



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

October 18 Communiqué



Hello, Sunnyside Friends!

The flow of time is like a mighty river—sometimes calm and graceful, at other times rough and unpredictable. We all do our best to keep our heads above the water. It brings me peace to know that our Lord can command the elements, walk on water, and bring healing, nourishment, and joy with the flow.

October is often one of those easygoing months when the rhythms of the new school year settle in and our schedules begin to feel familiar and predictable. The passage of time shapes our habits, clarifies our priorities, and deepens our relationships.

Last Sabbath we enjoyed our first church-wide lunch of the season! These gatherings always bring a spark of creativity and warmth to our circles of friendship. If you'd like to experience the joy of new connections and discovery, I invite you to take part in the church-wide lunches—either as a guest or a host—on the second Sabbath of each month. You'll find sign-up forms in the lobby. Simply mark the month you're available, and come enjoy a foretaste of fellowship!

Next Sabbath, **October 25 at 6:00 p.m.**, we're hosting *Pizza with the Pastors*—a time especially for all who have joined Sunnyside this year or are in the process of transferring membership. It's a relaxed opportunity to get to know one another better, share our stories, and connect with the church leadership team. **Please RSVP at 541-315-5032.**

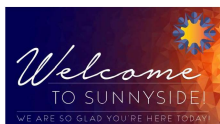
For our younger Sunnysiders, there will be a **game and movie night** happening at the same time in the youth room—so bring the whole family and enjoy the evening together! This Sabbath, **Dr. Alex Bryan** will be sharing the Word with us during the worship service, followed by a **nursing dedication at 3:30 p.m.** Also, **Pastor Billy Hungate** will be ordained at PVC at 4:00 p.m., and we invite those who are able to attend and celebrate this special milestone with him.

I look forward to seeing you all as we worship, fellowship, and continue to flow into the future together.

With love and blessings,

Pastor Violeta Bilan

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.

We extend a very special welcome to Dr. Alex Bryan, president of Walla Walla University. He will bring us our Bible message today.

Also a very special welcome to the brass players this morning. Some are from the Oregon Sinfonietta and some from the Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra. A huge thank-you to each of them and especially to Michael Koller, the organist, “for putting up with us.” Our prayer is that you will be blessed with our music today.



“The Table” is a cozy, communal space for 18-35-year-olds to engage with Scripture over a Sabbath meal provided by our Sunnyside members immediately following the worship service in the Youth Room. This effectively replaces our young adult Sabbath School class which used to happen at 10:00 am. Unsurprisingly, shifting the time has allowed for more attendance and participation in discussion, especially for this demographic. If you’re interested in flexing your cooking skills and providing a dish for hungry college students, either Pastors Violeta or Kevin would love to hear from you!



Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra will present their fall concert, tomorrow, Sunday, October 19, 2025, at 4:00 pm, here at Sunnyside Church. Their repertoire includes *In the Steppes of Central Asia* by Alexander Borodin, *Ma mere l'Oye* (Mother Goose Suite) by Maurice Ravel and *Symphony No. 4 in E Minor, Op 98*, by Johannes Brahms. Jonathan DeBruyn, director, conducts a pre-concert talk about the music, the composers, and behind the scenes notes about the orchestra from 3:00 to 3:30 pm. It will also be live streamed at sunnysidesymphony.com



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 selfie, snapshot or professional picture, and we will upload it to the directory for you. Thank you. Email to info@sunnysideadventist.org or text to 971-238-9680.



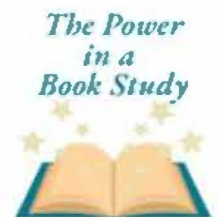
Creation Study Center Museum will have an “open house” on October 25, from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. Come see dinosaur bones, fossils, gemstones and much more showcasing our amazing Creator’s work! The Center’s Coordinator, Dr. Stan Hudson, will be present for tours. Admission is free and refreshments will be served. The Center is located in the North Pacific Union Conference at 5709 N. 20th Street in Ridgefield, WA by the I-5 Freeway. Come enjoy the science exhibits supporting a historical Genesis.



Pizza with the Pastors is scheduled for Sabbath, October 25, at 6:00 pm. This is for those who have recently joined Sunnyside through baptism or transfer and gives each a chance to connect, share stories, and build relationships. If you have joined us within the last year, you are invited!



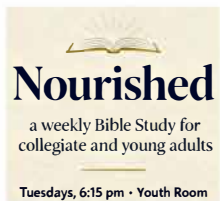
Our Sunnyside Christmas Musical will be presented on December 12 and 13. We would like to give you the opportunity to help with funding one of our biggest outreach events of the year. You may use a tithe envelope or give online at orad.us/Give2Sunnyside. Please designate your donation for the "Christmas program."



Come join us on Monday evenings to study the book "Last Day Events." We'll be going through this book discussing the words of E.G. White regarding the final days and how we can best prepare for them. This is an informal book club, we check in with each other, read the book, discuss what we've read and then pray for those on our hearts. All are welcome and the meeting is by Zoom so no one has to go out at night. Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/92093000826?pwd=NL45Qa0tzo2QhAOszPhuVyRigTfeW3.1>



On Tuesdays, at 4:20 pm, there will be a Bible reading class of the **Ancient Standard Version (ANSV)**. This class is open to all and will be conducted by Conrad Gren. Please come and join us. We will be meeting in the Bridal Room.



NOURISHED – a weekly bible study for our collegiates and young adults will meet weekly on Tuesdays, following WWU Nurses' Bread Night at 6:15 p.m., in the Youth Room.



Our history class meets on Tuesdays at 7:15 pm, in the Youth Room. We will study "World War I."



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, FaithLift, a group for ladies, meet 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 meet to study the Bible together in the Youth Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.



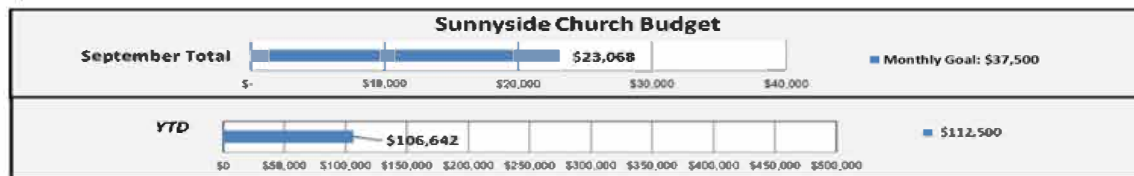
We are blessed with some very strong prayer warriors. If you have a special request, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or info@sunnysideadventist.org to submit your request. There is power in prayer, and it truly makes a difference.



Dollars for Missions! Labels keep trickling in, and we are quickly reaching another goal. Last week was a great week for the label count. We have already received a second check in response to our turning in labels! What a lovely way to give to missions! Continue to 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.



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."



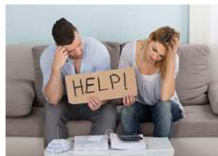
Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us with video, audio, and the children's division. Please call 503-252-8080 if you would like to get involved.



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.



Today: Mark Spiker; **Tuesday:** Mika Boscanin, Rosemary Hopida Byran, Casey Carl, Reghina Lacatus; **Wednesday:** Silvia Bokich, Jasmine Gramada; **Thursday:** Jani Hazen, Haylee Olson; **Friday:** Karenzi Jasper, Dan Ward



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.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. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply. Thank you,



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

Nuts & Bolts about PAA

Student Information

We currently have 160 students

Students come from Scappoose to Woodburn, and Forest Grove to Sandy

They represent 27 SDA churches

16% come from non-Adventist homes

Our international students are from China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam

We have students who are refugees from Thailand and Rwanda

Our student body is 9% African, African American & Black, 15% Hispanic & Latino, 21%

Asian, 46% Caucasian, 9% Unknown/Unanswered

Staff Information

- We have 18 teachers (11 teach full-time, 2 teach along with other responsibilities, 5 teach part-time) and 8 other staff (7 full-time, 1 part-time)
- Fernando Chavez is our V.P. and Spiritual Life Director
- Jessica Minden is our Business Manager
- Mary Sperl is our Registrar and Student Services Director
- U'Lee Brown is our Communications and Development Director, responsible for communications/social media, Alumni relations, donor relations and fundraising
- Maria Bibb, our International Mentor, helps international students obtain visas for many Oregon Conference schools
- Kent Sheets is our Plant Director
- We provide regular professional growth every year, the emphasis this year is on the Focused Teacher Evaluation Model and AI

Hi PAA Family!

🏈 Cougar Hall of Fame: Celebrating PAA's Athletic Legacy 💙

Last weekend's Cougar Hall of Fame was a wonderful celebration of PAA's athletic history and community spirit.

We were proud to honor Jim Robertson, longtime PAA teacher and Cougar Star, recognized for his years of dedication to PAA athletics — especially his leadership as cross-country coach for more than a decade. Heidi Woodworth was inducted as a Cougar Star for her many years of faithful service and support — from coaching to running the Cougar Maul and concessions, where her legendary milkshakes were a favorite for players and fans alike.

The event also recognized the 2015 Boys Soccer State Champion Team and their coaches. They shared stories from their season, including highlights from their overtime championship win, while guests enjoyed game footage, photos, tots, shakes, and plenty of reminiscing.

It was a joyful evening filled with connection, memories, and pride in PAA's athletic legacy. We especially loved seeing so many of our current athletes come out to celebrate and be inspired by the Cougars who came before them.

🏈 Cougars Bring Home the Championships! 💙

PAA's girls volleyball and boys soccer teams made Cougar Nation proud at Walla Walla University's Fall Classic Tournament this weekend!

Both teams were undefeated through Thursday and Friday, showing grit, skill, and incredible teamwork. Volleyball battled through several close matches, while soccer's final qualifying game went into overtime before being decided by a nail-biting penalty shootout.

Then, late Saturday night, both teams brought home first-place championships! 🏆

The girls volleyball team claimed victory in three straight sets.

The boys soccer team won an intense penalty kick showdown after a tied game.

Fans and families traveled to Walla Walla to cheer them on, filling the stands with Cougar pride. We are so proud of the hard work, perseverance, and sportsmanship of our athletes and coaches.

Go Cougars! 🐾💙

Have a wonderful rest of your weekend.

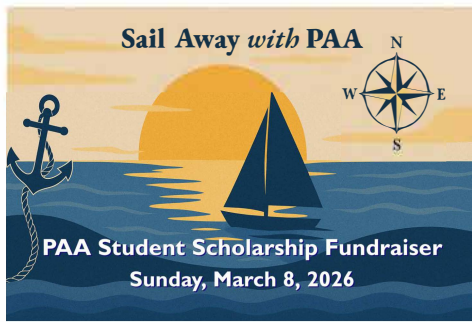
Mechelle Peinado, Principal

Happy Sabbath!



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.



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/>



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



Tualatin Valley Academy Handbells Christmas Concert

December 2, at 6:00 pm, Tualatin Valley Academy Gym, 7405 E. Main St. Hillsboro, OR 97123



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

The Portland Campus of Walla Walla University is seeking a part-time nursing clinical instructor in pediatrics for Wednesdays, day shift. Please contact carol.healy@wallawalla.edu or phone 503-251-6115 opt. 2.

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Adventist Book Center's Fall Case Food & Book Sale is October 5 – November 2 , 2025. Sale prices are also good for all delivery locations. You can also go to www.abcflyer.com and click the **sale flyer link**.



Ken Carr passed away September 2, 2025 and will be greatly missed by his family and church family. He was a faithful worker in the Lord's Vineyard! Join us on October 19, 2025, 1:30 PM for a celebration of his life. There is a potluck reception to follow. At Woodburn Community SDA Church located at 1253 5th St, Woodburn, OR 97071

CONFLICT IS UNAVOIDABLE - BUT IT DOESN'T HAVE TO DIVIDE US.

PEACEMAKING WEBINAR

GUIDANCE FOR RECONCILIATION AND CONFLICT MANAGEMENT

You are invited to a special Zoom webinar introducing a new peacemaking ministry for the Portland area.

This 45-minute webinar will cover:

- How to stay ahead of conflict before it damages relationships
- Ellen White's simple "Five-minute Plan" for resolving conflict
- How a peacemaking ministry could strengthen churches in the Portland area
- How you can be a part of a peacemaking ministry

Participants will also receive a free copy of the book, *Responding to Conflict Biblically*

Presenters:
Elder Charles Brown and Ron Price
co-founders of the Institute for Biblical Peacemakers. Together, they have 50+ years of experience in helping people and churches in conflict management.

Host: Nate Holliman,
OC Pastoral Ministries Director

Details:
Sunday Oct 19
7:00 PM
ZOOM
FREE!

[HTTPS://OREGONADVENTIST.CHURCHCENTER.COM/REGISTRATIONS/EVENTS/3206430](https://oregonadventist.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3206430)

If you are interested in joining a peacemaking webinar, check out more info at:

<https://oregonadventist.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/3206430>

OREGON CONFERENCE WOMEN'S MINISTRIES ANNUAL RETREAT

Living a Life of Purpose

Called. What it means to be called...to anything
Inspired. What it means to be inspired by the *right* things
Transformed. What it means to be transformed through a sense of wonder and awe
Propelled. What it means to live a life of purpose

Speaker: Carla Gober Park

TWIN ROCKS CONFERENCE CENTER, ROCKAWAY BEACH, OREGON
November 14 - 16, 2025

Oregon Conference Women's Retreat

Ladies, you're invited to this year's Oregon Conference Women's Retreat at Twin Rocks Conference Center, **November 14-16** in Rockaway Beach, Oregon! This year we'll be looking at what it means to Live a Life of Purpose. Featured speaker, Carla Gober Park will share what it means to be called, what it means to be inspired by the right things, and what it means to be transformed through a sense of wonder and awe. Learn more and register today at orad.us/OCWomensRetreat2025.

comfort SHAWLS

Do you knit or crochet?
Adventist Health Portland needs your
help making comfort shawls.

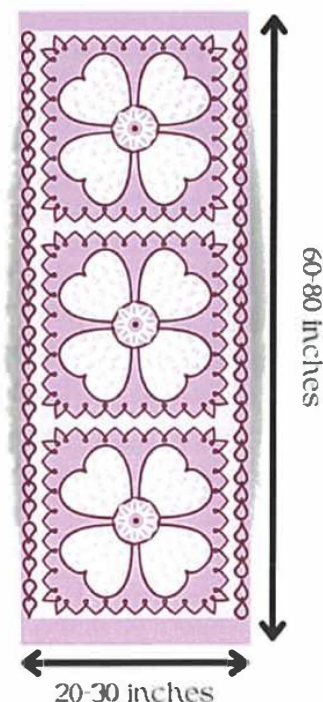
What is a comfort shawl?

A comfort shawl is a reminder of our love given to one in need of comfort and love. Comfort shawls comfort and bless those who are seriously ill, undergoing major medical treatment, in hospice, or those grieving the loss of a loved one.

How do I get involved?

You can bring comfort to these individuals by making a comfort shawl and delivering it to Adventist Health Portland's Spiritual Care Department (503) 251-6105. Use the guidelines below to make a shawl of the appropriate size. Many free patterns are available online. Beginner-friendly projects are welcome!

Get Involved! Call Spiritual Care at (503) 251-6105.



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 interested.



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.

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 some 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 Pantry, 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 the 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.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.

HOUSING NEEDED

A student is needed a room. If you have something available or know of someone that does, please contact the church office 503-252-8080.

We also have a family moving to Portland that needs a 2 or 3 bedroom, 2-bath house. Let us know if you know of one available.