



Sunnyside News

# SUNNYSIDE

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## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

### August 16 Communiqué



#### *Hello Sunnyside!*

I hope you have been staying cool in this terribly hot weather. It was nice to have a little rest from evangelistic meetings and camp meeting by visiting friends in California last week. As I mentioned Sabbath, I solicit your prayers this week as many good friends and our family gather to celebrate the life of our friend, Craig Mattson, in Puyallup this Sabbath. This will be a hard weekend.

On the bright side, I want to highlight the importance of the church community this week. We had a water heater fail this week and the initial bid came in at \$6,000. As you can imagine this created a real special feeling in the pits of our stomach. Thankfully, we have people “in the know” in our Sunnyside family, and after a few calls we were able to get things running with an easy fix. While there will come a day when that water heater will need changing, it will definitely not be at that price nor from a predatory plumbing service.

The Bible paints an inspiring picture of the early church in Acts 2, “All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved” (v. 45-47). While we often apply this to material goods, I think we can also see how this would apply to sharing our knowledge, expertise, and social networks.

I hope this story reminds you of one of the many reasons having a church community is so valuable and important. This week, keep your eyes and ears open for how you can share what God has given you to be a blessing.

Another important highlight for our church family, is that this week is Madi Jokela’s last week as our pastoral intern! She has been a tremendous help to all our summer initiatives, including “Hanging On To Hope” which resulted in five baptisms. Her cheerful spirit and hard working energy have been such a blessing. We are so grateful she continues to worship with us here at Sunnyside as she begins another school year.

Blessings,

*Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.*

## A NOTE FROM MADI

Over the past few months, I've had the privilege of serving as your summer ministry intern here at Sunnyside Church, and it has been an incredibly meaningful and joyful experience. I've learned so much from each of you, as well as from the chaplaincy team at Adventist Health. Some of the highlights of my time here include getting to know many of you better through VBS and our "Hanging on to Hope" series, home visits, and participating in various church programs. These moments of connection and ministry have deeply impacted me and strengthened my sense of calling, and encouraged my faith. Although I'm returning to my studies at George Fox and won't be continuing in my role as intern, I'm thankful that this isn't goodbye. I'll still be around, as I'll continue attending Sunnyside during the school year – and I'm excited to share that I'll also be transferring my membership here. Your kindness, encouragement, and the love of Jesus you've shown me have truly made Sunnyside feel like home. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly and for making this summer such a blessing.

Peace of Christ,

*Madeline Jokela*

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## 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 today is presented by Beverly Merino** thanking God for another year of life. Happy birthday, Beverly!



**There will be an Elders' meeting and Church Board meeting next Wednesday, August 20, 2025, via Zoom.** Watch your email for a Zoom invitation. Elders' meeting begins at 6:15 pm, and the Church Board meeting will start at 7:00 pm, via the same Zoom link.



**Special congratulations to Bianca Hutuleac and Ioan Lascoe** on their wedding last Sunday August 10!



**Sunday, August 24, 3:30 pm, we will enjoy our annual Sunnyside Corn Roast** featuring roasted corn on the cob, watermelon, and a classic car show. Bring your

favorite picnic foods: salads, finger foods, casseroles, entrees, or desserts. You may want to also bring your swimming suit, towels, and some lawn chairs. We will feature the "Classic Car Show" and bouncy houses, some with water! If you have any old vehicles you would like to display, contact Kenn Reece at 503-505-4841.



**Senior Ministries** has been on furlough for a number of years, but we would like to invite members who are interested in meeting together for social, educational or volunteer projects to a **lunch on August 28th, at noon**. We will be providing a light lunch of sandwiches and salad, and then discuss what you envision for Senior Ministries. Please come and be prepared to share what you'd like to see, where you're willing to help and ideas you've been thinking about. We would like an RSVP so we have a count of how many to prepare for. You may RSVP to [dduffield@aol.com](mailto:dduffield@aol.com) or [dgllovatsky@yahoo.com](mailto:dgllovatsky@yahoo.com) or [barbara.plubell@gmail.com](mailto:barbara.plubell@gmail.com). Looking forward to seeing you for lunch.



**Sabbath, August 30 starts our traditional Bobby McGhee and Friends weekend!** . Please note: **Our monthly potluck is being moved from the first Sabbath of the month to August 30.** There will not be a potluck on September 6. **At 6:00 pm, August 30, we will enjoy a concert presented by Bobby McGhee and Friends.** Come out for an afternoon of fun and fellowship!



**A wedding ring has been lost!** Please keep watch – if you happen to find it turn it in to the office. Thank you!



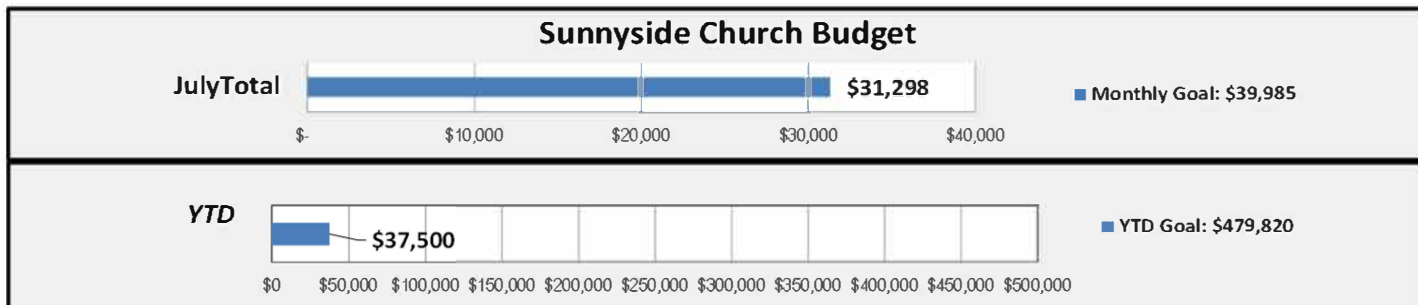
**Our history class meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, in the Sandy Room.** We will study "The Holy Land Revealed."



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.



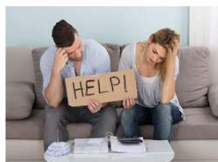
**Would you like to hear the service more clearly?** Sunnyside Church provides assistive hearing devices you may borrow. They are located in the Deacons’ office. Just let a deacon know of your need and they will be happy to help you.



**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](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 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](mailto: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:** Gregory Spiker; **Sunday:** Natalia Gramada, Beverly Merino; **Monday:** Carol Lecarno, Svetlana Sidorenko; **Wednesday:** Cheryl Allen, Brian Vistaunet



**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](mailto: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 (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](http://www.paasda.org) or contact me at [ubrown@paasda.org](mailto: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/>

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## HVAS 1ST ANNUAL CAR SHOW

**AUGUST 24TH 2025 10 AM - 2 PM**

WHAT TO EXPECT: OPEN SHOW, HANDMADE TROPHIES,  
GRASS PARKING FOOD, FUN, RAFFLE!

A detailed illustration of a classic, dark-colored car, possibly a 1950s Ford, shown from a front-three-quarter view. The car is parked on a light-colored surface.

PROCEEDS TO BENEFIT SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

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

26506 SE KELSO RD, BORING OR 97009



The “Columbia Classics” Annual Fall Reunion will be Saturday, September 6, 2025, on the CAA campus (in the cafeteria building), 11100 NE 189th St, Battle Ground, WA.

Sabbath 9am: Registration and continental breakfast followed by Sabbath program with Randy Courser ('73) leading out with music from the “good old days,” a talk on possibilities for being blessed and blessing others by Rick Serns (former CAA Staff), group photo, and potluck dinner. Come renew friendships and share the latest happenings in your lives.

RV parking is available on the campus (please make reservations) and motels are available locally if desired. For more lodging or additional information contact Larry Hiday, CAA Alumni Director (w360.687.3161 or h360.931.2828).



*Walla Walla University*

<https://wallawalla.edu>

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

## **AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**



Join us for a special Friday worship experience for the whole family with David Konstantopoulos – That Flute Guy – on Friday, August 15 at 7:00 PM. You will be blessed with testimonies of God’s provision and protection while listening to gospel classics/hymns on the flute. Opportunity to purchase CDs will be made available before the concert from 6:00 PM, and a “love offering” will be collected in support of the ministry of “Compassion International.”



To all Filipino Americans and friends, come for the OWAFF (Oregon Washington Adventist Filipino Fellowship) 8th Annual Convocation on August 16 at Rivergate Adventist Elementary School Gym. The program featuring “People Connections” will begin at 10:30 AM followed by a Fellowship Lunch Potluck at 12:15 PM. The program continues at 2:00 PM and will end with the traditional Halo-Halo.



Join us at the Northwest Prison Ministry Convention, September 12-13, for inspiration, education, and networking opportunities. This in-person event is a unique chance to connect with fellow prison ministry workers from across the Northwest region. This year’s event will be held at the Holden Convention Center in Gladstone, Oregon. At the convention, you’ll have the chance to attend workshops, hear from guest speakers, and share your own experiences in this important field. Whether you’re a seasoned veteran or just starting out, there’s something here for everyone. Don’t miss this opportunity to grow in

your ministry, learn new strategies, and be encouraged in your work. We can't wait to see you there! For more information call 360-857-7033. Register online at [prisonministryconvention.eventbrite.com](http://prisonministryconvention.eventbrite.com)



**Stone Tower Adventist Church** is hosting its fall reaping series, featuring evangelist, Brian McMahon, as our main speaker beginning October 11th running through November 1, 7:00 PM. We are in need of gifted singers and musicians to lend their professional music sound to this event. If you're available and want to share your music ministry with the community members around Stone Tower Church, please contact Jeanine Goodwin at 503-381-5577. Let's work together to reap a harvest of souls for the kingdom of God!

# *comfort* SHAWLS

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

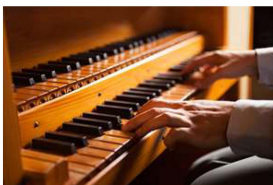
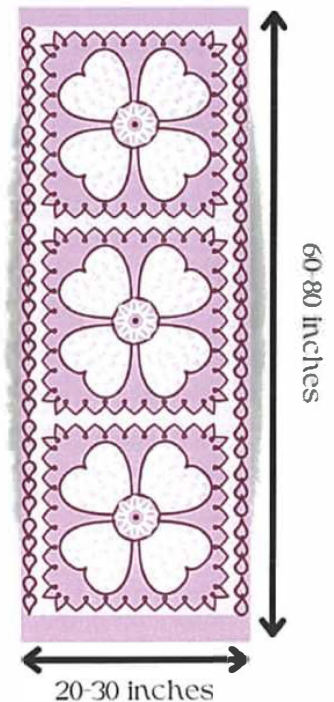
## **What is a comfort shawl?**

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.



**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](mailto:womensministry@stonetowersda.org) for more details and if you or an organist you know would be interested.





## 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!**

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 Director of Quality Management and a Thrift Store Part-time Assistant Manager.** If you are interested in these positions, please visit our website ([pacsonline.org/jobs](https://www.pacsonline.org/jobs)) for job descriptions or email [jobs@pacsonline.org](mailto:jobs@pacsonline.org) for more information.

### **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](mailto:Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org)

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

**Better Life Television**, a non-profit Christian (Seventh-day Adventist) broadcasting ministry comprising television, internet, radio, broadcasting, and evangelism, is seeking a Speaker/Executive Director of Operations to drive performance and operational excellence for our organization. Employment preference will be given to members of the Adventist church, as permitted under the EEOC's Title VII provision. This position is based in Grants Pass, Oregon. [Learn more about this position.](#)

**NW Adventist Federal Credit Union** is hiring a Member Solutions Specialist. Why Join Us? We are more than a credit union. We are a ministry of service to our community. When you join our team, you'll find a workplace that is kind, supportive, and mission-driven. If you have a heart for service and enjoy meaningful, detail-oriented work, we would love to meet you. Apply today! Send your resume to [staff@mynwcu.com](mailto:staff@mynwcu.com) or visit [www.mynwcu.com/careers](http://www.mynwcu.com/careers).



**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](mailto:Hartmakl@ah.org). You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging time.

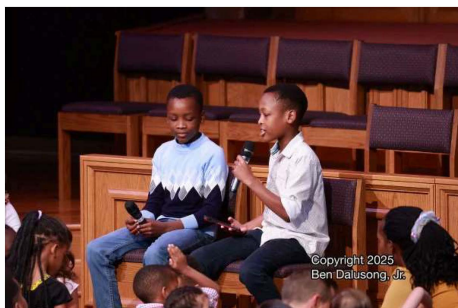
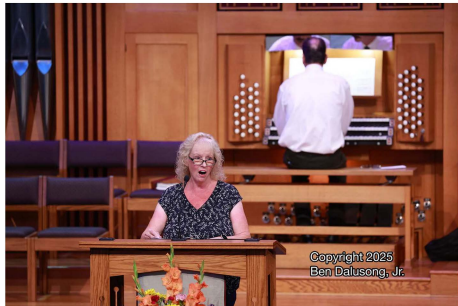
### **Volunteers Needed at PACS**

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](mailto:Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org) or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

### **HOUSING NEEDED**

**A student is needed a room.** If you have something available or know of someone that does, please contact the church office 503-252-8080.

### **LAST WEEK'S SERVICE IN PHOTOS**





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