

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

April 27, 2024

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### Hi Sunnyside Family!

Elynn and I were at PACS this past Tuesday to do a “ChaiXperience” where we did a live tea demo and served chai to all who attended. After the event, Linda, a seasoned volunteer at PACS, came up to me and said that the experience reminded her of the Eucharist.

Intrigued by her response, I asked her to tell me more.

“I used to be a hospital chaplain...” she began. “When you see a family member of a dying patient place a small piece of their favorite food on their tongue right before they release their final breath, I believe that that food item becomes Eucharistic. I like to think that food and drink becomes the presence of God for them in that precious moment. God is with them through that piece of chocolate. God is with them in the drop of Ginger Ale. I am no theologian, but I see the Eucharist every day in my interactions with people. I see the move of God in the ordinary.”

“We have four Gospels available to us in the Bible.” She continued. “But we also have a fifth Gospel: the presence of the Holy Spirit working in and through our lives to be love agents to those in our circles of influence.”

At our young adult event last Saturday organized by the Oregon Conference, Dr. Argue mentioned in passing that “righteous theology always has a name and place.” In other words, our understanding of God and his relationship with us, when rightly communicated, is never isolated from specific people and the contexts in which we know them. If that is true, and if what Linda said is true, I like to think that in addition to a name and place, life-giving theology also has a “taste” and a “smell” — a flavor and aroma that is so distinctly pleasing and attractive that it cannot be ignored.

As I looked at Linda’s cup of chai and the freshly baked cookie, I saw, instead, bread and wine; a version of what Jesus might have shared with his friends before his dying moments. It reminded me that food and drink, for the Christian, aren’t simply “fuel” to power our bodies and prove our worth to the communities we are a part of, but sacraments of grace through which we can care for our neighbors.

This week,

may your cups be containers for compassion.

may your plates be places for healing.

may your forks, spoons, and knives be instruments of God’s love.

**Pastor Kevin Wilson**

### The Pastors Spotlight

#### From the desk of Pastor Violeta

Throughout the years, one of my consistent prayers has been for the insight to perceive how all things work together for good for those who love God and are called according to His purpose. In my personal journey, I have repeatedly witnessed how external difficulties, as well as personal and relational struggles and adversities, ultimately lead to a deeper understanding and revelation of the reality of God and ourselves.

In this particular instance, I am reflecting on individuals like Gary Kramer and many other faithful members of the Sunnyside community, who have been the focus of our prayers for some time now. I am thankful that through our prayers, we have become more attuned to the wisdom of divine providence in their lives, which in turn strengthens our trust in God’s ability to guide us through our own challenges.

My prayer extends to all those who seek clarity regarding God’s power in their lives. May He once again demonstrate His ability to work through all circumstances, bringing about goodness and purpose in our lives.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Welcome to Sunnyside!** We are happy you are here to worship with us. Let us know who you are by filling out one of the Connect Cards and handing it to the deacons before you leave. **Also, a very special welcome to Dan Linrud, President of the Oregon Conference.** He will be presenting our message today.

#### Membership Transfers — First Reading:

##### Joining:

Nigisti Abrha from Mountain View SDA Church, Las Vegas, Nevada

Jose Mamani from West Jordan SDA Church, West Jordan, Utah  
Glitom Siyoum from Mountain View SDA Church, Las Vegas, Nevada

##### Leaving:

Absalenis & Gustavo Farfan to Whipple Creek SDA Church, Ridgefield, WA

Valeria (Ursu) Giodeanu to Winlock Adventist Church, Winlock, Wash.

Betty Woodland to College Place Adventist Church, College Place, Wash.



**Thank You!** “We, the Bibb families, wish to express our gratitude to Sunnyside Church for opening your doors for Lane Bibb’s memorial service. During this difficult time your kindness has certainly been appreciated. Rosie and the A/V

team, you were so willing to go the extra mile, thank you! May God richly bless your church as you reach out to help others as you did for us!"



**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.

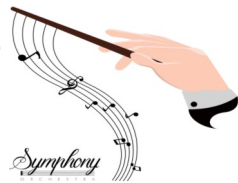


**Please join the Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra family** for a special vocal recital featuring soprano, Saori DeBruyn, Sunday, April 28, at 3:00 PM, here at Sunnyside Church. You may have heard Saori sing at the October Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra concert and she is back with a special benefit concert to support the SSO. This is a free event. See you there!

**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 Harold Altamirano and music by Eco 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 May 1. 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://adventisthealth.org/events/detail/ahpl-first-friday/>



**The Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra will be in concert May 5.** Their repertoire consists of Randall DeBruyn — St. John Suite (World Premiere) and Camille Saint-Saens — Symphony No. 3 "Organ." This concert will be outstanding, don't miss it, and bring your friends and family. Remember the **pre-concert talk** by SSO Music Director Jonathan DeBruyn, starts at **3:00 PM**, and ends 15 minutes before the concert begins at **4:00 PM**. See you there! A reception will follow the concert.



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.**

**Sabbath, May 11, 8:30-9:30 AM, join us for breakfast before Sabbath School.** Rise and Dine because breakfast is always a good idea! We will be served by the Pathfinders in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome (and no, it is not potluck!) Come and enjoy!



**May 18, at 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM, Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus** annual Festival Concerts will be presented 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).

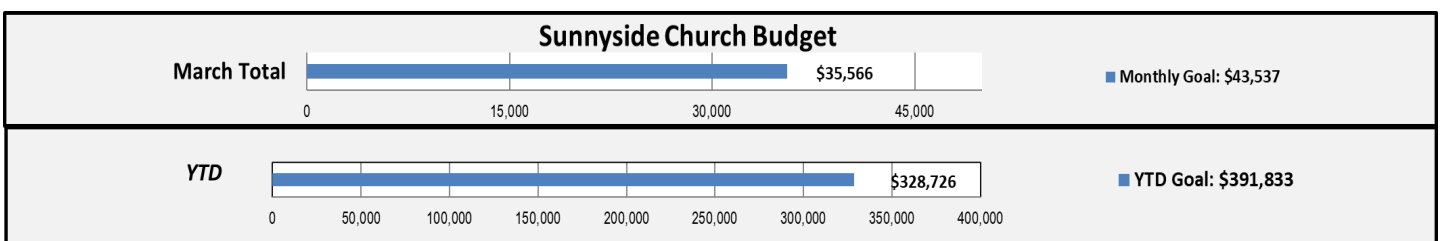
**If you would like to contribute to the Sri Lanka tour,** place in your memo area "Sri Lanka." Thank you.



**WWU Bread Night!** Why do we feed the Walla Walla University Nursing students weekly? Here's a story submitted by David Duffied in explanation:

Our little 5 year-old granddaughter, Vivi, wondered why we feed the students each week. I showed her a short video on Facebook that showed up on my feed today.

It was a little second- or third-grader, who was trying to not look embarrassed that he didn't have a lunch to eat when everyone else had a lunchbox full of food. He had a lunch box just like everyone else, but it was empty, and he knew it was always going to be empty. He raised his hand to be excused to go to the bathroom, to kill time while all the other kids were eating. He stopped for a long drink at the water fountain to quiet his hungry



stomach. Then he dawdled all the way back to the classroom. He sat down again and went to put his little lunchbox away in his desk but he felt something move inside. He opened up his lunchbox and it was full of food. He ate it with great gusto, smiling the whole time.

Vivi asked me, where did the food come from. I replayed the video and showed her how the classmates had shared parts of their lunches to put in his lunchbox while he was in the bathroom. I told her, and that's why we have Bread Night. She understood. Thank you each and everyone of you for making Bread Night possible.



**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:** Judy Bruce, Melissa Lewis; **Sunday:** Alvin Mosoti, Jane Nelson; **Tuesday:** Janene Benfield, Alex Tapu; **Wednesday:** Eileen Emori, Corinne Sage, Miroslav Sidorenko, Melody Spiker; **Thursday:** Hunter Clark, Lisa Nicholson, Samuel Siminel; **Friday:** James Johnstone, Judith Kramer, Dekebo Yadeto

## ADVENTIST EDUCATION



<http://www.paes.com>

### Portland Adventist Elementary School

This is to notify the constituency of Portland Adventist

Elementary School that the annual Constituency Meeting is scheduled for **Monday, May 20, 2024, 7:00 PM**, in the PAES library. Your church will be sharing with constituent delegates the agenda, meeting minutes, and documents ahead of the meeting date.



**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>

### Smash-a-Car for PAA Fundraiser

Come join PAA's Auto Mechanics teacher Adam Hinckley for PAA's Smash-a-Car for PAA Fundraiser. Support PAA's Auto Mechanics program and all the other work that takes place at PAA for students. It's Sunday, May 5, 10 am – Noon at PAA's Tech Building parking lot (past the gym). For \$10 entry you'll get as many hammer swings as you can make in 30 seconds, and you can enter more than once! Invite a friend to see who can get in the most swings in 30 seconds! Come early to see if you win the drawing to be the first one to do damage. Questions: 971-351-9028 or [svigil@paasda.org](mailto:svigil@paasda.org)

### 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>



### Walla Walla University

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

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

## EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



The Adventist Book Center's Spring Food and Book Sales runs from April 15-May 5, 2024. Visit the [Adventist Book Center](http://Adventist Book Center) site for a sales flyer.



**"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).



**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.

**Abba's Child Grief Camps at Big Lake Youth Camp 2024.**



What: Grief camps for children aged 9-12 and 13-16 who have lost a parent or sibling.  
 When: Abba's Child Junior at Big Lake: June 30 -July 5 (ages 9-12)  
 Abba's Child Teen at Big Lake: August 4 - 9 (ages 13-16)  
 Who facilitates: Trained facilitators will lead the grief support activities and Big Lake staff will facilitate the regular camp activities.  
 Cost: These camps are provided at no cost to the families involved (they are funded through Abba's Child Grief Camps). The only expense for families is getting the children to and from Big Lake. Check out [www.abbaschild.org](http://www.abbaschild.org)

**THE GLADSTONE OPEN**  
 Singles Round (\$35)  
 9am - 12pm  
 Doubles Round (\$35)  
 1pm - 4pm  
 May 19, 2024

Player pack includes custom event disc  
 Tournament benefits Livingstone Adventist Academy After School Programs  
 Registration: [tinyurl.com/gladstoneopen](http://tinyurl.com/gladstoneopen)  
 Oregon Conference Headquarters  
 19800 Oatfield Road,  
 Gladstone, OR 97027  
 Questions: Contact Kirk Betz  
[KBetz@laaonline.org](mailto:KBetz@laaonline.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.



**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).

**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](https://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](https://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**



