

Sunnyside News

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December 7, Communiqué

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Dear Sunnyside family and friends,

This bright winter week has been a beautiful transition from the spirit of Thanksgiving into the joy of the Christmas season. I'm so grateful to Lorraine Jacobs and her incredible team for transforming our church with their creativity and hard work. Seeing the space become festive is such a delight, and we deeply appreciate the time and energy they've devoted to this effort.

As the holiday season picks up, I've felt the need to "redecorate" my spirit—making space to approach this season with an open heart, fully present, and ready to cherish every moment. To help with that, I stepped away to attend our annual pastoral prayer retreat. Those days with God refreshed my soul and renewed my sensitivity to His guidance and grace.

My prayer for each of you is that you take time, even in small moments, to reflect, reconnect, and prepare your hearts for Christ to work His wonders in and through you during this holiday season. After all, it's His presence that makes our time and space truly holy.

This Friday, our church will host the PAA Christmas Program. A heartfelt thank-you to all the volunteers who are helping make this event happen. On Sabbath, Pastor Seth will return to the Sunnyside pulpit, while Ben and I will be at The Village leading communion. After the service, I hope to join you for the potluck and enjoy the Antony León concert. In the evening, I'll sing with the Sunnyside choir at the Grotto. It's shaping up to be a full and exciting day, and I'm looking forward to experiencing it with you.

With love,

Pastor Violeta Bilan

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Seth

Hello Church Family,

I hope you have all had a good week.

We were blessed when our new conference president, Dr. John McVay, popped in to say hello before staff meeting on Tuesday. He took time to pray with us and encourage us. I am excited to have him as our new leader and looking at dates for him to come preach at Sunnyside next year.

We have lots of holiday preparation going on and I hope each of you will plan on attending the annual Christmas programs on the 13th, 14th, and 21st (Children's Program). We had excellent turnouts last year and know that this year we will see lots of new faces among our regular attendees.

Also, take note of the special announcement regarding fundraising campmeeting! This is a special experience that many missed this year, and if we all pull together, I am sure we can make it happen in 2025.

This Sabbath, I am looking forward to sharing the message, "Oh, Christmas Trees..." don't forget that we have potluck afterwards, followed by a concert from the amazing Anthony León. It should be a wonderful time!

Blessings.

From the desk of Pastor Rose

Hi Sunnyside Family,

We've entered that in-between season – the blur between Thanksgiving and Christmas! One thing's for sure, though: I'm so grateful to be part of this church community where each week I'm meeting new faces and learning new names.

I had the absolute joy of celebrating Thanksgiving with the Snyder household, alongside the Barbers and the Wilsons. Emma and Zoe were full of energy, proudly showing me their artwork and stone collection. We shared a delicious meal, lots of laughter, and great conversation. A huge thank you to the Snyders for your warm hospitality and for showing this Aussie how Thanksgiving is truly celebrated!

We also kicked off rehearsals this week for the Children's Christmas program in Sabbath School, and let me tell you – we've got some hidden talent in the group! Over the next few Sabbaths, at **10:00 AM SHARP**, the shepherds and angels will be practicing their scenes in the Sabbath School rooms. If you're involved, please come along to support our kids.

Additionally, we'll also have an all-cast rehearsal in the sanctuary on December 19. Please arrive at **6:00 PM** for a costume fitting and pizza, and we'll begin rehearsal at **6:30 PM SHARP**. We encourage all involved to come. This rehearsal will give the kids a chance to practice with props, get comfortable in the sanctuary space, and build confidence in their roles.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to reach out to me.

Looking forward to seeing all of you as we approach one of the most wonderful times of the year!

Blessings.

From the desk of Pastor Kevin

Calling all Collegiates and Young Professionals! Our Christmas Party is coming up on **Sunday, December 15th, at 6:00 pm**. If you want to participate in our White Elephant Gift Exchange please bring a gift at a \$15 limit. Please RSVP Heather at 541-625-9433 for the address.

Calling all Youth! (Middle School and High School) You're invited to our Christmas Party on **Saturday, December 21st, at 6:00 pm**, in the Youth Room. If you want to participate in the gift exchange, please bring a gift at a \$15 limit! Contact Pastor Kevin at 240-476-3426 if you're coming!

Announcements

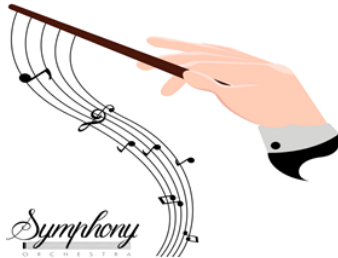


Welcome to Sunnyside! We are happy you are here to worship with us. Let us know who you are by filling out one of the Connect Cards and handing it to the deacons or place it in the box in the foyer before you leave. **We extend a special welcome to Anthony León** today as he and his group present our Hymn of Response.

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.



This afternoon, December 7, at 4:00, Anthony León, an internationally acclaimed young tenor, will bless us with his beautiful voice at vespers. He has received some of the most prestigious honors in the field of opera and made many important debuts on stages around the world. This Christmas season Anthony will sing the tenor solo for the Messiah and Bach Magnificat in Los Angeles. His sacred music album, "The Holy City" and extensive YouTube channel with sacred, classical, theater, and opera performances document his remarkable journey. Chilean pianist, conductor, and arranger, Sergio Leiva, will join him. Learn more about Anthony at <https://www.anthonyleontenor.com>.



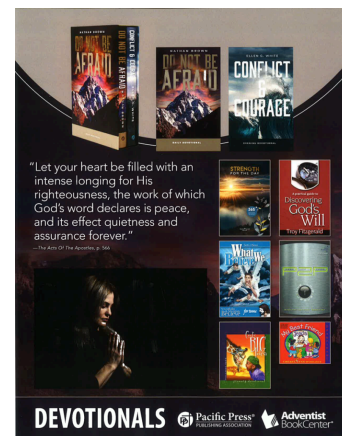
Sunday, December 8, the Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra will present "The Emmanuel Symphony." **The pre-concert talk** with music director, Jonathan DeBruyn, will begin at **2:00 pm**, and the **music concert begins at 3:00 pm**. If you can't attend in person, you may watch it on livestream at sunnysidesymphony.com.

Sunday, December 15, the Young Adults will have a Christmas get-together. Also, on Saturday night, December 21, 6:00 pm, the Youth will enjoy a Christmas celebration here at the church. Text Pastor Kevin for details at 240-476-3426.



11th Annual Cherry Park Elementary School Toy Drive! The annual toy drive for Cherry Park School will be from November 16 to December 15, 2024. Please bring your unwrapped gift and place it in the box (marked Toy Drive) in the foyer of the church. Please feel free to reach out to: Jackee Duvall 503-309-9400 or jackeeduvall@hotmail.com. Cherry Park School is a pre-kindergarten through 5th-grade school and a very close neighbor of ours. Here are a few gift ideas: board games, Barbie dolls, dolls, trucks, Legos, crafts, and Hot Wheels. We are happy to do the shopping for you. Please place your donation in a tithe envelope and mark it "Cherry Park."

It's time to order your 2025 Devotional books! The Adventist Book Center is able to give a discount on the devotional books ordered through the church. There is a flyer and order sheet on the ledge near the office window. 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 9, and be ready for pickup on Sabbath, December 13. These make great Christmas presents.





Sunnyside's Christmas Musical, "Journey to the Nativity," will be presented on Friday, December 13, at 7:00 pm, and again on Sabbath December 14, at 11:15 am, featuring 80 musicians, actors, and singers. Plan now to attend one of these times. If you would like to help fund this biggest outreach of the year, you may use a tithe envelope or give online at <https://adventistgiving.org/donate/ANIFPV>. Please designate your donation for the "Christmas program."



You are cordially invited to Sunnyside's Christmas Food & Fun in the Philippines: a showcase of Filipino food and cultural performance for the Christmas season to be held **December 15, from 4-6:30 pm**. This is a fundraiser for the upcoming Palawan mission project

Mission to Palawan Island, Philippines

March 19 – April 2, 2025

We invite you to partner with Sunnyside to reach the people of Palawan Island with the love of Jesus. We are working closely with the Palawan SDA Mission to hold reaping evangelism services across the island as well as help with a medical clinic providing necessary care to the people.

Palawan is the westernmost island of the Philippines, the largest by area, and a sought-after natural wonder. The island is home to 87 different cultural groups. About three-fourths of the population is Roman Catholic, 10% is Muslim, and 3.4% are Seventh-day Adventist. The major languages are English, Tagalog, and Ilonggo, alongside the native languages of Cuyonon and Palawanon.



In the summer of 2023, Executive Secretary of the Palawan SDA Mission Pastor Eliezer Barrientos visited Sunnyside Church by invitation of the Oregon and Washington Adventist Filipino Fellowship (OWAFF). That Sabbath afternoon he shared with us his vision to hold multiple evangelism series across the island of Palawan, all at the same time! We provide the evangelists for 11 different preaching sites going for eight nights, followed by a mass gathering on Sabbath, March 29, and baptism.

Also, we will participate in a comprehensive medical clinic, providing checkups, medicines, vision and dental care, health lectures, and spiritual counseling. The organization of the clinic will be under the leadership of the Health Director of Palawan Mission. Licenses will not be required from us since we will be working alongside their health professionals.

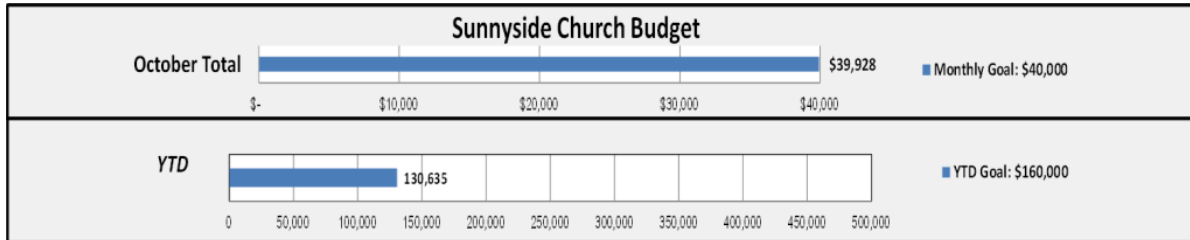
Please consider participating in this mission project with your prayers, support, and hopefully participation! We need preachers and medical volunteers. The cost per participant is \$3,000. This includes airfare, board, and expenses of the medical clinic, Bible workers, etc. With God's help, this will be a bigger success than anyone can imagine. Also, we will of course spend a day or two exploring God's beautiful creation on Palawan Island! Contact Paul Dragulin (pauldragulin@yahoo.com) to get involved. Donations to the Palawan Mission Project (F490) will help tremendously, too.

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.



Dollars for Missions! Save your Loma Linda Labels and turn them in here at the church! We received more labels last week. There is a box in the Narthex for them. In the "old" days, we received 1¢ per label. Now they give us 25¢ per label. It's well worth saving and receiving "free" dollars for missions! Continue to save and turn in your labels.

December 8, 2:00 pm: Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra Pre-talk with the director
December 8, 3:00 pm: Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra Concert
December 13, 7:00 pm: Sunnyside's Christmas Musical
December 14, 11:15 am: Sunnyside's Christmas Musical
December 20, 7:00 pm: 42nd Annual Family Christmas Program
December 21, 11:15 am: Children's Christmas Program



Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us with video and audio. 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.

Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and [online](#). (Go to our website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what you would like in the bulletin about the flowers.



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 help us know who you are by picture. Send a snapshot or professional picture and we will upload it to the directory for you. Thank you.



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 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 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: Kenneth Allen, Carol Denny; **Monday:** Erin Brunese, Anita Christensen, Tracy Clark, Kathy Rosenquist; **Tuesday:** Jeffrey Boskind, Mikahila Lorenson, John Reyes-Horvath

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Accountant Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is looking for a part-time accountant (about 10 hours a month) who will do month-end closing, reconciliation, and reports. CPA is preferred, but not required if the level of experience would suffice. Please reach out to principal@paes.com and treasurer@paes.com to apply.

Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. If you are interested, please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply.



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

PAA Christmas Vespers Concert

Please join us on Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm, for our annual Christmas music program. All our music ensembles, including Performance & Production class, 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 Performing at The Festival of Lights at the Grotto

Mark your calendars now for December 10 at 5:15 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 10! The Grotto is located at 8840 NE Skidmore Street, Portland.

Host an International Student: December 22 – February 24

PAA is excited to welcome five 9th-grade boys from Japan this December, and we're looking for local families to host them during their two-month stay. As a host, you will provide a welcoming home, meals, and transportation to and from school. In return, you'll receive a stipend of \$1,100 per month. These students are eager to practice their English and experience American culture firsthand. If you're interested in making a lasting impact and sharing your home with an international student, please reach out to Mary Sperl for more information and a host family application: Email: msperl@paasda.org Phone: 971-351-8984. Thank you for considering this opportunity to enrich both your life and the lives of these students!

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/>



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Learn more at
OregonAdventist.org.



**GLADSTONE
CAMP MEETING
NEEDS YOUR HELP
TO HAPPEN IN 2025!**

We need your help to make Gladstone Camp Meeting happen while the Oregon Conference gets back to a good financial footing.

The goal is to raise \$450,000 by March 31, 2025.

Give online at <https://orad.us/ORGiving> or write "Gladstone Camp Meeting" on your tithe envelope.



GIVE ONLINE
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Gladstone Camp Meeting needs your help to happen in 2025! Camp meeting is important to our Oregon Conference family and we plan to keep hosting it for years to come. For 2025 we need your help to make Gladstone Camp Meeting happen while the Oregon Conference gets back to a good financial footing. The goal is to raise \$450,000 by March 31, 2025. Give online at <https://orad.us/ORGiving> or write "Gladstone Camp Meeting" on your tithe envelope. Learn more at OregonAdventist.org.

Join us for the Bloom in Marriage Cruise! A Christian marriage retreat at sea for couples of all ages, sailing roundtrip from Boston, October 17-24, 2025, on the Norwegian Gem. Hosted by Adventist marriage ministry leaders Rick and Cindy Mercer, this relationship-enriching cruise will take you to 6 ports of call throughout New England during the best month for fall colors. For more information and to register, visit www.bloominmarriage.com, or contact Heather Tourville at 503-329-6523.



Join Us for the 2024 Follow The Star Season! We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this year's Follow The Star, live nativity event a memorable experience for everyone. on the Oregon Conference Campgrounds (19500 Oatfield Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027). Performance Dates: December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15. For more information, go to: followthestarevent.com.

Church Organist Needed: The Stone Tower Adventist Church Music Department is seeking a volunteer church organist to play the organ during our worship service for up to two Sabbaths a month. Please contact Jeanine Goodwin at (503) 381-5577 or womensministry@stonetowersda.org for more details and if you or an organist you know would be in



Pentecost 2025 is a massive mobilization of Seventh-day Adventist churches in North America:

1. To pray for the Holy Spirit's outpouring and power (starting now in 2024)
2. To proclaim the Gospel with the Holy Spirit's power (in 2025).

We have been looking for revival in our church for a long time. This is our opportunity to seek it together and make it happen. As Ellen White wrote so eloquently, “revival need be expected only in answer to prayer.”

In connection with Pentecost 2025, the NPUC is inviting everyone to pray both privately and corporately for the Holy Spirit during the month of October 2024. Here is a link with all the information you need to participate: <https://nwadventists.com/news/2024/09/pentecost-2025-call-prayer>

Just as a reminder, the Oregon Conference prayer ministries continue to hold ZOOM prayer meetings every third Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Everyone in the Oregon conference is invited to be part of this! We will be continuing this during the month of October. We are praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. <https://orad.us/OCPrayerMeeting>



Oregon Prayer Conference, March 21-23, 2025, at Twin Rocks Conference Center, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. Click on the QR code for more information.

<https://www.oregonadventist.org/ministries/prayer-ministries>



PACS UPDATE

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. **What We Did in 2023:** 569 Total Volunteers, 32,686 Volunteer Hours Given, 2.1 Million Pounds of Food Distributed. That's what the copper for 28 Statues of Liberty would weigh! 310,000 Clients Helped.

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

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.

**Northwest Adventist Federal Credit Union – Join Our Team as a Teller/Member Service Representative!**

Are you someone who loves to help others and bring a smile to their face? Do you thrive in a fast-paced environment where no two days are the same? If so, we'd love to meet you! If you're ready to bring your passion for service to a place where it truly matters, email communication@mynwcu.com today! We can't wait to welcome you to the NWAFCU family.

Accountant Needed at PAES

PAES is looking for a part-time accountant (about 10 hours a month) who will do month-end closing, reconciliation, and reports.

CPA preferred, but not required if the level of experience would suffice. Please reach out to principal@paes.com to apply.

Hood View Adventist School is hiring for next school year!

Teacher's Aides – Up to 30 hours a week, depending on need and your availability. Multiple positions available.

Art Teacher – Approximately 12 hours/week teaching art classes to students at all grade levels.

Foreign Language Teacher – Any language (including sign language) to teach 2 hours/2 days per week.

Guest Teachers/Substitutes (On-Call) – Provide instruction in a classroom when the teacher must be absent. From 3.5 hours to 7 hours per assignment (willingness and flexibility to accept jobs both in advance and last minute is helpful).

Piano Teacher/Choir Accompanist – 2 hours/2 days per week to accompany the Intermediate and Advanced Choirs. Studio space is also available for a piano teacher who wishes to teach private lessons.

All part-time positions, with the exception of on-call positions, begin one week prior to the start of the school year and finish one week after the school year concludes. The positions require individuals who can keep confidentiality, have basic computer skills including working knowledge of office machines, computer software e.g. MS Office and

Adobe products, and a cleared background check with the Oregon Conference of SDA. For all positions wages and benefits are based on the denominational wage scale and policy. Must have the legal right to work in the United States and be able to provide evidence of that right if employed. If interested, please email your resume and cover letter with three references to principal@hvja.org.

Job Opening: Adventist Book Center – Part-Time Customer Service. For full details, download the job description and application at regonadventist.org/support/human-resources#job-opportunities.

PACS is Hiring!

Pricer in the PACS Home Goods Store – part-time

Admin-Director of Quality Management – full time

If interested or for more details go to jobs@pacsonline.org.

Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Dental Clinic.

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 (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.volgstics.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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