

**January 17 Communiqué**

Hi Sunnyside Family!

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

The new year is upon us and with that comes a kind-of “reset” energy that permeates our calendars, schedules, and priorities. As for our household, the first few weeks of the year are spent reflecting on how God has led us in 2025 and goal-setting for the upcoming year.

One of those priorities for 2026 is to host 100 new people at our new place.

Ambitious? Very likely.

But the more we experience the tyranny of 24-hour news cycle, the ubiquity of hatred and vitriol in online and offline spaces, and the desire to not just be friendly, but to embrace the risk of making friends, Elynn and I are convinced that one of the best spaces to dismantle the forces of darkness is around a dinner table, with food and drink, shared with others. So last Sabbath, we crowded in 23 young professionals and two cats in our tiny living room in what we're hoping will be a ritual that might remind us that “church” can also exist outside of 11:15am and 12:30pm PST on a Saturday morning.

Church also happens at “Taco Tuesdays” where I bring tacos and hang out with our high schoolers and their friends from Portland Adventist Academy during Tuesday lunch, one-on-one sessions with students hearing their heart and mind, home visits with families of parents, or at impromptu lunches with Walla Walla nursing students, taking them out between classes.

Pray for us as we prepare to make chai for 100+ collegiates and young adults in two weeks (January 24-26) at Big Lake Camp.

If you're a guest, (or one of our members) myself and my pastoral colleagues will be lingering in the foyer. We would love to check-in with you and say hi, if possible.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kevin Wilson

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:

† **Shirley Judd** passed away January 9, 2026. A memorial service is planned for February 7, 2026, at 3:30 pm, with a light reception following, here at Sunnyside Church.



† **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 Sunday, January 25, at 1:00 pm.



Partial Nominating Committee Report – Second Reading:

Worship Coordinator Members: Terrill Allen, Carl Buchanan



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.

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



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.



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. Our budget goal is \$28,000, and we have already received \$16,500. We need to raise another \$11,500 by February 15, 2026. Thank you for your help and participation with this valuable and rewarding mission.



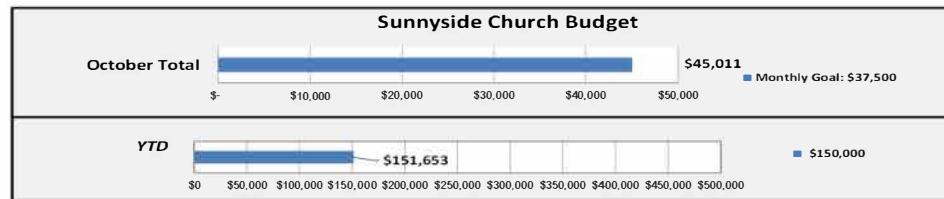
Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and [online](#). (Go to our website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see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

Marilyn Drake, Mark Hull Shirley Schoeplin, John Kirkpatrick, Judith Fouts, David Emori, Nathaniel Gren, Teressa Heicl, Mark Nuss, Linda Olson, Deborah Stanton, Gabriela Alvarez, Andreea Hutuleac, Wynn Knowling, Ivonne Allen, Marcia Dunham, Josh Miller, Odita Davis, Madeline Jokela, Karl Schmidt.



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.

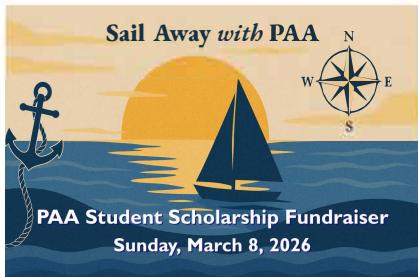


Portland Adventist Academy

<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.



PORLAND ADVENTIST ACADEMY
A Christian High School

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/>

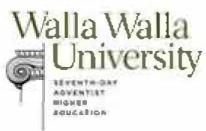


Hood View Adventist School

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



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Walla Walla University

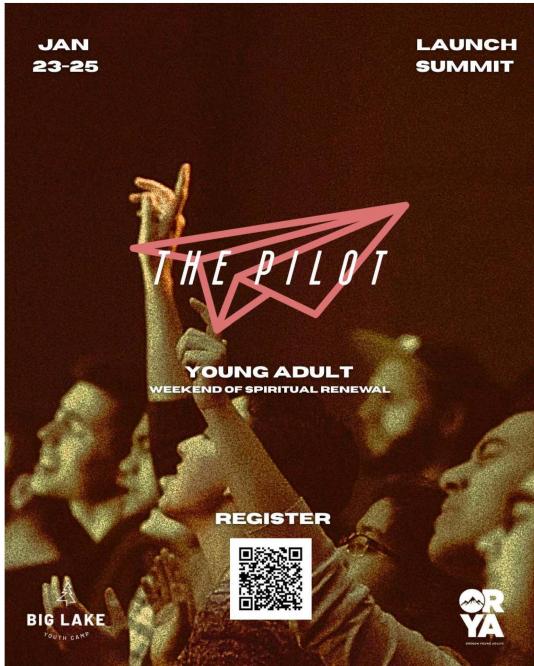
<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



You are invited to a free night of worship, praise, and fellowship on **February 6** at Adventist Health Portland. This month's featured speaker will be Randi Whitewith music by Echo Worship. Randi White, Medical Group Administrato at Adventist Health Portland, will share an honest journey of navigating mental health, wellness, and faith in a complex world. Speaking from lived experience – not from having it all figured out – Randi reflects on how past and present brokenness can shape who we become and, and how self-compassion, connection, and grace can help us grow into the people we most want to be. A soup and salad dinner will be held from 6:00-7:00 PM with the program starting at 7:15 PM. Register for dinner by Wednesday, February 4. Learn more and register for dinner at AdventistHealthFirstFriday.com



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 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>.



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.



Meet your friends in the Oregon Singles at the Laurelwood Seventh-day Adventist Church LACE (Laurelwood Adventist Community Education) Center for Worship & Sabbath School. They meet in the LACE Center now as it takes less to heat it efficiently for their small group. The Laurelwood Church typically begins with the Worship service at 9:30 AM and Sabbath School follows. Join the church fellowship meal and stay for socializing. If no rain there is a nice walk nearby at [Fernhill Wetlands](#). The address for the LACE Center (formerly the Laurelwood Adventist Elementary School) is 39300 SW Laurelwood Rd, Gaston, OR 97119 and we will gather at 9:30 AM.



Join us for a weekend where we disconnect from the world and fully connect with our Savior! Come expecting to be transformed at this year's Oregon Prayer Conference in Rockaway Beach, Oregon! This year's event will be held March 20-22 at the Twin Rocks Convention Center and will host speaker Pavel Goia. Pavel Goia holds two master's degrees and a Doctor of Ministry. He pastored in his native country of Romania and the United States for many years. Currently he is an editor of Ministry Magazine and associate director for the Ministerial Association at the General Conference. His life has been filled with powerful answers to prayer and continues to be one miracle after another. Together with Kelly Mowrer, he authored the book, "In the Spirit and Power," which emphasizes the vital need for prayer, revival and full commitment to God's service. Learn more and register for this year's prayer conference at [orad.us/2026ORprayerconference](#). Questions? Contact Oregon Conference Prayer Ministries at TawnySportsman@oregonadventist.org, or call 541-401-2521.



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:

Contact the Gateway Grace Dental Clinic to schedule an appointment 503-907-6768

Volunteers:

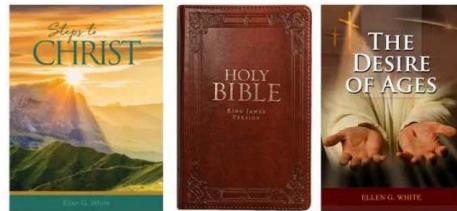
To volunteer at PACS, contact Jaclyn Russell at (503) 252-8500 ext. 1130

Donations:

From large to small, we take them all.

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!



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 so 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 Pant 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 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 Hartmaki@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



