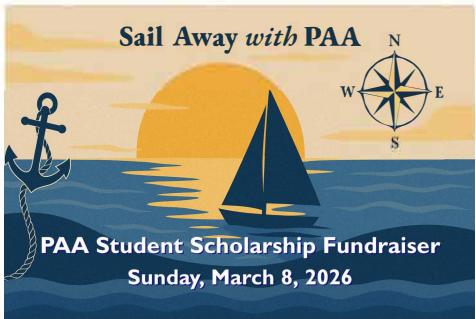


Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

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.



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/>



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



LAUNCH SUMMIT | young adult weekend of spiritual renewal at Big Lake Youth Camp

January 23-25, 2026

Launch is an intentional weekend of spiritual renewal for young adults happening this January 23-25 at Big Lake Youth Camp. Launch is more than a gathering – it's an ignition point. A space where worship lifts your spirit, community strengthens your heart, and incredible food and chai brings everyone together like family. This weekend is designed to awaken what God has already placed inside you and propel you into your next season with clarity, courage, and conviction. Join us to worship with leaders from Walla Walla University and hear messages from Alex Bryan, Randy Ban (Nike – Jordan Brand), and others. Come ready to connect and launch into the purpose God has marked on your life. Learn more and register at <https://orad.us/YAlaunchsummit2026>.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR TAKE HEART'S



Valentine's LUNCHEON

For Widows and Women Alone

AT THE
Roseburg SDA Church

Better Living Center

1109 NW Garden Valley Blvd. Roseburg, OR

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8TH AT 11:00 AM - \$25.00

- A program designed especially for you!
- Catered Lunch
- Music
- Prizes & Resources

Heart to Heart



Register at orad.us/TakeHeartLunch2025

Questions? Contact Tawny Sportsman at
541-401-2521 or at Tawny.Sportsman@OregonAdventist.org

If you're a woman who is widowed, divorced, single, lonely, hurting or willing to come support those of us who are, please join us for our annual Valentine Luncheon ("HEART TO HEART") Sunday, February 8th at 11:00 AM, hosted by Take Heart Ministry. In addition to a catered lunch and wonderful music, there will be a *program designed just for you*. We are meeting at Roseburg Adventist Church in their Better Living Center. You may want to check and see if anyone else in your area is coming and carpool. We hope you'll plan on being there and bringing a friend. Register online by using the QR Code on the postcards or orad.us/TakeHeartLunch2025. If you don't do online registration, call or email Tawny Sportsman at 541-401-2521 or Tawny.Sportsman@oregonadventist.org. Mail your \$25.00 check to Tawny Sportsman at 4913 Mimosa Circle, Sweet Home, OR 97386.

Register by February 1st and your name will be entered in a special drawing! Questions? Give Tawny a call at 541-401-2521 or email her at Tawny.Sportsman@oregonadventist.org.



PACS UPDATE

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

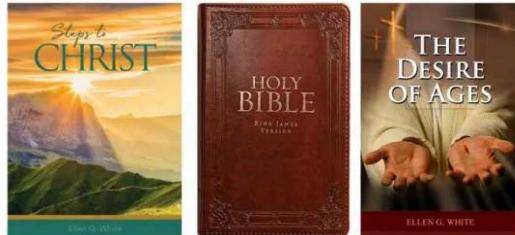
Donation Drop Sun | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

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

Dental Clinic:

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!



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.volistics.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.

Last Week's Service in Pictures





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