

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

November 18, 2023



Hello Sunnyside!

As we approach the Sabbath rest, let me quote from our pastor Kevin Wilson's new book, 'The Way of Chai,' released this week: 'Rest is not the opposite of work but the fulfillment of it. To rest is to be at home with the realization that the work you have been doing is meaningful to you and its beneficiaries.'

Many of us can rest, knowing that our work this week was important and greatly appreciated.

- -On Tuesday, Carl Buchanan donated 178 plants, and Karen Ulloth and her team planted them around the church.
- The finance team passed the audit report with flying colors for the excellent job they did managing church resources.
- The Bread Night team faithfully fed a group of students last time before Thanksgiving break.
- The History Class met to learn and grow in the understanding of divine providence in human history.
- The Bible Study groups met and interceded for us in prayers.
- ReNew and Facility teams collaborated patiently.
- Our Elders, AdCo, and Church Board met to take care of ongoing issues.
- The children's department team and the choir met, getting ready for the Christmas programs.
- Many of you have been taking care of patients, customers, and projects, surviving midterms and crammed schedules.
- Some of you were healing from major health problems, emotional traumas, or losses.

So, next week as we gather in our big and not-so-big circles to celebrate Thanksgiving. May our hearts swell with a sense of fulfillment and gratitude! May our God grant us rest, allowing us to be at home with the realization that the work we have been doing is meaningful.

With love,

Pastor Violeta Bilan

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Seth

- On Monday I had the privilege of sharing at Phillip Rader's graveside service at Willamette National Cemetery. It was a beautiful service honoring his life and service to our country. Please keep the Rader family in prayer, as well as the others in our congregation grieving the loss of loved ones.
- I am headed to the American Academy of Religion this weekend to present a paper, but look forward to seeing you next Sabbath!

From the desk of Pastor Nancy

- I made a new friend who loves sweet and sour tofu as much as I do! Last week, Carmen Cafferky invited me to lunch at Joy Wok. We visited while we ate and were surprised when we realized that two hours had gone by in a blink! Thanks, Carmen.
- I attended the Veteran's Day breakfast our church hosted last Sabbath. It was wonderful to see some of our members wearing their medals and to hear their stories. My favorite was David Drake's story. His first date with his wife-to-be, Marilyn, was skydiving! When she landed, she told David, "I'm never doing that again!"
- Kimberly Goodwin-Helton, Jackee Duvall, and I continue to work on our Children's Christmas program which will be December 9, at 11:15 AM. Rehearsals will be this week during Sabbath School.
- On Sunday, my office got a fresh paint job. Thanks to my dad, Dave Snyder, for volunteering!



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
inkeeper to complete His plan for the world!*

From the desk of Pastor Billy

- I'm rejoicing in a great Audit Report! Shout out to the treasury and finance committee for putting Sunnyside in such a great spot financially.
- This week I have been blessed to have meals with many Sunnysiders and have been preparing for Young Adult Sabbath school.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

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 this afternoon at 3:00, here at Sunnyside Church.** A light reception will follow the service.



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

10th Annual Cherry Park Elementary School Toy Drive! The annual toy drive for Cherry Park School will be from November 18 to December 9, 2023.

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: sets, board games, Barbie dolls, dolls, trucks, Legos, crafts, Hot Wheels. We are happy to do the shopping for you. Please place your donation in a tithe envelope and mark it "Cherry Park." Please feel free to reach out to: Jackee Duvall 503-309-9400 or jackeeduvall@hotmail.com



The next Adventurers' meeting will feature a special guest, Dianne Jones. She knew it was quite risky to smuggle Bibles into Romania during communism. Yet, she did it anyway and she has amazing stories to share!

Sabbath, November 25, at 5:00 PM, in the fellowship hall. All are welcome



It's time to order your 2024 Devotional Books.

There is a flyer and a signup sheet on the ledge by the office window. Please choose which ones you would like. The correct dollar amount is on the signup sheet, and along with your name please write in your phone number. You may place your payment in a tithe envelope, mark it for devotionals, and drop it in the mail slot in the office door. The order will be placed on December 4, and be ready for pickup Sabbath, December 9. These make great Christmas presents!

Cookies and Crafts! December 2, the Pathfinders are sponsoring a Cookies and Crafts event immediately following our potluck. They will provide cookies already baked and supply all the necessities for decorating them.

Cookies & Crafts



This would be your treat to do. If decorating cookies is not your thing, there will be other crafts provided. Please stay and join us for this very special community event and time to bond deeper with each other!



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!

The below Wednesday groups are not meeting Thanksgiving week.

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.



Sunday: Gina Wescott, Gwen Gingrich, Brent Plubell;
Monday: Karen Davies, Doreen Gatien; **Tuesday:** Sonia Giles, Arleta Hoffman, Roy Murray, Penny Rippey,
Thursday: Ethel Inaba, Lynn Wagner

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



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



Portland Adventist Academy
<https://paasda.org/>

PAA Performing at The Festival of Lights at the Grotto

Mark your calendars now for December 2 at 9:00 PM! PAA's Choir and Alegria will be performing at The Grotto that evening and if you have never listened to a concert at The Grotto, you are in for a treat. Kick off the Christmas season with some exceptional music performances. Tickets are required and this year all tickets to "The Festival of Lights" will be sold online at their Ticketing website. Be sure to select December 2! The Grotto is located at 8840 NE Skidmore Street, Portland.

PAA Christmas Vespers Concert

Please join us on Friday, December 8 at 7:00 PM for our annual Christmas music program. All our music ensembles, including Band, PASO (strings), Bel Canto (handbells), Choir, and Alegria (select choir) will perform. Come celebrate the Season with PAA at Sunnyside Adventist Church located at 10501 SE Market Street, Portland.

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.



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.

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.



Follow the Star at Gladstone Campgrounds! We need builders, guides, wisemen, singing angels, townspeople, and more! Rehearsal dates: Sunday, November 19, 3-6 PM, Tuesday, November 28, 7-10 PM, dress rehearsal, November 30, 7-10 PM. Contact the Conference Office to offer your support 503-850-3500.

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/pacsthirstore.



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.

Activities from Last Week







