



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

February 7 Communiqué



Hi Sunnyside Church Family,

In my relatively short life, I have already lived through several seasons when uncertainty felt palpable—when communal anxiety could almost be felt in the body. In moments like these, I notice how deeply we long to be with people who feel safe and kind, people who welcome us with warmth and do not question our belonging or judge our confusion.

In many of those seasons of transition, that place of safety happened to be a church—sometimes a small church within the church—where a unity of spirit could be sensed and shared. Many of us know the quiet joy of experiencing this kind of communal resonance and support: a community that shares not only common beliefs, but a deep commitment to the way of Jesus.

There is something profoundly grounding about praying and walking alongside one another when the world feels unsettled. I see this grounding among us in simple and sacred ways—like gathering this Sabbath around shared tab at our monthly church-wide potluck. Through fellowship, food, and conversation we practice the ministry of presence. The spirit revealed in these moments—self-giving love, gracious attitudes, and everyday kindness—is difficult to overestimate. It is a gentle yet powerful witness to Christ at work among us.

That same spirit calls us to be present for one another in times of grief and loss. This Sabbath, February 7, at 4:00 pm our church family will gather to remember and celebrate the life of Shirley Judd—honoring the gift of her life and holding one another with care and prayer.

And it also invites us to celebrate love and companionship in seasons of joy. On February 15, our Senior Ministries will host a Valentine's Dinner—an opportunity to share laughter, stories, and connection. Registration is available through the Church Office at (503) 252-8080. As we continue nurturing faith across generations, our Children's Choir will resume practice on February 21, meeting after the church service and before the Adventurers Club gathering.

As we prepare for International Sabbath, I am grateful for the ways we are growing in our understanding and appreciation of the beautiful diversity of God's family—a reminder that the body of Christ is enriched by many voices, cultures, and stories.

And as Pastors Seth and Kevin continue to guide us through their messages during divine services, my prayer is that the Spirit will lead us into honest reflection and faithful experimentation as we gently recalibrate our understanding of church—not as a place we attend, but as a life we share. Because we truly need each other—today and always.

With gratitude,

Pastor Violeta Bilan

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 by the Wescott family in memory of Lloyd and what would have been Lloyd and Lorrie's 77th wedding anniversary on February 5, 2026. We miss you Lloyd!



Please pray for the following families:

† **Shirley Judd** passed away January 9, 2026. **A memorial service is planned for this afternoon at 4:00 pm**, with a light reception following, here at Sunnyside Church.



† **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.



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.



Membership Transfers – Second Reading:

Joining:

Lindsay Emiko Brooks from Oregon Conference Adventist Church, Gladstone, OR

Leaving:

Roy Brown to The Dalles SDA Church, OR

Charles Larson to Whipple Creek SDA Church, Ridgefield, WA

Ralph Neidigh to Pleasant Valley SDA Church, Happy Valley, OR

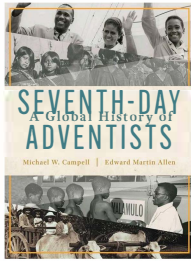
Susie & Trevor Silva to La Gran Esperanza, Santa Teresa, NM

Shirley & Nelson Smith to Loma Linda University, CA



The people of Sunnyside are the mission-minded people who lead the many ministries of Sunnyside. They respond to the call of the church to serve. The

selection of leaders is a process yes—but here it's accomplished carefully, democratically, and efficiently. **The process begins again today.** A ballot is included in your bulletin on which you may nominate one member of the church to serve on the Committee to Select the Nominating Committee (otherwise known as the Selection Committee). Ballots may be dropped in the offering plate or handed to a deacon. The Selection Committee for 2026 will be elected on February 14, with a report to be included in the February 21 bulletin.



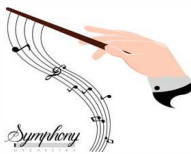
When Michael Campbell, Ph.D., was here, some of you purchased his book. If you have purchased the book and paid for it, please don't forget to pick it up. This is on the honor system, and they are in the workroom. Thank you.



Evensong will be presented February 14, at 4:00 PM, here at Sunnyside Church. Richard Fenn will give us the spoken word and David Wilson will be at the organ with the Parks family and Pollyanna Moody participating. Plan now to attend this inspiring celebration of love.



If you have sent in your RSVP, don't forget Valentine's Day dinner, Sunday, February 15, 1:00 pm, in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by Senior Ministries. Food will be catered and the cost is only \$15 per person. This is for couples as well as singles of all ages.



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.



International Sabbath is February 28. We are looking for participants to carry the flags. We would like children to carry Bibles in the language of that country. If you would like to represent the country of your birth or recent ancestry, please call or text Shirley Allen at 503-539-3106. If you are interested in having a food table for the International Food Fair in the evening at 6:00, please contact Natalia Gramada at 503-750-9151. This year this event will be dedicated, in memory, to Jan Clayton. Each year for several years she was very involved in making this program run smoothly.



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 — be sure to include "Thailand Mission Trip" in the subject line. Our budget goal is \$28,000, and we have already received \$16,500. We need to raise another \$11,500 by February 15, 2026. Thank you for your help and participation with this valuable and rewarding mission.



The Bible Reading class is beginning again on Tuesdays at 4:20 pm, in the Bridal Room. They will be reading from the "Ancient Standard Version." All are welcome. This group is led by Conrad Gren.



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.



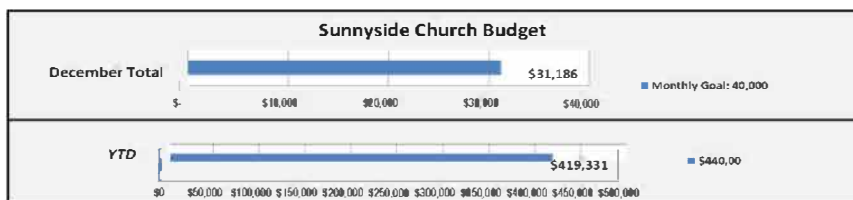
Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and [online](#). (Go to our website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see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



Give online: orad.us/Give2Sunnyside



There are some of our family that need help with transportation in order to attend church. If any of you would be willing to help with this need, please contact the office for specific information 503-252-8080 or via email at Info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



If you live at CherryWood Retirement, our bus stops there to pick up anyone who would like to attend church. Please be ready, we stop by at 10:45 am for our church service at 11:15 am. This transportation is free, but if you'd like to contribute, you may mark it to "Bus."



Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us with video, audio, and the children's division. Please call 503-252-8080 if you would like to get involved.



Would you like to hear the service more clearly? Sunnyside Church provides assistive hearing devices you may borrow. They are located in the Deacons' office. Just let a deacon know of your need and they will be happy to help you.



We would like to publicly recognize special milestones in your life. Please take a moment to share with us special birthdays, anniversaries, or any other celebrations. We are family and we would like to share with each other. Also, please let us know when you are sick or need other prayers. We want to be a part of your life and pray together with you. Send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org or call the office at 503-252-8080 and let us know the latest with your family!



During this difficult time, if you are in need of financial help, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



Our Family Resource Network has been privileged to assist many of our members when things have been challenging for them or they have experienced unexpected expenses. We have helped with rent, utilities, food, gas, car repairs, and more. We would like you to be aware of what we do and give you an opportunity to contribute to the fund being used to assist our family. Mark your tithe envelope or check for Family Resource Network, and you will know that you have had the privilege of helping one of our members who doesn't even want to ask for help! We are here to help each other. Thank you for helping us build the fund used for these expenses.



Birthdays for this upcoming week.

Violeta Bilan, Crystal Harwood, Luciana Pana, Naji Shinskia,
Genemo Wariyo, Linda Henry, Jonathan Stephan,
Chelsea Stiles, Rose Buchanan, Jim Robertson



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

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

Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES! Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. Requirements: Age 21+, college degree preferred, and experience teaching and/or supervising children ages 5-13. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply.



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

Happy Sabbath PAA Family,

Community Vespers: How to Say Goodbye

Last Friday night, our campus slowed down in a rare and meaningful way. As Sabbath was beginning, students gathered for vespers, some tired, some laughing, all bringing their own stories into the room. Pastor Lydia from Crosswalk PDX spoke about *How to Say Goodbye*, not the hurried or awkward kind, but the kind that honors what has been. She talked about endings that don't erase meaning, about gratitude that can exist alongside sadness, and about letting go without pretending it doesn't hurt. Her words landed softly but stayed heavy, the kind you keep turning over in your mind. What made the night memorable wasn't only the message, but how students received it. The room grew quiet as they listened, recognizing pieces of their own lives in what was being said. There was an unspoken understanding that goodbyes are unavoidable, and that facing them well requires honesty and care. Some students leaned in, others sat thoughtfully, but everyone stayed present. As the service came to a close, the atmosphere didn't immediately lift. Instead, students lingered, talking in small groups, sharing hugs, and letting the moment stretch a little longer. The night held space for reflection, connection, and mutual support. When students eventually left, they carried more than just the memory of a Friday night gathering. The message followed them into their weekend, offering a reminder that endings can be meaningful, and that walking through them together makes them a little easier to bear.

History Goes Live at PAA

Step into a World History classroom at PAA and you might think you've wandered into a newsroom instead. Students are grouped into teams and handed a moment from history, one that once shaped the world and still echoes today. Their first task is to dig deep, researching the people, places, and consequences behind the story. Once the facts are clear, creativity takes over. Students transform their research into a polished news script, carefully written to inform, engage, and tell the story with accuracy and clarity. After earning approval from their teacher, it's time to go live. Chromebooks become cameras and teleprompters. A green screen turns the classroom into a studio. Two students step into the role of co-anchors, guiding the broadcast, while four others report from "the field," bringing different perspectives and details to the story. Each student has a part to play, and the success of the broadcast depends on

everyone showing up prepared. As filming begins, confidence grows. Students adjust their delivery, support one another, and problem-solve in real time. History becomes something they inhabit, not just memorize. By the end of the project, students haven't just learned about the past, they've practiced collaboration, communication, and critical thinking. The classroom becomes a newsroom, the lesson becomes an experience, and students walk away having brought history to life in their own voices.

The Prayer Locker: A Place to Leave What You're Carrying

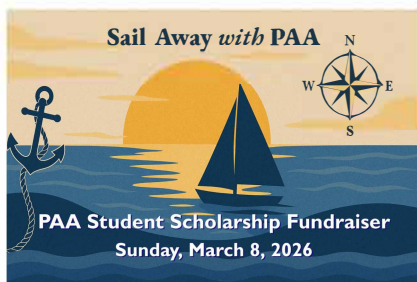
It started as just a locker on campus with a simple invitation. Our Campus Ministries team wanted to make space. Not for noise or answers, but for honesty. The prayer locker has become a place where students can pause for a moment and write down what they are carrying. Some slips of paper hold heavy worries, family situations, anxiety, big decisions. Others are short and simple, scribbled quickly between classes. Names aren't required. Explanations aren't either. Just the freedom to be real. Every other Friday during lunch, the prayer team gathers. They open the locker carefully, as if what's inside is fragile, because it is. They read each request, not to fix anything, but to lift each one up. In the middle of a busy week, they choose to slow down, to sit together, and to pray for classmates who may never know exactly who prayed for them, only that someone did. What's grown out of the prayer locker isn't just a routine, it's trust. Students are learning that they don't have to carry everything alone. That there is a place on campus where their worries are held with care. That even in the rush of schedules and responsibilities, there is time set aside to notice, to listen, and to intercede. The locker doesn't solve problems. It doesn't make life easier overnight. But every Friday, during lunch, space is made. And in that space, students are reminded that they are seen, valued, and prayed for, sometimes in silence, sometimes in hope, always with intention.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mechelle Peinado, principal

Scholarship Funding

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





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



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



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



Upcoming School Open House – All Are Welcome!

Families are invited to join us for our upcoming **Open House** as we begin enrollment for the new school year. Come tour the classrooms, meet our teachers, and learn more about the Christ-centered education our school provides.

Date: Thursday, February 19th **Time:** 6:30pm

Location: Hood View Adventist School, 26505 SE Kelso Rd. Boring, Or 97009

Whether you're exploring options for the first time or returning with younger siblings, we'd love to share how our school nurtures academic growth, character development, and a strong sense of community.

Please share this invitation with friends, neighbors, and church families who may be interested. We look forward to welcoming you!



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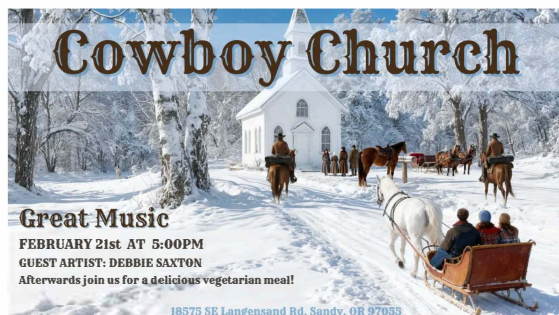
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Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



You are invited to a free night of worship, praise, and fellowship on February 6 at Adventist Health Portland. This month's featured speaker will be Randi White with music by Echo Worship. Randi White, Medical Group Administrator at Adventist Health Portland, will share an honest journey of navigating mental health, wellness, and faith in a complex world. Speaking from lived experience – not from having it all figured out – Randi reflects on how past and present brokenness can shape who we become and, and how self-compassion, connection, and grace can help us grow into the people we most want to be. A soup and salad dinner will be held from 6:00-7:00 PM with the program starting at 7:15 PM. Register for dinner by Wednesday, February 4. Learn more and register for dinner at AdventistHealthFirstFriday.com.



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 172nd Ave., Happy Valley, OR 97086. Bob and Fran Keeney were married 49+ years, with their 50th 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 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.



February 22 | Gladstone
March | Bend
March 8 | Roseburg



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for Church Leaders

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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



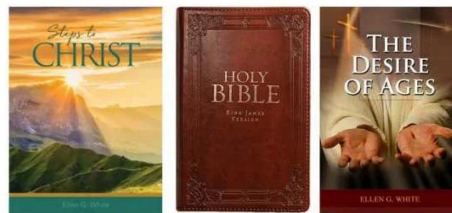
Join us for a weekend where we disconnect from the world and fully connect with our Savior! Come expecting to be transformed at this year's Oregon Prayer Conference in Rockaway Beach, Oregon! This year's event will be held March 20-22 at the Twin Rocks Convention Center and will host speaker Pavel Goia. 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. Questions? Contact Oregon Conference Prayer Ministries at Tawny.Sportsman@oregonadventist.org, or call 541-401-2521.



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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.

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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

Sign-up: <https://www.pacsonline.org/volunteer>

Better Life Television, a non-profit Christian (Seventh-day Adventist) broadcasting ministry comprising television, internet, radio, broadcasting, and evangelism, is seeking a Speaker/Executive Director of Operations to drive performance and operational excellence for our organization. Employment preference will be given to members of the Adventist church, as permitted under the EEOC's Title VII provision. This position is based in Grants Pass, Oregon. [Learn more about this position.](#)

NW Adventist Federal Credit Union is hiring a Member Solutions Specialist. Why Join Us? We are more than a credit union. We are a ministry of service to our community. When you join our team, you'll find a workplace that is kind, supportive, and mission-driven. If you have a heart for service and enjoy meaningful, detail-oriented work, we would love to meet you. Apply today! Send your resume to staff@mynwcu.com or visit www.mynwcu.com/careers.



Are you interested in becoming a hospital spiritual care volunteer? Adventist Health Portland Spiritual Care department invites individuals of all ages to apply. Volunteers will have the opportunity to offer pre-surgery support for patients and their families, ensure patients have access to spiritual resources, and more. If you feel called to be part of our team, take the first step by filling out our application form: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/769001903>

Adventist Health Hospice is looking for compassionate volunteers to provide companionship to patients, provide a much-needed brief break for a tired caregiver, make phone calls on Thursdays to check on patient supplies, or assist with light housekeeping, errands, or pet support. Thorough training and support are provided by Adventist Health Hospice team members. If interested in learning more, contact Karen Hartmann, Bereavement/Volunteer Coordinator at 503-251-6192 or email Hartmakl@ah.org. You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging time.

Volunteers Needed at PACS

PACS' thrift store, food pantry, and dental clinic all need volunteers. We have lots of fun and exciting jobs ranging from customer-facing cashiers and greeters to pricers and truck drivers behind the scenes. No experience or age

requirements to volunteer, we're happy to train you and welcome the entire family! If you're interested, please contact our volunteer manager, Jaclyn, at Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

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.

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