Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

November 14 Communiqué



Hello Sunnyside,

One of the **signs** of a healthy church community is an active and caring laity. I have spent time with several of our members and ministries this week who have shared stories of eating together, visiting, and offering prayer on behalf of others. We have members

giving Bible studies to those preparing for baptism in January, and I have heard multiple expressions of gratitude for these fellow Christians following Jesus through practical care.

Paul reminds us in *Ephesians*, "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up" (4:11-12).

While many look to the "experts" or "professionals" in a church community, we are reminded that the ultimate goal is for all of us to pool our gifts so we may grow into what Protestants call "the priesthood of all believers." This doesn't mean we all need to wear cassocks, but rather that we are all mediators of God's love to those around us. Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ!

This week, we welcome Alex Bryan, president of Walla Walla University, as we dedicate our nursing students. Please plan to come and support the celebration of these young medical professionals!

Blessings,

Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.

UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICE SPEAKERS

December 28: Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.
December 5: Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.
December 12: Chirstmas Musical
December 19: Children's Christmas Program



Shout out to Natalia Gramada for going above and beyond the call of duty by doing some extra cleaning on the outside of our entrance! Thank you, Natalia!

Shout out to Ryamond Baker, Richard Zaversnuke, and Bruce Dixon for taking the time to clean our carpets in the fellowship hall. Thank you to each of you!

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 a deacon or placing it in the box in the foyer before you leave.**We extend a special welcome to Dr. Alex Bryan, President of Walla Walla University and his team. And thank you to Bethani King and all the musicians and vocalists** she's brought with her today to present our worship music.



The floral tribute is contributed by Murray and Rochelle Miller in memory of their baby "Lentil" who they lost to miscarriage, and for thankfulness for the Lord's guidance as we celebrate our anniversary.



This afternoon at 3:30, here at Sunnyside the **Walla Walla University Nursing Students' Dedication** will take place. Everyone is invited to attend and share in this sacred ceremony.



Thanksgiving Food Baskets – For the past several years, Sunnyside Pathfinders have collaborated with Union Gospel Mission and they help us with some of the basics. Sunnyside Pathfinders would like to make each family's Thanksgiving meal a little extra special by including.some of the following: We need 70 of each: 3 lbs bags of apples, 2-3 lbs bags of oranges, 5 lbs bags of potatoes, 3 lbs bags of onions, sparkling apple cider, 1 lb butter or margarine sticks, whipped cream spray, and any non-perishable items/canned goods. If you are able to help with food or cash donations, please bring it to the church between November 14 and November 21. Your support is greatly appreciated.



Thirteenth Annual Cherry Park Elementary School Toy Drive! The annual toy drive for 2026 Cherry Park School will be from October 31 to December 6, 2026. Please bring your unwrapped gift and place it in the box (marked Toy Drive) in the foyer of the church. Cherry Park School is a pre-kindergarten through 5th grade school, and a very close neighbor of ours. Here are a few gift ideas: Gift Ideas: Play-Doh sets, board games, Barbie dolls, trucks, LEGO sets, crafts, Hot Wheels. If you would like, we are happy to do the shopping for you. Please place your donation in a tithe envelope and mark it "Cherry Park." Feel free to reach out to Jackee Duvall, 503-309-9400 or jackeeduvall@hotmail.com.



We are also collecting warm items for those in need: blankets, gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, socks, etc. There is a box in the lobby where you may place them when you bring them in. Thank you for your contributions.



Thursday, 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! Contact: text to 360-553-8464 or email shawnmarie621@yahoo.com. Volunteers to help would be welcome.



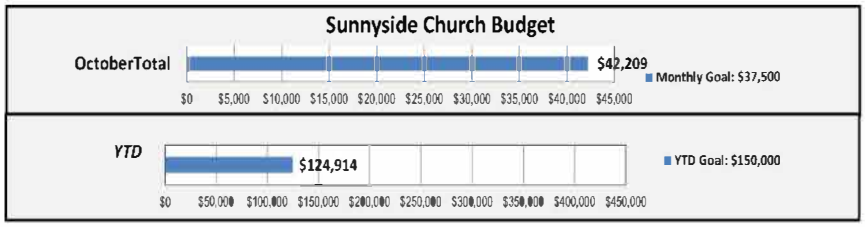
The 2027 devotional books are now available for order at a discounted rate. To participate, please visit the information table in the lobby to view the selections and sign up. These make great Christmas gifts. How to order – Sign up: List your name, phone number, and the books/quantities desired on the "signup sheet." Payment: Place your payment in a tithe envelope marked "devotionals." "Deadline: All orders must be submitted by Monday, December 7, to ensure delivery before the holidays.



Friday, December 11 at 7:00 pm, and Sabbath, December 12 at 11:15 am: Ring in the Christmas season with the Sunnyside Christmas Music program featuring the choir and orchestra. Event location – Sunnyside Adventist Church.



We often look for ways to reach out to our younger generations. Well **Bread Night** is just that. A group of people who like to cook, bake and make salads come together each week to feed 50 nursing students who don't have a hot meal while they're here in nursing school unless they go out to a restaurant. We know how expensive that is, and how a good home-cooked meal feels by the look in their eyes each week when they come in to see what we've prepare.
If you like to bake, cook, make salads or a sumptuous dessert, and want to come and join friends for dinner on Tuesday nights, please feel free to just show up on a **Tuesday evening at 5:30 pm.** Or if you have questions, feel free to call Jim Newell at 360-901-8774 or David Duffield at 360-606-1891. This isn't necessarily a weekly commitment. Some come when they can, others once a month and still others every week. But come, we love making new friends.



Give online: 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.



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 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. 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.



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 birdthdays, 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.

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for this upcoming week.
Amanda Damazo, Aurelia Pana, Marlo Waters, Wanda Krein, Mark Fessler,
Ed Hepp, Cynthia Meade, Richard Smith, David Reynolds,
Brent Plubell, Karen Davies, Caitlin Easter

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 to apply.

Portland Adventist Academy
https://paasda.org

Academy Day
Do you know an 8th grader who is wondering what high school will be like? We would love to have them spend the day with us at PAA's Academy Day! Academy Day is a chance for students to visit classrooms, meet teachers, try out our clubs and activities, share lunch, and have some fun. It is a wonderful way to picture themselves here, surrounded by people who will know them and care about them. This year's event will be held Wednesday, **November 18 from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM** at Portland Adventist Academy. That evening, parents are invited to Academy Night, our Open House, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Tour the campus, meet our teachers, and ask all your questions. We will gather for a short meeting at 7:00 PM, with drawings for tuition and fees. If November 18 does not work for your family, we would be glad to set up another visit. Register with Mary Sperl at 503-519-6868 or reach out for a visit and we will make it happen.

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.

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/

Walla Walla University
https://wallawalla.edu

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 6th – 15th, 2026
– 7:30PM
– 2180 Territorial Rd., N.E.
– Canby, OR 97013

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 Call us: 503-209-1984 Come see why families love being part of Discoveryland!





FREEDOM Documentary Screening
The Adventist Community Church of Vancouver will host a screening of FREEDOM on S**aturday, November 21, at 3:00 PM.** This feature documentary explores issues of faith, counseling, and religious liberty through personal stories and interviews. Community members are invited to attend, with a reception following the screening. Wayne Blakely will also be speaking for the 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM services at Adventist Community Church that morning.



Volunteers Needed for *Follow the Star*

Be part of the Christmas story! The live, walk-through, nativity, ***Follow the Star*** still needs volunteers to make this year's event a success! Volunteer for one night or all of them! This year's dates are December 4-6 & 10-13. Learn more about Follow the Star this year and register to volunteer at https://followthestar.church.



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
Portland Adventist Community Services

PACS Update

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

PACS Dental Clinic is looking for passionate volunteers to change lives through compassionate dental care.

We are recruiting:
☒ Dentists
☒ Hygienists
☒ Dental Assistants
☒ Front Desk/Scheduling

PACS Food Pantry is looking for volunteer drivers and riders to collect food from neighborhood supermarkets for the food pantry. (CDL license not needed.)
PACS Food Pantry needs church groups including Youth and Pathfinders to volunteer for the Thursday evening food pantry from 4:30-6:30 pm. Would you like to build a team from your church to serve our community?

DONATION HOURS
☒ Sun: 11:00-2:00 pm
☒ Mon-Thurs: 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
☒ Fri-Sat: Closed
CONTACT
info@pacsonline.org

Following Christ's example, we nourish the mind, body and spirit, while fostering dignity among those we serve.

https://www.pacsonline.org

PACS FACTS
January-September 2026
Over **441,733 thrift store items sold** totaling about $565,056 towards our mission.
Over **30,743 families served** by our food pantry.
Over **1,752,599 pounds of food** distributed.
The total number of **active volunteers** so far is 684. That is already a 5.2% increase over the whole of last year.
"Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much." Helen Keller
Thank you to volunteers and donors!



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
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.



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!

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.