

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

March 16, 2024

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Hello Sunnyside,

I hope you have had a chance to get out and enjoy the weather! I have managed to get out and about this week and connect with some of our residents at Cherrywood, as well as a meeting of the lead pastors in the Oregon Conference. Our family especially loved the turnout for Wescott's celebration on Sunday. I

am told around 400 people attended! I have been encouraged by the visits and had so many illustrations of the welcoming and loving spirit of our community.

I was blessed by a book a few weeks ago by one of our members entitled, *Ministering to the Lord*. "Our first obligation in our relationship with God is love. Yet we have centered our attention on ministries, gifts, order, and different types of programs and services. We have centered our attention on everything except Him" (p. 20-21). This is a challenging passage, especially to those of us engaged in church work. It's a reminder in all our busyness to focus on WHO we serve and to nurture that relationship.

I look forward to seeing you Sabbath as we continue our exploration of worship!

This week, a nominating committee was elected to begin another cycle of prayerful recognition of Spirit-led ministries and gifts emerging in our midst. My prayer for this season is that God would lead each one of us into meaningful engagement and find nurturing in our richly diverse community of faith.

Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Kevin

Big weekend coming up! My in-laws are visiting this weekend and we are already roping them into our church service! Excited that my dad-in-law, Dr. Elvin Rodriguez will play the organ for our blended worship set and Evensong Sabbath afternoon. More than thrilled to also incorporate more of our youth and young adults into the fabric of our worship service. It's not always I get the opportunity to accompany my wife with the piano but excited to do so this Sabbath! It

Saturday evening, we are taking a bunch of our high schoolers to laser tag with the rest of our Oregon Conference youth. Should be a fun time!

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

This Sunday, around 400 people gathered to celebrate the 75th anniversary of Lloyd and Lorrie Westcott, and the 95th birthday for Lloyd.

We also held our final PACS food delivery and the Bread Night Dinner for our nursing students before Spring break.

I had a great time with the Bible study groups and visiting with many of you personally.

A big shoutout to Guy Dove for fixing the sound system issues for the FaithLift group.

The choir and orchestra are now in the last stages of getting ready for the Easter program.

My thoughts and prayers are with our sick and recovering friends. Can't wait to see you all this 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 before you leave. **Also, a very special welcome to Elvin Rodriguez, our guest organist.** He is the Director of Worship Arts at Immanuel Lutheran Church and Schools, and Professor of Music at La Sierra University.

The beautiful white carnation floral tribute is presented by Lloyd and Lorrie Wescott. These were part of the 75 carnations given in celebration of their 75th wedding anniversary last week. We're so happy for you, Lloyd and Lorrie, and congratulations!



This afternoon, March 16, 4:00 PM, we will be blessed with another Evensong. Elvin Rodriguez will be on the organ and Pastor Kevin Wilson will present the spoken word. Please join us for this refreshing moment of peace and spiritual refreshment.

Everyone is invited to a baby shower on Sunday, March 17, at 3:00 PM, in the Youth room. Trevor and Susie Silva are having a baby girl in April. They are registered at <http://www.babylist.com/list/baby-susie-silva>. Join us to celebrate this blessing of a new life together.





The Oregon Sinfonietta, directed by Donald Appert, will be in concert tomorrow afternoon, at 3:00, here at Sunnyside Church. They will be playing *the Scottish Fantasy for violin in E-flat Major, op. 46* by Bruch, *Cortège et Air de Danse* (Procession and Dance Tune) from *L'Enfant Prodigue (The Prodigal Son)* by Debussy and the *Second Symphonic Suite*,

op. 57 by Milhaud. You will want to take time to come and enjoy this beautiful orchestral music.

Selection Committee Report — Our Nominating Committee new members serving for two years are: Saras

Boyd, Sharon Brooks, Del Colton, Jackee Duvall, Gloriel Francis, Billy Hungate, Lidia Hutuleac, Virlys Moller, and Edson Simon. They join existing members who are serving for one more year: Margie Allen, Amy Cafferky, Paul Dragulin, Tim Hill, Kathy Kramer, as secretary, Beverly Merino, Isaac Nziacharo, Marie Pierre, Brenda Siaw, and Liesl Vistaunet. 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.



Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and [online](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org). (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.

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 that 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.



During the month of March, our Communion Service will be on a Friday evening with an Agape Feast. You are invited to attend and receive one of God's richest blessings of communing together. Please mark the date and join us on Friday night, **March 22, at 6:30 PM**, in the Fellowship Hall. Pastor Billy Hungate will join us.

Our next Church Board and Elders' meetings will be conducted on Wednesday, March 20, via Zoom. The Elders' will meet at 6:15 PM, with the Church Board meeting beginning at 7:00 PM.



History class meets on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM. Come and join us. Check "At-A-Glance" in the bulletin for topics.



Wednesdays are busy days. Come and join us.

- FaithLift at 10:00 AM, a group for ladies, meets in the Willamette Room.
- Men's Bible Study meets at 10:00 AM, in the Columbia Room.
- Book Club meets at 6:00 PM via Zoom.
- Our mid-week devotional service is at 7:00 PM, in CherryWood Village's chapel.



The Church Library is open! The library will be open on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of the month. Hours are 10:45-11:15 AM, and 12:30-1:00 PM. The church library has a wide selection of books available for our members to borrow, so please stop by.

We would like to publicly recognize special milestones in your life. Please

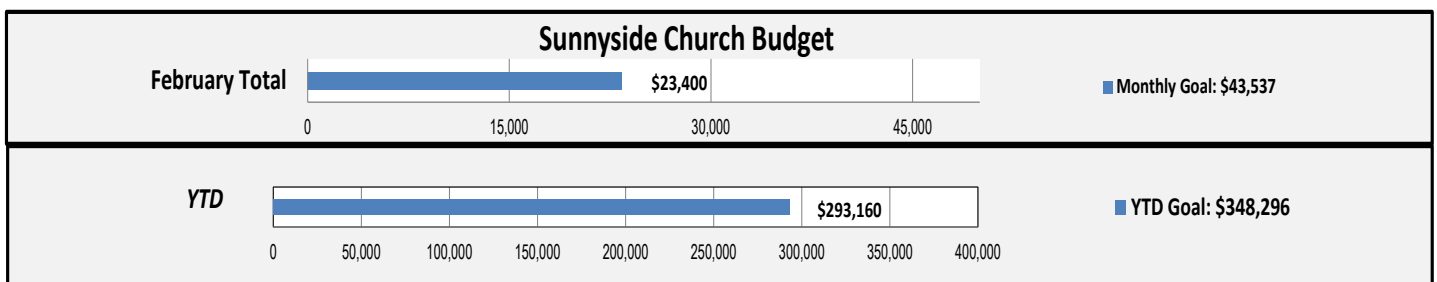
take a moment to share with us special birthdays, anniversaries, or any other celebrations. We are family and we would like to share with each other. Also, please let us know when you are sick or need other prayers. We want to be a part of your life and pray together with you. Send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org 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 let us know who you are by picture. Send a snapshot or professional picture and we will upload it for you to the directory.



During these difficult times, 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.





Monday: Gary Kramer; **Tuesday:** Madelaine Simon; **Thursday:** Jeremy Barber

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Elementary School

Portland Adventist Elementary School is excited to announce an Auction Banquet Fundraiser! Our school cannot exist without community and church support, and this is a great opportunity to come enjoy an evening of fun together while supporting PAES. There will be Themed Baskets to bid on, as well as Class Art Pieces that can brighten your home or work space. All proceeds go towards our Roof Project.

Price: \$10.00 (includes meal)

RSVP to admin@paes.com by APRIL 15TH

When: Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 5:30pm

Where: PAES Gym (3990 NW 1st St., Gresham OR 97030)

Questions? Please contact us at 503.665.4102 or admin@paes.com

Portland Adventist Academy

<https://www.paasda.org>



UPDATE: Alumni Reunion May 4

2024 PAA/PUA Alumni Reunion is May 3-5, 2024 for alumni and friends. We're pleased to share that our Alumni Sabbath Worship

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>



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

Columbia Adventist Academy

Columbia Adventist Academy's Alumni Homecoming Weekend is April 5-7, 2024. Come represent your class for Roll Call and Class Photos and connect with friends. Honor Classes are '14, '04 (20th), '99 (25th), '94, '84, '74 (50th), '64, '54, '49 (75th), and '44 (80th). Friday, April 5, 7 PM, Registration and Vespers (Class of '14), CAA School Forum. Sabbath, April 6, 9 AM, Registration, CAA Forum - 10 AM, Special Feature (Class of '04), Meadow Glade Church Sanctuary 10:30 AM, Alumni Business Meeting, Roll Call, and School Song - 11:00 AM, Church Service (Class of '99) with Guest Speaker Ken Crawford, Former Pastor of Meadow Glade Church. Lunch in the CAA Cafeteria following church. Sabbath Afternoon, 2 PM Class Photos at the Friendship Walk, 3 PM Afternoon Program (Class of '74) Church Sanctuary. Saturday Night Basketball Games, CAA Gym



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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are invited to our next First Friday on April 5. 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 Kevin Wilson and music by Sunnyside Young Adult 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 April 3. 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://www.adventisthealthfirstfriday.com>

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7:15 P.M.

A FREE night of joyful praise and fellowship — all are welcome!

Adventist Health Portland

FIRST FRIDAY



Featuring speaker
Kevin Wilson
with music by
Sunnyside Young Adult Worship Team

FREE SOUP & SALAD DINNER
6-7 P.M.
Register for dinner by **Wednesday, April 3**
Register at AdventistHealthFirstFriday.com

Pastor Kevin Wilson grew up overseas and uses digital storytelling to stay connected to more than half a million followers on TikTok and Instagram. Author of *The Way of Choi: Recipes for a Meaningful Life*, Kevin is passionate about helping people think in ways that help them live more meaningfully.

For more information, visit AdventistHealthFirstFriday.com

Adventist Health Portland 3323 SE Market Street, Portland, OR 97214 • Lower level amphitheater



Join us March 22-24, 2024 at Twin Rocks Conference Center in Rockaway Beach, Oregon! Our guest speaker this year will be Dr. Joseph Kidder. Following more than 20 years of successful pastoral work, Joseph Kidder has been teaching at Theological seminary at Andrews University for the last 22 years. He travels extensively, teaching people, pastors and churches how to have a vibrant and authentic walk with God. Registration is now open! Learn more at www.oregonadventist.org/prayer

MARCH 22-24
AT THE HOLDEN EVENT CENTER

IN THE BEGINNING

SETH PIERCE
KEVIN WILSON
KALEB EISELE

EVELIN VELINOVA
NICOLE DOMINGUEZ
ERNESTO HERNANDEZ

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A Journey Through Generations Series. You're invited to attend a 3-part series on senior safety and care by Dr. Albert Munanga at the Gladstone Park Adventist Church, April 8, 15, and 22 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM. On April 8, the topic will be *Cyber Criminals Targeting Seniors – What you need to do to protect yourself.* The topic of the April 15 seminar will be *The Many Options for Care and their Costs – Planning ahead.* And on April 22 the seminar will be covering *How to Remain in the Safety and Comfort of my Own Home – For as long as time allows.* This series is sponsored by Serengeti Home Care. RSVP for any of these seminars by calling 971-500-2902 or emailing catlyne@serengeticare.com. Gladstone Park Adventist Church is located at 8378 Cason Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027



SAVE THE DATE: Take 6 Oromo Church Benefit Concert.

On April 6, the award-winning musical ensemble, Take 6, will hold a fundraising concert benefiting the construction of the Oromo Adventist Church in Gresham, Oregon! Doors open at 1:30 PM, concert starts at 3:00 PM. Beverages will be served before and after the concert. All tickets will be sold online! No tickets sold at the door on day of the event. Learn more at <https://orad.us/Take6Concert>.

The North American Division of Seventh-day Adventists Young Adult Life Tour is coming to Portland, Oregon over the weekend of April 19-20 at the Pleasant Valley Adventist Church.



This event is for young adults, church leaders, parents/grandparents, and pastors and will equip attendees to better reach, love, and empower the next generation. Mark your calendars and save the date! In addition to world class presenters and speakers, we will be worshipping Jesus together, building a stronger young adult ministry community, and will uplift and encourage each other. Registration is FREE and opens on March 1st. Watch for updates. Pleasant Valley Adventist Church is located at 11125 SE 172nd Ave, Happy Valley, OR 97086.



Marriage Workshop: There are still cabins available for the Bloom in Marriage Cruise, a Christian marriage seminar at sea for couples of all ages, taking place May 13-20, 2024. Join Adventist marriage

ministry leaders Rick and Cindy Mercer on a relationship-enriching Alaskan cruise, sailing roundtrip from Seattle on the Quantum of the Seas. For more information and to register, go to bloominmarriage.com.

SAVE THE DATE: Cruise with a Mission December 2024.

Center for Youth Evangelism is happy to invite you to an incredible cruise adventure to The Caribbean, December 8-15, 2024. Registration is open so don't wait! Embark on a convenient round trip Caribbean adventure where we will be visiting the Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, & the Cayman Islands. Departing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Stops in Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, and the Cayman Islands. Returning to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. There is more information to come, but if you have any questions, please send an email to cwm@cye.org.



PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru is OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00 am – 11:00 am with an after-work option once a month from 5:00 pm – 7:00 pm every first Thursday of the month. If you or someone you know needs food, please tell them about us.

PACS Thrift Store is OPEN Sun 11 am-4 pm, Mon-Thurs 9:00 am-5:00 pm, & Friday 9:00 am-2:00 pm. Our donation drop-off center is open and needs your donations! Mon-Thurs 9:00-1:00 pm, and Sun 11:00 am-2:00 pm. If you have any questions about what items we accept, please give us a call at 503-252-8500.

Depending on volunteer availability, we offer pick-up service for a small fee. If you have furniture or larger items and no way to get rid of them, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out! Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland, OR 97220.

Gateway Grace Dental Clinic at PACS is OPEN

Gateway Grace Clinic at PACS is open and accepting uninsured patients for low-cost preventative dental care. If you or someone you know needs to schedule an appointment with us, please call 503-907-6768 or email dental@pacsonline.org.



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 to learn 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.

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>



Tabernacle SDA Church is looking for a Janitor and an Administrative Assistant. Both positions are part-time and require

you to pass a background check. If you would like a job description & application, please email office@tabernaclesda.org.

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

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>.

PACS 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 Social Media Coordinator.** If you are interested in these positions, please visit our website (pacsonline.org/jobs) for job descriptions or email jobs@pacsonline.org for more information. PACS INFORMATION (Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220)



HOUSING AVAILABLE!

Room for rent, furnished with bed, in Damascus, Oregon, with shared living area, kitchen, laundry washer/dryer, female tenant preferred. Will also consider someone who would need some basic care and assistance with living. For more information call the church office, 503-252-8080.