

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

March 30, 2024

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**Hello Sunnyside!**

**He is risen!**

We have the privilege of celebrating our risen Savior this weekend at our annual Easter program. Romans 8:11 states, "If the Spirit of him [God] who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life to your mortal

bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you."

In a time when so many things seem broken and hopeless, it is good to have a tangible reminder that we serve a God who brings life from death. Much appreciation to all those who have put in the time and practice to make this event special. We're really hoping we pack the house!

Thank you to all who prayed for Kevin and me as we presented at the Creator's Lab last weekend in Gladstone. I had several very meaningful and healing conversations with people working through various challenges in their life and know that your prayers made a difference. Also, Pastor Billy's CL3AN ministry had an incredible presence at the event and know that your prayers were a blessing to him as well (and it was so good to have him ministering at Sunnyside!).

Finally, I have done a bit more work from home this week as our girls are on spring break. We've had a few fun outings together and enjoyed some extra family time. Thank you for being such a supportive church when it comes to pastors squeezing in extra time with their families—it truly means a lot!

Happy Easter!

**Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.**

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### **The Pastors' Spotlight**

#### **From the desk of Pastor Violeta**

Hello, Sunnyside Family and Friends!

The last several weeks of studying the final chapters of the Gospel of Matthew at FaithLift, along with the Agape Feast last Friday, have saturated this season for me with images of Christ's courage and complex relational dynamics with sinful humans, both friends and foes. His generous love and extravagant empathy for us in his suffering, as well as in his glory, have sensitized my heart to the celebration of Easter.

We all go through seasons of fear and hard decision-making. We experience injustice, judgment, and rough treatment. Sometimes our dreams, hopes, passions, and loves are misunderstood and ridiculed. Sometimes our hearts feel like dark and cold tombs, blocked by heavy burdens and guarded by indifferent law enforcement.

But then comes the resurrection morning, when all that seems hopelessly lost is redeemed by God's touch and infused with His power. I love the fact that nothing can stop life that is planted and sanctified by the divine Spirit. All that God created in us, all that bears the divine seal and anointing, will come alive on the other side of the walls that we hit.

So, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Savior this Sabbath in beautiful worship, and as we meditate on the miracle of Divine love, may our hearts experience the same power with what still feels dead and dormant. May His Spirit make all of us fully alive for His glory.

#### **From the desk of Pastor Kevin**

Sharing the stage with other Adventist creators last weekend, including our very own Dr. Pierce, was a high privilege.

I appreciate the leadership of Matt and the team for our upcoming Easter program in which Elynn and I are going to be debuting our acting skills in the PNW!



If you haven't signed up already, our Sri Lanka tour is still open. Contact me for any and all of your questions.



#### **Shout-Out**

Send your "shout-outs" to [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto: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.

*Our Agape Feast on Friday, March 22, 2024, was well attended by more than 85 people. As Pastor Billy led us to contemplate the supreme sacrifice of our loving Savior, we rededicated our lives to God. Many volunteers contributed to the set-up, decorations, supper, the Ordinance of Humility, clean up and set-up for Bible study classes on Sabbath morning. Some of those volunteers included Kathy Kramer, Elaine Bradshaw, Brenda Siaw, Dianne Glovatsky, Sharon Brooks, Saras Boyd, Jackee Duvall,*

Katia Sanchez, Jan Edmondson, Barbara Plubell, Jerilyn Schosnig, Jane Nelson, Rose Buchanan, Tom Kramer, Richard Zaversnue, Stan Christensen, Del Colton, Madelaine Pierce, Carl Buchanan, and many others who put away tables and chairs and arranged them for Sabbath school the next morning. Thanks to all of you who made this communion very special by blessing so many!

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Welcome to Sunnyside today.** Thank you for joining us for worship. We pray for God's special blessing on you as we worship together on this special Easter Sabbath.

**Welcome to our Sunnyside Choir and Orchestra members and their families. A special thank you to Matt Mandrones and Polly Moody, Co-Music Directors, Elise Holcombe, Children's Director, and the following players, singers, and shepherds:**

### Sunnyside Chamber Orchestra Members

Violin 1: Andrew Poole-Todd, Nelya Vashechenko, Vera Vashechenko  
Violin 2: Andre Wang, Susan Erich, Melissa Panasuk  
Viola: Carol Kirkman, Jim Robertson, Kayden McKee  
Cello: Alex Geschke, Annalise Hill, Dannika AuDuong, Andre AuDong  
String Bass: Rob Busey, Cari Anderson  
Flute 1: Rebecca Towers; Flute 2: Heidi Hill; Oboe: Dulce Hamstra  
Clarinet 1: Lisa Wang; Clarinet 2: Jill McClelland  
Trumpet 1: Jonathan Johnson; Trumpet 2: Dan Schmidt;  
French Horn: Jon Holloway  
Euphonium: Tim Hill  
Percussion 1: Joanne Dixon; Percussion 2: Dexter Hill, Sarah Moody; Timpani: Wanyue Ye  
Harp: Leigh Brown; Piano: Helen Chang

### Sunnyside Choir Members

Alto: Lidia Hutuleac, Barbara Plubell, Lindsey Loa-Siahann, Joanne Boling, Hawi Arsie, Clarisa Bisenius, Becky Moore, Angelika Legerman, Janice Godilano, Rhonda Rushold  
Bass: Roger Rosenquist, Elias Rivera, Joeven Godilano, Conrad Gren, Ethan Moody, Kevin Moore, Orkhan Babayev  
Soprano: Tamara Klefos, Kule Arsie, Peggy Sherer, Alice Nielsen, Ana Siminel, Mariia Karpenko, Ivonne Allen, Kathy Rosenquist, Elynn Rodriguez, Liliana Gramada, Sonia Giles, Violeta Bilan, Janine Hudkins  
Tenor: Artur Karpenko, Onyx Rackley, Paul Dragulin, Erik Nielsen, Anthony Nguyen, Ethan Moody

### Shepherds

Emma, Zoe, Levi, Andrea, Andrew, Isabeau, Mylia, Darren, Edward, Sophia, Jordan, Lorian; and Megan Snyder



## Membership Transfers — Second 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 Powers 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

## 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.



**Next Sabbath, April 6, we will enjoy our monthly church potluck** immediately after our worship service. Bring enough food for your family plus more for our guests.

Everyone is welcome and invited to join in eating together.

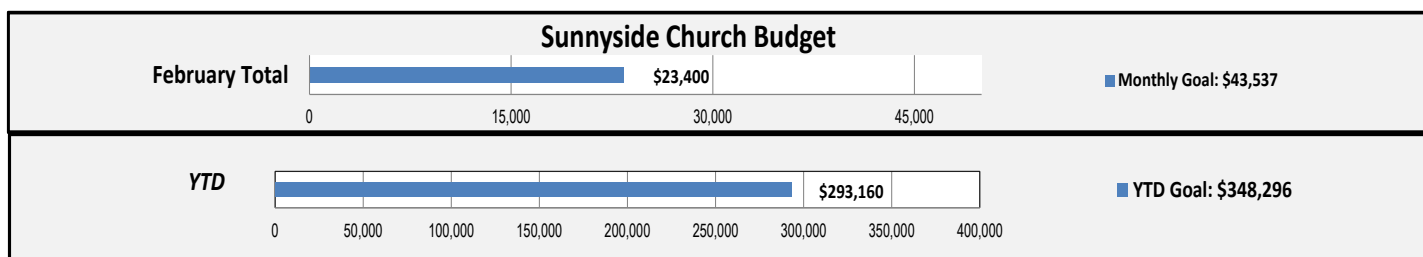
**History class** meets on Tuesdays, 7:00 PM. Come and join us. Check "At-A-Glance" in the bulletin for topics.



## 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](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org), click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers



with your church family for our worship service and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to what you would like in the bulletin about them.



**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](mailto: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](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org).



## Happy Birthday



**Sunday:** Lily Baraka, Maygene Wesslen; **Monday:** Maureen Munene; **Tuesday:** Jayden Byam, Ellianna Eichele, Glen Heagy, Cassandra Reck, Luzviminda Tulipat; **Wednesday:** Jeanne Fleming; **Friday:** Sheree Pritchett

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:admin@paes.com)

<https://www.paasda.org>



**Portland Adventist Academy**

<https://www.paasda.org/alumni>

### 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 Speaker will be Elder Dick Duerksen, a popular speaker and storyteller, and friend of PAA.

Honor classes are:

'49 (75-year class), '54, '64, '74 (50-year class), '84, '94, '99 (25-year class), '04, '14, '19 (5-year class)

Sabbath, May 4, 10:30 am – Worship Service

You can find all the details on the Alumni page on the PAA website here: <https://www.paasda.org/alumni>

### 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



**Walla Walla University**  
[wallawalla.edu](http://wallawalla.edu)

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

## 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>

**APR 05**  
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 Chal: 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 10123 SE Market Street, Portland, OR 97216 | Lower level amphitheaters



**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](http://HAVAC-Mindfit.US). Hills and Valleys Adventist Church is located at 900 Main St #104, Oregon City, OR 97045.

**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.



A JOURNEY  
THROUGH  
GENERATIONS



**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](mailto: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/>



**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](http://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](mailto:cwm@cye.org).



**The 2024 Camp Meeting Team Registration form is now available online!** Join the camp meeting team July 11-13 for Spanish-language and/or July 16-20 for English-language

Gladstone Camp Meeting. Information on the areas where you might want to volunteer or work are available on the conference website ([www.oregonadventist.org/campmeeting](http://www.oregonadventist.org/campmeeting)). Sign up today at <https://orad.us/CM2024signup>. If you are interested in one of the limited paid positions available, you must speak with that department supervisor before filling out the registration form. Thank you for your willingness to help with camp meeting!



### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](http://pacsonline.org/jobs)) for job descriptions or email [jobs@pacsonline.org](mailto: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.