

Sunnyside News

News and happenings around your church

February 15, Communiqué

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Greetings Sunnyside Family,

International Sabbath at Sunnyside was a truly delightful experience! It was a joy to see people from diverse backgrounds come together in worship and fellowship. I feel blessed knowing that God's providence has brought us into this beautiful community. Thank you for your sensitivity to His guidance and your commitment to being ambassadors of His Kingdom and its values.

As one group of dedicated leaders takes time to rest and recuperate, another is stepping up to carry the work forward. Our focus now shifts to preparing for a grand Sunnyside Easter Worship, where we will celebrate the resurrection power of the Spirit—the One who breathes life into what seems hopeless and lifeless.

Next Sunday, we will gather to honor and celebrate the life of Lloyd Wescott. The following Sabbath, February 22, we will continue his legacy of community by coming together for a church-wide social event—Sunnyside Family Game Night at the PAES Gym. We hope you'll join us for an evening of connection, play, and fun!

My prayers are with all who are not feeling well. May God sustain your spirit and body with His life-giving presence.

Blessings,

Pastor Violeta Bilan

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Rose

Hi Sunnyside,

I came back from Pathfinder winter camp with the flu, and I've been stuck in bed for the past nine days. I'm thankful to be isolating in a room at a friend's house—both of them are nurses, and they've been taking excellent care of me. Thank you to everyone who has checked in. I miss you all and can't wait to see you again soon!

From the desk of Pastor Kevin

Calling all middle and high schoolers! Join us for a youth gym night at the Healing Hope Church, Saturday night, February 15, from 6-9 pm. We'll have basketball, board games, and a movie night. Please bring a snack item you can share and a board game as well. RSVP with Pastor Kevin at 240-476-3426.

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 floral tribute today is presented in memory of Lloyd Wescott by his family.



Partial Nominating Committee Report—Second Reading:

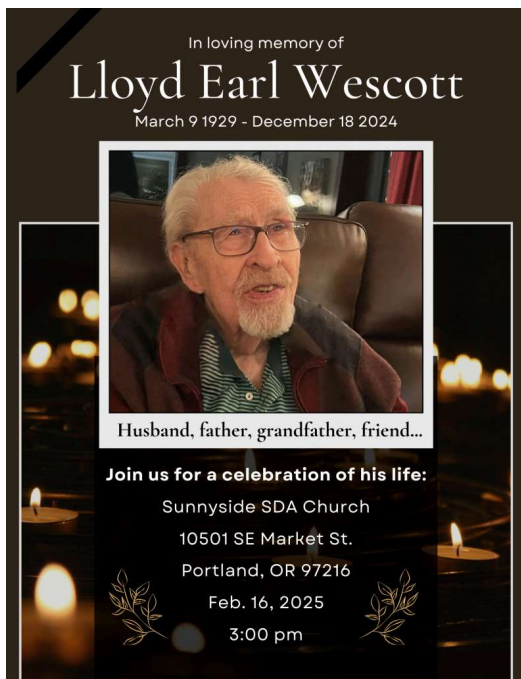
Greeters: Nanette and Michael Olson, and Saras Boyd

First Reading: Worship Team: Lilly Baraka

This afternoon the Adventurers will meet for lunch right after church in the Willamette Room. Immediately following, in the Adventurers' Room, Martha Natiuk will be talking to the Adventurers about her great, great grandmother Ellen G White. We'd love others to join us to listen to Martha's stories, if you'd like to come and listen quietly (ok, questions are allowed...) meet us in the Adventurer Room at 1:30 pm.



Please pray for the following families:



Stan Wallace passed away January 2, 2025. A memorial service is planned on February 22, at 2:00 pm, in CherryWood Retirement Center’s chapel, 1417 SE 107th Ave, Portland, Oregon 97216.



Sunnyside Church Board will meet on Wednesday, February 19, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. The Elders’ meeting will be conducted just prior to the Board meeting at 6:15 pm, on the same Zoom link.

Sunnyside family and friends, mark your calendars for a fun-filled Family Game Night on Thursday, February 22, 6:00 pm, at PAES! Enjoy food, games, gym activities, and plenty of fun for all ages. Bring your favorite board games and be ready for a great time of fellowship and connection.



Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra will be in concert, under the direction of Jonathan DeBruyn, here at Sunnyside, Sunday, February 23, at 4:00 pm with the pre-concert talk beginning at 3:00 pm. They will be presenting “The Apotheosis of Dance” featuring Marquez—*Danzon No. 2*, Beach—*Bal Masque*, Bartok—*Dance Suite*, and Beethoven—*Symphony No. 7*. Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra never disappoints! Take time to come and enjoy!

The Sunnyside Seventh-Day Adventist Choir is looking for tenors and basses for the Easter Musical Program on April 19. The program will include choir and orchestra. Rehearsals are held on Thursday nights at 7:00 pm, starting February 6. Please contact polly.moody@sunnysideadventist.org for more information or to sign up. Visit our website at <https://sunnysideadventist.org/our-ministries/community-connection-groups/sunnyside-choir>.



Quiet Bags
Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in serving in “quiet bag ministries” for our kids, please contact Pastor Rose.

rose.andrykanus@sunnysideadventist.org

The graphic features a yellow cup with a smiling face, filled with various school supplies like pencils, pens, and a notebook. A pink flower is also visible. The background is light yellow with a rainbow and a cloud.

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.

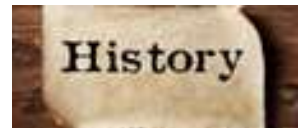


In the summer of 2023, Executive Secretary of the Palawan SDA Mission Pastor Eliezer Barrientos visited Sunnyside Church by invitation of the Oregon and Washington Adventist Filipino Fellowship (OWAFF). That Sabbath afternoon he shared with us his vision to hold multiple evangelism series across the 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.

Our history class meets each Tuesday at 7:00 pm, in the Youth Room. This week, February 18, we are studying "The Demonologist from Down Under – Adventism and the Anti-Spiritualist Paradigm" presented by our own Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D. These will all be very enlightening studies – take time to come and enjoy our classes.



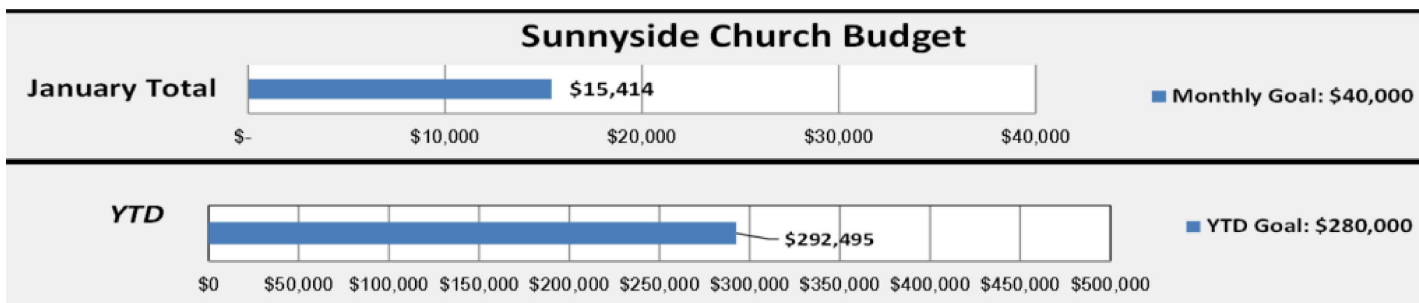
There is a flower calendar posted in the hallway and [online](#). (Go to our website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to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

We 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! We have reached another milestone where we have collected enough labels to submit another request for funds for Sunnyside Missions! Save your Loma Linda Labels and turn them in here at the church! 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.



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.



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.



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: Manes Joseph, Alyn Mosoti; **Sunday:** Ion Lacatus, Celestti Reyes, Scott Taylor; **Monday:** Saralina Lorenson, Benjamin Pierre; **Tuesday:** Viet Duong, Sally Miller, Ken Null, Richard Thompson; **Wednesday:** April Swenson; **Thursday:** Margie Allen; **Friday:** Tom Byram, Norman Henry

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

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>

This is to notify the constituency of Portland Adventist Academy that the annual Constituency meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, February 25th, 2025 at 7:00 pm, at PAA**. We will be sharing the Agenda, Meeting Minutes, and any meeting documents ahead of the meeting date.

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/>

HOOD VIEW ADVENTIST SCHOOL IS HIRING – PE TEACHER

Hood View Adventist School is looking for someone to fill a long-term substitution position as PE teacher for the remainder of the current school year. This position would be approximately 22 hours per week and the schedule is open to negotiation. The position requires an individual 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. 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.

Parent Preview Night & Visitation Day and Enrollment

Parents of prospective students are invited to the Parent Preview Night at Hood View Adventist School on **Thursday, February 20 at 6:30 p.m.** Meet the staff. Tour the school. Get answers to questions. Socialize with other parents.

Prospective Student Visitation Day is **Friday, February 28**, and enrollment for new students opens **Monday, March 31**. Many classes are expected to fill quickly, so do not delay if you want to enroll your child for the 2025-2026 school year. Contact the school office for more information – 503-663-4568.



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A promotional graphic for the Gladstone Camp Meeting. It features a background of hands holding a clear container filled with coins. The text reads: "Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists", "GLADSTONE CAMP MEETING NEEDS YOUR HELP TO HAPPEN IN 2025!", "Thanks to a generous matching gift, every dollar given will be doubled up to \$150,000!", "Our fundraising deadline is March 31, so let's come together to make camp meeting a reality in 2025!". There is a QR code and the text "GIVE ONLINE" in the top right corner. At the bottom, there are two icons: one for online giving at <https://orad.us/ORGiving> and another for writing "Gladstone Camp Meeting" on your tithe envelope.

Here at the conference office the weeks of winter are passing quickly as we plan for this summer's Gladstone Camp Meeting! In December, camp meeting giving equaled \$60,000! Amazing! In January, a matching gift was offered for every dollar given up to \$150,000, so now your gift will be doubled! Help us meet our goal by March 31, to make Gladstone Camp Meeting 2025 happen! Give online at <https://orad.us/ORGiving> or write "GladstoneCamp Meeting" on your tithe envelope. We can't wait to see you this summer! Learn more at OregonAdventist.org.

All pastors and elders are encouraged to attend Elders Training event, **March 16** at the Holden Convention Center in Gladstone. The event will be held from 9:00 AM-5:00 PM. These in-person trainings will cover essential topics such as leading yourself well to prevent burnout, the heart of Christian leadership, God's call to eldership, a workshop on the foundational principles of effective preaching, and more. It's a day designed to equip you and your team for greater impact in ministry! Speakers will include Seth Pierce, Erika Puni, John McVay, and Benjamin Lundquist. \$20 per person cost covers food and supplies. Learn more and register at <https://orad.us/elderstraining>.

A registration graphic for the Elders Training event. It features the text "ELDERS TRAINING" in large green letters, with "EMPOWERING FOR EXCELLENCE IN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP" below it. There is a QR code and the text "REGISTER HERE" with the URL <https://orad.us/elderstraining>. Below the text are four circular portraits of speakers: Dr. Seth Pierce, Dr. Erika Puni, Dr. John McVay, and Benjamin Lundquist. The text "and more!" is below the portraits. At the bottom, it says "All Elders and Pastors are encouraged to attend together!". On the right side, there is a small text box: "This in-person event will cover essential topics such as leading yourself well to prevent burnout, the heart of Christian leadership, God's call to eldership, a workshop on the foundational principles of effective preaching, and more. It's a day designed to equip you and your team for greater impact in ministry!". At the bottom right, there is a green box with the text "2 OPTIONS: MARCH 16 - HOLDEN CENTER APRIL 6 ROSEBURG SDA CHURCH 9am - 5pm".



Oregon Conference Women's Ministry Training Day!

IT'S SIMPLE, REALLY!

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It's simple, really! Learning to do what you can, with what you have, where you're at. This ministry workshop is for ALL women. You don't have to be a women's ministry leader to attend. If you help or hope to one day, this is for you! Join us **Sunday, April 6** from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Holden Convention Center in Gladstone, Oregon. Speakers will include Sue Clayville and Tawny Sportman. The registration fee is \$75.00, no refunds after March 21st. Register now at <https://orad.us/WomensMinTraining2025>.

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.



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.

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.

* Director of Quality Management

* Assistant Thrift Store Manager

* Home Thrift Store – Part-time Pricer

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.



Hood View Adventist School is hiring for a PE teacher! Checkl the posting under Hood View School.

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>.

Battle Ground HealthCare is a faith-based, mission-centered free clinic located in Battle Ground, Washington providing medical and dental services to southwest Washington residents since 2011. With the soon-coming retirement of of their current executive director, the board is seeking a candidates to fill the position. Learn more about the open position below. Interested candidates should email BGHC board chair, David Russell, at drussell@bghealthcare.org. Visit <https://bghealthcare.org/> to learn more about Battle Ground HealthCare.



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.

Last Week's Worship Service in Pictures







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