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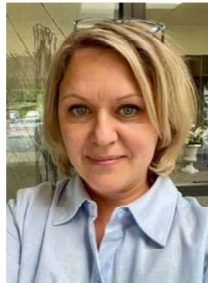
SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

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Hello, Church Family!

Sunnyside has long been a place where community and spiritual growth go hand-in-hand—because the way of Jesus brings the sacred into our everyday, casual spaces and experiences.

One of the most tangible ways we've seen God move among us is through at-home after-church lunches—intentional gatherings where people across generations and life stages come together to share a meal, build relationships, and engage in Spirit-led conversations around the Sabbath table.

While COVID disrupted many of these life-giving rhythms, we believe that what is formed in love and rooted in Christ is never truly lost—it simply waits to be resurrected.

And that time is now.

Beginning on **May 24**, we're reintroducing this meaningful tradition. You are warmly invited to be part of our first renewed **church-wide Sunnyside Sabbath lunch**—an opportunity to step more fully into community, connection, and shared discipleship. You may participate as either a **host** or **guest**:

- Hosts may open their homes, apartments, or even reserve a picnic shelter. Simply let us know how many guests you're comfortable welcoming.
- Guests will be prayerfully paired with a host or host family—someone we believe you'll connect with meaningfully.

We encourage you to prayerfully discern how God may be inviting you to engage. Talk with your community, check your schedule, and pick up a participation form in the church lobby.

And if May 24 doesn't align with your current season, no need to worry—this is just the beginning. These gatherings will continue throughout the summer, offering you multiple opportunities to share in both hosting and guest experiences.

Let's lean into the kind of community that's rooted in shared meals, honest conversations, and the quiet work of the Spirit among us. There's something sacred waiting to be rediscovered in the simple act of gathering.

Gratefully,

Pastor Violeta Bilan

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Seth

Hello church family,

This week many PAA students (including our own Madeline) embarked on Choir Tour. They will be performing in various schools and churches all the way up to Victoria, B.C. Please remember to pray for their safety and their ministry!

This Sabbath I will be sharing a sermon on doubt. While I've had it in mind for awhile, it comes at a time when a well known personality on 3ABN has stepped away from their role as an evangelist. The various responses online illustrate the sometimes tense relationship we have with doubt and whether it has room in the church.

We continue with Nominating Committee and trust you will also continue on and say "yes" when you are asked to help!

Hope to see your Sabbath!

From the desk of Pastor Rose

Hi Church family,

It was lovely seeing so many of you at the Easter service last week and great to see our kids taking part as well. After the service, we shared a small potluck before jumping into our second children's choir practice. We've got around 20 kids involved so far. It's still early days, but if your child is interested in joining, the next practice is on the morning of May 3. Feel free to come along and see what it's about.

After choir, we moved into our fortnightly Adventurers club. With investiture coming up next month, many of them will soon be heading into Pathfinders.

We're also launching "quiet boxes" during the church service this week. If you've got a bit of time to help get them prepared during the week, I'd love to hear from you.

Additionally, please pray for our Pathfinders as they are out on their annual spring camping skills trip this weekend in Washington. I will be joining them too.



Shout-Out

The second annual Spring Tea sponsored by the Sunnyside Deaconesses was a huge success when 77 ladies of all ages joined together for delicious food, blessed fellowship, and inspirational message from Pastor Kara Johnsson, Ph.D. on April 13. The ladies generously donated \$1,436 to the chosen ministry of Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS). Many volunteers made this special event possible through their donation of time to decorate, prepare food, provide music, host each of 12 tables, and clean up. They include: Kathy Kramer (major event planner and coordinator!), Natalia Gramada, Saras Boyd, Gabby Boyd, Mara and Nicole, Jackee Duvall, Barbara Plubell, Elaine Bradshaw, Brenda Siaw, Jini O'Flinn, Katia Sanchez, Dianne Glovatsky, David and Eileen Emori, Kenn Reece, and Gary Kramer. A special thank-you to each one whose efforts blessed so many of our guests.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Sunnyside! We are happy you are here to worship with us. Let us know who you are by filling out one of the Connect Cards and handing it to the deacons or place it in the box in the foyer before you leave.



Membership Transfers — First Reading:

Joining:

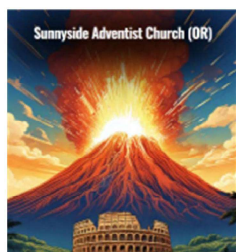
Andrei, Tatyana, and Angelina Shevchenko from the Ukrainian SDA Church, New York

Leaving:

Robert and Rhonda Bolton to Meadow Glade SDA Church

Dave Logan to Gladstone Park SDA Church

Gary Wickland to Gladstone Park SDA Church



This evening at 7:30, *The Creation Case*, will be presented by Rich Agular. This will be an epic adventure! Join Rich on this live, exciting, edge-of-your-seat adventure of discovery as we explore and discover amazing evidence about God, our Creator. This is a live, exciting, Bible-based, multimedia stage show for the whole family. For tickets, go to <https://thecreationcase.com/sunnyside>.



Next Sabbath, May 3, 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.



If you have a student graduating, or know of someone graduating, please send information to info@SunnysideAdventist.org or call/text 503-252-8080. We would like to congratulate them in our Communiqué. Please list the student's name, the school, who the parents are, and the degree of accomplishment. Thank you.



Student Aid applications are now available for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are in need of financial assistance to attend one of our schools, please call the church office, 503-252-8080, or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org for an instruction sheet. We can email you the information. The **deadline** for your application to be completed is **June 3**.



May 4, at 4:00 pm, Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra will be in concert presenting "The Planets" here at Sunnyside Church. The pre-concert talk with the director, Jonathan DeBruyn, will begin at 3:00 pm. Included in their repertoire is Mendelssohn's *Athalia Overture*, Barber—*Violin Concerto* with Anthea Kreston as the violin soloist, Holst—*The Planets*. Don't miss this amazing concert!



Our first children's choir performance during the Sabbath service will be May 10.

You can find the song What A Beautiful Name they'll be performing at the following

link: https://youtu.be/eMEKuEPcCUC?si=MqhH-FbptA_SfXaG.

We encourage you to begin listening to the song with your children to help them become familiar with the melody and lyrics.

Our rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- ☒ Possibly Friday, May 9 – Time TBD
- ☒ Definitely Sabbath, May 10 – Final rehearsal before the performance

If your child is interested in performing a solo part, kindly let the director, Nadiya, know.



Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus Annual Concert on May 17

You're invited to the OAMC annual spring concert on Sabbath, May 17, at 3:30 or 7 pm, at Sunnyside Adventist Church. The two identical concerts are free and open to the public. The "Praise the Name of the Lord" theme counts more than 50 names for God in the 13-song repertoire. It's a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join you to be inspired and encouraged through uplifting music. More info: OAMCministry.org or facebook.com/oamchorus. Sunnyside Adventist Church is located at 10501 SE Market St., Portland.



Our history class meet on Tuesdays, at 7:00 pm, in the Youth Room.

This week we will be studying "The Mongols, Genghis Kahn, and Battle of Beijing."



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, FaithLift, a group for ladies, meets here at the church to study the Bible, share their stories, and pray together over many needs as well as for those that need extra prayers. If this sounds like something you would enjoy attending, please come and join us. If you cannot be here in person, there is a Zoom link available to be able to join remotely.



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, our Men's Bible Study group meets to study the Bible together in the Columbia Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.





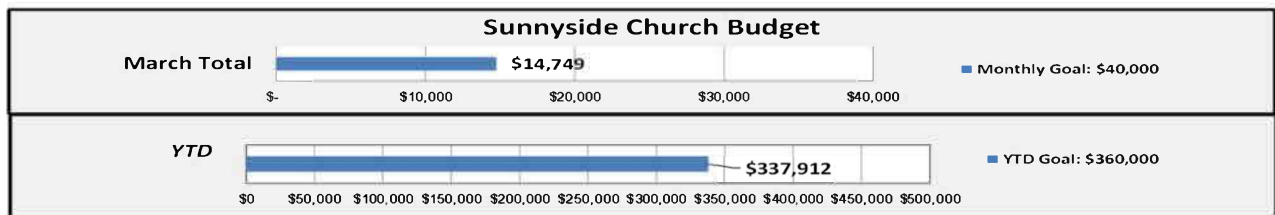
There is a flower calendar posted in the hallway and [online](#). (Go to our website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what you would like in the bulletin about the flowers.



We are blessed with some very strong prayer warriors. If you have a special request, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or info@sunnysideadventist.org to submit your request. There is power in prayer, and it truly makes a difference.



Dollars for Missions! Labels keep trickling in, and we are quickly reaching another goal. Last week was a great week for the label count. We have already received a second check in response to our turning in labels! What a lovely way to give to missions! Continue to save your Loma Linda Labels and turn them in here at the church. There is a box in the Narthex for them. In the "old" days, we received 1¢ per label. Now they give us 25¢ per label. It's well worth saving and receiving "free" dollars for missions! Continue to save and turn in your labels.



There are some of our family that need help with transportation in order to attend church. If any of you would be willing to help with this need, please contact the office for specific information, 503-252-8080 or via email at Info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



If you live at **CherryWood Retirement**, our bus stops there to pick up anyone who would like to attend church. Please be ready, we stop by at 10:45 am for our church service at 11:15 am.



Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us with video, audio, and children's division. Please call 503-252-8080 if you would like to get involved.



Would you like to hear the service more clearly? Sunnyside Church provides assistive hearing devices you may borrow. They are located in the Deacons' office. Just let a deacon know of your need and they will be happy to help you.



We would like to publicly recognize special milestones in your life. Please take a moment to share with us special birthdays, anniversaries, or any other celebrations. We are family and we would like to share with each other. Also, please let us know when you are sick or need other prayers. We want to be a part of your life and pray

together with you. Send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org or call the office at 503-252-8080 and let us know the latest with your family!



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



During this difficult time, if you are in need of financial help, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



Our Family Resource Network has been privileged to assist many of our members when things have been challenging for them or they have experienced unexpected expenses. We have helped with rent, utilities, food, gas, car repairs, and more. We would like you to be aware of what we do and give you an opportunity to contribute to the fund being used to assist our family. Mark your tithe envelope or check for Family Resource Network, and you will know that you have had the privilege of helping one of our members who doesn't even want to ask for help! We are here to help each other. Thank you for helping us build the fund used for these expenses.



Today: Suzie Harwood; **Sunday:** Melissa Lewis; **Monday:** Alvin Mosoti; **Wednesday:** Alex Tapu; **Thursday:** Eileen Emori, Corinne Sage, Melody Spiker; **Friday:** Lisa Nicholson, Samuel Siminel

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

PORTLAND ADVENTIST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
invites you to..



K-2 Open House

**Thursday, May 8th
at 5:30pm**

- Meet our talented and caring teachers
- Learn about our research-based reading program
- Explore our modern classrooms



Come see why Portland Adventist Elementary School is the best choice for your child!

Questions? Email us at admin@paes.com or call (503) 665-4102

Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. If you are interested,

please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply or call 503-665-4102.



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

Portland Adventist Academy's annual Alumni Reunion is taking place at PAA May 2-3, 2025!

All current and former PAA students, staff and friends are enthusiastically invited to come together. This year's honor classes are: '45, '50 (75-year), '55, '65, '75 (50-year), '85, '95, '00 (25-year), '05, '15, '20 (5-year).

The weekend's activities include:

- **Friday, May 2, 6 pm** – Golden Agers & Friends Dinner, Library – Welcoming alumni from the '50s, '60s and '70s – For details, contact: Bob Winter '53 at (503) 784-2614
- **Sabbath, May 3, 10 am, Registration Opens; 10:30 am**, Worship Service, including Roll Call, PAA Gym – **Speaker: Dr Terry Johnsson '85**
- **Sabbath Lunch** – Following the worship service in the Cafe/Gym for PAA Alumni & Friends (Lunch is free; donations appreciated)
- **Sabbath, May 3, 2 pm** – Class Reunion Meetings – classrooms and as planned

Reunion planning assistance: We can help! Contact Communications and Development Director U'Lee Brown class of '89 at 971-351-9028 or ubrown@paasda.org for more information.

Check for updates: Alumni Reunion information on the **PAA Alumni webpage** at <https://paasda.org/alumni>

Our Special guest for the worship service is, Dr Terry Johnsson. An alumni from the class of 1985. Upon leaving PAA, Terry joined the Air Force and served as White House honor guard under 3 presidents. Terry now serves (and for the past 11 years) as the VP for Mission Integration at Adventist Health (Pacific Northwest Region) .

Scholarship Funding

At Portland Adventist Academy, our purpose is to provide a Christ-centered, character-driven education to all students. However, many families face financial challenges that can make it difficult for their children to attend. We are reaching out to ask for your support in funding scholarships that will help make this life-changing education accessible to more students. Your generous donation can directly impact a student's ability to attend and thrive at Portland Adventist Academy. To make either a recurring or one-time contribution, please visit www.paasda.org, or contact me at ubrown@paasda.org at 971-351-9028 for more details. As [students share in this video](#), thank you for your support in shaping the future of our students and helping them grow in faith and character.

PAA & Fred Meyer. You may support PAA through the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Just connect a Fred Meyer digital account and connect it to your Shopper's Card, and designate Portland Adventist Academy as the organization you wish to support. You can get it all done on the Fred Meyer website here:

<https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>



Rivergate Adventist Elementary School

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



Hood View Adventist School

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



Get ready for an unforgettable event! Our committee has poured their hearts into crafting incredible baskets and an exciting live auction—this is one you won't want to miss. Plus, the food? Absolutely delicious, and every bite supports our amazing 7th-grade class. Let's make this a night to remember with great company, fantastic prizes, and mouthwatering eats. Spread the word and bring your enthusiasm—we're counting on YOU to make this event truly special!



Upper Columbia Adventist Academy

ucaa.org

Upper Columbia Academy alumni and friends are invited to enjoy a complimentary brunch, be blessed by music performances from UCA students, reminisce with UCA friends, and hear what is currently happening at your alma mater. Join us at 10:00 AM on Sunday, May 18 at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center in Clackamas. RSVP by May 9 to reserve your place at a table by emailing cheri.atwood@ucaa.org or call 509-939-1716. Monarch Hotel and Conference Center is located at 12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015.



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oregon Conference Camp Meeting 2025



March Camp Meeting Fundraising Numbers are in and Guess What...They're looking Really Good!

As you may have heard, Gladstone Camp Meeting will return in 2025! We would like to thank everyone who contributed to making this wonderful event possible. While it has taken a few weeks to get numbers tallied from March, we are pleased to report that we truly saw the windows of heaven open to provide a great blessing toward this effort! This gave our administrative team the confidence to move forward with the event and begin to secure the necessary labor and materials needed to bring it all together.

Last time we gave you an update, we had received \$147,000 towards our goal with \$43,000 of this amount being matched funds. During the month of March, we received significant donations that have allowed us to take full advantage of the remainder of all \$150,000 of matching funds! In total, we have received around \$385,000 for camp meeting! This puts us within \$5,000 of our fundraising goal!

At this time, I'm reminded of James 1:17 which says "every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and comes down from the Father of lights." All of the blessings we have received in our lives come directly from the One who placed the stars in the sky and our earth into orbit. Your gifts for this event could have a monumental effect on someone attending this year, and it could even be the time they decide to give their heart to Jesus!

Thank you for your faithful support in this effort!



Steve Darmody and Jenifer LaMountain will present a free concert, Saturday, **April 26 at 7:00 PM**, at the Gladstone Park Adventist Church at 8378 Cason Road in Gladstone. All are invited. Questions may be directed to 503-655-2614.



The Gladstone Open Disc Golf Tournament Fundraiser will be held, May 18, at the Gladstone Park Conference Center in Gladstone. This tournament will benefit Livingstone Adventist Academy after school programs. Singles round will be played in the morning from 9:00AM-12:00PM and will cost \$35. Doubles will happen in the afternoon from 1:00-4:00PM, also costing \$35. Player packs will include a custom event disc! Learn more and register at tinyurl.com/gladstoneopen or contact Kirk Betz at KBetz@laaonline.org.



Church Organist Needed: The Stone Tower Adventist Church Music Department is seeking a volunteer church organist to play the organ during our worship service for up to two Sabbaths a month. Please contact Jeanine Goodwin at (503) 381-5577 or womensministry@stonetowersda.org for more details and if you or an organist you know would be in



Pentecost 2025 is a massive mobilization of Seventh-day Adventist churches in North America:

1. To pray for the Holy Spirit's outpouring and power
2. To proclaim the Gospel with the Holy Spirit's power

We have been looking for revival in our church for a long time. This is our opportunity to seek it together and make it happen. As Ellen White wrote so eloquently, “revival need be expected only in answer to prayer.”

Just as a reminder, the Oregon Conference prayer ministries continue to hold ZOOM prayer meetings every third Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Everyone in the Oregon conference is invited to be part of this! We will be continuing this during the month of October. We are praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. <https://orad.us/OCPrayerMeeting>



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



PACS UPDATE

How do we serve?

Portland Adventist Community Services – PACS is a vibrant faith-based Community of Service with staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners who provide food, low-cost dental care, and low-cost clothing/household items to individuals and families.

Hours: Thrift Store, Sun | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Mon – Thurs | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fri | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm / Sat | Closed

Donation Drop Sun | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Mon – Thurs | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm / Fri – Sat | Closed

Dental Clinic:

Contact the Gateway Grace Dental Clinic to schedule an appointment 503-907-6768

Volunteers:

To volunteer at PACS contact Jaclyn Russell, at (503) 252-8500 ext. 1130

Donations:

From large to small, we take them all.

Money, clothing, even big and tall,
humble egg boxes, and home goods for all

If you are looking for an opportunity to serve in a missional environment focused on giving hope to those in need through Portland Adventist Community Services then please go to: <https://www.pacsonline.org/job>

There are three postings available.

- * Director of Quality Management
- * Assistant Thrift Store Manager
- * Home Thrift Store – Part-time Pricer

PACS Thrift store has many shoppers. We need Steps to Christ, Bibles, and Guides to share with them. If you have some to share please let us know or bring them to PACS and hand them in to the office.



PACS is Hiring!

Pricer in the PACS Home Goods Store – part-time

Admin-Director of Quality Management – full time
If interested or for more details go to jobs@pacsonline.org.

Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Dental Clinic.

PACS needs truck drivers. Why?

This year, so far, our truck drivers have brought 365,670 lbs.(Jan-Mar) in donated food to feed our diverse community. That represents a huge number of people being fed. What a difference PACS drivers make! If you have a heart for people and like to drive a truck, no CDL license is needed, don't hesitate to contact Jaclyn.

Hours: 7:30-11:00-ish

Telephone: Jaclyn Russell at (503)-252-4589

Email: Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org

Sign-up: <https://www.pacsonline.org/volunteer>

Better Life Television (BLBN) is a network of more than 15 stations and translators serving over 60,000 square 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>.



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>

Adventist Health Hospice is looking for compassionate volunteers to provide companionship to patients, provide a much-needed brief break for a tired caregiver, make phone calls on Thursdays to check on patient supplies or assist with light housekeeping, errands, or pet support. Thorough training and support are provided by Adventist Health Hospice team members. If interested in learning more, contact Karen Hartmann, Bereavement/Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-251-6192 or email Hartmakl@ah.org. You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging time.

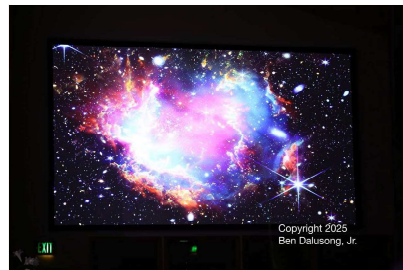
Volunteers Needed at PACS

PACS' thrift store, food pantry, and dental clinic all need volunteers. We have lots of fun and exciting jobs ranging from customer-facing cashiers and greeters to pricers and truck drivers behind the scenes. No experience or age requirements to volunteer, we're happy to train you and welcome the entire family! If you're interested, please contact our volunteer manager, Jaclyn, at Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

Last Week's Service in Photos



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