

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

January 20, 2024



Hello Sunnyside,

If we ever needed a SUNNYSide to the weather, it would be now. I have been praying for everyone as well as hearing stories of power outages, furnaces breaking down, and no heat all of which have been shared with me via text, email, and social media. We have been somewhat stuck all week as our backroads have been pretty slick.

We have chosen to go online again this weekend due to the icy vortex that has landed in the church's neck of the woods, and we don't want to risk any slips, falls, or breaks. We will continue our series exploring our church motto with the sermon "Reconnect."

On Thursday, I look forward to having "Senior Tea with the Senior Pastor." Also, Wednesday at 7:00 PM, is our semi-annual business/board meeting in person. Please plan to attend so you can hear about the good things God is doing at our church.

Besides trying to stay in touch with what's happening within our church community, I've been having a few Zoom meetings, spending time with the kids, and catching up on some Bible study and email correspondence. It's hard to be stuck, especially for those of us who enjoy an active lifestyle and gathering with friends and coworkers.

I am reminded of Psalm 46, which not only reminds us God is our refuge and strength in times of trouble (like when the lights go out and the roads look like skating rinks), but also says, "be still and know that I am God" (vs. 10). While many of us have been forced to "be still" due to the weather, there might be unexpected blessings that come with slowing down our schedules and taking a little extra time to commune with God.

Stay safe and warm, and let's look forward to gathering in person next weekend when we install Pastor Kevin and Elynn!

Blessings,

Pastor Seth Pierce

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

This week felt like a throwback to the COVID era. Cancelled plans and weather disruptions affected our activities. Some aspects of this weather-related cancellation were delightful, while others were frightening and uncomfortable, dealing with the unpleasant consequences of both small and big disasters.

I'm grateful for technology that helped us stay connected. Zoom came in handy again. We had meetings with the pastors' staff, AdCo, Worship Committee, and Bible Study.

Additionally, as part of the pre-ordination interview committee, I had the delight of discovering one of the jewels in the Oregon Conference Pastor team. A thoughtful exegete, church history explorer, apologist, writer, and humble follower of the Way, Alex Portillo. He also has his media ministry nurturing a community of 15,000 people. You can check him out here.

The in-person church service got canceled, but we would like to offer you some activities that will help us stay in touch and enjoy this Sabbath! Check them out at the end of the Communiqué

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. **A special welcome is also extended to ReviveUs.** They will be providing our Ministry of Music today giving us a taste of the music to come this afternoon at 4:00 for a Sabbath vespers.

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 to serve on the Selection Committee. *Ministries*
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 27.



Partial Nominating Committee Report

First Reading: Ann Westermeyer, Worship Coordinator

The Adventures Around the World for last week was rescheduled for this Sabbath, January 20, at 5:00 PM! We'll have a short stay in South Korea with Don and Wanda Krein, followed by deep explorations of Fiji 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 24, 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.



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

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.



There will be a memorial service for **Phillip Rader**, one of our former members, conducted here at Sunnyside Church, on Sunday, January 28, at 1:00 PM.

• Our next Evensong will be on Sabbath afternoon, February 10, at 4:00, here at Sunnyside Church. It will feature Dan Miller on the organ and Dave Allen will present the spoken word. This is a very special time to come together and renew your spirit.



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.

You are invited to a Senior Tea with the Senior Pastor! Thursday, January 25, at 2:00 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.



International Sabbath is February 24. We're looking for participants to carry flags and International Bibles in the parade of nations. If you'd like to represent the country of your birth, or the home country of your recent ancestors, please call or text Jan Clayton at 360-798-7477 or by email at ejaninfo@gmail.com. If you are interested in hosting a table at the international food festival that evening, please contact Natalia Gramada at 503-750-9151 or by email at oliviagramada@msn.com.

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.



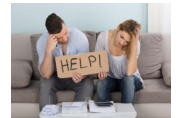
The Church Library is open! The library will be open on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of the month. Hours are 10:45-11:15 AM, and 12:30-1:00 PM. The church library has a wide selection of books available for our members to borrow, so please stop by.

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 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.



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



Happy Birthday



Today: David Emori, Nathaniel Gren, Mark Nuss, Linda Olson, Debbie Stanton; **Sunday:** Andrea Hutuleac, Wynn Knowing; **Monday:** Ivonne Allen, Marcia Dunham, Josh Miller; **Wednesday:** Odita Davis; **Thursday:** Heather Schosnig, Holly Schosnig; **Friday:** Heidi Nielsen, Jack Wang.

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

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>



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Visit: 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.



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.

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.

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

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) for job description or email 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. 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 or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

Sabbath Activities:

Find your PQ: Please consider spending some quality time discovering and discussing your superpower through identifying your PQ, also known as the primal question. You can access a free assessment test by following the link <https://www.primalquestion.com>.

Winter Photo Shoot: Please take and share pictures and/or short (5 sec) videos of your Cozy Sabbath Places or Experiences. Text them to (541) 315 0532 or email them to violeta.bilan@sunnysideadventist.org. We'll post them on Sunnyside FB and/or Instagram pages.

Song Swap: Please consider sharing a link to a song from your Praise and Worship Playlist in the comments under a Sunnyside Song Swap post on our FB page.

New Favorites: Enrich your Sabbath experience by trying something new from over 450 ideas to enjoy Sabbath rest: <https://www.sabbathideas.org/p/home.html>



