

## Sunnyside News

News and happenings around your church

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### February 21 Communiqué

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*Hi Sunnyside Church Family,*

It's not every day a parent comes to you right after high school Sabbath School and says that this was the first time their kid opened up to a group of new students. And we didn't do much! I'd probably blame running two rounds of "Chameleon" – a light social-deduction game – with our high schoolers right before our

Sabbath school lesson study and the inclusive atmosphere created by our students. We are thankful for our adults and families who constantly invest in our kids, who, to be sure, are not the church of the "future" but also of the present.

What started off as a napkin-scribbled idea has now turned into Elynn and I hosting 15+ college students and their friends for Sabbath lunch at our small place. We are learning a lot from them. One of the most important, yet not entirely surprising, findings is that a loving community, more than correct theology (although equally important) seems to be a core factor in connecting with the church. That's why we are trying to create more community touch points and "unprogrammed" time through our weekly "Nourished" bible study, Tuesday Bread nights, and our monthly "Overflow" experience, so that they can learn about God in community. Thankful for our members who go out of their way to make them feel seen, known, and cared for.

We are currently gearing up for our Spring break youth retreat happening March 27-29 at the coast. We are in the process of finalizing spots but if you know of friends or well wishers who might have a house/airbnb for 20+ students and chaperones to crash for a weekend, please let me know!

Looking forward to sharing the pulpit during international Sabbath next week.

Cheers,

*Pastor Kevin Wilson*

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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. **A special welcome to Belle**

**Cantori**, a Christian group of women singers from all corners of Clark County, directed by Martha Natiuk and accompanied by Donna Hesgard. Their mission is to bless congregations through music that uplifts our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



**Please pray for the following families:**

† Doug DeBoer passed away January 26, 2026. A memorial service will be conducted for him on Sunday, February 22, 2026, 16 11:00 am, in the Fellowship Hall.



† **Lou Wildman** passed away on December 21, 2025. A Celebration of Life service will be conducted here at Sunnyside Church Sunday, March 8, 2026, at 2:00 pm, including the OAMC choir with music for the service. A light reception will follow.



*Ministries*

**Selection Committee for 2026.** Today a ballot has been included in your bulletin. On that ballot, you will find the names of persons nominated by the church membership last Sabbath to serve on the Selection Committee. Please circle eleven names. The eleven persons with the most votes will serve on the Selection Committee this year. You may place your completed ballot in the offering plate or hand it to one of the deacons/elders at the door as you leave. The Selection Committee will then be announced on February 28.

YOUNG PROFESSIONALS GROUP

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**We invite you to join our Young Professionals Bible study** every Sabbath morning at 10:00 am, in the Tualatin room. It offers a welcoming space to dive into Scripture, ask real questions, and connect faith with the rhythms of life, relationships, and daily decisions. Come as you are and grow together in community.



**International Sabbath is next Sabbath, February 28! Flag bearers and Bible carriers will be practicing in the Youth Room immediately after church today.** Next Sabbath, you are invited to wear the clothing of your heritage countries or where you have been on a mission trip. If you would like to host a booth at the International Food Festival next Saturday evening, please call Natalia at 503-750-915. All proceeds this year will benefit the Sunnyside Family Resource Network!



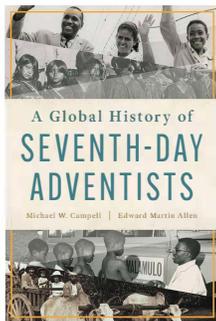
**Children's choir rehearsal starts today** after flag practice in the fellowship hall. Light snacks will be provided. If your children would like to join the choir, please stay after the service.



**Tomorrow, Sunday, February 22, 4:00 pm, Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra** will be in concert here at Sunnyside Church. Their repertoire includes *The Rock* by Sergei Rachmaninoff, *Piano Concerto No. 1* by Ludwig van Beethoven with guest artist Maria Garcia, and *Symphony No 1* by Florence Price. There will be a pre-concert talk at 3:00 pm, by Jonathan DeBruyn, director. You may also view the virtual concert at [sunnysidesymphony.com](http://sunnysidesymphony.com).



**Save the date, March 19, 1:00 pm**, Tim Peterson, Trust Officer from the Oregon Conference, will present information on Wills and Trusts here at Sunnyside Church, sponsored by Senior Ministries. Please RSVP to [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org).



**When Michael Campbell, Ph.D.**, was here, some of you purchased his book. If you have purchased the book and paid for it, please don't forget to pick it up. This is on the honor system, and they are in the workroom. Thank you.



**Thailand Mission Trip, March 10-31, 2026.** For more information contact Ray Betz at 503-756-3667 (text or call) or via email at [betzrm@comcast.net](mailto:betzrm@comcast.net) – be sure to include “Thailand Mission Trip” in the subject line. Thank you for your help and participation with this valuable and rewarding mission.



**We are in need of updated addresses for the following:**

Riziki Chekanao, Nahemi Delgado, Emily Eng, Elizabeth Joshua Fagaldefan, Faulafo, Patrick Francisco, Alice Ingabire, Karen Krieger, Elena Kucheravi, Elisante Makoko, Jose Mamani, Dieudonne Maniraguha, Larvenie Masika, Pendo Mnwiru, Alliance NirereMuka Nyiramanyuna, William & Majorie Palmer, Esther Pierre, Angelina Shevchenko, Familia Tovar, Christian Zyweck.

**Please send your updated address to:** [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org) or call 503-252-8080. Also if you have recently moved, please let us know your new address. Thank you!



**Wednesday mornings at 10:00, FaithLift**, a group for ladies, meets 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** meets to study the Bible together in the Columbia Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.



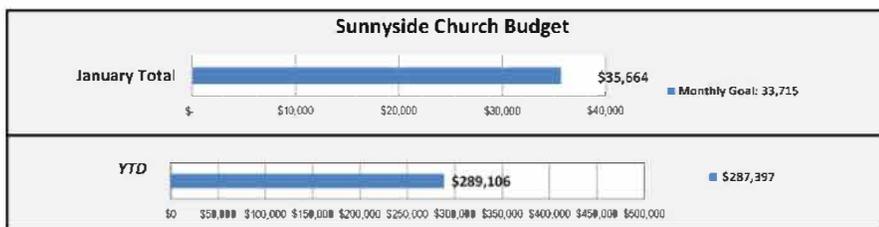
**Our flower calendar** is posted in the hallway and [online](#). (Go to our website, [www.SunnysideAdventist.org](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org), click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date 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](mailto:info@sunnysideadventist.org) to submit your request. There is power in prayer, and it truly makes a difference.



Give online: [orad.us/Give2Sunnyside](http://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.



**Birthdays for this upcoming week.**

Thomas Byram, Norman Henry, Jason Willis, Will Cheng, David Miller,  
Vesper Heald, Christina Lorensen, Judy Smart, Oliver Duvall,  
Donna Schmidt, Donnalee Krenzler,  
Lizette Nguyen, Sage Nicholson



**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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@paes.com) to apply.



**Portland Adventist Academy**

<https://paasda.org>

**There will be an annual PAA constituency meeting at 7 pm, on Tuesday, February 24** in PAA's chapel (it is at the top of a long flight of stairs). Constituents, you will find documents in your email to support this meeting. Thank you for representing Sunnyside at PAA's annual constituent meeting.

**Happy Sabbath PAA Family,**

### **Students Lift Voices in Celebration at WWU Gospel Choir Festival**

PAA students once again had the opportunity to celebrate the beginning of Black History Month by participating in Walla Walla University's annual Gospel Choir Festival. For many years, this has been a meaningful tradition for PAA students, and this year was no exception. Under the leadership of Mrs. Tina Cooper and Dr. Carter, students traveled to WWU to participate in music workshops, learn from talented clinicians, and collaborate with other musicians. Throughout the festival, students grew musically, strengthened their performance skills, and experienced the rich history, energy, and spiritual depth of gospel music. The experience culminated in a powerful combined choir performance on Sabbath, where students joined voices with singers from across the region. Their enthusiasm, dedication, and joyful participation made the event memorable for everyone involved. Students returned inspired by the music, the community, and the opportunity to be part of a meaningful celebration of culture, faith, and history. Watch the worship service and music [here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llb5hH\\_YNXs](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=llb5hH_YNXs) PAA Gospel Praise Band is featured at 1:47:30.

### **Students Bring Humor and Insight to Lunchtime Drama Performance**

Last Friday's lunch turned into a stage as PAA drama students entertained their peers and staff with a series of creative and hilarious skits centered on the theme, "It's not you, it's me." Freshmen through seniors took part in the performance, showcasing their acting skills, comedic timing, and storytelling talents in front of a lively audience. Many of the skits were student written and explored a wide range of breakup scenarios. With Valentine's Day approaching, the performances playfully leaned into the theme with plenty of tongue-in-cheek humor. One standout student-written skit thoughtfully explored the impact of our internal voices on relationships and how those voices can sometimes be damaging, all while keeping the audience laughing along with the performers. Students fully embraced the opportunity to share their creativity, confidence, and courage on stage. The room was filled with laughter and applause as performers connected with their audience and brought their stories to life. It was a wonderful reminder of how students use the arts to express ideas, build confidence, and bring joy to the entire PAA community.

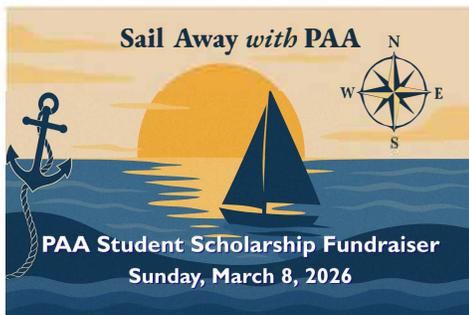
## Senior Night Celebrates Cougar Athletes

During each sports season, the final regular season home game is always extra special as senior athletes are honored during Senior Night, and basketball this week was no exception. The gym was packed with a full house of spectators who cheered loudly, making plenty of noise in support of Cougar basketball, creating an electric atmosphere, especially for the seniors. Many fans joined the celebration by wearing white as part of a spirited white out, showing strong unity and school pride. Before both the varsity girls and varsity boys games, coaches shared heartfelt and personal tributes highlighting each senior player's dedication, growth, and impact on their teams. Ten seniors were honored alongside their family members and received gifts as the community celebrated their commitment and leadership. The night became even more memorable as both varsity teams delivered exciting wins, giving seniors a perfect way to close out their final regular season home games. It was a joyful and meaningful evening celebrating hard work, perseverance, teamwork, and the lasting legacy these student athletes leave with Cougar basketball. We are incredibly proud of our Cougar seniors and all they have contributed to their teams and to PAA.

*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](http://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.



**ALUMNI  
WEEKEND**

May 1-2, 2026



**HONOR CLASSES**

1951 (75-year), 1956, 1961, 1966, 1971,  
1976 (50-year), 1981, 1986, 1991, 1996, 2001  
(25-year), 2006, 2011, 2016, 2021 (5-year)

**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/>

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Children's  
Sabbath School



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**CREATED TO BELONG: Cultivating a Sabbath School Where Every Child Feels Seen, Valued, and Included**

Every child who walks into your Sabbath School should know one thing: *You belong here*. This two-part workshop explores how to create a welcoming, safe, and spiritually nurturing environment for **all** children – including those with special needs, behavioral challenges, and diverse backgrounds.

**March 13 | Friday 7:00 – 8:30 PM**

**Part 1: Establishing a Culture of Belonging**

Focuses on building a mindset and ministry culture that prioritizes inclusion, acceptance, and connection.

**March 14 | Sabbath 1:30 – 3:00 PM**

**Part 2: Strategies and Tools for Inclusive Ministry**

Offers practical tools, classroom strategies, and real-life examples to support leaders and volunteers in making every child feel welcome.



**Presenter:** Linda Schaffner has been involved in Children's Ministries for over 25 years. She has held many different positions including Sabbath School Teacher, local church Children's Ministries Coordinator, VBS Director, Camp Meeting Children's Division Coordinator, and Conference Children's Ministries Coordinator. She has worked with the NAD as the Special Needs Specialist and written material for the new General Conference Sabbath School curriculum, *Alive in Jesus*. Linda graduated from Loma Linda University with a Master of Physical Therapy degree. She has worked in various educational and medical settings with children with disabilities. In 2010 her youngest child was diagnosed with Autism at the age of 5.

This has given her firsthand experience in the daily challenges and joys of parenting a child with special needs.



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

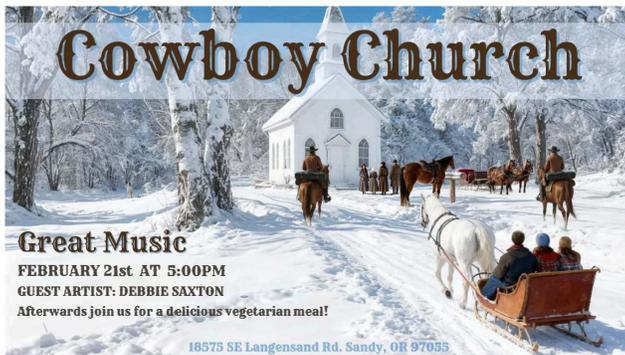


**Walla Walla University**

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: [jobs.wallawalla.edu](https://jobs.wallawalla.edu).

## **AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



**Event: Cowboy Church – Date: February 21st at 5PM**

Location: Sandy SDA Church

18575 SE Langensand Rd. Sandy, OR 97055

Special guest is Debbie Saxon.

Afterwards join us for a delicious vegetarian chuck wagon meal!

See you there!

### **MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BOB KEENEY**

**February 21 at 4:00 pm** • Pleasant Valley SDA Church, 11125 SE 172<sup>nd</sup> Ave., Happy Valley, OR 97086. Bob and Fran Keeney were married 49+ years, with their 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary coming up May. Bob would have turned 80 in June. He worked at Adventist Health for 34 years. Bob was a type 1 diabetic from age 10, and his health suffered in the last few years, being cared for at home by Fran, the love of his life. All who knew and loved Bob are invited to join his family to celebrate his life. Refreshments and a time of sharing will follow the service. Those unable to attend the service can watch it online using this link: [https://youtube.com/live/yBWogel\\_vaQ](https://youtube.com/live/yBWogel_vaQ).



Oregon Conference  
OF SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS

February 22 | Gladstone  
March | Bend  
March 8 | Roseburg



ELDERS TRAINING 2026  
**ENGAGE**  
Relational Leadership  
for Church Leaders

Communication and connection are more than just tools of ministry. They are at the heart of how we lead. Together we will dive into the practical skills that make ministry effective, navigating hard conversations, understanding interpersonal dynamics, managing conflict with grace, and building relationships that truly matter.

Learn more & register at:



[orad.us/EldersTraining2026](http://orad.us/EldersTraining2026)

**OREGON PRAYER CONFERENCE**

*Join Us*

for a weekend where we disconnect from the world and FULLY CONNECT with our Savior. Come expecting to be transformed!



**FULLY CONNECTED**

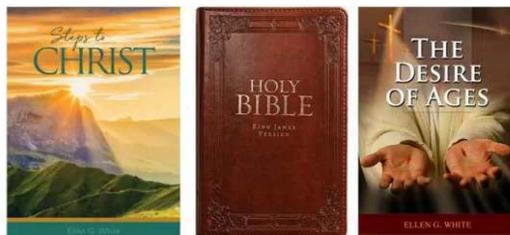
*Pavel Goia, Speaker*

March 20-22, 2026  
Twin Rocks Convention Center,  
Rockaway Beach, OR

Join us for a weekend where we disconnect from the world and fully connect with our Savior! Come expecting to be transformed at this year's Oregon Prayer Conference in Rockaway Beach, Oregon! This year's event will be held **March 20-22** at the Twin Rocks Convention Center and will host speaker Pavel Goia. Pavel Goia holds two master's degrees and a Doctor of Ministry. He pastored in his native country of Romania and the United States for many years. Currently, he is an editor of Ministry Magazine and associate director for the Ministerial Association at the General Conference. His life has been filled with powerful answers to prayer and continues to be one miracle after another. Together with Kelly Mowrer, he authored the book, "In the Spirit and Power," which emphasizes the vital need for prayer, revival and full commitment to God's service. Learn more and register for this year's prayer conference at [orad.us/2026ORprayerconference](http://orad.us/2026ORprayerconference). Questions? Contact Oregon Conference Prayer Ministries at [Tawny.Sportsman@oregonadventist.org](mailto:Tawny.Sportsman@oregonadventist.org), or call 541-401-2521.

## 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!

**Portland Adventist Community Services is Hiring!** Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Dental Clinic. **We are hiring a Development & Planning Manager, Dental Clinic Coordinator, and Dental Assistant.** If you are interested in these positions, please visit our website, <https://www.pacsonline.org/careers>.

### PACS needs truck drivers. Why?

This year, so far, our truck drivers have brought 365,670 lbs.(Jan-Mar) in donated food to feed our diverse community. That represents a huge number of people being fed. What a difference PACS drivers make! If you have a heart for people and like to drive a truck, no CDL license is needed, don't hesitate to contact Jaclyn.

Hours: 7:30-11:00-ish

Telephone: Jaclyn Russell at (503)-252-4589

Email: [Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org](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.

## ***Housing Needed***

- Room needed for a male, hopefully close to TriMet availability.
- Also a mother and daughter are looking for space available.

If you can help us with either of these needs, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or [info@sunnysideadventist.org](mailto:info@sunnysideadventist.org).

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



# Pictures of Valentine's Day Dinner

