



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

December 20 Communiqué



Hi Sunnyside friends!

At the heart of the Christmas story is the love of God. Scripture tells us, "For God so loved the world that He gave..."

We are truly blessed with an incredible team of volunteers who gave their time, energy and resources to our biggest outreach of the year, our Christmas program, and this week, the kids and families Christmas production.

A huge thank you to Nadiya for leading the children's choir, to Pastors Violeta and Ben Bilan for supporting the music production, and to all the parents and guardians who practiced the songs with their kids at home. We are excited to have more regular practice times beginning next year.

Thank you to Jackee, Dianne and the deaconess team, and to Evelyn and the Pathfinder leaders for packaging cookies to take home after the service.

Thank you to Guy and the AV team for making sure we had a reliable sound system.

Thank you to Karen for costume fittings and your attention to detail.

Thank you to our decorations team, including Kathy, Natalia and Lorraine, and to everyone who helped set up and pack down. If you would like to stay after the service to help today, please feel free to do so.

Thank you to the kids who stepped out of their comfort zones to share in various ways today.

Thank you to our church family for creating a place where we can celebrate the talents God has given our young people and give them a safe space to grow and use these gifts.

I know there are many more people I have missed, so thank you to every single one of you.

To everyone who gave in any way this year, thank you. No matter what season of life we are in, we are invited to give. We have already received the greatest gift of all, the gift of everlasting life.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16

As we enter Christmas week and reflect on God's gift to the world, I invite you to consider a few questions as we move into the new year:

What did you give yourself to this year?
Where is God calling you to give in the coming
year? What might that look like in your life?

Pastor Rose Andrykanus

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Sunnyside! We are happy you are here to worship with us. We have prepared a very special program featuring our children for you during this holiday season. 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.



Please pray for Pam Bullock's family. She passed away December 1, 2025. A memorial service for her is being planned for January 25.



Christmas Evensong will be this afternoon, 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.



Devotional Books: If you have ordered a devotional book for 2026, they have arrived and are in the workroom. You may place your payment in a tithe envelope and mark it for devotionals. This is on the honor system, so thank you for turning in your payment. Please note on the form that you picked it up. Thank you.



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.



As you plan your year-end giving, please note that all funds to be receipted in 2025 must be received or postmarked by December 31, 2025. If it is received after that, it will be recorded for the year 2026.



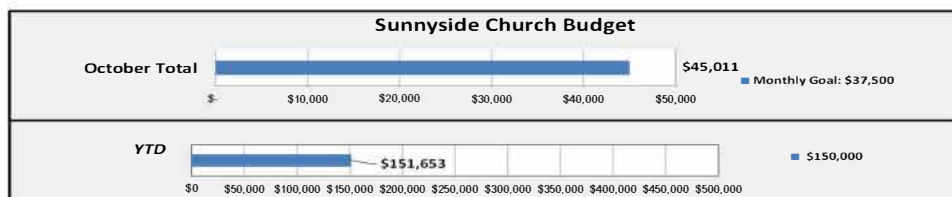
Sunnyside Church office will be closed for the holidays from December 18-January 5. If you have something urgent during this time, please contact us via text at 971-238-9680.



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: Grace Colton; **Monday:** Gale Gardner, Donna Stephan, Russ Vickroy; **Tuesday:** Evie Blehm, Janis Dove, Richard Fenn; **Wednesday:** Paul Dragulin, Caleb Siaw; **Friday:** Dennis Plubell, Gene Stiles, Darlene Viall



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Full-Time Treasurer Needed at PAES! Portland Adventist Elementary School is seeking a full-time treasurer to join our PK-8 campus. This role requires good communication, flexibility, and skills in bookkeeping/accounting (QuickBooks experience preferred; training available). Responsibilities include billing, payroll, reconciliations, A/R and A/P, 1099 filing, budgeting, and monthly/year-end closing, with occasional reports to the school board. Interested candidates can send their resume to principal@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. 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>

Hello PAA Family!

PAA Musicians Shine at The Grotto

On Friday night, our PAA musicians filled The Grotto in southeast Portland with truly breathtaking music. The PAA Choir, Alegria, and several gifted soloists shared songs that lifted up the name of Jesus and celebrated the miracle of

His birth. Their music wrapped the audience in peace, joy, and the unmistakable presence of God. Our students brought their whole hearts to this performance—combining skill, passion, and worship. As their voices rose through the chapel, the space felt transformed. Their harmonies carried warmth and hope, reminding everyone listening of God's goodness, faithfulness, and love. You can watch the performance here: https://youtu.be/Elrn4SU_f84. We are so grateful for our student musicians. Through their dedication, artistry, and desire to glorify God, they continue to lead our community into worship and draw us closer to Christ. What a beautiful evening. What an incredible way for our students to shine for Him. Bravo to our amazing musicians!

Campus Ministries Students Lead the Celebration at the PAA Christmas Party

Last Saturday night, our Campus Ministries students brought the Christmas spirit to life as they hosted a festive, joy-filled Christmas party for the entire PAA student body. From the moment students walked in, the campus was buzzing with energy, laughter, and the kind of togetherness that makes our community feel like family. Students led the way planning every detail—from creative games and friendly contests to group singing that carried the warmth of the season through the room. Ugly sweaters made their annual appearance, bringing plenty of cheer (and a few groans!) and gingerbread house building turned into a lively mix of teamwork, competition, and sugary masterpieces. What made the night truly special was watching students create an atmosphere where everyone felt welcomed, included, and ready to celebrate. Their leadership, hospitality, and creativity shone brightly, reminding us once again how our students shape the heart of PAA. It was a night full of fun, connection, and community—a perfect start to the Christmas season. Bravo to our Campus Ministries students for planning and hosting such a wonderful evening!

PAA Christmas Program: Students Shine for the Season

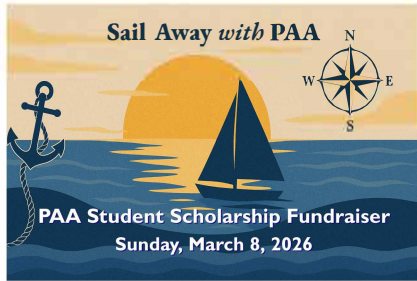
PAA's annual Christmas Program was a true showcase of our students' talent, dedication, hard work, and creativity! Held at the beautifully decorated Sunnyside Adventist Church, our students filled the space with music, joy, and the spirit of the season. Under the direction of Dr. Carter, with Mrs. Cooper guest directing a powerful gospel piece, our student musicians led every performance – from Choir and Alegria to Bell Canto, Band, and PASO. Several students also stepped into the spotlight with solo performances, sharing their gifts with confidence and heart. The program culminated in a combined ensemble medley, led by Mrs. Carter, where all the students came together to create a breathtaking celebration of Christmas music. The energy, artistry, and teamwork of our students made the night truly special. Families and friends were inspired and uplifted as our students used their talents to glorify God and spread the joy of the season. 🎵 Watch and listen to the full performance here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSwrleTc0ro>

God is good. Merry Christmas! 🎄💙

Mechelle Peinado, Principal

Scholarship Funding

At Portland Adventist Academy, our purpose is to provide a Christ-centered, character-driven education to all students. However, many families face financial challenges that can make it difficult for their children to attend. We are reaching out to ask for your support in funding scholarships that will help make this life-changing education accessible to more students. Your generous donation can directly impact a student's ability to attend and thrive at Portland Adventist Academy. To make either a recurring or one-time contribution, please visit www.paasda.org or contact me at ubrown@paasda.org at 971-351-9028 for more details. As [students share in this video](#), thank you for your support in shaping the future of our students and helping them grow in faith and character.



PAA & Fred Meyer. You may support PAA through the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Just connect a Fred Meyer digital account and connect it to your Shopper's Card, and designate Portland Adventist Academy as the organization you wish to support. You can get it all done on the Fred Meyer website here: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>



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



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



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



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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?

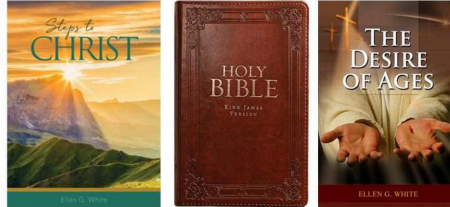
You can bring comfort to these individuals by making a comfort shawl and delivering it to Adventist Health Portland's Spiritual Care Department (503) 251-6105. Use the guidelines below to make a shawl of the appropriate size. Many free patterns are available online. Beginner-friendly projects are welcome!

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



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) 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.