



## December 6 Communiqué



### *Merry Christmas Sunnyside!*

We are in one of the bluest seasons at our church , but one that brings so much joy and inspiration. It's always fun to watch all the programming come together in a powerful way. Thank you to all who are helping us make this season special for our community.

One of the most startling images of the Christmas story occurs in the book of Revelation. In describing the birth of Jesus, it reads, "Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour he child as soon as it was born" (12:4). This gruesome description reminds us that, to echo C.S. Lewis' words, the birth of Christ was an invasion of occupied enemy territory. Thankfully, the dragon failed and was defeated through the deat and resurrection of Jesus!

Yet, while we wait for the final moment where victory manifests with Jesus' return, there are still "dragons" that seek devour the presence of Jesus in our life. These dragons have an infinite number of appearances (greed, critical spirits harsh words, violence, etc.). In a world full of dragons, we need reminders that, while the darkness sought to overcome the light of Jesus "the darkness did not overcome it" (John 1:5).

This season, be mindful of those dragons that seek to devour the light in our lives. Fight back by holding to the truth of Christ's victory and a refusal to become a dragon in our words and actions towards others.

Looking forward to seeing everyone on Sabbath where I will share a message entitled, "A Killer Carol."

*Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.*

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## 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.



**"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!



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



#### **Membership Transfers – Second 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



**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 fellowshiping together.



**15th Annual Cherry Park Toy Drive!** The annual toy drive for Cherry Park School will be now until December 15, 2025. 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. Gift Ideas: Playdoh sets, board games, Barbie dolls, dolls, trucks, Legos, crafts, Hot Wheels, or toys of your choice. We are happy to do the shopping for you. Please place your donation in a tithe envelope and mark it "Cherry Park." Feel free to reach out to: Jackee Duvall 503-309-9400 or [jackeeduvall@hotmail.com](mailto:jackeeduvall@hotmail.com).



**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. We expect the order to be delivered before 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](https://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.



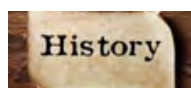
**Lloyd Wescott's Christmas legacy continues under the direction of Don Wescott** at a different location. *Under the Willow Concerts* present "Christmas with Jenn Bostic and Friends," **Sunday, December 21, at 5:30 pm. Southlake Church, West Linn, Oregon.** This is a free concert. Come and enjoy Christmas 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?pwd=NL45Qa0tzo2QhAOszPhuVyRigTfeW3.1>



**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.



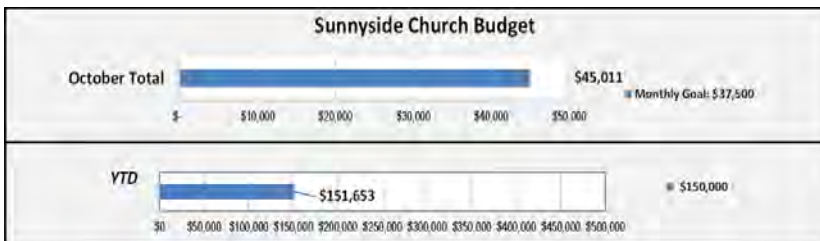
**Wednesday mornings at 10:00 our Men's Bible Study group** meet to study the Bible together in the Youth Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.



**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](mailto:info@sunnysideadventist.org) to submit your request. There is power in prayer, and it truly makes a difference.



Give online: [orad.us/Give2Sunnyside](https://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Samantha Eichner, Julia Hadley, Cindy McGinnis, Eric Tolan; **Monday:** Kenneth Allen, Carol Denny; **Tuesday:** Eri Brunese, Anita Christensen, Tracy Clark, Chloe Pierce, Kathy Rosenquist; **Wednesday:** Jeffrey Boskind, Jonah Reyes-Horvath



### **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](mailto:admin@paes.com) to apply. Thank you,



### **Portland Adventist Academy**

<https://paasda.org>

### **✨ Building a Christ-Centered Future – One Student at a Time ✨**

At Portland Adventist Academy, students thrive in a Christ-centered, character-driven community where every student is known and loved. Your gift supports student scholarships, academic and spiritual programs, and the areas of greatest need – all helping students grow in faith, purpose, and leadership. Every gift, of any size, makes a real impact on our students. Watch this short video to hear students share how PAA has shaped their lives:

### **📺 Known and Loved**

Give today and help strengthen Adventist Christian education:

[paasda.org/give-a-gift](https://paasda.org/give-a-gift)

### **Mechelle Peinado, Principal**

*Portland Adventist Academy*

### **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](https://www.paasda.org) or contact me at [ubrown@paasda.org](mailto: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](https://jobs.wallawalla.edu).

## **AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**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 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](https://www.pacsonline.org/jobs)) for job descriptions or email [jobs@pacsonline.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:staff@mynwcu.com) or visit [www.mynwcu.com/careers](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org) or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

### ***Last Week's Worship Service in Pictures***





Sunnyside News