

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

March 23, 2024

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Hi Sunnyside Family,

Last Sunday, we visited the Portland Japanese Garden nestled in the iconic Washington Park. Designed in 1963, this 12-acre sanctuary was built to forge healing connections between Japan and the United States on the heels of WW II. Walking with Elynn and my in-laws through what many Japanese dignitaries describe as one of the most beautiful and authentic

Japanese gardens outside of Japan, I was struck by how empathic architecture and thoughtful design can be employed to build lasting bridges between people groups.

I like to think that church — the visible, tangible, body of Christ, manifested through the service, justice, and faithfulness of Christ's followers wherever we are — is supposed to be a garden of grace for all at all times. That whether we are conducting an Evensong program, participating in a blended worship service, helping one of our own move a broken tree from their property, getting "cooked" at laser tag by our high school students, or having an important conversation with a young married couple, we are somehow creating spaces for healing and reconciliation.

In that spirit of reconciliation, we are excited to announce a new mission trip opportunity in collaboration with our chai company - Cross Culture Chai - and ADRA Sri Lanka. Happening between June 15-25 of this year, this 11-day, hybrid-mission-tour is an opportunity for you to embark on a journey through my home country of Sri Lanka while also making an enduring difference in the lives of vulnerable children in one of the most marginalized communities in the tea estates.

Spaces are very limited but for more information, please visit www.crossculturetours.com. It would be very cool to see as many of our Sunnysiders as possible there!



Please pray for Pastor Seth and me as we present at the inaugural Creators Lab conference happening at the Holden Center this Sabbath. We are excited to represent Sunnyside and grateful for your love and support.

To creating and cultivating more gardens,

Pastor Kevin Wilson

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

The third week of the month, as usual, has been blessed with many meetings. Sunday started with some heavy wood lifting at Rosie's place. The baby shower for Trevor and Susanne's baby was a blessing. Thank you to all who made it possible, for the gift of your time and presence from our entire pastoral team.

Tuesday and Wednesday, we had our regular Bible study group meetings, History class, Easter orchestra rehearsal alongside the AdCom, and Church Board, and an extra staff meeting.

On Thursday, the choir had its final rehearsal before the dress rehearsal for the Easter Program. The excitement is palpable.

As Sabbath approaches, we are preparing our hearts for the Agape Feast this Friday evening, and I'm looking forward to having Pastor Billy worship with us and share God's word.

From the desk of Pastor Seth

Hello church family!

This weekend I have the privilege of sharing the Sabbath message at the Creator's Lab Conference in Gladstone. This conference is a gathering of those who create digital stories and content, as well as those who may want to begin a journey in digital evangelism and content creation. Prayers are appreciated!

We have also been working hard to get everyone nominated for the nominating committee and I appreciate all those who are willing to serve!

Finally, we are looking forward to the Agape Feast experience Friday evening—hope to see you there!



Send your "shout-outs" to info@SunnysideAdventist.org so we can include them in next week's Communiqué. This is a place you can recognize someone for doing well or going beyond expectations.

A huge thank-you to all the volunteers who made the Silva baby shower a blessing for everyone and especially for Susie, Trevor, and the new baby girl coming soon: Yvonne, Carina, Taina and Terrill Allen, Caleb Jr and Brenda Siaw, Bob and Saras Boyd, Marlan Glovatsky, Gloriel Francis, Elaine Bradshaw, Kathy Kramer, Sharon Brooks, and Heather Stewart. (See more pictures at the end of the Communiqué.)



Another very special shout out to all of you who stepped in to help cut up and remove the tree that fell on Rosie's house during the recent winter storm: Olivian Gramada, Pastor Seth Pierce, Madeline Pierce, Pastor Violeta and Ben Bilan, Alin Dragulin, Jeremy Barber, Duane Mitchell, and Jordan Meyer. You are all appreciated more than you know! And another special thank you to all of you who have been sending prayers for me. Thank you! ~Rosie



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friday:



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.

Sabbath:



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.

This afternoon at 3:23, the Adventurers will be departing for their field trip to Bonneville Dam and the Fish Hatchery. Everyone will meet in the parking lot at the Columbia Gorge Outlet in Troutdale (I-84, exit 17).



Please pray for the family of Patsye Farr. She passed away last Monday, March 18. Her daughter is Lynda Skau.



Partial Nominating Committee Report— Second Reading:

Deacon: David Emori; Assistant Head Deaconess: Saras Boyd

Selection Committee Report CORRECTION — Our Nominating Committee new members serving for two years are: Shirley Allen, 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, Kathy Kramer, as secretary, Beverly Merino, Isaac Nziacharo, Marie Pierre, Brenda Siaw, Liesl Vistaunet, and Wilfred Geschke, serving for one year, replacing Tim Hill. 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.

Membership Transfers — First Reading:

Joining:

Paul Damazo from Loma Linda University Church, California
Kaleb & Gerelisa Eisele from Crosspoint Adventist Church
Gloriel Francis from Oceanside SDA Church, California
Mitchell Kessler from Pleasant Valley SDA Church
Anzhelika Legerman from Living Word Adventist Church
Judy Mosoti, Marani SDA Church, Kenya
Lindsey Reed from Puyallup SDA Church
Susie Silva from Spanish-American SDA Church, Los Angeles, California
Richard Trillo from Franktown SDA Church, Colorado

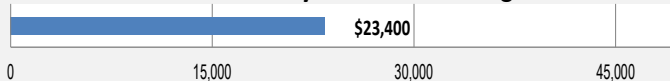
Leaving:

Maelissa Larson to Whipple Creek SDA Church, Washington



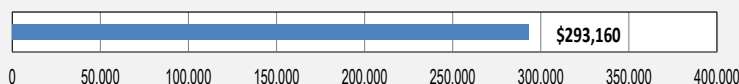
Sunnyside Church Budget

February Total



Monthly Goal: \$43,537

YTD



YTD Goal: \$348,296



Next Sabbath, March 30, at 11:15 AM, come and enjoy our beautiful Easter musical celebration! It features the Sunnyside choir and orchestra with special appearance of some of

Sunnyside's cutest kids! Come early for seating!

You are invited to a Senior Tea with the Senior Pastor! Thursday, April 4, at

1:30 PM. This is our opportunity for seniors to visit with Pastor Seth and get to know him. (FYI: this is for women and men.) Feel free to invite your friends, too. We will serve light refreshments. Hope you can join us in the fireside room.



Sri Lanka! Pastor Kevin is excited to announce a new mission trip opportunity in collaboration with our chai company - Cross Culture Chai - and ADRA Sri Lanka. It will take place June 15-25 of this year. If you would like to join Pastor Kevin in this venture, or financially support it, read more in the [Communiqué](#).

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.

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.



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.



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.



Happy Birthday



Today: Brian Costa, Ana Marin; **Sunday:** Ted Morford, Marilyn Patchen; **Monday:** Rick Butler, Viorica Gramada; **Tuesday:** Marlee Blaire, Wendy van Rooyen; **Wednesday:** Diane Stillman, Delynn Amerman; **Thursday:** Jon Pitts

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

AUCTION BANQUET
+ FUNDRAISER +

PORTLAND ADVENTIST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL INVITES YOU TO COME ENJOY AN EVENING OF FUN TOGETHER WHILE SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL!



THEMED BASKETS AND CLASS ART PIECES TO BID ON! ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS OUR ROOF PROJECT

PRICE: \$10 (INCLUDES DINNER)

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 AT 5:30PM

LOCATION: PAES GYM
3990 NW 1ST ST., GRESHAM, OR 97030

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT 503.685.4102 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



Mindfit – A Journey to Mental Fitness —

Join Hills & Valleys Adventist Church and Voice of Prophecy for **Mindfit**, a 4 part series starting April 4. We will seek to shed light on our current mental health crisis.

The problems run deep... but there is REAL hope, for both those who are struggling and those who love them. For more information contact Jim Reynolds at 503-891-6040 or visit HAVAC-Mindfit.US. Hills and Valleys Adventist Church is located at 900 Main St #104, Oregon City, OR 97045.

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](https://www.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 Chai: 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](https://www.adventisthealthfirstfriday.com)


Adventist Health Portland

30123 SE Market Street, Portland, OR 97216 | Lower level amphitheaters



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

"Thinking Well, Living Well, a women's mental health series, is coming to Stone Tower Church this spring!

This is a 10-week series with sessions to be held on Thursday evenings, beginning April 18th, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. To sign up and for more information Visit

<https://www.stonetowersda.org/events/thinking-well-living-well/> f



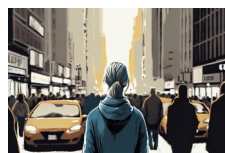
SAVE THE DATE: Take 6 Oromo Church Benefit Concert.

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.



Claim Your Children Back Workshop.

Do you grieve for children and loved ones that are no longer attending church? Gladstone Park Adventist Church will be presenting a workshop called Claim Your Children Back,

April 26-27. This 3-part workshop will help bring joy, peace, healing, and encouragement. It will build your faith in the word of God that reveals how the Lord plans to save your family and what he expects

from you and others. Presentations will be held Friday, April 26 at 7:00 PM and Saturday, April 27 at 11:00 AM followed by potluck and a 2:00 PM afternoon seminar. Our presenter will be Grant Agadjanian, president of Creative Media Ministries. Gladstone Park Adventist Church is located at 8378 Cason Road in Gladstone, Oregon. Register and get your free ticket at gladstone-park-church.ticketleap.com.



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 UPDATE

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)

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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.

Susie and Trevor Baby Shower in Pictures

