



## October 24 Communiqué



***Hi Friends,***

This week, after a long season of sabbaticals, mission trips, and travel, I enjoyed meeting the Sunnyside pastoral team, the elders, and the church board in person. It feels good to be back, especially as we step into a season of clarifying our mission and tuning up our systems in response to the feedback you shared.

As I see it, this effort to improve our existing systems flows from a desire to foster a culture and a safe environment where each of us can grow in love and grace. We want a place where we are seen and known—where we can bring ourselves fully and courageously to experiment, to learn, and to become more aware of God, ourselves, and others.

Having been in church ministry for a while, I know that institutions and systems are important; they are the holders of our culture and legacy. Yet, to keep perspective, I remind myself that nothing is more precious than the people who make up our church. Nothing is more lasting than those saved by God's grace for eternity. Our meetings, programs, and projects are only the backdrop for the miracle of human life in Christ.

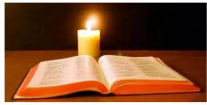
The developments that happen in our souls—transformations, new perspectives, character formation, and the beauty of relational dynamics—are true treasures and the center of divine attention. It is from our hearts that the springs of life flow.

I am grateful to each of you who hasn't given up on the ideal of the church and still possesses the courage and curiosity to explore God's design for our community through brave, active engagement.

***Pastor Violeta Bilan***

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**PAA and Sunnyside Youth Vespers: Friday, October 23, 6:30-8:00 pm.** Calling all high schoolers for youth vespers in the Sunnyside Youth room!



**Sabbath, October 24 from 1:30-5:00 pm:** Celebrate Creation Sabbath at the Creation Study Center Museum Open House! Explore dinosaur bones, fossils, gemstones, and self-guided exhibits highlighting the wonders of creation while you wait for a brief guided tour with Dr. Stan Hudson. Admission and refreshments are free. The museum is located at the North Pacific Union Conference office building at 5709 N. 20th St in Ridgefield, Washington.



**Tuesdays, 3:50 pm, starting November 3,** in the Bridal Room, Conrad Gren will be conducting a reading and discussion of the recently translated book of Exodus which he has done in the Ancient Standard Version. All are welcome.



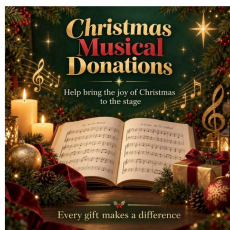
**Friday, November 6, 6:00 pm:** Overflow – All collegiates and young professionals are invited to our first Overflow – an interactive worship experience conducted in the Sunnyside Youth Room. A meal will be served at 6:00 pm, and worship will be at 7:00 pm. Invite your friends!



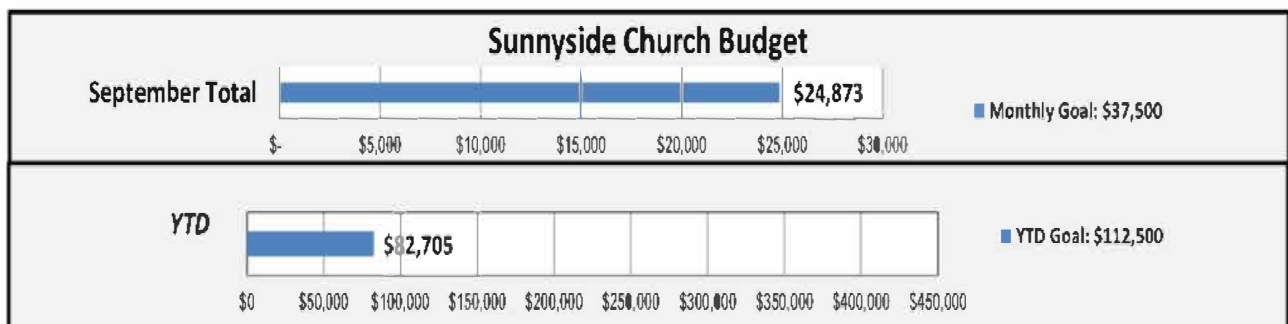
**November 8, 10:00 am:** All Sunnyside Church team leaders' meeting/brunch at the church in the Youth Room. Bring the dates on your calendar you need to schedule for use of the church for next year.!



**November 26, Noon, Thanksgiving dinner:** If your plans for Thanksgiving do not include traveling or hosting this year, Gary and Kathy Kramer would love for you to join them for a Thanksgiving meal here at Sunnyside in the Youth Room from noon to 4:00 pm. Smoked turkey, veggie loaf, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, green bean casserole, candied sweet potatoes, dessert, and drinks will all be provided. You are invited to bring a favorite side dish to share if you would like. Following the meal, please stay to enjoy an afternoon of games, puzzles, and fellowship. Don't eat alone, there's always room at the table for one more! RSVP is a must by November 9, text to 360-553-8464 or email [shawnmari621@yahoo.com](mailto:shawnmari621@yahoo.com). Volunteers to help would be welcome.



**Donations are needed for our amazing "Sunnyside Christmas Program"** that will be presented on December 12. Thank you for your past generosity – we are halfway to our goal! We still need \$3,000 to provide the same level of programming as past years. You may give online at Adventist Giving, write a check, or use cash. Place your donation in a tithe envelope with a memo "Christmas program." If you would like to give via Adventist Giving, go to our website [www.SunnysideAdventist.org](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org), click on "Give Now," sign in or create an account, then click on "donate" then "add categories," and click "Christmas Programs."





Give online: [orad.us/Give2Sunnyside](https://orad.us/Give2Sunnyside)

Many of you use Adventist Giving for your donations. Recently there have been a few challenges with their app. If you run into an issue, please update the app from your app store and then reopen it. If that doesn't correct the issue, try restarting your phone.



**Join our book club on Monday Nights: 6:45 pm–8:00 pm, via Zoom.** Our group is dedicated to studying and learning ways to keep our lives connected to Christ. We meet to read books that develop our relationship with Jesus and to support each other along the spiritual journey. Our current book is *"The Story of Redemption"* by E. G. White. Contact David Duffield to join at 360-606-1891 or email [dduffield@aol.com](mailto:dduffield@aol.com).



**History class** will meet every Tuesday at 7:15 pm, in the Youth Room.



**Every Wednesday at 10:00 am, FaithLift**—a group for women—meets here at the church to study the Bible, share stories, and pray together for our community and those in need of extra support. If this sounds like a group you would enjoy, please come and join us! If you cannot attend in person, a Zoom link is available so you can join us remotely.



**Wednesday morning at 10:00 am, our Men's Bible Study group** meets in the Columbia Room. All men are invited to join us for this weekly time of study and fellowship.



**Our flower calendar is posted** in the hallway and online. (Visit our website at [www.SunnysideAdventist.org](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org) and click on “Our Ministries.”) Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family during a worship service and add your name to the calendar. As your date approaches, we will contact you to ask what you would like included in the bulletin about the flowers.



**We are blessed with dedicated prayer warriors** here at Sunnyside. If you have a special request, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or email [info@sunnysideadventist.org](mailto:info@sunnysideadventist.org). There is profound power in prayer, and it truly makes a difference in our lives and community.



**Several members of our church family need transportation** to attend services. If you would be willing to help with this vital ministry, please contact the office for specific information at 503-252-8080 or via email at [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org).



**If you reside at CherryWood Retirement**, our church bus stops there to pick up anyone who would like to attend our services. Please be ready by 10:45 am for our 11:15 am worship service. While this transportation is free, if you wish to contribute toward its upkeep, you may mark your donation “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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



# Happy Birthday



## **Birthdays for this upcoming week.**

Rhoda Dormus, Dan Ward, Jeffrey Ballance, Alice Marin, Catherine Pitts, Rick Westermeyer, Marion Betz, Nataliya Campozana, Sharon Gosney, Roxanne Vick, Aaron Wang, Anna Westermeyer, Jeff Emery, Atlas Glovatsky, Gabrielle Hernandez



### ***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 2026-2027 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](mailto:admin@paes.com) to apply.



### ***Portland Adventist Academy***

<https://paasda.org>



### **Hey Sunnyside SDA Church, PAA Paddle Battle - First Ever Pickleball Tournament!**

Grab a partner and join us for the first ever PAA Paddle Battle - a mixed duo pickleball tournament benefiting PAA Student Scholarships (PAASS). All skill levels welcome, paddles available, and great prizes up for grabs!

Sunday, November 8 | Portland Adventist Academy

Check-in at 8:00 am | Ages 14 and up

\$80 per mixed duo | Register by October 26  
Concessions available. Can't play? Come cheer!  
Dink. Drive. Donate.  
Register [HERE](#) or at [paasda.org](http://paasda.org) or call 503-255-8372.

### **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](http://www.paasda.org) or contact me at [ubrown@paasda.org](mailto: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.

**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>



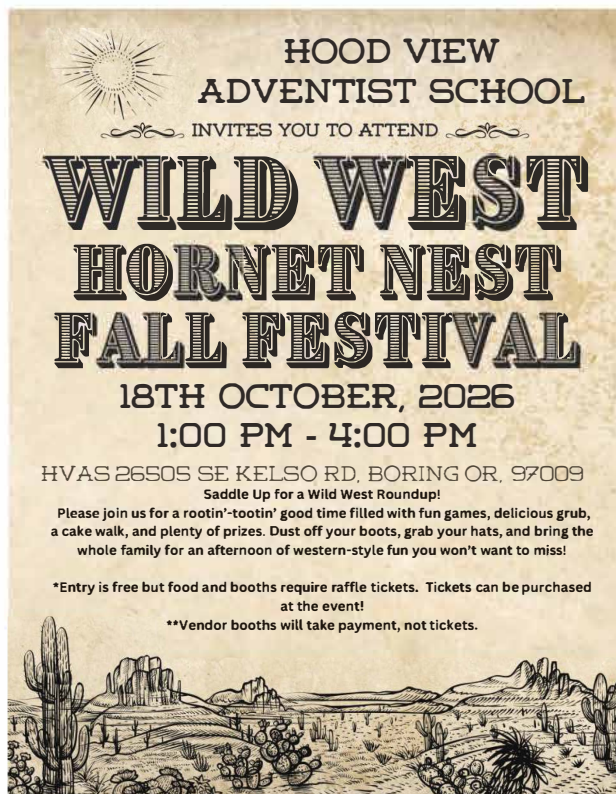
***Rivergate Adventist Elementary School***

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



***Hood View Adventist School***

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



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**Walla Walla University**  
<https://wallawalla.edu>

**Homeschool juniors and seniors and their families** are invited to Walla Walla University's Homeschool Preview Days, **Oct. 22–24, 2026**, on the College Place campus! Visit [wallawalla.edu/homeschoolpreview](http://wallawalla.edu/homeschoolpreview) to learn more.

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

## ***AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS***



Our church family is invited to the next **First Friday on November 6, 2026**. First Friday is a once-monthly inspirational community fellowship event. It will be held at Adventist Health Portland Medical Center. **It begins at 7:15 pm** on the lower level in Amphitheaters C & D. This First Friday will feature an inspirational talk by Martin Lockett and music by Evergreen Sound. 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 November 3, 2026. 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 pm Here is the link to register:

[First Friday Soup and Salad Dinner: November 2026 Tickets, Friday, November 6 • 6 PM - 7 PM | Eventbrite](#)

**Islam and Christianity in Bible Prophecy Seminar** is coming to Canby, Oregon – **November 6–15 at 7:30PM**. This seminar will help you understand what the Bible has to say about what is going on in our world and things that will soon take place. These presentations are based on the Biblical prophecy of Daniel 11 which has been accurate for 2500 years. Pastor and author Tim Roosenberg will be presenting each night during this series.

**Don't miss the Islam and Christianity in Bible Prophecy Seminar.**

- OHANA Christian Fellowship of Seventh-day Adventists
- Nov 6<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2026
- 7:30PM
- [2180 Territorial Rd.](#), N.E.
- Canby, OR 97013



# 500 Years

**Celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the New Testament being printed in English**

June 6 6:30pm Movie: "God's Outlaw"  
 Sept 19 6:30pm Discussion: "Does William Tyndale Still Matter?"  
 Oct 24 6:30pm Experience: "Reading Tyndale's 1526 New Testament"

Hosted by Dr. John McVay and the Tabernacle  
 Seventh-day Adventist Church  
 26 SW Condor Way, Portland, OR 97239

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**"Celebrate the 500th Anniversary"** of the New Testament being published in English! Hosted by Dr. John McVay and Tabernacle SDA Church. Everyone is welcome to share in these celebrations throughout this year.

**June 6** – Movie: "God's Outlaw". Refreshments provided.

**September 19** – Discussion: "Does William Tyndale Still Matter?" Contact the church office by email for "homework" beforehand!

**October 24** – Experience: "Reading Tyndale's 1526 New Testament" Come ready to read! – We hope you'll join us to celebrate this momentous anniversary!

**Looking for Quality Childcare?** Discoveryland is a faith-based, NAD-Accredited child development center that has been serving families at the Mt. Tabor SDA Church for 37 years. We currently have openings in our Infant, Toddler, and Preschool programs. At Discoveryland, children learn and grow through play, hands-on experiences, and interactive exploration in a warm, nurturing environment. We are also enrolling now for our exciting Summer Camp for ages 6–8! Schedule a tour: [discoverylandpdx.org](http://discoverylandpdx.org) Call us: 503-209-1984 Come see why families love being part of Discoveryland!



**Oregon Conference**  
*Annual Women's Retreat*

**Letters & Lampstands**

Seven Churches  
 One Savior  
 One Final Call

What if the letters to the churches are more than just ancient words on a page?

Join us as we open seven ancient letters filled with timeless encouragement, loving correction, and hope for women today.

Together, we'll look at what Jesus was saying to the churches then—and discover what He may be whispering to our hearts now.

*To the church...  
 He who has an ear,  
 let him hear what  
 the Spirit says to  
 the churches.*

REVELATION 2-3

**November 13–15, 2026 | Twin Rocks Conference Center  
 Rockaway Beach, OR**

**2027 Caribbean Cruise**

**BLOOM**  
*in Marriage*

**FEB. 28 – MAR. 7, 2027**

Join Bloom in Marriage hosts,  
Steve & Debby Keeton,  
and dynamic ministry duo,  
**Rick & Cindy Mercer**,  
on a 7-night Christian Marriage  
Retreat at Sea!

**Ports of Call:** Galveston, TX; Cozumel and  
Costa Maya, Mexico; and Roatan, Honduras.

**Inclusions:** Stateroom of choice, fine dining, all  
meals, optional marriage enrichment workshops  
on sea days, on-ship entertainment, and more!

**Stateroom Options:** Interior (\$1,775\*), Ocean View  
(\$2,097\*), Central Park Balcony (\$2,475\*), or Ocean  
View Balcony (from \$2,697\*). Price is per couple and  
includes taxes & port fees. **SPACE IS LIMITED!**

**REGISTER BY APRIL 25 TO RECEIVE \$50 OBC!!**

Ready to sign up or learn more? Visit: <https://bloominmarriage.com>

**FROM \$1,775\*  
PER COUPLE**

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HIGHLIGHT:**  
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**Symphony of the Seas**

**ROYAL CARIBBEAN**

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\*Prices subject to change. Trip insurance, gratuities, air & excursions not included in price.

**Set sail on an adventure by joining us for the 2027 Bloom in Marriage Cruise!** A Christian marriage retreat at sea for couples of all ages, sailing roundtrip from Galveston, TX, **February 28 - March 7, 2027**, on the Symphony of the Seas. Hosted by the Adventist marriage ministry dynamic duo, Rick and Cindy Mercer, this relationship-enriching cruise will take you to 4 ports of call throughout the Caribbean, including Roatan, where you can participate in a mission opportunity followed by a visit to a sloth sanctuary! For more information or to register, visit <https://bloominmarriage.com>, or contact Heather Tourville at (833) 382-5473.



## 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.

## 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!



**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.



**The Oregon Conference office has an open position** for an Executive Assistant in the Administration department. This position provides support to the administrative officers: President, Vice President for Administration, and Vice President of Finance. If you know of anyone qualified who may be interested in a supportive ministry role for the church, please share this job posting with them. To view the job description and to apply online, go here: <https://www.oregonadventist.org/support/human-resources#EmploymentOpportunities>

## **PACS is Hiring!**

**Portland Adventist Community Services 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 several positions open.** If you are interested, please visit our website, <https://www.pacsonline.org/careers>.

### **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](mailto: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](mailto:staff@mynwcu.com) or visit [www.mynwcu.com/careers](http://www.mynwcu.com/careers).

**NW Adventist Federal Credit Union** is hiring a Member Operations Specialist  
We're hiring a Member Operations Specialist at Northwest Adventist Federal Credit Union! This role blends member service, file maintenance, daily reports, back-office support, and

research. We're looking for someone dependable, detail-oriented, kind, organized, and able to shift gears smoothly while helping members with excellence. We'd love to connect with you! To apply or learn more, please visit our website [Careers - Northwest Adventist Federal Credit Union](#) or give us a call at 503-256-3712.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org) or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

### ***Dog Walker Needed!***

**Walla Walla University nursing student Jesse Leavelle** recently moved to Portland and is looking for someone to help walk his sweet dog, Sweeney, whom he adopted while serving as a student missionary in Guam. Jesse lives near the Portland Adventist Hospital campus and would like to hire someone to walk Sweeney during the day while he is in class. Scheduling is flexible and can be arranged directly with Jesse. If you're interested, please call or text him at [218-576-9625](tel:218-576-9625).

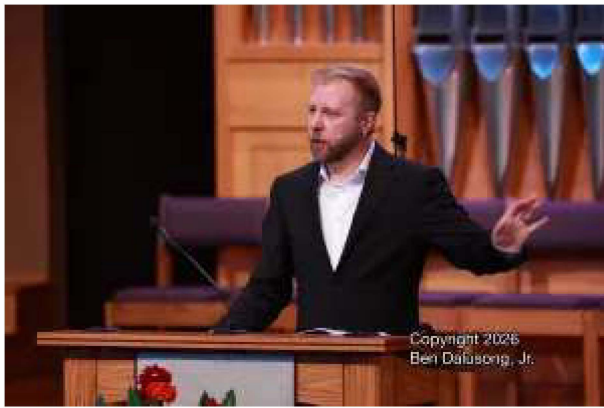
### ***Housing Needed!***

**We have a single female young adult looking for housing**, preferably not far from the church. If you have something available, hopefully with kitchen availability, we would love to recommend her to you. She would be willing to "share a home." Please contact the church office for more information at 503-252-8080.

### ***Photos from last week's Worship Service***







## ***WWU Nursing Students' Bread Night***

**Bread Night - an opportunity to feed the nursing students staying in the dorm or community next door at the hospital.** These students come to Portland for their clinicals, but they often have to exist on food they can make in their rooms. So several years ago, the Davies decided it would be nice to feed them bread and soup once a week so they would have a hot meal once a week. We have continued that tradition by expanding it to several church members that come together on Tuesday night to feed 54 of our nursing students. This number has increased from last year when there was only 30 something. So we welcome anyone who likes to watch kids eat a good meal. Nothing warms your heart like watching young people enjoy a meal with laughter and talking and just enjoying time together. It lasts for about an hour, then they're off to study once again. If you would like to join us in preparing a dish or two for these kids, please call David Duffield at [360-606-1891](tel:360-606-1891) or simply stop by around 5:30pm on a Tuesday night. We meet in the fellowship hall every week!



