



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

June 28, Communiqué



Hi Sunnyside Church Family,

Less than a week after I got back from Sri Lanka, a group of 13 students and 4 adults from Sunnyside went to Milo Academy for our youth mission trip. We partnered with

Maranatha International which ran a well-coordinated, multi-site renovation project to renew the school campus. Our kids got experience in tasks like pressure washing, window cleaning, leveling floors for concrete, and landscaping.

Some of them even saw what “hay” looked like.

It was also great to see our kids leading in their morning and evening worship programs for the 50+ volunteers who were there from all over the country. They planned and presented devotionals, accompanied and led out in worship, and also made new friends. Seeing them step outside their comfort zones to initiate conversation was wonderful to see.

As I’m typing this, I’m at the Amtrak station in Vancouver, just about to catch the train to Eugene to attend the Light Bearers Convocation – a 4-day theological, devotional journey into the heart of the Sanctuary doctrine presented by prominent Adventist scholars and teachers. Looking forward to the learning and meeting some of our Sunnyside friends while there.

Have you ever attended a Christian event and thought, “Man... I wonder what our non-Christian, non-Adventist attendees are feeling right now?” As Pastor Seth and I are planning the messages for our upcoming Hanging on to Hope series, it’s our hope that you would not have that concern. Our goal is to present principles and truths that are consistent with reality, thought-provoking, Biblically grounded, culturally relevant, and deeply practical. We are living in some tumultuous times in the history of our nation and in the world. We firmly believe, as do you, that the ancient words found in Scripture provide the solutions and the grounding we need to navigate our current challenges.

We are looking forward to seeing your friends and loved ones at our series starting Sabbath morning, July 5.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kevin Wilson

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Seth

Hello Sunnyside,

Thank you for all the warm anniversary and birthday wishes this week!

We are coming up on our Hanging On To Hope series beginning July 5th! Just a reminder to lift these meetings up in prayer and plan to come if you are able.

I'm diligently working on talks for the series as well as the Campmeeting seminar with Dr. Kessia Reyne Bennett entitled "Between Kingdoms: Spiritual Warfare and Politics in America Today."

There's a lot of data to sort through to fit into the seminar, so I prayed for wisdom and discernment and appreciated.

This week, our intern, Madi Jokela, will be sharing the sermon. I'm looking forward to hearing her message on Sabbath!

Finally, thank you to all the volunteers who made Saturday night's Strawberry Shortcake Vespers a success!

A few days ago, I received a message from my colleague, Christopher Banks, about Iran. Many of you will remember that Christopher did an excellent Sabbath School presentation last November explaining the Israel-Hamas war. He will be sharing an online Zoom presentation this Sunday at 2pm on the current conflict in the Middle East. As Iran is one of his specialist subjects, you won't want to miss it!

On Sunday, June 29, at 2:00 PM, via Zoom, Dr. Christopher Banks will be presenting Understanding the Iran-Israel Conflict Within the Adventist Context. Dr. Banks serves as the Dean of Student Success at the Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, MD. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86036674471?pwd=KbK4QaSgkiJX8GepjGiqLKxXBoFNJ.1>



Christopher R. Banks serves as the Dean of Student Success at the Washington Adventist University in Takoma Park, MD. Mr. Banks was formerly the Director of the International Relations B.A. Program and Professor of History and International Relations at Union Adventist University in Lincoln, Nebraska, and was formerly the Director of

Education and Workforce Development at the Urban League of Portland in Oregon. Mr. Banks holds an Honors Bachelor of Arts degree in International Relations from Brown University, a Master's in International Affairs from Columbia University (SIPA), and DPhil studies in Politics at St. Antony's College at the University of Oxford in the United Kingdom. Mr. Banks' Honors B.A. thesis at Brown University was on the George W. Bush administration's geoeconomic and geopolitical engagement of the Iranian nuclear program. Mr. Banks' professional experiences have included work on the International Thermonuclear Experimental Reactor (ITER), U.S. Department of Defense Stabilization Capabilities and Afghan Police Reform at the United States Government Accountability Office (GAO), assisting the U.S. Congressional and United Nations liaison offices of the General Conference of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, and has completed analytical and volunteer work with several business and think tank

organizations including the Washington Institute on Near East Policy and the Corporate Council on Africa. Mr. Banks currently resides in Maryland with his wife and two children and continues to lecture on Middle East politics.

From the desk of Madi

Happy Sabbath, Church Family!

Today is a High Sabbath as we come to the Lord's table together, remembering the Life and Freedom we've been given through Jesus Christ. I'm so grateful for the chance to share God's Word with you this morning through my sermon, "To Laugh in the Face of Death." My prayer is that through these words, your faith may deepen and your love may widen.

This Monday, I began volunteering with Spiritual Care across the parking lot at Adventist Health. It's already clear that this will be a rich learning experience with the chaplain team. The hospital can be a heavy place, but I pray that God will work through me to bring light and comfort, helping others feel His presence, especially in their most difficult moments.

On Wednesday, I had the joy of leading FaithLift in a study of Romans 11. I'm continually inspired by the faith, wisdom and strength of these incredible women who are truly pillars of our church.

The pastors and I are also working hard on our upcoming evangelistic series, Hanging on to Hope. We would love to see you there! This series is for everyone (not just new faces). If you're seeking resilience, encouragement, or a deeper connection with Jesus, your presence is both welcome and wanted.

With the love and joy of Christ.

From the desk of Pastor Rose

Hi Church family,

On Wednesday, I made an emergency trip back to Melbourne to say goodbye to my pet bird, Bobby, who has been in my life for 25 years. He's seen so much life (If you'd like to hear more, ask me when you see me.)

He's been unwell for 48 hours and is at the vet, deteriorating. I am praying he will make it until Friday so I can get on last cuddle. Please pray for my family. Bobby has been an integral part of our family as long as we can remember. Specifically, please pray for his strength, comfort, and, Lord willing, for his fighting spirit to come alive and strengthen him, at least until Friday. And if not, for peace, knowing that God's eyes are on the sparrow* (or Indian Ringneck.)

Thank you, church family, for your support during this sad time. I will be back by next week in time for our summer outreach and VBS.

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

Hi Sunnyside Family!

This week, I want to share three highlights that brought joy and excitement to my pastoral journey:

Community Visits

I had the privilege of visiting several families in our community—both long-time friends and new faces. These meaningful connections continue to bless and inspire me.

Youth Room Update

Preparations for our upcoming Hanging on to Hope program are underway with the beginning of the exciting update to the youth room. I'm deeply grateful to everyone who contributed their time, energy, and helpful advice to make this happen.

Light Bearers Convocation

I have the wonderful opportunity to attend the Light Bearers Convocation in Jasper, Oregon. It has been a soul-nourishing experience, diving into the powerful theme of the Sanctuary and engaging with such inspiring individuals.

Looking ahead, if you're available next week to help with setting up the youth room furniture and assembling items, I'd love to have you join the team. Feel free to reach out!

We're also seeking young, enthusiastic volunteers who are interested in gaining valuable community service and leadership experience. This opportunity will run through July 19th. Come be part of a joyful ministry experience and make a meaningful impact with our community and pastoral team.



Shout-Out

Shout out to our volunteers who served delicious strawberry shortcake after the Strawberry Vespers. They include David and Donna Duffield, Jan Clayton, Sharon Brooks, Saras Boyd, Katia Sanchez, Marion Betz, Jim Newell and Kenn Reece.



"Thank you so much for the Yearly Volunteer Award. Your encouragement and support touch my heart. Working with so many Sunnyside volunteers and staff richly blesses me as we seek to serve God and to serve others. May we continue to follow our loving God as we lift up Jesus to draw others to Him."

~Dianne Glovatsky

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.



Partial Nominating Committee Report — Second Reading

Music Committee Member: Edson Simon

Assistant Head Deaconess: Eileen Emori

Senior Ministries: David Duffield, Chair; Barbara Plubell, Dianne Glovatsky, members



Membership Transfer: First Reading:
Leaving: Annette Riebe to Hood View Church

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July 3, at 1:30 pm, we will gather together for another Senior Tea with the Senior pastor. His topic will be "Upcoming Church Visioning Processes." Save the date and time, and be sure to join us. This includes men and women. Feel free to invite your friends. We will serve light refreshments.



Next Sabbath, July 5, 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.



Sunnyside "True North" Summer Program VBS! Get ready for the ultimate Alaskan adventure just for kids ages 5–10!....and it's FREE! Under glowing northern lights and past snowy mountains, rushing rivers, and shining glaciers, kids will trek through the tundra and discover that Jesus is a faithful friend they can always trust. No matter where they go, Jesus is their guide—He's our True North! This program will run concurrently with the "Hanging onto Hope" series beginning next week, July 5-19, including Saturday Mornings @ 11:15 am, and then Tuesday – Saturday Evenings @ 6:00 – 7:45 pm. We hope to see you there!



Hanging On To Hope: Developing Resilience in Difficult Times is the name of our two-week series that begins July 5, at 11:15 am, for church, and again at 6:00 pm, Saturday night. Our featured speakers for this event are Pastors Seth Pierce, Ph.D., and Kevin Wilson, "Chai Chaplain." The meetings will be from Tuesday through Saturday in the evenings at 6:00 pm. There will be meals served for supper and after supper and at the same time, there will be a children's program. The entire series runs from July 5-19, with a picnic and baptism scheduled for Sabbath afternoon, the 19th. Invite your friends and neighbors for this eventful time! RSVP to [orad.us/HangingOnTo Hope](http://orad.us/HangingOnToHope).



Gladstone Camp Meeting is happening, July 22-26 — but we need volunteers! Our volunteers get some sweet perks this year. Go to this link to find out more <https://www.oregonadventist.org/gladstone-camp-meetings-volunteers>.



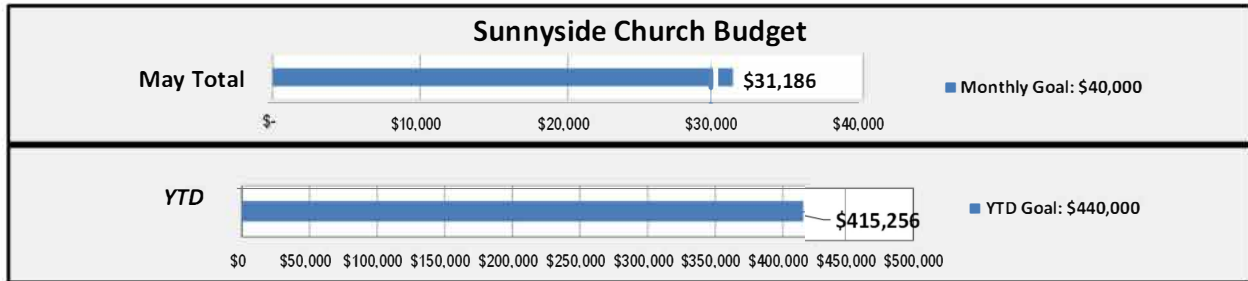
Our history class meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, in the Sandy Room. We will study "The Holy Land Revealed."



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. This transportation is free, but if you'd like to contribute, you may mark it to "Bus."



Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us with video, audio, and the 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: Cathy Sellards, Andrew Wart; **Sunday:** Fred Kirkpatrick, Deborah Poslewait; **Monday:** Gregory Taylor; **Tuesday:** Desange Nyiraguhirwa; **Wednesday:** Blaise Gilbridge; **Thursday:** Elly Blech, Karmen Tait; **Friday:** Jenny Dalusong



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

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>

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 ($\frac{3}{4}$ 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/>



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Let us all pitch in to get our new soccer field ready for this fall! We need help putting in irrigation before we seed the field (Phase 2 & 3 of our plan). Let us know if you have time in the next few weeks!

BENEFITS

- ✔ Safer Field Conditions
- ✔ Regulation Sized Field
- ✔ Field Rental Potential



PLAN PROGRESS:

Phase 1 Field Preparation is almost complete!

We are excited to report that the contractor (MEI) is finishing the initial grade this week.

Phase 2 - Irrigation System.

We are planning to begin next week (June 2-6) on the layout of the irrigation for the field.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Phase 3 - Boring City Water Hook Up.

Hook up the school and the church to Boring City Water (June 16-20) **WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

Phase 4 - Plant (Hydro-Mulch)

Contractor will be spraying the field. It takes about 2 months for the seed to germinate and for the field to be ready to use.

GOAL - Our goal is to have the new field planted no later than the first week of July!

Phase 5 - Field setup complete

New goals and nets, ready for the Fall Soccer Season (September)

LET US KNOW

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you have some available time in the month of June to help on this project please let us know: 503-663-4568 (school office) or principal@hvja.org

Thank you for your prayers and support!
Steve Madsen, HVAS Principal

HVAS 1ST ANNUAL CAR SHOW
AUGUST 24TH 2025 10 AM - 2 PM
WHAT TO EXPECT: OPEN SHOW, HANDMADE TROPHIES,
GRASS FOOD, FUN, RAFFLE!
PARKING



PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS
15.00 ENTRY FEE ~OR~ 10.00 WITH 2 CANS OF FOOD
SE KELSO RD, BORING OR 97009



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.

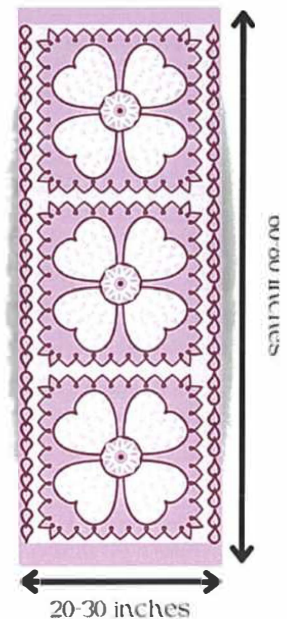
What is a comfort shawl?

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 interested.



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.



There is a full-time position available at International Children's Care in Vancouver. Looking for a compassionate person ready to devote their skills to this ministry as Sponsorship Coordinator. Ability to handle phone calls and attention to detail are important. For more information, call Ricky Fleck at 360-573-0429 or email Ricky@forhiskids.org.

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.volqistics.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.

A few pictures of Strawberry Vespers







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