

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

April 13, 2024

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### Greetings!

A story is told of the infamous Japanese tea master Yusai Hosakawa - a Japanese tea master - who made tea for the warlord Hideyoshi, but he had to do something unprecedented. Tea master Hosakawa made the tea, but during the service, the young attendant of the warlord Hideyoshi accidentally dropped the invaluable tea ware, breaking it into five pieces. The warlord was furious and raised his hand against the attendant to punish him.

But just at the right time, the tea master stepped in between them. He sang a poem that resembled a 9th-century Japanese romance poem but contextualized the words masterfully to communicate the need for atonement and unity.

Through this public and hauntingly beautiful act of poetic justice, Hideyoshi atoned for the young servant and took responsibility for his actions. It was almost as if he said: "I will be the one to be blamed for his mistake."

But the tea master does not stop there.

He then put the five pieces together through the very intricate Japanese Urushi lacquer using gold gilding, making the broken teaware even more beautiful than the original. This would be the start of "Kintsugi" pottery; the art of making broken pottery even more beautiful and valuable than they were before.

In a time where Christianity is often used simply as a political propaganda tool to preserve power or a prescription drug to remove the symptoms of one's restlessness, the resurrection of Jesus reminds us that there's more to the story.

Easter reminds us that the ultimate point of theology - the art and practice of faith-seeking understanding - isn't just to "fix" our broken lives, and societies or "defend" our worldview to others, but to inspire creative and holistic ways to minister to those around us in order to carry out the "ministry of reconciliation"; the beautiful embrace of justice and beauty needed to build bridges between "us" and "them."

Easter reminds me that the "cracks" of my world, and the ruptures of the world can be made new and holy and beautiful because of a God who makes all things new, every day, and every moment, through the sacrifice of his life and death.

It is indeed a gentle reminder that the worst news is never the last news.

That even in the midst of pain and brokenness,

Life is beautiful.

(If you want to practice reconciliation with your finances this week, please consider donating to our upcoming cross-culture tour sponsored by our church! All funds will go towards the school renovation project).

For more information and donation link:

<https://www.crossculturetours.com/projects>



**Pastor Kevin Wilson**

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### From the desk of Pastor Seth

Hello Sunnyside!

I am so excited to tell you the big news at church tomorrow, as well as share an early ministry experience about the worst church member I ever had—and what they taught me that I still need reminding of from time to time.

This week I enjoyed visiting during the monthly FaithLift potluck and spending some time with some new members who stopped by the office to visit. I also enjoyed a good conversation in the office with some wonderful members of PVC who are helping organize the memorial service for Lane Bibb.

I also signed a book contract with Lexginton/Fortress Press to produce a book exploring the intersection of religion, theology, and video games. Not only will it contribute to academic literature, but, in terms of local church ministry, it will enable me to create a class/seminar to help guide people into how to make smart choices about media and how media can affect us. The book won't be out until 2027, but you'll likely hear some of the content way before then.

Finally, on Monday morning I fly out to Australia for a couple weeks. I will be preaching at North New South Wales Campmeeting in the evenings. I haven't been to Australia yet, so I'm looking forward to touring around a

little and connecting with some old friends who live there as well as making new ones It's always fun to travel but I will miss my family and church family while I am away. I return on the 30th. Pray for safe travels and that the messages will be a blessing.

### From the Desk of Pastor Violeta

This week, God's faithful guidance and provision for Sunnyside have given us more reasons to celebrate and to look with greater clarity toward new opportunities and developments in our mission. We held several meetings, including ones with the Oregon Conference Administration and Nominating Committee, which have infused us with excitement and faith as we move forward.

Additionally, this week, I am especially grateful for Rosie, our office administrator and fellow minister, who has been a wealth of wisdom and a solid foundation for our growth and functioning. I pray that God will continue to guide each one of us into a clear realization of our place in His plans for Sunnyside during this season.



### Partial Nominating Committee Report — Second Reading

Junior Deacon: Samuel Siminel; Deaconess: Heather Stewart

**Sunnyside Church will host an Evensong this evening, at 6:30 PM.** Karl Helton will be playing the organ and Richard Fenn delivering the spoken word. The theme for this Evensong is "Paul — Prose and Poetry." Take time to enjoy this meditative event to close the Sabbath.



**This afternoon, April 13, 5:00: Ready for an incredible adventure to a fascinating corner of this wonderful world?** Just imagine a short and joyful journey to the magnificent South Africa, with its colorful mix of cultures and diverse landscape, a land so richly blessed with an immense variety of wildlife and zesty culinary flavors, home of wonderful people with an unsurpassed passion for sports and religion, a welcoming country with flourishing economy and a ravishing history... Can you hear the sounds? Feel the music? Taste the aromas, fragrances, and colorful spices? Traveling there in person is a dream! Learning about it in an immersive experience is a unique possibility, fascinating, tangible, and attainable because of our outstanding guides: Shirley and Dave Allen, Tracy Clark, and Michelle Turner. Join the KidsAlive at Sunnyside Adventurers Club for this awesome adventure! Sabbath, April 13, 5-7 PM.



### 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.

*We started attending Sunnyside Church in February and have been so blessed with the many and varied worship services that all are so well planned.... But Sabbath, April 30, Worship Service was just outstanding in so many ways, I had tears in my eyes as I experienced once again the miracle of God's gift to us with His son. So, my Shout Out goes to several meaningful moments beginning with Patrick Shima's gentle comments and prayer. What a compassionate and real prayer that I am sure went right to the throne of Almighty God for each one of us. And then there was Donna Schmidt, the Worship Coordinator — I know it takes a village, but this Sabbath it took many leadership roles to provide for us, in the congregation, a meaningful Easter experience. The Sunnyside Orchestra Members under the directions of Matt Mandrones and Polly Moody; the selection and arrangements of all the music; all the participants; the children walking in waving Palms; then there was the outstanding skit and backdrop; and all the audio and video it takes to provide worship to those who cannot attend. Thank you for Pastor Seth's pastoral leadership with the awesome task of "feeding God's Sheep."*  
~Gloria Neidigh

### 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.



**Please pray for the family of Lane Bibb.** He passed away unexpectedly. There will be a memorial service for him **tomorrow, Sunday, April 14, at 11:00 AM**, here at Sunnyside Church. The floral tribute today is in honor of Lane.

**On Wednesday, April 17, there will be an Elders meeting (6:15 PM) and a Church Board meeting (7:00 PM) conducted via Zoom.** Board members watch your email for your Zoom invitation.



**Spring Tea Party, April 28, 2:00 PM**, in the fireside room! Ladies, this event is for you, if you are 2 or 102! Come enjoy pearls of wisdom from our resident tea expert, Pastor Kevin Wilson, and help raise money for Portland Adventist Community Services (not required, but we will be collecting donations). Don't forget your tea party attire, either! It might just land you a prize for creativity. RSVP please by April 21 to Kathy Kramer 360-553-8464 or Dianne Glovatsky 503-706-5611.

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





This spring, churches around the conference will host the annual opportunity to worship and connect as a broader church with our **Together in Mission town hall meetings**. Every member is invited to

participate in a gathering near them to experience the blessing of connecting with members from neighboring churches and with conference leaders. "Together in Mission" is a reminder that while we live, work, and worship in communities all across the Oregon Conference territory, we all share a common spiritual identity: children of God looking forward to Jesus' soon return. Our *Together in Mission* town hall meeting will take place at **Sunnyside Adventist Church at 7:00 PM, on May 7.**

**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).



**Today:** Ed Betz, Roy Dahl, Adoniah Simon; **Sunday:** Don Dealy II, Tom Stafford; **Monday:** Jeffery Cummings, Lisa Wang; **Tuesday:** Ethan Busi, Alexander Sidorenko Sr, **Wednesday:** Kenton Benfied, James Cason, Angela Kirkpatrick; **Thursday:** Ginaya Drake, Brittany Wescott, Phyllis Woods; **Friday:** Duane Mitchell, Shonie Scheller, Stephanie Taylor

**ADVENTIST EDUCATION**



<http://www.paes.com>

**Portland Adventist Elementary School**

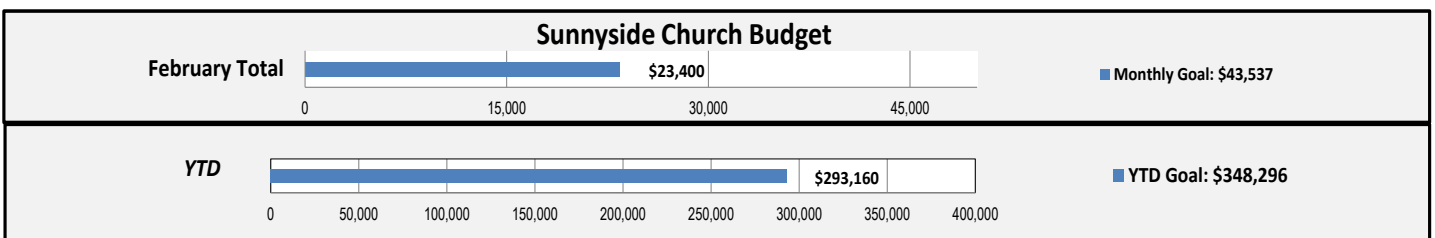
**Portland Adventist Elementary School is excited to announce an Auction Banquet Fundraiser!** Our school cannot exist without community and church support, and this is a great opportunity to come enjoy an evening of fun together while supporting PAES.

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



**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 503.695.4102 OR ADMIN@PAES.COM



**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>



**The PAA Gospel Choir** presents their Spring Concert on Sabbath, April 13, at 4 :00 PM, at the Sharon Adventist Church, located at 5209 NE 22nd Ave, Portland, OR 97211. The concert is free and open to the public.



<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**



**A memorial service for Jamie Sue Hudson** will be held April 13 at 4:00 PM at Pleasant Valley Church. Jamie attended PAA and WWU, and was a long-time Portland resident. All are invited. Reception following. Pleasant Valley Adventist Church is located at 11125 SE 172<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Happy Valley, Ore.

**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.



**Oregon Conference Women's Ministries Leader's Retreat.** You're invited to this year's Women's Ministries Leader's Retreat, April 26-28, at the Gladstone Park Conference & Event Center. For women's

ministries leaders, , assistant leaders, and women who want to be leaders in their church communities. If your church doesn't have an official women's ministries leader you are welcome to send someone anyway. You don't even have to be from the Oregon Conference territory! This year's theme is "What a Great Idea!" Your NPUC women's ministries directors will present practical and fun ideas and tips for creating and growing your women's ministries programs. Lots of questions and answer opportunities are planned. We will have networking and planning times so you can help each other out too, because we know you have wonderful things to share! Learn more about this great event at <https://orad.us/WMLeadersRetreat2024>.



**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, Ore. 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,

**The Laurelwood Academy Class of 1974** will celebrate it's 50th Class Reunion, May 24-26. The class would love to connect with all of their 1974 members. The May 24-25 reunion activities will be held at Gladstone Park Conference Center in Gladstone, Ore. The May 26 reunion event will happen at the LACE Center in Laurelwood. Please text or call 503-709-3030 and leave a message, or email LA1974reunion@gmail.com for additional details. RSVP appreciated.



**CLASS OF 1974  
LAURELWOOD ACADEMY  
50th Class Reunion**  
May 24-26 at the Oregon Conference's Gladstone Park Conference Center  
or  
May 26 at the LACE Center in Laurelwood  
We're looking for all 1974 class members. Please text or call 503-709-3030 and leave a message or email LA1974reunion@gmail.com for additional details. RSVP appreciated.



**SAVE THE DATE: Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus Concert.**

Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus annual Festival Concerts will be presented on May 18 at 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM, at Sunnyside Adventist Church. Joining OAMC will be Portland Adventist Academy's Bell Canto handbell ensemble. OAMC is a group of Christian men who join in

worship, praise and public sharing of their faith through music. Under the direction of Ben Purvis, OAMC performs anthems, selections from the master composers, traditional hymns, newer inspirational works and spirituals. For more information about the 2024 Festival Concert and OAMC, visit [oamcministry.org](http://oamcministry.org). Sunnyside Adventist Church is located at 10501 SE Market St, Portland, OR 97216.



**"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).



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**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!



**Big Lake Youth Camp is looking for a gently used golf cart** or a side-by-side/Ranger-style of vehicle for camp use during the summers. If you have one you'd like to donate, please reach out to our

office: [office@biglake.org](mailto:office@biglake.org) or call (503) 850-3583.



### 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.

## Last Week's Worship Service in Pictures

