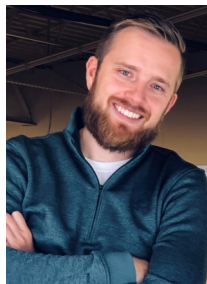


# *Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué*

## *News & Announcements*

*January 13, 2024*



### ***Hello Church Family!***

I pray that you are well and staying warm and dry this week. The last week was a full one with a lot of ups and downs but it was one that I will remember for a long time.

Last Friday was the memorial service for Harold Burden a long-time Sunnyside member. As I got to know his family and hear

more of his story from friends and family, Harold was a man who had a very close relationship with God. Jesus was very important to him and it was seen in the lives of all those that God blessed through Harold. The memorial service was a blessing and to all those who took time out of their schedule to come and remember Harold as we said thank you!

This week we had pastoral meetings in the "Together as One" summit which brought together all pastors and teachers in the conference. It was the first time that pastors Seth, Violeta, Kevin, and myself were able to be together and it was truly a blessing. Pastor Kevin was even able to partake in a Sunnyside worship gathering, teach Sabbath School, and fellowship over potluck. We are so excited and blessed that he will be joining Sunnyside. Let us all pray for his drive out from Michigan and do our best to help him and his wife get settled into PNW living!

Finally, it looks like it will be a cold, and potentially snowy weekend! I am writing this post on Wednesday looking at the forecast and hearing from someone that we may get 15 inches of snow. Is that even possible here in Oregon? If we do get 15 inches of snow and it is 15 degrees and you need help please do not hesitate to ask us and we can do all we can to help you!

This week I have been challenged by the highs and lows of life and trying to maintain a steady space with Christ. It seems as though when we are high and when we are low our go to is never to see where Jesus is in these moments. The most promised promise in the Bible is that God is with us. So this week as we go about the highs, lows, and plain boring aspects of life instead of asking God "Why?" let us re-shift our focus to "where?". Where is God in our day?

Love you church family!

***Pastor Billy Hungate***

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### ***The Pastors' Spotlight***

#### ***From the desk of Pastor Seth***

Hello church family,

This has been a hectic week with pastors' meetings, but it was an enriching time of fellowship and new resources. I also began teaching for WWU this week (on Mondays) and

had a class of 30 bright students. We had some wonderful interactions as we explored the subject "Weird Tales of the Bible." The class looks at how to interpret some of the stranger (and at times upsetting) biblical narratives. It is not only fun to be in a classroom, but to have the chance to personally invite students to Bread Night, which was a great experience this week as well! It was also nice to have Pastor Kevin here this weekend and connecting with students at Bread Night.

Speaking of Pastor Kevin, we had a wonderful youth/young adult meeting on Sabbath afternoon exploring ministry possibilities. We are eager to welcome Kevin and Elynn Wilson on January 27 to begin their ministry with us!

Next week we have a business/board meeting on January 17. This is another time to discuss church plans and mission. Thank you to all who help keep our church going with its many ministries and opportunities for connection!

Don't forget that on January 25, at 2:00 PM, we will have our second "Senior Tea with the Senior Pastor." I hope to see another good group there as we fellowship and talk about church life and mission as it was a huge blessing to me last time!

On a personal note, I had a meeting with a major academic publisher this week to propose a book project. Please lift that up in prayer as I process the proposal and work out how the potential writing process could open doors for some unique classes and content here at Sunnyside.

Cheers!

#### ***From the desk of Pastor Violeta***

This Sunday, our pastoral team had a productive meeting with Allan Mason, the Sunnyside website master, as we advance the refinement of Sunnyside Welcome practices. We hope our media resources will help connect new and existing members of Sunnyside and better integrate them into the life of our community. We are excited about continuing the initiatives that the communication team started years ago in the pre-COVID era.

Together as One, a conference-wide gathering of pastors and educators, was a blessing. Benjamin Lindquist shared a valuable resource with us that I wish to pass along. Rooted in Mike Foster's exploration of the Seven Primal Questions, this resource offers keen insights into the hidden forces shaping our lives and influencing our relational dynamics. I encourage you and your loved ones to take the free assessment test and discover your primal question [here](#). Our pastoral team would be honored to learn which question resonates with you if you'd feel comfortable to share.

Additionally, it was a delight to take part in the

Facility committee meeting held this Tuesday. I am grateful for your intentional, generous, and faithful ministry to our congregation.

FaithLift and Men's Bible Study Group fellowship and potluck were enjoyable. Thank you for consistently creating a safe space for us to grow in love for God and each other.

International Sabbath planning team meeting. Please mark your calendar for February 24 and be ready to celebrate our church's multicultural diversity during the service and the International Food Festival.

Stay safe and enjoy the day of rest,

## 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 before your leave. **We**

**extend a special welcome to Belle Cantori** as they provide music for our worship service today. Belle Cantori is under the direction of Martha Natiuk and accompanist, Donna Hesgard. Belle Cantori is a Christian group of women whose uppermost mission is to bless congregations through music which uplifts our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. They come from all walks of life and corners of Clark County, Washington, to rehearse each week for preparation to sing once a month at area churches. We pray you will be blessed with their music today.

**Selection Committee for 2024.** Today a ballot has been included in your bulletin. On that ballot, you will find the names of persons nominated by the church membership last Sabbath to serve on the Selection Committee. Please circle eleven names. The eleven persons with the most votes will serve on the Selection Committee this year. You may place your completed ballot in the offering plate or hand it to one of the deacons/elders at the door as you leave. The Selection Committee will then be announced on January 20.

*Ministries*



### Partial Nominating Committee Report

First Reading:

Ann Westermeyer, Worship Coordinator

**The Adventures Around the World continue this Sabbath afternoon at 5:00 PM!** We'll have a short stay in South Korea with Don and Wanda Krein, followed by deep explorations of Fiji and India, with Bob and Saras Boyd. Dear Adventurers, prepare for departure! See you at the starting line, on the "sunny" side!"



### Business Meeting

Pursuant to the Administrative Policy of the Sunnyside Church official notice is hereby given of a **Church Business Meeting** Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the fellowship hall. The agenda is as follows:

Devotional/Prayer, Minutes, Membership Transfers, Finance/Budget Review, and Visioning/Accomplishments.

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



**Gwen Gingrich** passed away December 30. A memorial service is being planned for her on Sabbath, January 27, at 3:30 PM, here at Sunnyside Church. In lieu of flowers, she would like donations to be sent to International Children's Care.



**The class on the book of Genesis meets on Tuesdays at 4:00 PM, with Conrad Gren.** They will be studying Genesis using the *Ancient Standard Version*, the latest

version available.

**On January 20 at 4:00 PM, here at Sunnyside Church, ReviveUs will present a vespers.** This is a wonderful group of singers and you won't want to miss this special time together on a Sabbath afternoon.



**The Oregon Sinfonietta** will present an orchestra concert here at Sunnyside Church on **January 21, at 3:00 PM.** The church is usually packed for this special group. Come early to secure your seat

**Save the date for Senior Tea: January 25, 2:00 PM,** in the fellowship hall!



**International Sabbath will be on February 24.** If you would be interested in representing a country and carrying a flag during our worship service that day, please contact Jan Clayton or Pastor Violeta Bilan. **The International Food Festival will be that evening beginning at 6:00 PM.**

**Changes for entry and exit of the back parking lot are happening!** In order to have better security the hospital is strengthening its security at the entry of the back parking lot.

Very soon they will have drop bars and spikes placed in the road where entry is allowed only with a badge and exit is restricted. You may continue parking in the back lot for our services but you must enter and exit through our Market Street access. Please save yourself time and avoid trying to enter through the back parking lot. Thank you for your attention to these details.



**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 that 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.



**The Church Library is open!** The library will be open on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of the month. Hours are 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](mailto: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 let us know who you are by picture. Send a snapshot or professional picture and we will upload it for you to the directory.

**During these difficult times,** 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](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org).



**There is a need for any and all things baby:** clothes and furniture. If you can help contact Marie Pierre 503-998-3754.



**Today:** Ashley Heick, Karl Helton, Donna Hull, Ryan Tapu;  
**Tuesday:** Pauline Davis, Michal Overland, Kort Petersen;  
**Wednesday:** Marilyn Drake, Mark Hull, Shirley Schoepflin;  
**Thursday:** Aaron Busi, John Kirkpatrick, **Friday:** Judith Fouts

## ADVENTIST EDUCATION



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



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

**Attention Portland Adventist Academy alumni: PAA/PUA Alumni Reunion Weekend is May 3-5, 2024 at PAA.** Honor classes include: '49 (75-year class), '54, '64, '74 (50-year class), '84, '94, '99 (25-year class), '04, '14, '19 (5-year class). More details of Friday evening and Sabbath events at [www.paasda.org/alumni](http://www.paasda.org/alumni)

## 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>



**Walla Walla University**  
[wallawalla.edu](http://wallawalla.edu)

Visit: [jobs.wallawalla.edu](http://jobs.wallawalla.edu).

## AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Marriage Workshop:** There are still cabins available for the Bloom in Marriage Cruise, a Christian marriage seminar at sea for couples of all ages, taking place May 13-20, 2024. Join

Adventist marriage ministry leaders Rick and Cindy Mercer on a relationship-enriching Alaskan cruise, sailing roundtrip from Seattle on the Quantum of the Seas. For more information and to register, go to [bloominmarriage.com](http://bloominmarriage.com).



## PACS UPDATE

**PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru** is OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM with an after-work option once a month from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM every first Thursday of the month. If you or someone you know needs food, please tell them about us. If you cannot make it to PACS please send a note with someone and they can get you food. Any questions please call 503-252-8500 or email [info@pacsonline.org](mailto:info@pacsonline.org).

**PACS Thrift Store is OPEN** Sun 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM – 5:00 pm, & Friday 9:00 am – 2:30 PM. Our donation drop-off center is open and needs your donations! Mon – Thurs 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and Sun 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If you have any questions about what items we accept, please give us a call at 503-252-8500. Depending on volunteer availability, we offer pick-up service for a small fee. If you have furniture or larger items and no way to get rid of them, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out! Depending on volunteer availability, we offer pick-up service for a



small fee. If you have furniture or larger items and no way to get rid of them, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out! Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220.

### Gateway Grace Dental Clinic at PACS is OPEN

Gateway Grace Clinic at PACS is open and accepting uninsured patients for low-cost preventative dental care. If you or someone you know needs to schedule an appointment with us, please call 503-907-6768 or email [dental@pacsonline.org](mailto:dental@pacsonline.org).

### Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

If you have any 12-count empty egg cartons we would love to take them off your hands to use in our food pantry! Please drop them off at our **PACS Office or Donation Receiving**. Thank you in advance!



**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](https://oregonadventist.org/support/human-resources#job-opportunities)

**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 Full-Time Assistant Thrift Store Manager.** If you are interested in this position, please visit our website ([pacsonline.org/jobs](https://pacsonline.org/jobs)) for job description or email [info@pacsonline.org](mailto:info@pacsonline.org) for more information.

**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 to learn more, contact Karen Hartmann, Bereavement/Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-251-6192 or email [Hartmakl@ah.org](mailto:Hartmakl@ah.org). You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging time.

### Volunteers are 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 Gerelisa at [Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org](mailto:Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org) or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

### Selected photos from our recent services









