



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

May 24, Communiqué

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Hello Sunnyside Church Family!



This past Sabbath in Earliteen Sabbath School, Dr. Mackett led a thoughtful discussion on the importance of community. We explored how, as beings made in the image of God, we are designed to thrive in connection with others. Our conversation centered on 1 Corinthians 12, where we reflected on how every part of the body has a unique role and purpose, just like each member of the church community.

Each of us is uniquely wired and shaped by many influences: our genetics, the culture we were born into, the environment we grew up in, the friends around us, and the life experiences we have had and more. These factors make each person distinct, and each of us has something valuable and different to offer.

This past Sunday, I spent the morning at the Pathfinder fair in Springfield, Oregon, where each club presented a different activity. Our Pathfinders had a wonderful time exploring everything from balancing on stilts and axe throwing to teaching others how to fold an origami frog. Every club contributed to the day, making it a great success. With the theme of “Have fun,” they certainly did.

Later, I returned to church to celebrate the Baker family’s baby shower with many members of our church community. I was truly impressed by the attention to detail from the intentional decorations, to the food, the program, and all the people who helped with setup and cleanup.

As I reflected on my day, I noticed a commonality in the success of both events. Neither one depended on a single person to put all the pieces together. Instead, a team of people, each working within their areas of strength, made both gatherings meaningful.

The church is at its best when it functions through the spiritual gifts of its members. The message of Jesus is most clearly revealed when each follower embraces who God created them to be and shares their unique gifts with others. When we all contribute in our own ways, according to the gifts God has given us, not only is the church strengthened, but our own hearts are filled in the process. It is truly fulfilling to live and serve in your gifting.

Q. What has God gifted you to do?

If you are not sure how to answer, start by asking yourself: What energizes me?

We would love to see you involved in God’s work in a way that reflects your unique strengths and passions. There are many opportunities already available, but we also believe there are meaningful roles that may not exist yet—roles that you are uniquely equipped to create and lead. If you are interested in exploring how you can contribute to our church community, we would love to hear from you.

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Seth

Hello Sunnyside,

What a blessing it was to attend the OAMC concert last Sabbath afternoon. Thank you to all who helped produce such a well attended and inspiring event. Our family also enjoyed the baby shower put on for Jasmine and Mikael Baker. It was well attended, beautifully decorated, and the catering was superb. Thank you for making this young couple feel loved and supported!

It's a busy week of meetings as we get closer to summer! Don't forget our Pentecost 2025 meetings which run from July 5-July 19 or Camp Meeting which happens July 22-26!

I am looking forward to continuing our series exploring a theology of play this Sabbath with a sermon entitled Mind Games.

See you there!

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

Greetings Church Family,

This has been a busy and productive week filled with meaningful meetings. Our interactions with leaders consistently bring clarity and wisdom to the strategic direction and mission of our church.

I truly enjoyed worshipping with you last Sabbath. The OAMC concert was also a highlight—the blend of men's voices with acoustic instruments and the organ was absolutely beautiful.

I was grateful for the opportunity to lead Bible studies with our FaithLift ladies and the Village community.

This Sabbath, I'll be preaching at Healing Hope and joining one of the Sunnyside church-wide lunch circles.

In the coming weeks, I'll be traveling as we celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. Please keep us in your prayers for safe travels and favorable weather.

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!



Thoughtful and encouraging, creative and laborious, present, patient and kind! Love is an active force that transforms and brings life into people's lives.

Love was manifested generously in the Sunnyside family once again this past Sunday, when so many of you showered our children: Jasmine and Mikael Baker, with an abundance of blessings, as they start their own exciting journey into parenthood.

Dianne Glovatsky, Kathy Kramer, Saras and Gabby Boyd, Viorica and Liliana Gramada, are some of the wonderful people that were the engine behind this event. And there are more, so many more amazing human beings that have blessed our family! We know each one of you and realize that we'll never be able to express our gratitude! How could we ever say thank you for everything, when there is so much to be grateful for?!?

Thank you for the delicious food and delightful decorations, for adorable baby clothing and soft, cozy blankets, for essential gear or disposable diapers, for tangible hugs or long distance phone calls, encouraging whispers or meaningful text messages, for fresh thoughts and reaffirming Bible promises, for washing dishes and stacking chairs, for greeting new people and moving heavy mountains... Thank you!

Thank you for being you and sharing so much of yourselves with us!

Your gift of time and effort, unlimited kindness and personal sacrifice will remain forever engraved in our hearts, and we pray that God will bless each person individually and our church family collectively, for now and for eternity!

Forever grateful,

Olivian and Natalia Gramada

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.



The floral tribute is presented in celebration of Carol Lee Murray's birthday! Happy birthday Carol Lee!



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, FaithLift, a group for ladies, meet 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 meet 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. **If you supply flowers on your own, please let us know in advance by calling the church at 503-252-8080.**



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.

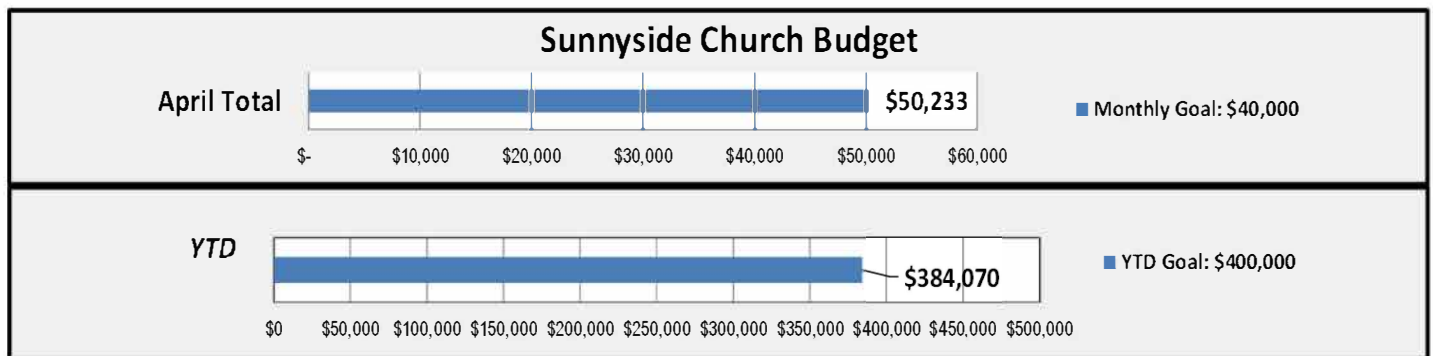
This week we will be studying "In the Land of Canaan" and "The Arrival of the Israelites."



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: Craig Anderson; **Sunday:** Charlotte Hiebert, Jaba Mebrat; **Monday:** Carol Lee Murray; **Tuesday:** Tiffany Shields; **Wednesday:** Tom Davis, Olivian Gramada, Viorel Gramada; **Thursday:** Michael Carl, Vernoica Cucereavii, Joan Heather, Julian Hein, Weslia Vonhoff; **Friday:** Janine Hudkins

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 Families! ✨

You made Teacher Appreciation Week amazing – [our staff](#) felt so loved! ❤️ Thank you!

Congratulations to the 49 students in AP classes who are finishing the last of their AP exams tomorrow!

BIG NEWS: PAA just scored a \$10,000 VersaCare Grant! Mr. Hughes is pumped to add a clay slab roller, TIG welder, fancy new cameras, and more tools to power up student creativity.

🎨 The art is already next level – check out the photos & [video](#)!

👉 Follow us on Instagram: [@paa_arts](#) for all the creative magic!

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/>

The poster for the HVAS 1st Annual Car Show features a central illustration of a classic black and white car, possibly a 1930s Ford, parked on a light-colored surface. The background is white with yellow hexagonal patterns. Text is arranged around the car: 'HVAS 1ST ANNUAL CAR SHOW' in large black letters at the top; 'AUGUST 24TH 2025 10 AM - 2 PM' in blue letters below it; 'WHAT TO EXPECT: OPEN SHOW, HANDMADE TROPHIES,' in black letters to the left; 'GRASS FOOD, FUN, RAFFLE!' in black letters to the right; 'PARKING' in black letters below the car; 'PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS' in black letters below the car; and '15.00 ENTRY FEE ~OR~ 10.00 WITH 2 CANS OF FOOD' in black letters below the car. At the bottom, a blue circular icon with a white mountain and a yellow bee icon are flanking the address '26506 SE KELSO RD, BORING OR 97009' in blue letters.

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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.

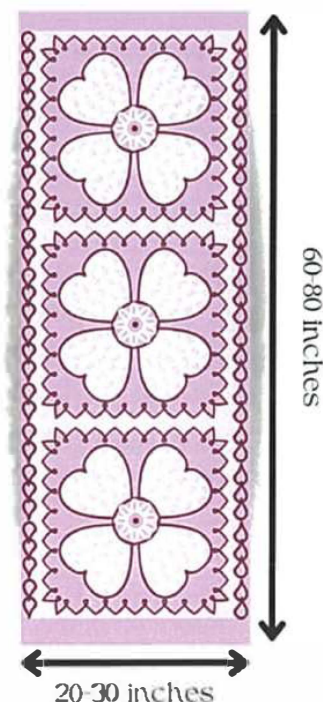
What is a comfort shawl?

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!

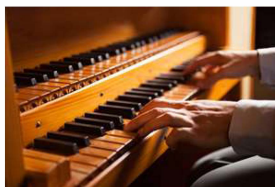
Get Involved! Call Spiritual Care at (503) 251-6105.



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!





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.

Last Week's Worship Service in Pictures

