

November 29 Communiqué



Excerpts from Psalm 22

David sang to the Lord the words of this song when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies and from the hand of Saul. He said:

"The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation. He is my stronghold, my refuge and my savior—from violent people you save me.

"He reached down from on high and took hold of me; he drew me out of deep waters. He rescued me from my powerful enemy, from my foes, who were too strong for me. They confronted me in the day of my disaster, but the Lord was my support. He brought me out into a spacious place; he rescued me because he delighted in me.

"To the faithful you show yourself faithful, to the blameless you show yourself blameless, to the pure you show yourself pure, but to the devious you show yourself shrewd. You save the humble, but your eyes are on the haughty to bring them low. You, Lord, are my lamp; the Lord turns my darkness into light. With your help I can advance against a troop; with my God I can scale a wall.

"As for God, his way is perfect: The Lord's word is flawless; he shields all who take refuge in him. For who is God besides the Lord?

And who is the Rock except our God?

It is God who arms me with strength and keeps my way secure.

"He makes my feet like the feet of a deer; he causes me to stand on the heights. He trains my hands for battle; my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You make your saving help my shield; your help has made me great. You provide a broad path for my feet, so that my ankles do not give way.

"The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock!

Exalted be my God, the Rock, my Savior! He is the God who avenges me, who puts the nations under me, who sets me free from my enemies.

You exalted me above my foes; from a violent man you rescued me.

Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name."

Pastor Kevin Wilson

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 Ben Lundquist,** Oregon Conference Associate Ministerial Director, as he brings us the Bible message.



"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!



Membership Transfers —First Reading:

Joining:

Gregory Anderson from Kennewick Adventist Church, Washington Jeff & Marilyn Emery from Stevensville SDA Church, Michigan Jarret Hendricks from Sandy Church Catherine Hillerman from Sandy Church Judy Smart from Kennewick Adventist Church, Washington Leaving:

Estelle Birch to Croscombe SDA Church, United Kingdom Judith & Randy Greene to Paradise SDA Church, Las Vegas, Nevada Ruby & Bill Hohensee to Redmond Adventist Church, Redmond Auzhelika Howe to Salem Central SDA Church, Salem Alice Ingabire to Oregon Central Koren SDA Church, Portland



Partial Nominating Committee Report: Second Reading—Earliteen Leader: Lily Baraka



Next Sabbath, December 6, we will enjoy our monthly church potluck immediately after our worship service. Bring enough food for your family plus more for our quests. Everyone is welcome and invited to join in eating together.



Food for Thanksgiving Baskets: Sunnyside Pathfinders in partnership with the Union Gospel Mission and the generosity of our church were able to provide a Thanksgiving food box to 70 families on Sunday! Thank you! We could not have done it without you. Blessings to you all!



Dollars for Missions! A new company has purchased Loma Linda and they are no longer sponsoring our missions. So, please do not turn any more Loma Linda labels until further notice. Thank you for your support over the past years. And thank you for your part in earning \$231.75 over recent months.



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. Loren Dickinson with the spoken word, and Elynn Rodriguez. 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.



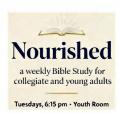
Lloyd Wescott's Christmas legacy continues under the direction of Don Wescott at a different location. *Under the Willow Concerts* present "Christmas with Jenn Bostic and Friends," **Sunday, December 21, at 5:30 pm. Southlake Church,** West Linn, Oregon. This is a free concert. Come and enjoy Christmas music with us.



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?
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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." **No meeting this week of Thanksgiving.**



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.



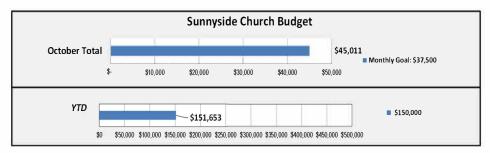
Wednesday mornings at 10:00 our Men's Bible Study group meet to study the Bible together in the Youth Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.



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.



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: Elena Cucereavii; **Sunday:** Madeline Pierce, Jory Royce; **Monday:** Esther Pierre; **Tuesday:** Heather Avilla, Steffen Moller; **Wednesday:** Judy Carpenter, Doneva Ward; **Thursday:** Stephen Henry, William Johnson; **Friday:** Lorraine Jacobs



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 Game & Gym Night for High School and Middle School

Saturday night's PAA Game/Gym Night was a perfect example of what makes our students so incredible. More than 100 students—middle schoolers and high schoolers—came together and truly made the night unforgettable. From the moment the doors opened, our Student Association leaders took the lead. They provided food, they opened the gym, arranged a movie, provided games, and created a space where every person felt included. Their energy set the tone for the whole event. In the gym, students ran the show—involving younger students in games, forming spontaneous teams, and cheering each other on. In the game rooms, high schoolers invited middle schoolers into their groups, making sure no one was left out. Upstairs, students hosted a movie space that quickly became a relaxed hangout spot. Middle schoolers were the stars, too—bringing excitement, curiosity, and bravery as they stepped into a new environment. They tried new activities, made new friends, and jumped right into the fun. Their parents, who stayed and watched, witnessed firsthand the welcoming, kind, and joy-filled student community that makes PAA so special. The night ended the same way it began—with students connecting, laughing, and taking care of each other. They created the community. They built the fun. They set the tone.

This event showed exactly why we're so proud of our PAA students:

They lead.

They welcome.

They include.

They make PAA a place where everyone belongs.

We loved watching them shine. V

A Short Week, Big Moments: PAA Students Lead Us Into Thanksgiving 💙 🞾

As we head into Thanksgiving break, we're celebrating the incredible ways our students filled this week with energy, laughter, leadership, and community. Even in a short week, they made PAA come alive.

🐾 Students Took Center Stage

Our Drama students kicked off the week with a fun and thoughtful performance all about gift-giving. Their acting, humor, and creativity had the whole school entertained from start to finish. They made us laugh, made us cheer, and reminded us just how much student talent shines at PAA.

Freshmen Showed Up as Leaders

Freshman elections were a highlight! With so many students running for office, it took two full lunch periods to hear all the speeches. We loved watching our youngest high schoolers step forward with confidence, share their ideas, and support one another. Their enthusiasm for leadership and community is inspiring.

Students Make Every Day Meaningful

From performances to elections to everyday moments of connection, our students continue to show what makes PAA special. They gather, laugh, try new things, learn together, lift each other up, and make every shared experience richer. Their courage, creativity, and commitment to community are the heartbeat of our school.

A Well-Earned Break

Today we wrap up before a much-anticipated Thanksgiving break. Many students are heading out to visit family, travel, rest, and celebrate. We hope all of you enjoy a week filled with joy, connection, and renewal.

We are deeply thankful for our students and this incredible PAA family.



Mechelle Peinado, Principal

Portland Adventist Academy

★ 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. Very 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

A 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.





ALUMNI WEEKEND

May 1-2, 2026



HONOR CLASSES

1951 (75-year), 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971, 1976 (50-year), 1981,1986, 1991, 1996, 2001 (25-year), 2006, 2011. 2016, 2021 (5-year)

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



Walla Walla University

https://wallawalla.edu

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Your invited to our next First Friday on December 5. 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 special Christmas concert by David Gomez. We would like to invite you to join us for this FREE event and we encourage you to invite your friends and family members.

https://adventisthealth.org/portland/events/ahpl-first-friday/



Do you knit or crochet?

Adventist Health Portland needs your help making comfort shawls.

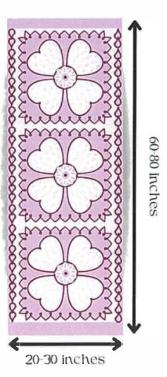
What is a comfort shawl?

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!

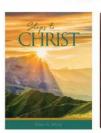
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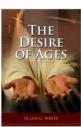


YOUR DONATION EQUIPS OUR MINISTRY

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 some 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) 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. <u>Learn more about this position</u>.

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.volqistics.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 Pictures

















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