



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

May 17, Communiqué

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Hello Sunnyside Church Family!

In addition to being a memorial of creation, this Sabbath marks a special milestone in our family's life as we celebrate our son's birthday. It serves as a beautiful reminder of the miracle of co-creation with God and His church.

Many faithful members across different congregations have poured their time, energy, and resources into nurturing our son—teaching him through Adventist schools and SS lessons, worship and potlucks – inspiring, frustrating, guiding, advising, challenging, inviting, and encouraging him along the way. I am deeply grateful that this is the way God has chosen to raise us: within the love and accountability of both family and a community united by His covenant.

There is nothing that compares to it—imperfect beings influencing one another's growth through divine providence, under the promise that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. For that, I am immensely thankful.

This week, during the Area Pastoral Conference and the Town Hall meeting, we once again witnessed the mystery of the Church—where the finiteness of humanity is empowered by the infinite grace of God, and the impossible becomes possible. It is nothing short of a miracle that, through such a community, God continues to fulfill His perfect purposes.

Thank you to each and every one of you for your willingness to show up, to care, and to navigate challenging seasons and relationships. Thank you for allowing God to grow us—and our children—in the beautiful, messy reality of real community, all for His glory.

With gratitude and hope,

Pastor Violeta Bilan

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Rose

Hi Sunnyside Family,

Last Sabbath's Pathfinder and Adventurer Investiture services were truly meaningful. The amount of time and heart our volunteers invest is incredible!

I didn't grow up in these ministries, but I was blessed with leadership mentoring and opportunities to serve at my local church. Those formative years helped build my confidence—something I really needed as a shy child—and that growth carried into my college years. It's such a gift that our kids can develop these same skills through our club ministries.

We're looking for more people to get involved, and it can be a lot of fun! If you have a hobby like woodworking, painting, drawing, baking, sewing—or really, just about anything—please reach out. We'd love to have you as a guest at our clubs. It's a great way to connect with the wider church family, and I'm sure you'll find it to be a blessing.

From the desk of Pastor Seth

Hey church family!

Thank you to all who attended our town hall this week and asked good questions. The spirit was positive and I heard from many people how much they appreciated us hosting.

Im looking forward to sharing the word this Sabbath with all of you!

From the desk of Pastor Kevin



“Calling all high schoolers! If you're interested in going on our summer youth mission trip to Milo academy, please contact Pastor Kevin at 240-476-3426 asap!



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.



Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus Annual Concert on May 17

You're invited to the OAMC annual spring concert this afternoon, 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.



This next Wednesday, May 21, at 7:00 pm, the Church Board will meet via Zoom. The Elders will meet just prior at 6:15 pm.



Church-wide Home Lunch — May 24 will be the first of our monthly events. This is a time to invite families to your house as a host or sign up to be invited to someone's home for lunch. We will be doing this on a monthly basis. There are forms in the lobby you may fill out to be either a host or a visitor. Let's make this an ongoing event where everyone can participate by being a host or a visitor! This is a great time to build friendships and develop community.



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**.



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

This week we will be studying "The Samurai Culture of Japan" and "Beyond 1215."



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.



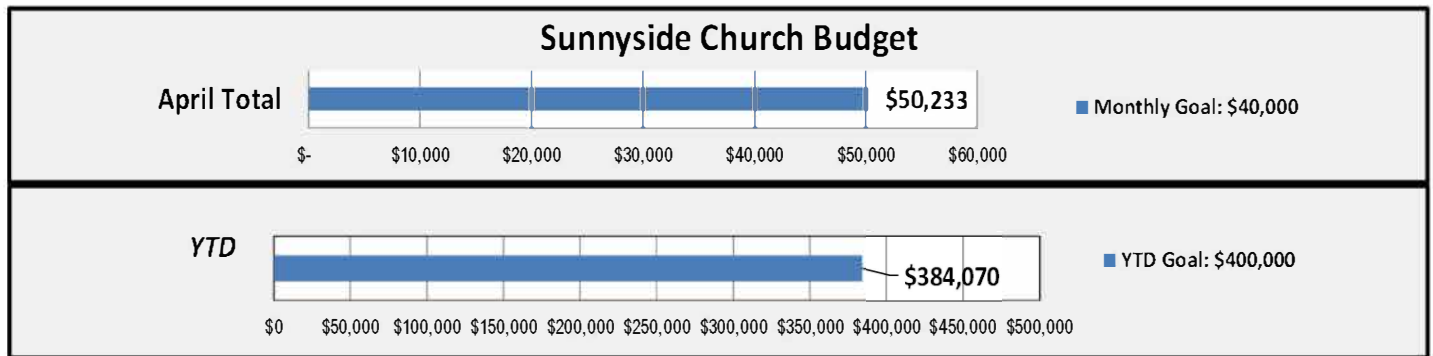
There is a flower calendar posted in the hallway and [online](https://www.SunnysideAdventist.org). (Go to our website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets 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.



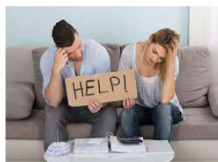
Would you like to hear the service more clearly? Sunnyside Church provides assistive hearing devices you may borrow. They are located in the Deacons’ office. Just let a deacon know of your need and they will be happy to help you.



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.



Sunday: Duska Hurlbert; **Monday:** Elizabeth Biley, Ruby Hohensee, David Miller, Jr.; **Tuesday:** Elaine Bradshaw, Sheila Buck, Larvenie Masika, Arnold Petersen; **Friday:** Cecily Geshke, Ryan Morford

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>



PAES (Portland Adventist Elementary School) will hold its annual constituency meeting on May 19, 2025, 7:00 P.M., at PAES in the School Library.

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>

Hey PAA Family!

What a week! On Sunday, we wrapped up an unforgettable **Alumni Weekend** with **over 280 guests**– including grads all the way back to the Class of **1948**! It was a heartwarming time filled with **laughter, stories, hugs, and reconnections** – truly a celebration of our PAA/PUA legacy.


The fun didn't stop there...


Spotlight on PAA Excellence!

Check out two inspiring articles recently featured on [NWAdventists.com](https://www.nwadventists.com) and in the *Gleaner* magazine:

- [**"PAA Students Take a Stand for Faith"**](#)
- [**"PAA Teachers Demonstrate Continued Excellence"**](#)

We are so proud of our students and staff for living their values and leading with purpose!

And yes... the rumors are true...  FOUR lucky students and staff got to shave Mr. Bob's beard **and** head! Thank you to everyone who made this freshman class fundraiser a big success – your support means so much!

PAA is more than a school – it's a family. And this week that has been clearer than ever. 

We urgently need your help!

We need a reliable heavy-duty pick-up truck for our campus use. Thanks to our Auto-mechanic class and generous donors, we've already raised \$15,000. We're now seeking to match that amount so we can purchase a reliable heavy-duty working (¾ or 1 ton) truck – an essential tool to support our daily operations and student trips. Any contribution you can make will be appreciated.

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/>

HVAS 1ST ANNUAL CAR SHOW

AUGUST 24TH 2025 10 AM - 2 PM

WHAT TO EXPECT: OPEN SHOW, HANDMADE TROPHIES,

GRASS
PARKING

FOOD, FUN, RAFFLE!



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

15.00 ENTRY FEE ~OR~ 10.00 WITH 2 CANS OF FOOD

26505 SE KELSO RD, BORING OR 97009



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

comfort SHAWLS

Do you knit or crochet?
Adventist Health Portland needs your
help making comfort shawls.

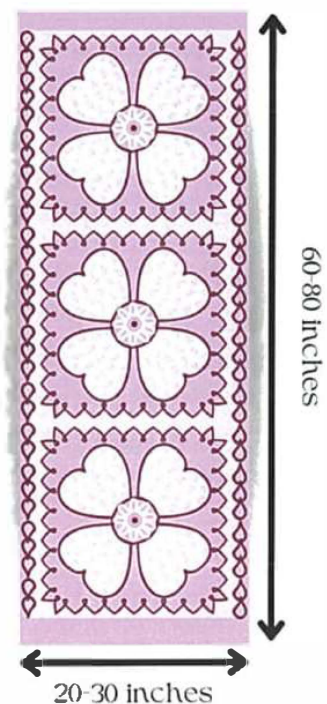
What is a comfort shawl?

A comfort shawl is a reminder of our love given to one in need of comfort and love. Comfort shawls comfort and bless those who are seriously ill, undergoing major medical treatment, in hospice, or those grieving the loss of a loved one.

How do I get involved?

You can bring comfort to these individuals by making a comfort shawl and delivering it to Adventist Health Portland's Spiritual Care Department (503) 251-6105. Use the guidelines below to make a shawl of the appropriate size. Many free patterns are available online. Beginner friendly projects are welcome!

Get Involved! Call Spiritual Care at (503) 251-6105.

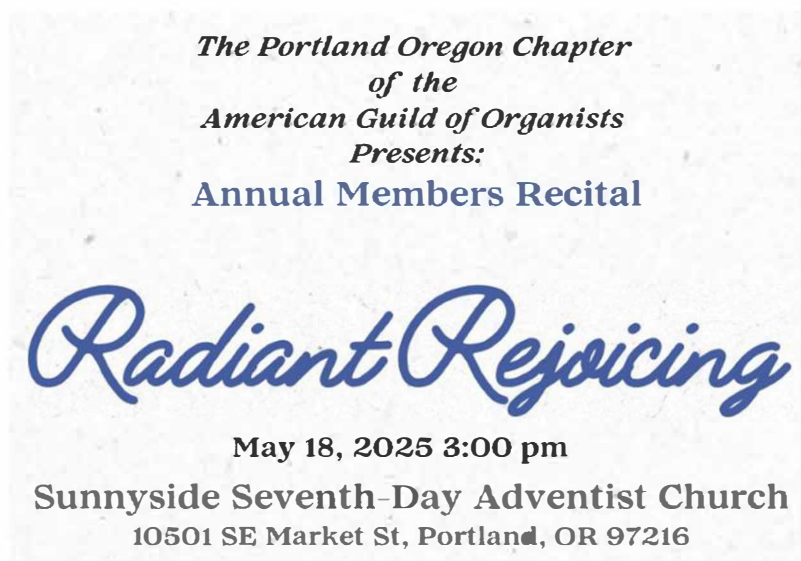


Oregon Conference Camp Meeting 2025

Volunteers are needed for Gladstone Camp Meeting 2025, happening July 22-26! Sign up now at orad.us/CMvolunteer. Departments and descriptions are posted on the conference website at www.oregonadventist.org/volunteer. There are also a limited number of seasonal paid positions available. Thank you for your willingness to help make camp meeting a great experience for everyone!



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.

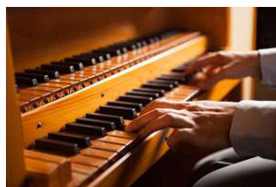


Featuring Performers: Dr. Jaebon Hwang, Greg De Santis, James Walker, and Dr. Katherine Webb.

Pipe Organ: 3 manual Rieger Oregelbau Organ (OLp. 3001 1969), installed in 1988.

Featuring works by: Felix Mendelssohn, William Grant Still, Jaebon Hwang, Klenneth Leighton, Johann Pachelbel, Adolphus Hailstork, Karen Briggs, and Johann Sebastian Bach

Free Admission. Donations Gladly Accepted.
<https://www.portlandago.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.

* Development & Planning Manager

* Thrift Store Assistant Manager (Part-time)

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!

*Development & Planning Manager

*Thrift Store Assistant Manager (Part-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.