

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

October 26, 2024

View the church bulletin for additional announcements.



### **Hello Sunnyside Family,**

On Sabbath we wrapped up our “Bright Shadows” series. I want to thank you for the many affirming comments you’ve shared with me, and I am grateful it seems to have been a blessing. I was also blessed by the amazing concert, “From Darkness to Light,” we enjoyed Sunday. If you did not get to see the Sunnyside

Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra, please go to our social media to catch the concert. I had the privilege of talking with several community guests (and SS members) who had a wonderful time and appreciated the music and our church for hosting.

Our family is eagerly awaiting our middle daughter’s championship volleyball game which takes place this week. Praying for all the students to have a fun and safe times as the season draws to a close!

I am catching up on some administration this week, double checking next year’s preaching calendar, and connecting with a few people in the community who have reached out to me about our church and the Christian life. I will also be leading FaithLift this week, so if you are around stop by the office or the Bible study and say hello!

Dr. Alex Bryan will be sharing the word this week and we celebrate with WWU all the student nurses being dedicated. For the next three weeks, I will be sharing messages that speak to both the election season and Thanksgiving. Please pray for our country and our neighbors as November 5 draws near and remember to take time to focus on all the good things God has given you instead of all that causes us stress and anxiety.

Finally, I will be presenting a paper at the American Academy of Religion in San Diego the weekend before Thanksgiving. This is an annual professional meeting and it’s a great time to connect with other spiritual leaders and thinkers from different traditions from all around the world.

Appreciate all you do and hope to see you Sabbath!

**Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.**

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### **The Pastors Spotlight**

#### **From the desk of Pastor Kevin**

It’s great to be back from a road trip with my father and Elynn down to California along the 101! None of us have experienced the Oregon coast so this was a special memory for us all.

We have a dinner and movie night planned for young adults (18-30) at Pastor Seth’s house on Wednesday, October 30, starting at 5:30 PM. Come on over for food, fun, and fellowship with others! If you’re interested in coming, please RSVP by texting me at 240-476-3426.

#### **From the desk of Pastor Violeta**

As the warm, sunny days linger into late October, I’ve been really enjoying visitations and the opportunities to connect with you in person. There is nothing more fulfilling in pastoral ministry than hearing your heart and knowing what God is doing in your life.

Last Tuesday, we held a memorial for Carol Vantassell. A special thank you to Jonathan Russell, Rosie, Mary Lou, Grandma Lorrie, Brooke, and the amazing deaconess team for ministering to this family. One of the family members, inspired by Jonathan’s message and your kindness, has expressed a desire to be baptized and join the Sunnyside family. Thank you for allowing God’s light to shine through each of you!

This Sabbath, I’m at Healing Hope celebrating another baptism. Thank you to everyone who is helping Healing Hope to stay strong!

#### **From the desk of Pastor Rose**

Hi Sunnyside Family,

We had a fantastic meeting with the Adventurers last Sabbath afternoon. We have 32 registered Adventurers this year and every meeting we have several guests joining us!

Our Pathfinders split into various honour groups, focusing on topics like sign language, self-defense, and rivers and streams. We wrapped up the evening with some delicious home-baked cookies. A big thank you to all our volunteers for your time and support for our Pathfinder and Adventurer ministries—we truly appreciate you!

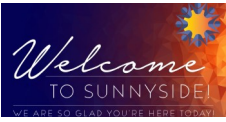
We’re also excited to kick off planning for our Kid’s Christmas Program! If your child would like to participate, please fill out the form at the link/QR code below. We’ll be distributing materials soon, and there are many ways for them to get involved, whether through acting, singing, or being stage props—whatever they’re comfortable with.

<https://tinyurl.com/SSKids24>



Additionally, every 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sabbath of the month at 10:20 AM, in the Adventurer’s room, I’ll be leading baptismal Bible studies for our teens. If you’d like to learn more, feel free to reach out or join us this week.

**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. **A special welcome to Dr. Alex Bryan, president of Walla Walla University.** He will present our Bible message today.

**Walla Walla University Nursing Students** on the Portland campus will have their dedication on October 26, at 3:30 PM, here at Sunnyside Church. All are invited.



**Next Sabbath, November 2, 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 together.

**Membership Transfers** — First Reading: *Joining:*

- Shashu Tesfazion, Bethel Eyasu, and Jonathan Eyasu from Stone Tower Church
- Betty Rae and Richard Karlow from Pleasant Valley SDA Church
- Duncan Orina by Profession of Faith from Nyamira SDA Church, Kenya

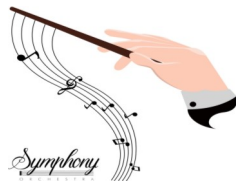


**Please pray for the family of Lorraine McDonald.**

She passed away on August 18, 2004. A memorial service will be conducted for her on Sabbath, November 16, at 3:00 PM.

**The Adventurers will meet on Sunday morning, October 27, at 10:00 AM,** to work on special awards: carpentry, pottery, and sewing.

If you can sew a few stitches and enjoy helping young and busy moms prepare their children for induction, we'd love to have some help with sewing patches on uniforms.



**November 3, at 3:00 PM,** the Oregon Sinfonietta is celebrating their 52nd season, 2024-2025! They will present a concert featuring Bruckner — Symphony No. 3 in D Minor, conducted by Dr. Donald Appert, here at Sunnyside Church. Plan to attend and support this amazing symphony.



**SAVE THE DATE: Sunday, November 10, 10:00 AM,** for the annual ALL elders, deacons and deaconesses to meet in the fellowship hall for training and discussion. Light refreshments will be served. Hope you can join us.

**A medical and evangelism mission trip sponsored by Sunnyside Adventist Church** in beautiful Palawan Island, Philippines, will be conducted from March 19 through April 2, 2025. We are working closely with the local Adventist leadership to hold concurrent evangelistic services at eleven different sites and assist local health professionals with a comprehensive medical clinic. We need your support and volunteers, especially evangelists! Contact Paul Dragulin for more information. **Save the date: Sunday, December 15, 2024, 4:00 PM: Christmas Food and Fun in the Philippines** celebrated in the Sunnyside Church Fellowship Hall.



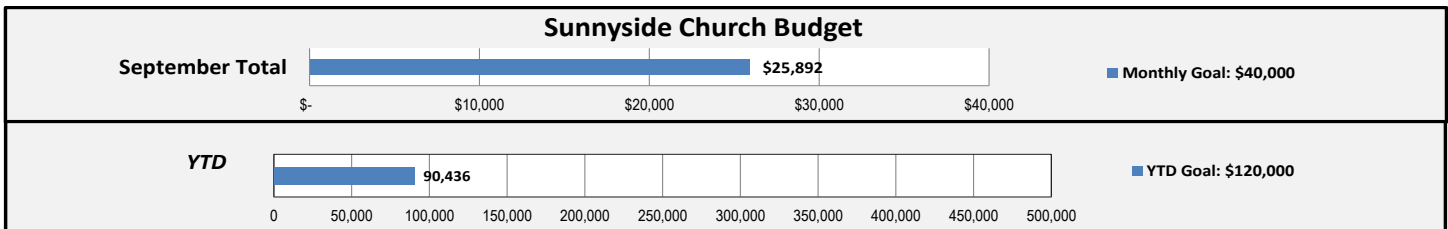
**Our Sunnyside Christmas Musical, "Journey to the Nativity"** will be presented on December 13 and 14. We would like to give you the opportunity to help with funding one of our biggest outreach events of the year. You may use a tithe envelope or give online at <https://adventistgiving.org/donate/ANIFPV>. Please designate your donation for the "Christmas program."

**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](mailto:info@sunnysideadventist.org) to submit your request. There is power in prayer and it truly makes a difference.



**Dollars for Missions! Save your Loma Linda Labels and turn them in here at the church!** Labels just keep coming in every week. Thank you! 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 the good work!

- November 3, 3:00 PM:** Oregon Sinfonietta Concert
- November 9, 4:00 PM:** Evensong, Dan Miller, Dave Allen
- December 7, 4:00 PM:** Anthony León Concert
- December 8: 1:15 PM:** Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra Concert
- December 13 & 14:** Sunnyside's Christmas Program
- December 20, 7:00 PM:** 42nd Annual Family Christmas Program
- December 21, 11:15 AM:** Children's Christmas Program





Currently we are seeking volunteers to help us with video and audio departments. Please call 503-252-8080 if you would like to get involved.

**Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM, a history class** meets in the Youth room. Everyone is welcome! Come and join us as we study what has happened in the past.



**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.



**Our flower calendar is** posted in the hallway and [online](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org). (Go to our website, [www.SunnysideAdventist.org](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org), click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your church family for our worship service and place your name on it.

As the date gets closer, we will contact you to what you would like in the bulletin about them.

**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](mailto: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](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 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.



**Today:** Rick Westermeyer; **Sunday:** Marion Betz, Nataliya Campozana; **Monday:** Heidi Hill; **Tuesday:** Sharon Wong Gosney, Roxanne Vick, Aaron Wang, Anna Westermeyer; **Friday:** Wanda Schmidt

### ADVENTIST EDUCATION



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

#### Accountant Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is looking for a part-time accountant (about 10 hours a month) who will do month-end closing, reconciliation, and reports. CPA is preferred, but not required if the level of experience would suffice. Please reach out to [principal@paes.com](mailto:principal@paes.com) and [treasurer@paes.com](mailto:treasurer@paes.com) to apply.

#### Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. If you are interested, please reach out to [admin@paes.com](mailto:admin@paes.com) to apply.

#### Veterans Day Celebration at PAES

This Veterans Day, November 11, we would like to invite our school and church family veterans to PAES for a special celebration assembly hosted by our students. PAES is honored to celebrate the individuals in our lives who have so bravely served our country and fought for our freedoms. If you are a veteran or have a family member who is a veteran, we would

love it if you could join us at 8:30am in the PAES Gym. A light reception to follow for our honored guests. Please RSVP to [admin@paes.com](mailto:admin@paes.com) by Friday, Nov. 8th!



**Portland Adventist Academy**  
<https://www.paasda.org/alumni>

**Portland Adventist Academy Substitute Teachers Needed!**  
PAA is looking for responsible substitute teachers for the coming school year. Subs work with friendly and energetic high school students. Teachers provide all material so all you have to do is be present and follow instructions. No college degree is necessary but you must be 21 or older. Work would be occasional and only during school hours on weekdays. All candidates must pass a background check (paid for by PAA). To apply or learn more about the job, [email djohnson@paasda.org](mailto:djohnson@paasda.org) or call 503-255-8372.

**Save the date! Portland Adventist Academy Scholarship Fundraiser on November 3.**

PAA will hold its annual student scholarship (PAASS) fundraising auction on Sunday, November 3 in the PAA gym. This year's theme is Welcome to the Jungle. There will be games, contests, and food, along with the silent and live auction. Please reserve the date now. Over 50% of PAA's students and families rely on your financial support.

**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/>



**Hoodview Adventist School**  
<https://www.hvja.org/>



**EL SALVADOR FUNDRAISER**

6:00-8:00 pm | October 27, 2024  
9711 NE St Johns Rd, Vancouver, WA 98665

**AUTHENTIC EL SALVADORIAN FOOD**  
including fresh pupusas, curtido, and salsa

**LIVE MUSIC**  
featuring Ivan Danilich and Annika De La O

**FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENT**  
semi-formal sitdown meal for the whole family

More info available at the RSVP LINK below



11+ yrs old = \$25.00  
CAA teachers/staff = \$20.00  
3-10 yrs old = \$15.00 (smaller portion)

Annika De La O's Senior Project

**Walla Walla University**

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

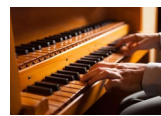
**AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



You are invited to our next First Friday on November 1. 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 p.m. on the lower level in Amphitheaters C & D. This First Friday will feature

an inspirational talk by Jose St. Phard and music by Oasis Worship 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 October 30. 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/portland/events/ahpl-first-friday/>



**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](mailto:womensministry@stonetowersda.org) for more details and if you or an organist you know would be interested in this opportunity to lend their talent.

**Pentecost 2025 is a massive mobilization of Seventh-day Adventist churches in North America:**



1. To pray for the Holy Spirit's outpouring and power (starting now in 2024).
2. To proclaim the Gospel with the Holy Spirit's power (in 2025).

We have been looking for revival in our church for a long time. This is our opportunity to seek it together and make it happen. As

Ellen White wrote so eloquently, “revival need be expected only in answer to prayer.”

In connection with Pentecost 2025, the NPUC is inviting everyone to pray both privately and corporately for the Holy Spirit during the month of October 2024. Here is a link with all the information you need to participate: <https://nwadventists.com/news/2024/09/pentecost-2025-call-prayer>

Just as a reminder, the Oregon Conference prayer ministries continue to hold ZOOM prayer meetings every third Tuesday at 7:30 PM. Everyone in Oregon conference is invited to be part of this! We will be continuing this during the month of October. We are praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. <https://orad.us/OCPrayerMeeting>

**October 1 - November 12**  
(Six Tuesdays)

**Help Youth and Young Adults LOVE YOUR CHURCH**

Join Oregon Conference Young Adult Ministries for a highly-focused intensive workshop on building a thriving and empowering culture to better reach, love, and support the next generation. Leverage new insights in your church's unique gifting, deepen your understanding of today's culture, and get unstuck in youth and young adult ministry. It's time for some ultra-clear, supercharged tools, and some plain talk about what you and your church should be doing next.

**PROJECTED OUTCOMES:**

- Gain deeper understanding of today's culture
- Be equipped with Biblical strategies for culture building
- Hope for parents on how they can grow spiritually with their children
- Receive a step-by-step plan to launch a Youth/YA Ministry at any church

**WHO IS THIS WORKSHOP FOR:**

- Pastors and ministry leaders
- Parents and grandparents
- Church members
- Anyone with a heart for the next generation

**WHAT WILL THE WORKSHOP INCLUDE:**

- Keynote Presentations
- Group discussions
- Custom strategic plans
- Celebration moments

**WHAT ARE THE DETAILS:**

- Starts October 1 at 7PM (PT) on Zoom
- Each meeting is an hour and fifteen minutes
- Dates: Oct 1, Oct 8, Oct 15, Oct 22, Nov 5, Nov 12
- Registration: [oregonyoungadults.com](http://oregonyoungadults.com)
- Registration Deadline: Sunday, September 29

**OR YA** Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists

**REGISTER: OREGONYOUNGADULTS.COM**



**ABC Fall Case Foods and Book Sale, October 3-November 4.**  
Click for [ABC Flyer](#).



**100 Years Celebration for McMinnville Adventist Christ School on October 26!**  
McMinnville Adventist Christian School invites all alumni, staff, and board members from years past to celebrate their 100 years of mission. RSVP to 503-472-3336.



**Disaster Response Training: Sunday, October 27, 9:30 AM, Certification Class in Donations and Warehousing Operations.** Registration begins at 8:30 AM. The class is from 9:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The cost is \$20.00 per person and it covers the manual, Disaster Response t-shirt, ID badge, and lunch. Training will be conducted at the Oregon Conference Board Room in Gladstone. If you plan on attending, please register using this link: <https://orad.us/acsgradstoneTraining2024>. If you have difficulty registering online, please contact your ACS DR Director, Pastor Dauncey at 971-901-7240 by texting or calling in advance so we can prepare enough materials and lunch. Register by October 21.

**Join Us for the 2024 Follow The Star Season!** We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this year's Follow The Star, live nativity event a memorable experience for everyone.



We need help in the following areas:

- Set Dressing
- Costuming
- Actors
- Parking Lot Attendants
- Hospitality
- Childcare
- And more!

If you are interested in being part of this incredible program, please join us for our **Dinner Theater Event on Sunday, October 27 from 4 to 6 PM** at the Cafeteria on the Oregon Conference Campgrounds. (19500 Oatfield Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027) This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know our amazing community and find out how you can contribute to making this event a success. Don't miss out on this chance to be part of something special! For more information, go to: [followthestarevent.com](http://followthestarevent.com). Tickets go on sale November 4th at 9am. Join our team and get early access to tickets! Performance Dates: December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15



**SAVE THE DATE: Cruise with a Mission December 2024.** Center for Youth Evangelism is happy to invite you to an incredible cruise adventure to The Caribbean, December 8-15, 2024. Registration is open so don't wait!

Embark on a convenient round-trip Caribbean adventure where we will be visiting the Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, & the Cayman Islands. Departing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Stops in the Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, and the Cayman Islands, returning to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. There is more information to come, but if you have any questions, please send an email to [cwm@cye.org](mailto:cwm@cye.org).



**Oregon Prayer Conference, March 21-23, 2025**, at Twin Rocks Conference Center, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. Click on the QR code for more information.  
<https://www.oregonadventist.org/ministries/prayer-ministries>



### 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. **What We Did in 2023:** 569 Total Volunteers, 32,686 Volunteer Hours Given, 2.1 Million Pounds of Food Distributed. That's what the copper for 28 Statues of Liberty would weigh! 310,000 Clients Helped.

**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.

**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.



**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](mailto:Hartmakl@ah.org). You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging time.

**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>



#### Accountant Needed at PAES

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#### PACS is Hiring!

Pricer in the PACS Home Goods Store — part time

Admin-Director of Quality Management — full time

If interested or for more details go to [jobs@pacsonline.org](mailto:jobs@pacsonline.org).

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>

**Hood View Adventist School** is hiring for the school year!

**Teacher's Aides** - Up to 30 hours a week, depending on need and your availability. Multiple positions available.

**Art Teacher** - Approximately 12 hours/week teaching art classes to students at all grade levels.

**Foreign Language Teacher** - Any language (including sign language) to teach 2 hours/2 days per week.

**Guest Teachers/Substitutes (On-Call)** - Provide instruction in a classroom when the teacher must be absent. From 3.5 hours to 7 hours per assignment (willingness and flexibility to accept jobs both in advance and last minute is helpful).

**Piano Teacher/Choir Accompanist** - 2 hours/2 days per week to accompany the Intermediate and Advanced Choirs. Studio space is also available for a piano teacher who wishes to teach private lessons.

**Last Sabbath's Worship Service in Pictures**

