March 1, Communiqué

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Hello, Sunnysiders!

March 1st is here, which means we have just 19 days until March 19, 2025—the spring equinox. In the Northern Hemisphere, this marks the first day of spring, when day and night are nearly equal in length. It's always encouraging to have a timeframe in which

light gradually overtakes darkness.

Even though we hold onto the prophetic visions and promises of our faithful God for that day when light overflows darkness, today presents an opportunity—not just to wait in hope, but to fill these days with meaning and beauty. By doing so, we can transform our experience of this cold and gray season. After all, enduring something unpleasant becomes easier when we remember that it is only temporary.

So, while we wait, we work—and arr grateful to:

- Our SSO for uplifting our souls with playful, dance-like melodies that remind us of the power of community and the beauty of joy.
- The Bread Night Crew for the delightful baked potato bar for our nursing students.
- The FaithLift group for starting a study on the Letter to the Romans.
- The Pathfinder Club, as they prepare to lead us in worship in two weeks.
- Our history and book clubs for providing a space to connect and grow.
- **The choir** for bringing the joy of Easter into each Thursday rehearsal.
- Our pastors, Kevin and Seth, for presenting to the Trans-European creatives at the GAiN GenZ conference.

This Sabbath, we look forward to worshiping with PAES and to Pastor Fenn leading us in the study of the Word.

Pastor Violeta Bilan		

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Rose

Hi Sunnyside,

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for Family Gym Night last Saturday! We had a fantastic time enjoying pix pickleball, and great conversations. Stay tuned for details on our next gathering!

Exciting news—our "Quiet Boxes" will be rolling out in the coming weeks, and we need your help! We're looking for volunteers to assemble the boxes (simply adding printed materials) and to assist with the quiet box trolley before a after the service as parents borrow and return them. It's an easy task but makes a big difference. If you're interested helping, let me know—send a text, email, or find me at church.

Join us on March 8 for our annual Pathfinder church service! Come support our Pathfinders as they lead a special service, featuring a message from one of our own, Shalom. It's sure to be a meaningful and inspiring time—hope to see you there!

Friday



Your church family is invited to our next First Friday on March 7. First Friday is a once-monthly inspirational community fellowship event. It will be held at Adventist Health Portland Medical Center. It begins at 7:15 p.m. on the lower level in Amphitheaters C & D. This First Friday will feature an inspirational talk by Desmond Doss Jr. and music from Inspired by the Cross Worship Team. We would like to invite you to join us for this FREE event and we encourage you to invite your friends and family members. Registration for the free soup and salad dinner is open now through March 5. Remember that dinner registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and please let us know how many guests you will be bringing with you. Soup and salad will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Here is the link to register: https://adventisthealth.org/portland/events/ahpl-first-friday/

Sabbath

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. ve. **Our music today is brought to us by Portland Adventist Elementary School music department. We extend a special welcome** to the students and families involved.



Membership Transfers — First Reading: *Joining*: Mark and Joy Sheffield Collegedale SDA Church, TN



Selection Committee Report — Our Nominating Committee new members serving for two years are: Cesar Acosta, Krissy Barber, Debbie Bawana, Taylor Kielman, Elizabeth Legerman, Shawn Mandrones, Esther Pierre, Lorie Ramey, Susie Silva, Elynn Wilson. They join existing members who are serving for one more year: Shirley Allen, Saras Boyd, Sharon Brooks, Del Colton, Jackee Duvall, Gloriel Francis, Billy Hungate, Lidia Hutuleac, Isaac Nziacharo, and Edson Simon.

If you would like to serve in a specific position or have a suggestion of someone, please contact one of these members. They will soon be meeting to choose new officers for next year.



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 fellowshipping together.



The Oregon Sinfonietta, under the direction of Donald Appert, will be in concert here at Sunnyside Church on March 16, 2025, at 3:00 pm. Their repertoire includes Rossini – Overture to The Barber of Seville; Lalo – Concerto for Cello in D minor, Oregon Sinfonietta Concerto Competition Winner; and Glazunov – Symphony no. 1 in E major, op. 5.



Effective discipleship flows from intentional leadership. On Sabbath, March 22, at 2:00 pm, in the fellowship hall, we'll gather with local leaders here at Sunnyside for a workshop focused on strategic disciple making, mentorship, empowerment, and leadership development. What does it take to build an interconnected, healthy, and intentional church? Together, we'll explore key principles and practices to strengthen our leadership and ministries while discerning the next steps for Sunnyside.



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.







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 worki 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.

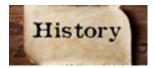
Palawan is the westernmost island of the Philippines, the largest by area, and a sought-after natural wonder. The island is home to 87 different cultural groups. About three-fourths of the population is Roman Catholic, 10% is Muslim, and 3.4% are Seventh-day Adventist. The major languages are English, 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 nee preachers and medical volunteers. The cost per participant is \$3,000. This includes airfare, board, and expenses of t medical clinic, Bible workers, etc. With God's help, this will be a bigger success than anyone can imagine. Also, we w 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 tremendousl too.



Our history class meets each Tuesday at 7:00 pm, in the Youth Room. This week, February 18, we are studying "What's Really in the Magna Carta?" presented by our own Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D. These will all be very enlightening studies — take time to come and enjoy our classes.



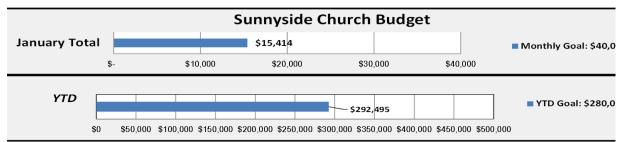
There is a flower calendar posted in the hallway and <u>online</u>. (Go to our website, <u>www.SunnysideAdventist.org</u>, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact 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 lnfo@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!



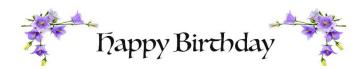
Directory photos — **just a reminder.** We have a photo directory, but we are missing many photos or several need to be updated. Please help us know who you are by picture. Send a snapshot or professional picture and we will upload it to the directory for you. Thank you.



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: Justus Curtis, Ardina Wang; Monday: Angelica Caministeanu, Lori Lund, Virlys Moller; Tuesday: Kirk Junk, Erin Wilhite; Wednesday: Jessica Curtis, Dorothy LeMert; Thursday: Justin Evans, Cindy Fessler, Lou Wildman; Friday: Lara Giles

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

Student Information

This year we have 175 students
Students come from as far away as St. Helens (north), Woodburn (south), Forest Grove (west), and Rhododendron (east)
They represent 29 SDA churches
20% come from non-Adventist homes
Our international students are from China, Japan, and Vietnam
We have students who are refugees from Thailand
Our student body is 1% American Indian/Alaska Native, 6% African, African American &
Black, 19% Hispanic & Latino, 22% Asian, 43% Caucasian, 10% Unknown/Unanswered

Scholarship Funding

At Portland Adventist Academy, our purpose is to provide a Christ-centered, character-driven education to all studer 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 clear 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 righ 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 3**: 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





In loving memory of Dick Webster, with heavy hearts, we share the passing of Dick Webster on Sabbath, February 15. A memorial service to honor his life will be held on Saturday, March 1 at 3:00 PM at Stone Tower Adventist Church. He was a Pathfinder leader for 10-15 years and very active in the Oregon Conference. Please keep his loved ones in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Your support and kindness mean so much. Stone Tower Adventist Church is located at 3010 NE Holladay St, Portland, OR 97232.

Joyce Hill, a renowned musician in the Portland area, and who often came to Sunnyside to share her talents on our organ, recently passed away. A memorial service for her will be conducted on March 16, at 2:00 pm, in the Woodburn Community Seventh-day Adventist Church, 1253 5th Street, Woodburn, Oregon.



VBS 101 Training

Register today for VBS 101, a class on how to make VBS happen! New and new(ish) leaders of all ages are invited to this online session which will include all the basic how to-s to make your church's VBS a successful blessing to your community! This training will be held **Sunday, March 16, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM** on Zoom, so you can join from anywhere! We'll cover topics like how to assemble your team, how to advertise, how to structure your VBS, how to avoid burnout, and much more! Register today at https://orad.us/VBS101.



It's still a few months until camp meeting is scheduled to begin but the fundraising deadline is counting down. Conference Treasurer Eric Davis reports that as of January 31, about \$100,000 has been raised for this year's event. That means the next \$130,000 in donations will be matched, dollar for dollar, and get us close to the goal! As Sprir springs, the Gladstone campus is beginning to come to life. Let's work together as a community to make sure we call enjoy camp meeting together beginning July 22. We can do this! Donate to Gladstone Camp Meeting online at AdventistGiving.com or write "Gladstone Camp Meeting" on your tithe envelope.



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.



Oregon Conference Women's Ministry Training Day!

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 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 Hol 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 duri 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



Big Lake Youth Camp registration is now open for kid camps and family camps for our 2025 summer! Youth camps are for ages 7-17 with lots of fun activities kids do with their cabin groups. Family camps are for all ages with a lot of the same fun activities for families to do together – great for family reunions! Visit www.biglake.org for more information or to register.



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 so 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! Check 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 Pan 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 communit 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 mile 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 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 their current executive director, the board is seeking 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 suppor 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 Coordinate 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 fr 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 conta our volunteer manager Jaclyn at Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

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