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SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

October 7 Communiqué



Dear Sunnyside Family,

We enjoyed a wonderful turnout of college students and young professionals at our first *Overflow* vespers of the year. During our time together, we explored how contemplation and intentional attention allow us to see God's presence, even in the darkness.

Our ministry team is currently preparing for our meeting on November 8th. We will be visioning and scheduling key programming for 2027, so please keep us in your prayers as we dream and plan for the future of our church.

This past Thursday, I had the privilege of officiating the wedding of two former youth from my previous congregation in Oceanside. It is remarkable how a decade of distance can instantly vanish, bringing back the shared laughs, tears, and fears that shaped who we are today.

It reminds me of a poignant line from the season finale of *The Office*, spoken by the character Andy Bernard:

"I wish there was a way to know you're in the good old days before you've actually left them."

If that is true, perhaps we are living in the "good old days" of Sunnyside right now—knowing that the best is yet to come.

Grace and Peace,

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 a deacon or placing it in the box in the foyer before you leave.



Today we will enjoy our monthly church potluck immediately after our worship service. If you didn't bring food with you today, join us anyway. We always have an

abundance of food! Everyone is welcome and invited to join in eating and fellowshipping together.



Tomorrow, Sunday, November 8, 10:00 am: All Sunnyside Church team leaders' meeting/brunch at the church in the Youth Room. Bring the dates you need to schedule for use of the church for next year.



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. 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.



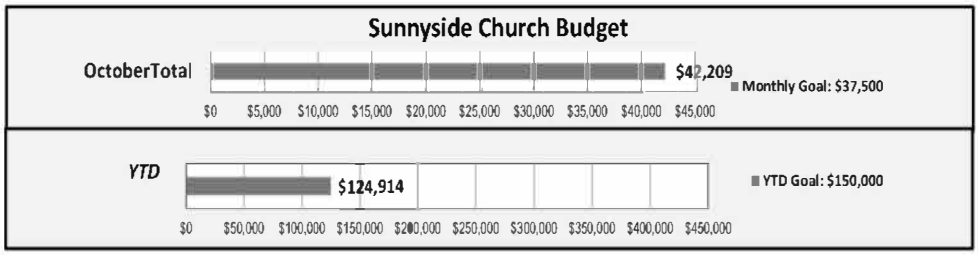
We are also collecting warm items for those in need: blankets, gloves/mittens, hats, scarves, socks, etc. There is a box in the lobby where you may place them when you bring them in. Thank you for your contributions.



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! RSVP is a must by November 9, text to 360-553-8464 or email shawnmarie621@yahoo.com. Volunteers to help would be welcome.



Wednesday, November 11, is a day set aside to honor our Veterans. We extend a special thank you for your service to all our Veterans!



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.



Tuesdays, 3:50 pm, in the Bridal Room, Conrad Gren is conducting a reading and discussion of the recently translated book of Exodus which he has done in the Ancient Standard Version. All are welcome.



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 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.

Happy Birthday

Birthdays for this upcoming week.
Mitzi Eichner, Renee Novak, Duncan Orina, Michael Rettig, Jacob Buroker,
Michelle Chin, Del Colton, John Ferguson, Kimberley Shields,
George Caministeanu, Linda Garcia, Matt Mandrones,
Troy Scholz, Isaac Lian, Claire Ochs, Andrae Patterson,
Susan Robertson, Cheryl Wilhite, Saras Boyd

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

Come Celebrate PAA Seniors at Senior Recognition

There is something special about the moment a senior is truly seen. These students have worked hard, grown in faith, and led with heart, and we would love for our whole community to gather and tell them so. Please join us for **PAA's Senior Recognition,** an evening of celebration, encouragement, and prayer for the students who are stepping toward their next chapter with God leading the way. **Thursday, November 12, 7:00 PM** at Sunnyside Adventist Church. Bring your family and friends. Come cheer on our seniors. We cannot wait to celebrate with you!

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

Rivergate Adventist Elementary School
https://www.rgsda.org/

HOOD VIEW
ADVENTIST SCHOOL

Hood View Adventist School
https://www.hvja.org/



https://www.tualatinvalleyacademy.org/

Walla Walla University
SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST HIGHER EDUCATION

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!





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

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!

PACS

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!

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.

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.

NW Adventist Federal Credit Union is hiring a Member Operations Specialist
We're hiring a Member Operations Specialist at Northwest Adventist Federal Credit Union! This role blends member service, file maintenance, daily reports, back-office support, and research. We're looking for someone dependable, detail-oriented, kind, organized, and able to shift gears smoothly while helping members with excellence. We'd love to connect with you! To apply or learn more, please visit our website Careers – Northwest Adventist Federal Credit Union or give us a call at 503-256-3712.



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.

Dog Walker Needed!

Walla Walla University nursing student Jesse Leavelle recently moved to Portland and is looking for someone to help walk his sweet dog, Sweeney, whom he adopted while serving as a student missionary in Guam. Jesse lives near the Portland Adventist Hospital campus and would like to hire someone to walk Sweeney during the day while he is in class. Scheduling is flexible and can be arranged directly with Jesse. If you're interested, please call or text him at 218-576-9625.

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.