

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

November 11, 2023



Hello Sunnyside,

Things are getting busy as we prepare for the holiday season and several special Sabbaths—including this one! We have WWU Parents Weekend and will feature a special Sabbath School in the sanctuary led by Christopher Banks, as well as a sermon by Dr. John McVay, president of WWU. I hope you see you all there!

On Sabbath, I had a moment of exploration and was able to hike around some of the buttes in Gresham. It was a nice moment of silent reflection in the woods and reminded me of the importance of connecting with God in his "first book" of nature. Even though it was cloudy and drizzly, the colors of the trees were lovely. Coming from Nebraska, it is nice to be able to be in the woods again. I won't lecture you in a newsletter, but there really is a spiritual benefit to finding moments to be outside, even in our backyards. If you are able, take a moment to get out of the living room or office and take a small walk (even if you have to bring an umbrella).

This week I enjoyed Bread Night with our wonderful team of chefs. I also got to enjoy another lovely meal with our monthly FaithLift potluck. I love how our church creates so many points of fellowship over good food.

The sermonic year for 2024 is shaping up with only a couple more Sabbath slots to fill. I hope to have the whole thing published by the end of the year so our ministry teams can know in advance how to plan for special services and events.

Finally, in January I had a paper proposal accepted to the American Academy of Religion's annual conference, which meets next weekend in San Antonio. I am busy putting the finishing touches on the research and am excited (and a little nervous) to present on a panel with other scholars from universities from around the country. I am hoping to glean lots of good wisdom to bring back to Sunnyside as these conferences feature work on religious trends and new materials (books, documentaries, etc.) that can bless the local church. I take off next Friday and will return on Tuesday the 21st.

See you this Sabbath!

Pastor Seth Pierce

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

It's been a delightful week for me.

- I enjoyed numerous opportunities to connect with many of you.
- My kids were home for the weekend, and my cousin, whom I hadn't seen in over two decades, has relocated to the USA with his family. They had sheltered us when we fled the conflict in Abkhazia in the early '90s, and now, three decades later, we're pleased to help them as they seek refuge from the war in Ukraine.
- As Veterans Day approaches, I want to express our deep gratitude to our veterans for their dedicated service to our nation. To show our appreciation, **we invite you and your families to a special breakfast hosted by Ben Dalusong Jr. This event will take place this Sabbath from 8:30 to 9:45 am.**
- Also, I'd like to express my gratitude to our dedicated teams: our media and worship coordination teams, who met this week, and the landscape team, who generously and tirelessly maintain our grounds in excellent condition. Your behind-the-scenes work is invaluable to our church's mission, and it's deeply appreciated!

From the desk of Pastor Nancy

Last week I met with the Children's Ministry Team to plan for 2024. We have some wonderful events planned for your children and family! Seminars, vespers, socials, hikes, and much more are in store. I want to give a shout-out to the team, pictured below (only one is missing). These volunteers love and care for our Sunnyside children. They are creative and hard-working. Stay tuned for a 2024 Children and Family Ministries calendar!



- Announcing this year's Children's Christmas Program! Kimberly Goodwin-Helton and I have been meeting weekly to put this program together. I'm grateful that she said "Yes" to directing, and to her husband, Karl, for playing the piano. Also, a big thanks to Krissy Barber for putting her touch on the ad below. Please mark December 9, at 11:15 AM, on your calendars. You won't want to miss this heartwarming production.



BED BETHLEHEM & BEYOND

When Heaven touched Earth

DECEMBER 9, 11:15 AM
Sunnyside Adventist Church
Children's Christmas Program

Discover how God can use a humble innkeeper to complete His plan for the world!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Sabbath from 8:30 AM to 9:15 AM, you are invited to a special breakfast in honor of our veterans hosted by Ben Dalusong Jr. **Everyone is welcome.**



Sabbath, November 11, at 10:00 AM, we will offer an adult general Sabbath School in the Sanctuary featuring Christopher Banks. He is an Oxford-trained Adventist scholar who is extremely knowledgeable about world events and taught in the International Relations program at Union College and presently serves as the Director of

Education and Workforce Development at the Urban League of Portland here in Oregon. He has a way to make world events spiritually relevant and appropriate, as well as informative. His presentation title is *"Where is God in the Occupied Territories?: Understanding the Current 2023 Israel-Hamas War."*

Synopsis: This discussion will involve a presentation on how we can understand the current 2023 Israel-Hamas War against the backdrop of our Adventist worldview. There will be an in-depth explanation of Israel's present interests within the three currently occupied territories of the Gaza Strip, the West Bank, and the Golan Heights; why the United States has interest in the Israeli occupation and the current attempt to eradicate Hamas, and how this fits with the Seventh-day Adventist historicist worldview.



Welcome to Sunnyside Adventist Church today! Thank you for choosing Sunnyside as your home church, and welcome to those of you that are here for the first time or are regular attendees. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you join us permanently. **A very special welcome to**

Dr. John McVay, Walla Walla University President, and his team. Dr. McVay will be presenting our Bible message for our worship service today.



A special salute today to all of our veterans. We thank each of you for your service.

Nancy Franzke, wife of Dr. Ron, and the mother of Pastor Doug Franzke of Ohana Church, passed away this last week. A memorial service will take place here at Sunnyside Church, Sabbath, November 18, at 3:00 PM. A light reception will follow the service.



Dr. William E. Rippey passed away on November 9, 2023. His fondest wish was for the day when he would be with his beloved Anieta. In accordance with his wishes, he will be laid to rest beside her in a small private ceremony, where they await the call of the Lifegiver. He was the father of Sunnyside members, Dr. Wesley Rippey and Linda Henry.



Pathfinders need your help with filling our Thanksgiving baskets! In the past, we have asked for non-perishable food donations, this year we are able to collaborate with Union Gospel Mission and they are helping us with some of the basics.

Sunnyside Pathfinders would like to provide the fresh fruit, vegetables, and something to make each family's Thanksgiving meal a little extra special like sparkling apple cider and whipped cream. If you are able to help with food donations, this is the list of the things we need this year. Please bring it to the church between November 11 and November 18. Your support is greatly appreciated, thank you.

We need 70 of each of the following:

- 3 lb bags apples
- 2-3 lb bags oranges
- 5 lb bags potatoes
- 1-2 lb bags whole carrots
- 3 lb bags onions
- Sparkling apple cider
- 1 lb butter or margarine sticks
- Whipped cream spray



Save the date! Sunnyside Adventist Church will be presenting the **Appalachian Winter Christmas Musical** and **Living Animal Nativity** on **Friday, December 15, at 7:00 PM,** and again on **Sabbath, December 16, at 11:15 AM.** This is a free event featuring over 75 actors, musicians, singers, and Curly the Camel!

Friday, December 22, 2023, at 7:00 PM, the **41st Sunnyside Family Christmas** will bring us Christmas music we are all familiar with. Save the date and take time to enjoy this Christmas celebration just before Christmas day!





Tuesday evenings at 7:00, the History class meets in the Youth Room. If you love history, come and join us!

Wednesdays are busy days — come and join us!

FaithLift at 10:00 AM, a group for ladies, meets in the Willamette Room.

Men's Bible Study meets at 10:00 AM, in the Columbia Room.

Book Club meets at 6:00 PM via Zoom

Our mid-week devotional service is at 7:00 PM, in CherryWood Village's chapel.



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.

If you are in need of financial help for rent, utilities, or other needs, the Family Resource Network stands by to help our members. Or if you know of a fellow church member who may need help and is hesitant to ask, 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: Isaac Lian, Susan Robertson, Cheryl Wilhite; **Tuesday:**

Marlo Waters; **Wednesday:** Linda Harkins, Wanda Krein;

Thursday: Mark Fessler, Cynthia Meade; **Friday:** David Reynolds

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Dear PAES Friends and Families,

It is such a privilege to write this letter to you. When I started teaching here at PAES in 2017, we had somewhere around 195 students and about one classroom per grade. Seven years later, our enrollment PreK-8 is 309, we have nearly two classrooms per grade, and the whole facility has gotten a facelift inside and out from new carpet to lighting to paint. We also have an almost entirely different teaching staff due to both retirements and school growth. It is incredible the changes PAES has gone through, and we have thrived due to your generous donations, hard work of our previous administrators and fantastic staff, our constituent churches, and support from our PAES family. The future is bright!

We have two major needs this year. Our big project that we will do fundraising for later this year is a new roof requiring over a million dollars. As we have felt this need dripping down in our gym and hallways a few times over the last year, we are grateful our facilities manager keeps the leaks at bay.

Our more pressing need is helping the more than 65% of our families who require some kind of financial assistance. Most are making it work with the aid given, but some can't. As of November, we have 16 families who don't know how they will finish out the year. Some have multiple students and the monthly amount is just too much. Others are trying to pay off their previous outstanding balance plus the current tuition. We would love for a donor to take care of that back amount for some, or just help lower the monthly payment for others. Is that person you?

The balance between business and mission is a delicate one. If you have specific questions or desire a more in-depth conversation about these or other needs, I would welcome an email or phone call.

We exist to shine the light of Jesus into our community, and to unlock the potential of every child. The teachers are working hard to do their part in this. The parents are working hard to keep their children here. Would you be willing to partner with us as well? As you review your end-of-year-giving, please consider Portland Adventist Elementary School. When you give to the Worthy Student Fund, the money will go straight to these 16 students and any overflow will go to the many others who are seeking assistance, both current and future. You will receive a tax-deductible receipt.

PAES is blessed to have such a giving community. No matter how

large or small, every donation is greatly appreciated and directly benefits our students. We welcome all payment methods in-person, and checks can be mailed to 3990 NW 1st St, Gresham, OR 97030. We also accept online donations at paes.com/donate.

I appreciate your consideration and hope you have a most blessed holiday season.

Elizabeth Fresse, Vice Principal/Acting Principal
Portland Adventist Elementary School



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

PAA ACADEMY DAY & OPEN HOUSE:

Attention 8th grade parents! Portland Adventist Academy is excited to welcome your 8th grade student to our high school campus from **9:00 am to 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 15th!** We have a fun day planned - just for 8th graders - when students can get a glimpse of the high school experience at PAA, see classrooms, meet teachers, and hear about the clubs, activities, and programs offered. There will be drawings for tuition, fees and prizes, as well as several opportunities to win scholarships by participating in academic challenges. Lunch is provided. That evening, we will host an **Open House for 8th grade parents from 6:30 until 7:30**, with drawings for tuition and fees and a short meeting at 7:30. Call 971-351-8984 to register or email msperl@paasda.org. If you know other families with 8th graders who may want to join in, please pass the word along!

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>



Walla Walla University

wallawalla.edu

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Young Adult Night of Worship

Featuring Markis Zarate & Friends

Friday, November 17 @ 7:15 PM

Holden Center, Gladstone

19500 Oatfield Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027

Join our Oregon Young Adult community for an incredible worship event with Markis Zarate & local musicians. The evening will include

live worship, an empowering message, and a great meal for attendees. High seniors are all encouraged to join this worship event and start connecting with our growing young adult community in Oregon, SW Washington, and beyond.



VJ Puccinelli passed away October 27, 2023.

VJ was an interim pastor here at Sunnyside from 2008-2009. A memorial service is scheduled at the Vancouver Adventist Community Church, 9711 NE St. Johns Rd., Vancouver, WA, at 2:00 PM on December 10, 2023.



A memorial service for Lee Schneider will be held on **November 18, at 3:00 PM**, at Pleasant Valley Church. Lee was a charter member of both Hood View and Pleasant Valley churches and will be missed. All are invited. Reception to follow. Pleasant Valley Church is located at 11125 SE 172nd Avenue, Happy Valley, OR 97086.

A memorial service for Shirley Haynes is scheduled for November 11 at 3:00 PM, at Pleasant Valley Church. Shirley was a long-time member in the greater Portland area and worked at the Oregon Conference for several years. There will be a reception following the service. Pleasant Valley Church is located at 11125 SE 172nd Avenue, Happy Valley, OR 97086.

Marriage Workshop: There are still cabins available for the Bloom in Marriage Cruise, a Christian marriage seminar at sea for couples of all ages, taking place May 13-20, 2024. Join Adventist marriage ministry leaders Rick and Cindy



Mercer on a relationship-enriching Alaskan cruise, sailing roundtrip from Seattle on the Quantum of the Seas. For more information and to register, go to bloominmarriage.com.



PACS UPDATE

PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru is OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM with an after-work option once a month from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM every first Thursday of the month. If you or someone you know needs food, please tell them about us. If you cannot make it to PACS please send a note with someone and they can get you food. Any questions please call 503-252-8500 or email info@pacsonline.org.

PACS Thrift Store is OPEN Sun 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM – 5:00 pm, & Friday 9:00 am – 2:30 PM. Our donation drop-off center is open and needs your donations! Mon – Thurs 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and Sun 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If you have any questions about what items we accept, please give us a call at 503-252-8500. Depending on volunteer availability, we offer pick-up service for a small fee. If you have furniture or larger items and no way to get rid

of them, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out! Depending on volunteer availability, we offer pick-up service for a small fee. If you have furniture or larger items and no way to get rid of them, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out! Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220.

Gateway Grace Dental Clinic at PACS is OPEN

Gateway Grace Clinic at PACS is open and accepting uninsured patients for low-cost preventative dental care. If you or someone you know needs to schedule an appointment with us, please call 503-907-6768 or email dental@pacsonline.org.

Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

If you have any 12-count empty egg cartons we would love to take them off your hands to use in our food pantry! Please drop them off at our **PACS Office or Donation Receiving**. Thank you in advance!

PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:

www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore.



Job Opening: Adventist Book Center - Part-Time Customer Service.

For full details, download the job description and application at oregonadventist.org/support/human-resources#job-opportunities

PACS is Hiring! Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Dental Clinic. **We are hiring a Full-Time Assistant Thrift Store Manager.** If you are interested in this position, please visit our website (pacsonline.org/jobs) for job description or email info@pacsonline.org for more information.

Better Life Television (BLBN) is a network of more than 15 stations and translators serving over 60,000 square miles throughout southern Oregon, with satellite stations in northern California and Reno, Nevada. Better Life is currently seeking a broadcast engineer. The broadcast engineer position is responsible for assisting the executive director in maintaining, operating, and developing the technical systems that enable BLBN to fulfill its mission. This position is a full-time, regular status position. Learn more about this position and how to apply at <https://bit.ly/BLTVjob>.



Are you interested in becoming a hospital spiritual care volunteer? Adventist Health Portland Spiritual Care department invites individuals of all ages to apply. Volunteers will have the opportunity to offer pre-surgery support for patients and their families, ensure patients have access to spiritual resources, and more. If you feel called to be part of our team, take the first step by filling out our application form: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/769001903>

Adventist Health Hospice is looking for compassionate volunteers to provide companionship to patients, provide a much needed brief break for a tired caregiver, make phone calls on Thursdays to check on patient supplies, or assist with light housekeeping, errands or pet support. Thorough training and support are provided by Adventist Health Hospice team members. If interested to learn more, contact Karen Hartmann, Bereavement/Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-251-6192 or email Hartmakl@ah.org. You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging time.

Volunteers are Needed at PACS

PACS' thrift store, food pantry, and dental clinic all need volunteers. We have lots of fun and exciting jobs ranging from customer-facing cashiers and greeters to pricers and truck drivers behind the scenes. No experience or age requirements to volunteer, we're happy to train you and welcome the entire family! If you're interested, please contact our volunteer manager Gerelisa at gerelisa.eisele@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

HOUSING NEEDED

A family returning to Oregon needs a house to rent. Please let us know if you have one or know someone who does 503-252-8080.

Last Week's Worship Service in Pictures





WWU Bread Night

