

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

January 27, 2024

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Greetings Sunnyside Family!

There is nothing else more important and delightful than staying within God's will. He has a time and place for each one of us, guiding our ways with love, wisdom, and precision.

We live in a messy world, and only God has the credentials and capacity to navigate any adversity in a way that all,

ALL things work together for good to those who love God and are called according to His purpose.

It is a delight to serve in a church that is in tune with God. I love the fact that Sunnyside has space for each person to live out God's inspired dreams and gifts. This week, we have heard a lot of stories of divine miracles as our people faced the challenges of the ice storm – broken pipes and roofs, flooded rooms, and cut hands – but we made it.

This last Sunday, thanks to the grace of our courageous and hospitable members, Sunnyside could host the Oregon Sinfonietta concert, clearing half-melted parking lots and sidewalks. The Pathfinder team was able to dry and store the flooded equipment, preparing the space for our Congolese brothers and sisters to worship this Sabbath.

Pastor Kevin and Elynn made it safely from Berrien Springs, MI, to their new home in Vancouver and were able to join the staff meeting and bread night supper on Tuesday.

This Wednesday, besides resuming the Bible study groups, we had our biannual church business meeting – the first for Pastors Seth and Kevin and the last for Pastor Billy. Starting in February, Pastor Billy is transitioning from the role of an assistant pastor at Sunnyside to the role of the lead pastor and CEO of the Clean church plant/project. We are going to have a farewell potluck for him and his family next Sabbath.

The church choir had its first rehearsal on Thursday as we began our preparations for the Easter program and the upcoming International Sabbath. Please contact Jan Clayton or Natalia Gramada if you would like to carry the flag or a Bible from your ancestor's; country or sponsor a table at the International Food Festival. And, of course, you are welcome to join the choir if you can carry a tune.

We believe that God has plans for our community to give us hope and a future. May His Spirit give us sensitive hearts to seize every opportunity to keep reconnecting with Him and each other as we navigate this season. Blessings,

Pastor Violeta Bilan

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Seth

Hello Sunnyside!

We are so excited to welcome Kevin Wilson and Elynn Rodriguez this Sabbath! Please lift them up in prayer as they are installed and officially begin their ministry here at Sunnyside.

This weekend I am beginning our new Sabbath School class for those who are guests, new members, or those who just need a safe place to explore Christian beliefs. We will meet in the prayer chapel at 10:00 AM.

On a personal note, a word of thanks to Olivian Gramada who helped rescue Angela on her way back from the airport last week. Her car got stuck in the awful weather when she drove home late from the airport and Olivian graciously left at a terrible hour of the morning to bring her safely home. Another thank you to Jeremy and Krissy Barber who picked me up as the weather was recovering and took me to my stranded car. And thank you to Erik Nielsen who came to the rescue when we discovered the car battery was DEAD. Erik helped us revive it and we are running smoothly.

We have two special memorials this weekend, Gwen Gingrich on Sabbath and Phillip Rader on Sunday. Please plan to attend if you can, and keep these families and all those involved with services in prayer.

Grateful for our wonderful church community.

See you Sabbath!



Send your "shout-outs" to info@SunnysideAdventist.org so we can include them in next week's Communiqué. This is a place you can recognize someone for doing well or going beyond expectations.

Shout out this week to Ed Betz, Bob Boyd, Dave Allen, Sally Miller, Evelyn Hull, Jackee Duvall, Polly and Sarah Moody in appreciation for all the extra work you did during our snow and ice storm with all the challenges we had here at the church. Many more have also helped in a multitude of ways. Thank you to each of you! And thank you for all your prayers for each of us during this time!

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 you leave. **We extend a very special welcome to our new Youth and Young Adult Pastor Kevin Wilson and his wife Elynn Rodriguez.** Pastor Kevin will be bring us our Bible message and Elynn will present our Ministry of Music. We're so happy to have you both here!

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. 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. The results will be announced on February 3.



Membership Transfers—First Reading:

Joining: Alex, Liesl, and Gianna Geschke from Ohana Christian Fellowship, Canby

Heather Stewart from Medford Adventist Church, Medford

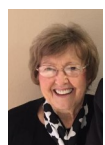
Leaving: Katherine Bridgewater to Granite Bay Hilltop SDA Church, California

Charley Moore to Olympia Transformation Life Church, Washington

Andrew and Kimberly Rice to Centerville SDA Church, Ohio

Partial Nominating Committee Report —

1st Reading: Ann Westermeyer, Worship Coordinator



Gwen Gingrich passed away December 30. A memorial service will be conducted 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.



Adventurers Around the World missed the opportunity to visit South Korea and Fiji, due to wild winter weather. We will attempt rescheduling that trip.

This Sabbath we will explore the Holy Lands with Joan and Richard Fenn. Meet us at 5:00 PM, in the Adventurers room!

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. This event will also be live-streamed at <https://sunnysideadventist.org/live-stream>.



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.

Next Sabbath, February 3, we will enjoy our monthly church potluck immediately after our worship service. Bring enough food for your family plus more for our guests. Everyone is welcome and invited to join in eating and fellowshiping together.



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.

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.



This is to notify the constituency of Portland Adventist Academy that the annual

Constituency meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 27, 2024, 7:00 PM, at PAA. Your church will be sharing with constituent delegates the agenda, meeting minutes, and documents ahead of the meeting date.

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





First Friday will be on February 2, at 7:15 PM, Adventist Health Portland Medical Center on the lower level in Amphitheaters C & D. First Friday is a once-monthly inspirational community fellowship event. This First Friday will feature an inspirational talk by Joyce Newmyer and music by Community Praise Band. We

would like to invite you to join us for this FREE event and we encourage you to invite your friends and family members. Registration for the free soup and salad dinner is open now through January 31. Remember that dinner registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and please let us know how many guests you will be bringing with you. Soup and salad will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Here is the link to register:

<https://adventisthealth.org/events/ahpl-first-friday/>



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



Sunday: Anley Dormus, Crystal Kielman, Valerie Taylor; **Monday:** Donald Giles, Melissa Gramada; Brenda Siaw; **Wednesday:** Liliana Gramada, Kirsten Helton, Levi Mandrones; **Thursday:** Grant Geschke, Megan Snyder; **Friday:** Madison Boskind, Lisa Greene

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



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



UPDATE: Alumni Reunion May 4

2024 PAA/PUA Alumni Reunion is May 3-5, 2024 for alumni and friends. We're pleased to share that our Alumni Sabbath Worship Speaker will be Elder Dick Duerksen, a popular speaker and storyteller, and friend of PAA..

Honor classes are:

'49 (75-year class), '54, '64, '74 (50-year class), '84, '94, '99 (25-year class), '04, '14, '19 (5-year class)

Sabbath, May 4, 10:30 am – Worship Service

You can find all the details on the Alumni page on the PAA website here: <https://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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PACS UPDATE

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 Social Media Coordinator and an Assistant Thrift Store Manager. If you are interested in these positions, please visit our website (pacsonline.org/jobs) for job descriptions or email jobs@pacsonline.org for more information.

PACS INFORMATION (Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220)

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!

Gateway Grace Dental 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.

Volunteers Needed at PACS' thrift store, food pantry, and dental clinic. 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 at info@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

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 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
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.