



SUNNYSIDE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

November 15 Communiqué



Hello, Sunnyside Family!

This week at Sunnyside has been relatively quiet and smooth — a steady flow of our regular rhythms: Pathfinders, Michael practicing the organ, Rosie faithfully working in the office, Barbara printing music for the orchestra, Bread Night, Bible study groups and classes, choir and band rehearsals, Senior Games and Puzzles, (PAA senior

recognition is an exception) — you name it! It's the beautiful picture of a living, dynamic church family where people connect, serve, bless, grow, and heal. I love our community. My favorite part of ministry, though, is meeting with you one-on-one — hearing what's been stirring in your hearts and minds, listening to your profound questions and deep pains, and seeing the joy in your eyes and the trust in your souls as we journey through this season together.

This week I had a short chat with our hardworking Raymond Betz, who is preparing a mission trip to Thailand in March, where the team will have the opportunity to help build a brand-new church. If you'd like to be part of this meaningful experience, please contact Ray directly or look for his sign-up table in the church lobby over the next few weeks.

I'm also grateful to Ben Dalusong, who has generously agreed to take photos of our members to upload to Elexio for better communication. If you can, please stop by the fellowship hall before Sabbath School or after the service to update your photo. Otherwise, we might have to ask AI to create a random avatar of you—based on our creative imagination and Pastor Seth's love for Tolkien and C.S. Lewis characters!

Meanwhile, our Children's Choir is in full rehearsal mode, joyfully preparing for the Christmas program. There's still time to join! It's delightful to see Bob Boyd and so many others enjoying both the music selection and the children's wonderful energy. This Sabbath, we are blessed to welcome Dr. Kessia Reyne Bennett, our dear friend and pastor of PVC, as our guest preacher at Sunnyside.

May this Sabbath day fill your circles with attentive kindness, joy, and divine light.

Pastor Violeta Bilan

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Sunnyside! We are happy you are here to worship with us. Let us know who you are by filling out one of the Connect Cards and handing it to the deacons or place it in the box in the foyer before you leave. **A special welcome today to Pastor Kessia Reyne Bennett, Ph.D.,** pastor of the Pleasant Valley Adventist Church, as she brings us our Bible message.



The floral tribute today is presented by Jackee and Oliver Duvall in In honor of Don Chapman, for his service to his country and his birthday. You are loved and missed.



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



Today after church at about 1:30 pm, the Elders, Pastors, and families are invited to Ted and Linda Mackett's home for lunch (not potluck). This is a great time for fellowship and to get to know one another better. Feel free to contact them at 503-970-6461.



Please pray for the following families:

† **Jan Clayton** who passed away October 15, 2025. A memorial service will be conducted for her **tomorrow, Sunday, November 16, 2025 at 2:00 pm**, here at Sunnyside Church. . In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to ADRA in her memory <https://adra.org>.



† **Rosemayne (Burden Thompson) Alison** who passed away October 17, 2025. A memorial service will be conducted for her **Sunday, November 23, 2025, at 2:00 pm**, here at Sunnyside Church. In lieu of flowers or gifts, it is Rosemayne's wish that donations be made in her name to the following: PACS Center (Portland Adventist Community Services) www.pacsonline.org. or HOPE TV hopetv.org.



† **Theodore Dwight Caviness** (94 years old) was born November 5, 1930, and passed away peacefully surrounded by family on October 30, 2025. † **Patricia Caviness** passed away September 25, 2025.

We as a family, recently celebrated their birthdays; they felt truly at peace and all the love and support from their family and friends.



On Wednesday, November 19, there will be an Elders' meeting beginning at 6:15 pm, and a Church Board meeting beginning at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. Watch your email for the Zoom invitation.



Our church directory is invaluable when it comes to learning who you are! Good news! Photos will be taken Sabbath, November 22 in the fellowship hall before Sabbath School and immediately following church. If you would like a family or individual portrait taken, please go to the fellowship hall during one of these times.



Food for Thanksgiving 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 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 15th and November 22nd**. Your support is greatly appreciated, thank you and many blessings to you.

Here are items we need 70 of each:

- 3 lb bags apples
- 2-3 lb bags oranges
- 5 lb bags potatoes
- 1-2 lb bags carrots
- 3 lb bags onions
- sparkling apple cider
- 1 lb butter or margarine sticks
- whipped cream spray
- cash donations



Devotional Books for next year are now available for ordering. The new year, 2026, is just around the corner! With the end of the year upon us, we are preparing for the new devotional book orders. Many of you enjoy having these available for Christmas gifts, so we want to make sure you get them in time. Stop by the table in the lobby to sign up. Place your name, include your phone number, and list how many of each of the books you would like. You may place your payment in a tithe envelope and mark it for devotionals. The order will be placed on December 6 and be ready for pick up by December 13.

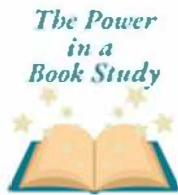


Our Sunnyside Christmas Musical will be presented on December 12 and 13. We would like to give you the opportunity to help with funding one of our biggest outreach events of the year. You may use a tithe envelope or give online at orad.us/Give2Sunnyside. Please designate your donation for the "Christmas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



Christmas Evensong will be on December 20, at 4:00 PM, here at Sunnyside Adventist Church. The program will feature arrangements of holiday favorites from J.S. Bach and Brahms, as well as recent works by Melvin West and Paul Fey (an arrangement of the Widor *Toccata* combined with *O Come All Ye Faithful*). Also included will be singing of several favorite carols and an improvisation by the organist. The full range of sounds from the Rieger organ will be featured, from the

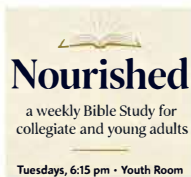
quietest whisper to the thundering full organ. It will be presented by Michael Koller on the organ and Loren Dickinson with the spoken word. Several of the selections were arranged by Melvin West. Loren Dickinson and Melvin West lived next door to each other for some 12 years during their teaching careers at Walla Walla College (now University). It was during their many gab sessions that the idea of this vesper-type service, *Evensong*, was born. Doctor Dickinson was looking for an opportunity to present some of the wonderful gems of literature, while at the same time Doctor West was exploring the possibility of a vesper-type program with the organist providing several compositions, but relieved by readings from literature. So it seemed a natural to create an EVENSONG program in which the organ music was separated by selections from literature.



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



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



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



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



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, FaithLift, a group for ladies, meet here at the church to study the Bible, share their stories, and pray together over many needs as well as for those that need extra prayers. If this sounds like something you would enjoy attending, please come and join us. If you cannot be here in person, there is a Zoom link available to be able to join remotely.



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



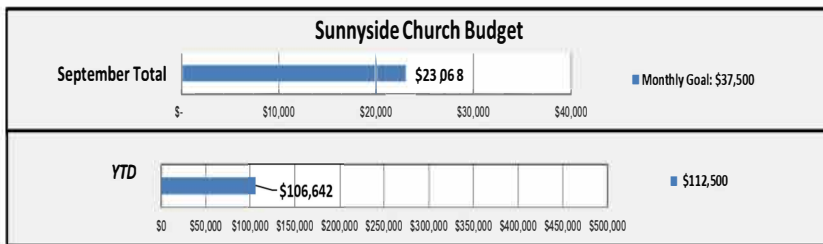
We are blessed with some very strong prayer warriors. If you have a special request, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or info@sunnysideadventist.org to submit your request. There is power in prayer, and it truly makes a difference.



Dollars for Missions! Labels keep trickling in, and we are quickly reaching another goal. Last week was a great week for the label count. We have already received a second check in response to our turning in labels! What a lovely way to give to missions! Continue to save your Loma Linda Labels and turn them in here at the church. There is a box in the Narthex for them. In the "old" days, we received 1¢ per label. Now they give us 25¢ per label. It's well worth saving and receiving "free" dollars for missions! Continue to save and turn in your labels.



Give online: orad.us/Give2Sunnyside



There are some of our family that need help with transportation in order to attend church. If any of you would be willing to help with this need, please contact the office for specific information 503-252-8080 or via email at Info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



If you live at CherryWood Retirement, our bus stops there to pick up anyone who would like to attend church. Please be ready, we stop by at 10:45 am for our church service at 11:15 am. This transportation is free, but if you'd like to contribute, you may mark it to "Bus."



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



Would you like to hear the service more clearly? Sunnyside Church provides assistive hearing devices you may borrow. They are located in the Deacons' office. Just let a deacon know of your need and they will be happy to help you.



We would like to publicly recognize special milestones in your life. Please take a moment to share with us special birthdays, anniversaries, or any other celebrations. We are family and we would like to share with each other. Also, please let us know when you are sick or need other prayers. We want to be a part of your life and pray together with you. Send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org or call the office at 503-252-8080 and let us know the latest with your family!



During this difficult time, if you are in need of financial help, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



Our Family Resource Network has been privileged to assist many of our members when things have been challenging for them or they have experienced unexpected expenses. We have helped with rent, utilities, food, gas, car repairs, and more. We would like you to be aware of what we do and give you an opportunity to contribute to the fund being used to assist our family. Mark your tithe envelope or check for Family Resource Network, and you will know that you have had the privilege of helping one of our members who doesn't even want to ask for help! We are here to help each other. Thank you for helping us build the fund used for these expenses.



Today: Wanda Krein; **Sunday:** Mark Fessler, Cynthia Meade; **Monday:** Dave Reynolds; **Wednesday:** Brent Plubell; **Thursday:** Karen Davies, Audry Lingo, **Friday:** Emma Caministeanu, Aleta Hoffman, Roy Murray, Penny Rippey



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply. Thank you,



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

Hello PAA Family

PAA Music Students Share Their Gifts

Last Friday, more than 80 PAA students brought music and joy to Rivergate Adventist Elementary School in their first performances of the year! Band, Bell Canto, Choir, Alegria, and PASO all performed, filling the gym with incredible sounds and energy. Rivergate students loved seeing and hearing the high school musicians—it was a wonderful time for everyone. The music continued on Sabbath, as Bell Canto and Alegria shared special music for both services at Pleasant Valley Adventist Church. They performed challenging arrangements beautifully, blessing everyone who listened. We love seeing our students use their talents to inspire and uplift others—what a fantastic way to start the performance year! 🎵❤️

First Spirit Week of the Year at PAA!

PAA's first Spirit Week of the year was packed with creativity, energy, and fun! Each day, students and staff showed up in full force for themed dress-up days – 1990s, Dynamic Duos, Western, 1920s, and finally, Students Dress Like Teachers (and Teachers Like Students!). Every day brought exciting contests and games – from “Best Dressed” and “Guess the Song” to races and gym activities – there was truly something for everyone and grade levels competed to win class points. We loved seeing our community come together to laugh, play, and celebrate PAA spirit. A huge thank you to our amazing Student Association (SA) leaders and sponsors for planning such a memorable week. So. Much. Fun!

PAA Academy Day & Academy Night

Attention 8th grade parents! Portland Adventist Academy is excited to welcome your 8th grade student to our high school campus from 9am to 2pm on Wednesday, November 12th! 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 Academy Night – 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.

PAA High School & Middle School Game Night

The PAA Student Association (SA) invites all high school and middle school students (parents are welcome) to a fun-filled evening at Portland Adventist Academy!

📅 Saturday, November 15

🕒 6:00–9:00 PM

📍 Portland Adventist Academy

Enjoy table games, a movie, gym activities, and more! Come laugh, play, and spend time together as a community. SA will also be selling nachos, candy, and drinks throughout the evening.

Invite your friends – it will be so much fun!

Happy Sabbath!

Mechelle Peinado, principal

✨ It Starts With You! ✨

At Portland Adventist Academy, students thrive in a Christ-centered, character-driven community – where every student is known and loved. Your monthly gift helps make this possible! You choose what to support – student scholarships, a favorite program, or where it's needed most. ❤️ Every gift, of any size, helps teenagers grow in faith, and leadership. Give today and be part of shaping the next generation of leaders: 🔗 paasda.org/give-monthly.

PAA Performing at The Festival of Lights at The Grotto

🎵 Mark your calendars for Friday, December 5 at 6:00 PM!

Portland Adventist Academy's Choir and Alegria will be performing at The Grotto's Festival of Lights – a beloved Portland Christmas tradition. If you've never experienced a concert at The Grotto, you're in for a treat! Kick off the Christmas season with beautiful, Christ-centered music in a breathtaking setting.

🎫 Tickets are required and sold online only through The Grotto's Ticketing website – be sure to select December 5

when purchasing.

📍 The Grotto: 8840 NE Skidmore Street, Portland

Come celebrate the season with inspiring music and PAA students!

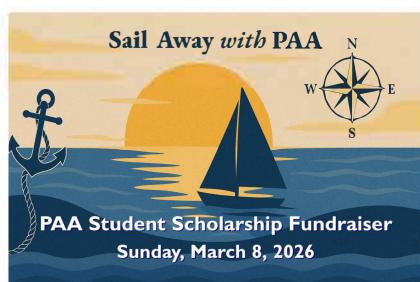
PAA Christmas Vespers Concert

🌲 Join us on Wednesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM for Portland Adventist Academy's annual Christmas Music Program! Enjoy an evening of beautiful music featuring all of PAA's ensembles – Performance & Production, Band, PASO (strings), Bel Canto (handbells), Choir, and Alegria (select choir). Come celebrate the joy of the Christmas season with us at Sunnyside Adventist Church,

📍 10501 SE Market Street, Portland. All are welcome – we look forward to sharing this special evening with you!

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/>

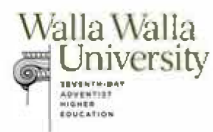


<https://www.tualatinvalleyacademy.org/>



Tualatin Valley Academy Handbells Christmas Concert

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



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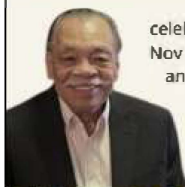
<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN MEMORY

MEMORIAL SERVICE



We will be remembering & celebrating brother Danny Mones on Nov 21. The service will begin at 1pm and is followed by a haystack meal.

Danny was a joyful part of the Tabernacle family for over 20 years. We look forward to resurrection day!

CLOTHING DRIVE



Support Our Adventist Health Portland Clothing Closet

We're collecting new or lightly used shoes and new/packaged socks and underwear for our patient clothing closet. Your donation helps us care for our neighbors with love and dignity—ensuring everyone leaves feeling valued, no matter how they came.

Will you join us in serving our community? Drop off your donations at your church and help bring comfort and care to those who need it most.

Bring your new or lightly used shoes and new/packaged socks and underwear to your local church drop off location.

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Adventist Health Portland

10123 SW Market St
Portland, OR 97216

comfort SHAWLS



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

What is a comfort shawl?

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

How do I get involved?

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

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



Church Organist Needed: The Stone Tower Adventist Church Music Department is seeking a volunteer church organist to play the organ during our worship service for up to two Sabbaths a month. Please contact Jeanine Goodwin at (503) 381-5577 or womensministry@stonetowersda.org for more details and if you or an organist you know would be interested.



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!



How do we serve?

Portland Adventist Community Services – PACS is a vibrant faith-based Community of Service with staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners who provide food, low-cost dental care, and low-cost clothing/household items to individuals and families.

Hours: Thrift Store, Sun | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Mon – Thurs | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fri | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm / Sat | Closed

Donation Drop Sun | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Mon – Thurs | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm / Fri – Sat | Closed

Dental Clinic:

Contact the Gateway Grace Dental Clinic to schedule an appointment 503-907-6768

Volunteers:

To volunteer at PACS, contact Jaclyn Russell at (503) 252-8500 ext. 1130

Donations:

From large to small, we take them all.

Money, clothing, even big and tall,

humble egg boxes, and home goods for all

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve in a missional environment focused on giving hope to those in need through Portland Adventist Community Services, then please go to: <https://www.pacsonline.org/job>

There are three postings available.

* Development & Planning Manager

* Thrift Store Assistant Manager (Part-time)

PACS Thrift Store has many shoppers. We need Steps to Christ, Bibles, and Guides to share with them. If you have something to share, please let us know or bring them to PACS and hand them in to the office.



PACS is Hiring!

Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry and Dental Clinic. **We are hiring a Director of Quality Management and a Thrift Store Part-time Assistant Manager.** If you are interested in these positions, please visit our website ([pacsonline.org/jobs](https://www.pacsonline.org/jobs)) for job descriptions or email jobs@pacsonline.org for more information.

PACS needs truck drivers. Why?

This year, so far, our truck drivers have brought 365,670 lbs. (Jan-Mar) in donated food to feed our diverse community. That represents a huge number of people being fed. What a difference PACS drivers make! If you have a heart for people and like to drive a truck, no CDL license is needed, don't hesitate to contact Jaclyn.

Hours: 7:30-11:00-ish

Telephone: Jaclyn Russell at (503)-252-4589

Email: Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org

Sign-up: <https://www.pacsonline.org/volunteer>

Better Life Television, a non-profit Christian (Seventh-day Adventist) broadcasting ministry comprising television, internet, radio, broadcasting, and evangelism, is seeking a Speaker/Executive Director of Operations to drive performance and operational excellence for our organization. Employment preference will be given to members of the

Adventist church, as permitted under the EEOC's Title VII provision. This position is based in Grants Pass, Oregon. [Learn more about this position.](#)

NW Adventist Federal Credit Union is hiring a Member Solutions Specialist. Why Join Us? We are more than a credit union. We are a ministry of service to our community. When you join our team, you'll find a workplace that is kind, supportive, and mission-driven. If you have a heart for service and enjoy meaningful, detail-oriented work, we would love to meet you. Apply today! Send your resume to staff@mynwcu.com or visit www.mynwcu.com/careers.



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

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

Volunteers Needed at PACS

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

Last week's worship service in photos



