

January 11, Communiqué

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Hello Sunnyside,

I was sent a video by a friend this week that contained the line, “Sometimes you need to take the zero, and move on.” While the context of the video was humor, it came on a Monday that was as “Monday” as a Monday can get. It was a reminder that some days don’t go as planned and, as Jesus tells His disciples, we need to just dust off our sandals and move on (Matt. 10:14).

That may seem like a discouraging way to start a communiqué, but for me, as we get back in the swing of things and catch up on all that needs to be done, it’s a note of solidarity for those of us who don’t have things that go our way. It reminds us that God has grace for us, and we need to have some grace for ourselves.

It was good to enjoy a meal with the Faithlift Bible study on Wednesday, as well as welcome a newcomer who joined our men’s Bible study. I also enjoyed connecting with our music committee and having some excellent conversations about some of our upcoming programming.

On that note, I am planning to conduct a short seminar to test some material out for a larger training on how to avoid propaganda and scams. Many in our community have been the subject of scams and this practical training will take place at our Tea with the Senior Pastor on January 30th. The hope is to develop a curriculum, perhaps even a certification, that can equip anyone to navigate the communication landscape in a way that avoids traps laid that steal our resources and identity. Watch the bulletin for more details!

Friday, I was privileged, along with Dave Allen, to share some words at Lloyd Westcott’s graveside service (we will have the memorial service in February). Please continue to lift the Westcotts up in prayer.

Sabbath I will continue our mini-series exploring stewardship with a sermon called “Shrewd.” This sermon looks at what some bible scholars believe to be the most challenging passage of Jesus’ teaching to explain. I hope you’ll join us!

The Pastors’ Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Rose

I’m here in Florida with Jackee, Evelyn, and Paul at the annual Children’s Pastor’s Conference (after a quick layover change in DC to dodge Monday’s snowstorm). It’s been an incredible experience so far—worship services centered on the life of Moses, and the workshops have been both diverse and insightful. With over 170 sessions to choose from over the three days, there’s been so much to absorb. The great news is we’ll be receiving recordings of all the sessions, so we can catch up on the ones most relevant to us. See you on Sabbath!

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

The first week back in full ministry flow has been a blessing! I am deeply grateful to everyone who has stepped up in preparation for our International Sabbath and other upcoming events. God continues to bless Sunnyside with a growing membership and an abundance of gifted individuals who enrich the quality of our communal life. Thank you for bringing your passion, energy, and love to our shared mission.

As part of these preparations—and with the potential to create something long-lasting and beautiful—we are forming a praise choir to unite us in worship and enhance our praise. If you'd like to join, please sign up with Gloriel to receive the song list and details about a few practices we'll hold before February 8

May this upcoming season at Sunnyside be filled with joy and meaning for you.

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.

The people of Sunnyside are mission-minded people who lead the many ministries of Sunnyside. They respond to the call of the church to serve. The selection of leaders is a process yes—but here it's accomplished carefully, democratically, and efficiently. **The process begins again today.** Members will be given a ballot on which they may nominate one member of the church to serve on the Committee to Select the Nominating Committee (otherwise known as the Selection Committee). Ballots will be collected along with the offering, which goes for Religious Liberty this week. The Selection Committee for 2025 will be elected on January 18 with a report to be included in the January 25 bulletin.

Ministries

Business Meeting

Pursuant to the Administrative Policy of the Sunnyside Church official notice is hereby given of a **Church Business Meeting** Wednesday January 22, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda is as follows: Devotional and Prayer, Minutes, Membership Review, Finance/Budget Updates, and Pastors' reports.

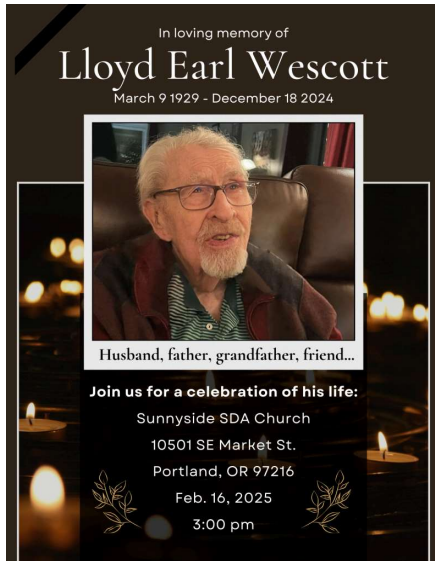
Elders will meet just prior to the Business Meeting at 6:15 pm in the Willamette Room.

ELDERS MEETING

Please pray for the following families:



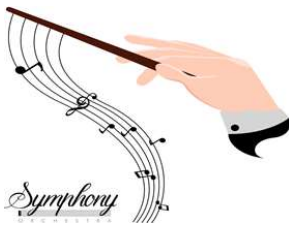
Betty (Jane Affeldt Wagner) Farley passed away on October 28, 2024. Her family invites you to attend a memorial service here at Sunnyside Church, on Sunday, January 12, at 11:00 am, as we honor her love and legacy. There will be a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.



Stan Wallace passed away January 2, 2025. A memorial service is in the process of being planned.



Landon Holcombe (brother of Delton Holcombe and Pamela White) passed away on December 28, 2024. A memorial service will be held on January 11, 2:30 pm, at Adventist Community Church, 9711 NE St Johns Road, Vancouver Wash. All are welcome.



The Oregon Sinfonietta, under the direction of Donald Appert, will be in concert here at Sunnyside Church on Sunday, January 19, at 3:00 pm. They will be performing "Overture to Don Giovanni" by Mozart, "Concerto for Flute in D major, op. 283" by Reinecke, and "Symphony No. 2 in D major, op. 36" by Beethoven. You will not want to miss this concert!

You are invited to a Senior Tea with the Senior Pastor on Thursday, January 30, at 1:30 pm. This is our opportunity for seniors to visit with Pastor Seth and get to know him. (FYI: this is for women and men.) Feel free to invite your friends, too. We will serve light refreshments. Hope you can join us in the fireside room.





This year our International Sabbath will be on February 8. If you would like to participate in the flag processional, please contact Jan Clayton, 360-798-7477. International Sabbath is a time we celebrate our diversified congregation with a flag processional.



Mission to Palawan Island, Philippines

March 19 – April 2, 2025

We invite you to partner with Sunnyside to reach the people of Palawan Island with the love of Jesus. We are working closely with the Palawan SDA Mission to hold reaping evangelism services across the island as well as help with a medical clinic providing necessary care to the people.

Palawan is the westernmost island of the Philippines, the largest by area, and a sought-after natural wonder. The island is home to 87 different cultural groups. About three-fourths of the population is Roman Catholic, 10% is Muslim, and 3.4% are Seventh-day Adventist. The major languages are English, Tagalog, and Ilonggo, alongside the native languages of Cuyonon and Palawanon.



In the summer of 2023, Executive Secretary of the Palawan SDA Mission Pastor Eliezer Barrientos visited Sunnyside Church by invitation of the Oregon and Washington Adventist Filipino Fellowship (OWAFF). That Sabbath afternoon he shared with us his vision to hold multiple evangelism series across the island of Palawan, all at the same time! We provide the evangelists for 11 different preaching sites going for eight nights, followed by a mass gathering on Sabbath, March 29, and baptism.

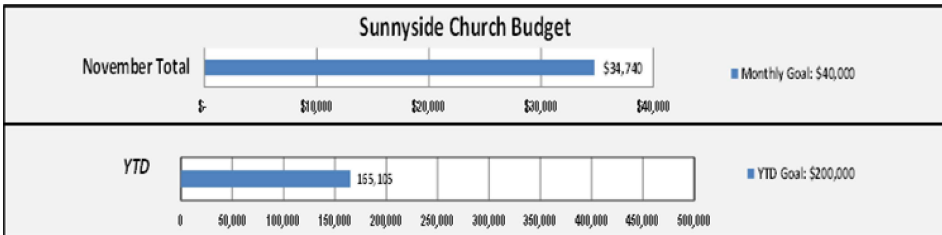
Also, we will participate in a comprehensive medical clinic, providing checkups, medicines, vision and dental care, health lectures, and spiritual counseling. The organization of the clinic will be under the leadership of the Health Director of Palawan Mission. Licenses will not be required from us since we will be working alongside their health professionals.

Please consider participating in this mission project with your prayers, support, and hopefully participation! We need preachers and medical volunteers. The cost per participant is \$3,000. This includes airfare, board, and expenses of the medical clinic, Bible workers, etc. With God's help, this will be a bigger success than anyone can imagine. Also, we will of course spend a day or two exploring God's beautiful creation on Palawan Island! Contact Paul Dragulin (pauldragulin@yahoo.com) to get involved. Donations to the Palawan Mission Project (F490) will help tremendously, too.

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! We have received nearly 400 labels! 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.



Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us with video and audio. 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!



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 to the directory for you. Thank you.

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 for 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.



Sunday: Caleb Siaw; **Monday:** Karl Helton, Donna Hull, Ryan Tapu; **Wednesday:** Seblu Sana; **Thursday:** Kristin Buroker, Pauline Davis, Michal Overland, Kort Petersen; **Friday:** Marilyn Drake, Mark Hull, Shirley Schoepflin

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Accountant Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is looking for a part-time accountant (about 10 hours a month) who will do month-end closing, reconciliation, and reports. CPA is preferred, but not required if the level of experience would suffice. Please reach out to principal@paes.com and treasurer@paes.com to apply.

Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. If you are interested, 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.

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/>



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 (**ONE STEP AT A TIME**), Sunday, February 9th at 1:00 pm, hosted by Take Heart Ministries. In addition to a lovely catered lunch there will be a *program designed just for you*. We are meeting at Gladstone Church located at 8378 Cason Road in Gladstone. Check-in begins at 12:30 pm. To register (or for more information), contact Tawny Sportsman at 541.401.2521. **If you register by January 15th mail your \$20.00 check** to Tawny Sportsman at 4913 Mimosa Circle, Sweet Home, OR 97386. **If you register after January 15th, mail your \$25.00 check** to Tawny at 4913 Mimosa Circle, Sweet Home, OR 97386.



Deep Dive – Christ Our Righteous Seminars

Would you like to be spiritually renewed and equipped to share the good news of Christ our righteousness? Then this Deep Dive is for you. You are invited to Gladstone Park for our seminars *Deep Dive – Christ our Righteousness* on January 23 to 25.

- Thursday the 23rd at 7:00 p.m. will be called: *God to the Rescue!*
- Friday the 24th at 7:00 p.m. will be called: *2nd Picture People?*
- Sabbath the 25th at 11:00 a.m. will be called: *Snake on a Stick?*
- Sabbath the 25th at 2:00 p.m. will be called: *Climbing Jacob's Ladder?*

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God. 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

These seminars will be presented by Pastor George Gainer who was the pastor of the Pleasant Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church for more than 20 years. Join us at the Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church at 8378 Cason Road in Gladstone. Questions call us at 503-655-2614.



Join us for Caring for Our Minds, a FREE community event focused on mental wellness for families, teens, and individuals of all ages, February 8 from 3:00-5:00 PM, at Meadow Glade Adventist Church. Explore practical strategies for managing stress, improving brain health, and reclaiming balance in today's fast-paced, tech-driven world. There will be special resources, giveaways and raffles throughout the event, light refreshments in the fellowship hall following the guest presentations, and \$5 coffee gift cards for every teen who attends the entire program! Featured guests will include Dr. Sarah Winslow, Dr. Andrea Matsumura, Pastor Benjamin Lundquist, and Chuck Hagele. Learn practical strategies to improve mental health for yourself and your family. Gain insights into brain health, sleep, leadership, and overcoming technology addiction, and engage in exclusive teen sessions designed to tackle real-life challenges like anxiety, depression, and focus issues. This event is free and open to the public. Invite your friend & family, and join us for this inspiring event designed to equip our community with tools for better mental health! Learn more and register at <https://orad.us/Caring4OurMinds2025>.

Join our small group leadership training course this winter to learn how you can lead a small group in your community! Everyone is welcome Saturdays at 2:30 PM at Stone Tower Adventist Church. We will meet in the fellowship hall and our presenter will be David Kokiong. David is a former introvert whose life was transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit. Struggling with shyness, he boldly asked for God's help to overcome it—and he was forever changed. During his seminary years, David stepped out of his comfort zone by requesting small group leadership as his practicum. With guidance from the Small Groups Pastor at Pioneer Memorial Church, he successfully launched and led four diverse small groups: iYouth, which focused on Friday Vespers for the local Indonesian community; The Closer Christian Fellowship, designed to reach non-Christians at Lake Michigan College; Insights into Islam, aimed at training people to work with Muslims; and Overcoming Shyness, a group dedicated to helping



Small Group Leadership Training

Who: Anyone wanting to learn

When: Saturdays @ 2:30 PM

**5 Sessions: Jan. 18 & 25
Feb. 1, 8 & 15**

Where: Stone Tower SDA Church
3010 NE Holladay St
Portland, OR 97232-2436
(Meet in the Fellowship Hall)

RSVP by Jan. 15, 2025
secretary@stonetowersda.org

people step out of their comfort zones. David is passionate about empowering others to lead and grow effective small groups. He'll be sharing his insights in a series of five sessions on Sabbath afternoons at 2:30 PM, from January 18 to February 15. RSVP by January 15 at secretary@stonetowersda.org



Gladstone Camp Meeting needs your help to happen in 2025! Camp meeting is important to our Oregon Conference family and we plan to keep hosting it for years to come. For 2025 we need your help to make Gladstone Camp Meeting happen while the Oregon Conference gets back to a good financial footing. The goal is to raise \$450,000 by March 31, 2025. Give online at <https://orad.us/ORGiving> or write "Gladstone Camp Meeting" on your tithe envelope. Learn more at OregonAdventist.org.

Join us for the Bloom in Marriage Cruise! A Christian marriage retreat at sea for couples of all ages, sailing roundtrip from Boston, October 17-24, 2025, on the Norwegian Gem. Hosted by Adventist marriage ministry leaders Rick and Cindy Mercer, this relationship-enriching cruise will take you to 6 ports of call throughout New England during the best month for fall colors. For more information and to register, visit www.bloominmarriage.com, or contact Heather Tourville at 503-329-6523.



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 in



Pentecost 2025 is a massive mobilization of Seventh-day Adventist churches in North America:

1. To pray for the Holy Spirit's outpouring and power (starting now in 2024)

2. To proclaim the Gospel with the Holy Spirit's power (in 2025).

We have been looking for revival in our church for a long time. This is our opportunity to seek it together and make it happen. As Ellen White wrote so eloquently, "revival need be expected only in answer to prayer."

In connection with Pentecost 2025, the NPUC is inviting everyone to pray both privately and corporately for the Holy Spirit during the month of October 2024. Here is a link with all the information you need to participate:

<https://nwadventists.com/news/2024/09/pentecost-2025-call-prayer>

Just as a reminder, the Oregon Conference prayer ministries continue to hold ZOOM prayer meetings every third Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Everyone in the Oregon conference is invited to be part of this! We will be continuing this during the month of October. We are praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. <https://orad.us/OCPrayerMeeting>



Oregon Prayer Conference, March 21-23, 2025, at Twin Rocks Conference Center, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. Click on the QR code for more information.

<https://www.oregonadventist.org/ministries/prayer-ministries>



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. **What We Did in 2023:** 569 Total Volunteers, 32,686 Volunteer Hours Given, 2.1 Million Pounds of Food Distributed. That's what the copper for 28 Statues of Liberty would weigh! 310,000 Clients Helped.

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.

* Director of Quality Management

* Assistant Thrift Store Manager

* Home Thrift Store – Part-time Pricer

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.



Northwest Adventist Federal Credit Union – Join Our Team as a Teller/Member Service Representative!

Are you someone who loves to help others and bring a smile to their face? Do you thrive in a fast-paced environment where no two days are the same? If so, we'd love to meet you! If you're ready to bring your passion for service to a place where it truly matters, email communication@mynwcu.com today! We can't wait to welcome you to the NWAFCU family.

Accountant Needed at PAES

PAES is looking for a part-time accountant (about 10 hours a month) who will do month-end closing, reconciliation, and reports.

CPA preferred, but not required if the level of experience would suffice. Please reach out to principal@paes.com to apply.

Hood View Adventist School is hiring for next school year!

Teacher's Aides – Up to 30 hours a week, depending on need and your availability. Multiple positions available.

Art Teacher – Approximately 12 hours/week teaching art classes to students at all grade levels.

Foreign Language Teacher – Any language (including sign language) to teach 2 hours/2 days per week.

Guest Teachers/Substitutes (On-Call) – Provide instruction in a classroom when the teacher must be absent. From 3.5 hours to 7 hours per assignment (willingness and flexibility to accept jobs both in advance and last minute is helpful).

Piano Teacher/Choir Accompanist – 2 hours/2 days per week to accompany the Intermediate and Advanced Choirs. Studio space is also available for a piano teacher who wishes to teach private lessons.

All part-time positions, with the exception of on-call positions, begin one week prior to the start of the school year and finish one week after the school year concludes. The positions require individuals who can keep confidentiality, have basic computer skills including working knowledge of office machines, computer software e.g. MS Office and Adobe products, and a cleared background check with the Oregon Conference of SDA. For all positions wages and benefits are based on the denominational wage scale and policy. Must have the legal right to work in the United States and be able to provide evidence of that right if employed. If interested, please email your resume and cover letter with three references to principal@hvja.org.

Job Opening: Adventist Book Center – Part-Time Customer Service. For full details, download the job description and application at oregonadventist.org/support/human-resources#job-opportunities.

PACS is Hiring!

Pricer in the PACS Home Goods Store – part-time

Admin-Director of Quality Management – full time

If interested or for more details go to jobs@pacsonline.org.

Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Dental Clinic.

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 (BLBN) is a network of more than 15 stations and translators serving over 60,000 square miles throughout southern Oregon, with satellite stations in northern California and Reno, Nevada. Better Life is currently seeking a broadcast engineer. The broadcast engineer position is responsible for assisting the executive director in maintaining, operating, and developing the technical systems that enable BLBN to fulfill its mission. This position is a full-time, regular-status position. Learn more about this position and how to apply at <https://bit.ly/BLTVjob>.



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.

Last Week's Worship Service in Pictures





Last Week's WWU Bread Night In Pictures





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