



August 22 Communiqué



Hello Church Family,

For the next two weeks, I am pausing my sabbatical to take part in the NPUC ministerial convention, followed by the union constituency session on August 23 with several of our fellow Sunnysiders. Finally, I look forward to enjoying the Corn Roast, our annual end-of-summer social, with all of you.

What brings me the most joy in these events is seeing God's life generously flowing through relationships—both in our local community and across the larger North Pacific Union Conference family. Together we navigate different seasons, share our stories, and overcome challenges; through it all, we learn to appreciate each other and testify to God's faithful presence among us.

While on sabbatical, I have realized how important it is to stay attentive to the life within—a life so easily muted by the external rhythms and demands of our roles, no matter how noble or sacred they may be. No external motion can substitute for the heartbeat inside of us. My prayer is that the *shalom* of this Sabbath creates space for us to sense our own heartbeat and God's life streaming within us.

Pastor Violeta Bilan

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 a deacon or placing it in the box in the foyer before you leave.



Evensong this afternoon, August 22, at 4:00 pm will present a very special program with Dr. Lindsey Rodgers, of Eugene, Oregon, who will preside at the organ, accompanied by her husband, Dr. Steven Rodgers, who will present the *Spoken Word*. We look forward to seeing you at this inspirational presentation.



Please note: History class is canceled for the next two weeks; It will restart on Tuesday, September 8 at 7:15 pm.



Join our book club on Monday Nights: 6:45 pm–8:00 pm, via Zoom. Our group is dedicated to studying and learning ways to keep our lives connected to Christ. We meet to read books that develop our relationship with Jesus and to support each other along the spiritual journey. Our current book is *"The Story of Redemption"* by E. G. White. Contact David Duffield to join at 360-606-1891 or email dduffield@aol.com.



Mark your calendars for our annual picnic on August 30, 2026! Join us in the "backyard" at 12:00 noon for fresh corn, watermelon, and fellowship. Bring your favorite picnic/potluck foods to share. There will be wet bouncy houses along with some creative games, so come prepared to have a great time! We are curating a vibrant program and invite you to share your unique talents during our open mic session. Whether it's music, poetry, or a skit, we want to feature the heart of our congregation. To participate, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 (voice or text) or email info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



Sunnyside Christmas Choir practices start September 10 at 7:00 pm. Praise the Lord with Song! Questions? Contact polly.moody@sunnysideadventist.org. RSVP using the QR code.



Neighbors, bakers, and foodies: Bread Night is back! We are thrilled to announce that Bread Night returns on Tuesday, September 29 at 5:45 pm. This is a casual, community-driven weekly gathering with a direct purpose: feeding the hardworking nursing students living at the Walla Walla University School of Nursing dorm right next door, a home-cooked meal! 🍴 We are always looking for new people to join our crew. If you want to help out, cook, or just see what we are all about, we would love to hear from you. Have questions? Contact David Duffield at 360-606-1891 or email dduffield@aol.com.

How It Works

When: Every Tuesday evening, starting September 29.

No Commitment: Come when you can! No one is required to attend weekly.

Drop-Ins Welcome: Spontaneous guests and friends are always encouraged to stop by.

Show up to help at 5:30 pm.

Students' meal begins at 5:45 pm.

You'll get to eat as soon as we are finished serving the students.

🔍 Help Us Build the Menu

Each week, we design a fresh menu and rely on our incredible community volunteers to bring it to life. Here is how you can pitch in:

Check the Weekly Menu: We will post the upcoming dishes ahead of time.

Volunteer to Cook: Sign up to prepare a specific main dish or side.

Fill in the Gaps: Bring extra food, snacks, or drinks to help complete the meal.

Supporting Our Next Generation of Nurses

Nursing school is intense, and a home-cooked meal goes a long way. Let's come together to show these students some neighborhood hospitality and ensure they stay well-fed during their studies.

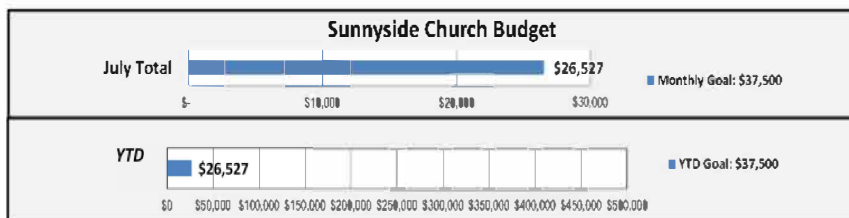
We Need You! Connect With Us Today

We are **always looking for new people to join our crew**. If you want to help out, cook, or just see what we are all about, we would love to hear from you.

Have questions? Reach out directly: David Duffield at 360-606-1891 or email dduffield@aol.com.



September 5, at 6:30 pm, there will be a vespers at the Mandrones' home in Ridgefield, WA. Contact Matt for address and directions at 360-261-2611. We will have praise music, and a vesper message followed by the movie "A Great Awakening" by Sight and Sound, at sundown. Drinks, snacks, and popcorn will be provided. Sunnyside church family and friends are welcome to attend and stay as long as you like. Optional: bring lawn chairs, a blanket and/or jacket as it will cool later in the evening. Also come and enjoy walking our new 1/4 mile nature trail.



Give online: orad.us/Give2Sunnyside

Many of you use Adventist Giving for your donations.

Recently there have been a few challenges with their app.

If you run into an issue, please update the app from your app store and then reopen it. If that doesn't correct the issue, try restarting your phone.



Every Wednesday at 10:00 am, FaithLift—a group for women—meets here at the church to study the Bible, share stories, and pray together for our community and those in need of extra support. If this sounds like a group you would enjoy, please come and join us! If you cannot attend in person, a Zoom link is available so you can join us remotely.



Wednesday morning at 10:00 am, our Men's Bible Study group meets in the Columbia Room. All men are invited to join us for this weekly time of study and fellowship.



Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and online. (Visit our website at www.SunnysideAdventist.org and click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family during a worship service and add your name to the calendar. As your date approaches, we will contact you to ask what you would like included in the bulletin about the flowers.



We are blessed with dedicated prayer warriors here at Sunnyside. If you have a special request, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or email info@sunnysideadventist.org. There is profound power in prayer, and it truly makes a difference in our lives and community.



Several members of our church family need transportation to attend services. If you would be willing to help with this vital ministry, please contact the office for specific information at 503-252-8080 or via email at info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



If you reside at CherryWood Retirement, our church bus stops there to pick up anyone who would like to attend our services. Please be ready by 10:45 am for our 11:15 am worship service. While this transportation is free, if you wish to contribute toward its upkeep, you may mark your donation "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!



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.



Birthdays for this upcoming week.

Madison Rulong, Adam Nziacharo, Don Krein, Marilyn Wallace,
Lorrie Wescott, Matthew Danowski, Vasile Hutuleac,
Isaac Nziacharo, Francie Davidson, Naeema Nziacharo



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

~~School starts August 26, 2026!~~

Full-Time Treasurer Needed at PAES! Portland Adventist Elementary School is seeking a full-time treasurer to join our PK-8 campus. This role requires good communication, flexibility, and skills in bookkeeping/accounting (QuickBooks experience preferred; training available). Responsibilities include billing, payroll, reconciliations, A/R and A/P, 1099 filing, budgeting, and monthly/year-end closing, with occasional reports to the school board. Interested candidates can send their resume to principal@paes.com.

Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES! Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers for the 2026-2027 school year! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. Requirements: Age 21+, college degree preferred, and experience teaching and/or supervising children ages 5-13. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply.



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

~~School starts August 24, 2026!~~

Your Student Belongs at PAA

High school is one of the most important seasons of a young person's life – and where they spend it matters. At Portland Adventist Academy, students are not just enrolled. They are known, loved, and equipped to step into the future God has for them. Enrollment is now open for the 2026-27 school year, and we would love to talk with you about your student's goals and how PAA can help get them there. **Financial aid is available.** Take the first step today – apply at paasda.org or reach out to Mary Sperl at 503-519-6868 (call or text). You can also explore upcoming campus events on our calendar and download the PAA mobile app to stay connected all year long: [FOLLOW THIS LINK](#) to choose Apple or Android, or search **Portland Adventist Academy** in your app store.

PAA Golf Cougar Tournament & Hall of Fame – You're Invited!

Come **celebrate PAA athletics** at our **Cougar Golf Tournament and Hall of Fame!** Join fellow Cougar alumni and friend for a morning of golf, great company, and a lunch celebration honoring this year's inductees.

This year we welcome the **1999 and 2000 Golf Teams, Todd Manley, and Matt Ballou into the Cougar Hall of Fame,** and **celebrate Dick Molstead, Michael Conner, Matt Stanfill, Gale Crosby, and Donna Lewis as Cougar Stars.**

Every dollar raised supports our student athletes and the program we all love.

Sunday, August 23 | Glendoveer Golf Course | 14015 NE Glison St, Portland

Golf Tournament | 9:00 am | \$100 includes lunch

Lunch and Hall of Fame Celebration | 1:30 pm | \$25

[RSVP Here](#) by August 16.



Can't make it? A donation goes a long way – paasda.org/give-a-gift.

Scholarship Funding

At Portland Adventist Academy, our purpose is to provide a Christ-centered, character-driven education to all student. 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/>

~~School starts August 31, 2026!~~



Hood View Adventist School

<https://www.hvja.org/>

~~School starts August 26, 2026!~~

🔊 Our School Is Hiring – Join Our Ministry Team!

We are prayerfully seeking dedicated, Christ-centered educators to join our school family. Two full-time positions are currently open:

🎵 **Music Teacher (Full Time)** Serving students from Preschool through 8th Grade, including leading band and choir programs. We're looking for someone who loves inspiring young musicians and nurturing a joyful, skill-building music experience.

👩 **Preschool Teacher (Full Time)** A caring, creative educator with a heart for early childhood learning (3 year olds) and faith-based instruction. This position requires an Early Education degree.

If you or someone you know feels called to serve in Christian education, we would love to connect. Please contact the principal, Mr. Tyman at principal@hvja.org or 503-663-4568.



<https://www.tualatinvalleyacademy.org/>



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

~~School starts September 28, 2026!~~

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



Donna Drury's memorial service will be conducted at The Village Church on Sabbath, August 22 at 4:00 pm.

Marge Schnibbe's memorial service will be conducted at The Village Church on Sunday, August 23 at 2:00 pm.

AYM NORTHWEST 2020 SUMMER RETREAT

WHY?

... ARE WE CHRISTIANS?
An examination into the pillars of our faith.
"If you were asked today, could you give a surefire answer?"

Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear. **1 PETER 3:15**

AYM Northwest is a biannual retreat, led by youth for youth — built to help you realize how powerfully God can work through you when you serve Him.

WHEN	WHERE	WHO
Aug 13–16	Sandpoint, ID	Ages 12–20

Equip · Purpose · Lead
— Christ's Cause Onward, Today —

REGISTER AT AYMNW.ORG

WORSHIP · OUTREACH · FELLOWSHIP

AYM Northwest is an independent, youth-led, non-profit organization serving young people.

“500 Years



Celebrate the 500th anniversary of the New Testament being printed in English

June 6 6:30pm Movie: “God’s Outlaw”
 Sept 19 6:30pm Discussion: “Does William Tyndale Still Matter?”
 Oct 24 6:30pm Experience: “Reading Tyndale’s 1526 New Testament”

Hosted by Dr. John McVay and the Tabernacle
 Seventh-day Adventist Church
 26 SW Condor Way, Portland, OR 97239

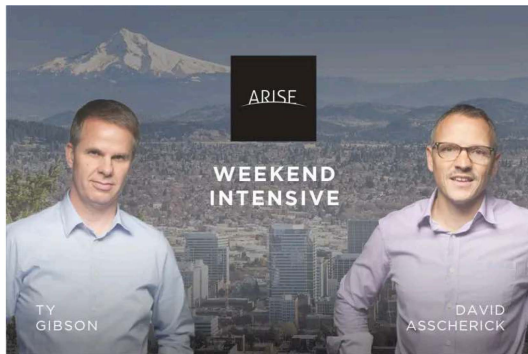
“Celebrate the 500th Anniversary” of the New Testament being published in English! Hosted by Dr. John McVay and Tabernacle SDA Church. Everyone is welcome to share in these celebrations throughout this year.

June 6 – Movie: “God’s Outlaw”. Refreshments provided.

September 19 – Discussion: “Does William Tyndale Still Matter?” Contact the church office by email for “homework” beforehand!

October 24 – Experience: “Reading Tyndale’s 1526 New Testament” Come ready to read! – We hope you’ll join us to celebrate this momentous anniversary!

Looking for Quality Childcare? Discoveryland is a faith-based, NAD-Accredited child development center that has been serving families at the Mt. Tabor SDA Church for 37 years. We currently have openings in our Infant, Toddler, and Preschool programs. At Discoveryland, children learn and grow through play, hands-on experiences, and interactive exploration in a warm, nurturing environment. We are also enrolling now for our exciting Summer Camp for ages 6–12. Schedule a tour: discoverylandpdx.org Call us: 503-209-1984 Come see why families love being part of Discoveryland!



Arise Intensive Coming to the Portland-Metro Area

Are you longing for a deeper connection with Jesus? Do you want to be equipped to live on mission and make a greater impact in your community? Join David Asscherick and Ty Gibson for an **ARISE Intensive**—a weekend experience designed to help you rediscover the God of the most beautiful story ever told. Together, you’ll explore Scripture in a fresh way, gain practical tools for your Christian walk, and be inspired to make disciples. Don’t miss this chance to reset and refocus your faith journey, **September 4-6** at the Holden Convention Center in Gladstone, Oregon. Learn more and register at ariseintensive.com.



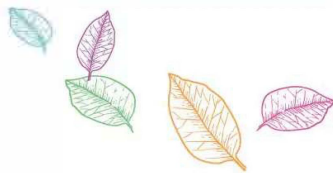
Are you experiencing grief from the loss of a loved one? A safe and supportive group is available to you. Join our 10-week session to experience healing and comfort as you journey from mourning to joy.

Date: 16 September

Time: 10-30 am

Location: PACS: 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland, OR 97220

Information: Sign up by calling 503-252-8500 x 121



SINGLES RETREAT AT ROSARIO

Waiting Well -
Discovering God's Purpose For Our Life
While We Wait on Him

Flourish Together - Washington Singles Ministry

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026

When God Says "Wait"
What to do while waiting on Him

Join us for a powerful interactive retreat weekend with Pastor Jordan Stephan as we explore how waiting with God can become a place of growth, healing, purpose, and renewed trust.

washingtonconference.org/ministries/adventist-singles-ministry

Waiting Well: Discovering God in the In-Between What do we do with seasons of unanswered prayers, delayed dream and uncertain next steps? Join us for a meaningful retreat weekend, **September 25-27**, with Pastor Jordan Stephan an engaging and interactive speaker who will lead us into honest conversation about learning to wait well with God. Through table discussions, shared reflection, and biblical insight, we'll explore how the "in-between" seasons of life can become places of growth, trust, and deeper connection. The Washington Conference is hosting this retreat for all single adults ages 20 over at the beautiful Rosario Marine Station. Learn more and register at <https://washingtonconference.org/ministries/adventist-singles-ministry/>.



Adventist Youth Retreat (AYR) is a weekend designed by young people for young people – ages 12-20 – to ignite the joy of sharing Christ with the world. It is a time where wholesome fellowship is cultivated through worship, uplifting music, powerful presentations by the youth, Christ-centered activities, and outreach. We aspire to build a community of Adventist youth who are inspired, equipped, and empowered to live boldly for Christ. AYR is from **October 15 to 18** at Kirkland SDA Church, 6400 108th Ave NE, Kirkland, WA 98033. For more information, visit adventistyouthretreat.org.



Save the date and celebrate with us! Mt. Tabor Seventh-day Adventist Church will joyfully mark over 70 years as an organized church on October 17, 2026. We warmly invite all former members, along with your family and friends, to come home and celebrate. Join us for Sabbath School and Worship Service, then stay for a fellowship lunch as we reconnect, rejoice, and honor God's faithful leading through the years.

2027 Caribbean Cruise

BLOOM in Marriage

FEB. 28 - MAR. 7, 2027

Join Bloom in Marriage hosts, Steve & Debby Keeton, and dynamic ministry duo, **Rick & Cindy Mercer**, on a 7-night Christian Marriage Retreat at Sea!

Beloved, live out oneness in ME

FROM \$1,775* PER COUPLE

Ports of Call: Galveston, TX; Cozumel and Costa Maya, Mexico; and Roatan, Honduras.

Inclusions: Stateroom of choice, fine dining, all meals, optional marriage enrichment workshops on sea days, on-ship entertainment, and more!

Stateroom Options: Interior (\$1,775*), Ocean View (\$2,097*), Central Park Balcony (\$2,475*), or Ocean View Balcony (from \$2,697*). Price is per couple and includes taxes & port fees. **SPACE IS LIMITED!**

REGISTER BY APRIL 25 TO RECEIVE \$50 OBC!!

Ready to sign up or learn more? Visit: <https://bloominmarriage.com>

For questions, contact:
Heather Tourville, VTA
Enchanted Valise Travel Agency
heather@enchantedvalise.com
(833) 382-5473

FL Seller of Travel #573578
CA Seller of Travel #209592-50
WA USD #60589022
Iowa Registered Agency #1002

*Prices subject to change. Air insurance, gratuities, car & excursions not included in price.

Set sail on an adventure by joining us for the 2027 Bloom in Marriage Cruise! A Christian marriage retreat at sea for couples of all ages, sailing roundtrip from Galveston, TX, **February 28 – March 7, 2027**, on the Symphony of the Seas. Hosted by the Adventist marriage ministry dynamic duo, Rick and Cindy Mercer, this relationship-enriching cruise will take you to 4 ports of call throughout the Caribbean, including Roatan, where you can participate in a mission opportunity followed by a visit to a sloth sanctuary! For more information or to register, visit <https://bloominmarriage.com>, or contact Heather Tourville at (833) 382-5473.



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

YOUR DONATION EQUIPS OUR MINISTRY

We are collecting gently used or new copies
of these essential books:



Please bring your donated copies to PACS
11020 NE Halsey St Portland, OR 97220

Help us share the life-changing message of faith with our community!



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!

Portland Adventist Community Services 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 Development & Planning Manager, Dental Clinic Coordinator, and Dental Assistant.** If you are interested in these positions, please visit our website, <https://www.pacsonline.org/careers>.

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, 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 or visit www.mynwcu.com/careers.

NW Adventist Federal Credit Union is hiring a Member Operations Specialist

We're hiring a Member Operations Specialist at Northwest Adventist Federal Credit Union! This role blends member service, file maintenance, daily reports, back-office support, and research. We're looking for someone dependable, detail-oriented, kind, organized, and able to shift gears smoothly while helping members with excellence. We'd love to connect with you! To apply or learn more, please visit our website [Careers – Northwest Adventist Federal Credit Union](#) or give us a call at 503-256-3712.



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 Hartmaki@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.

Housing Needed!

We have a single female young adult looking for housing, preferably not far from the church. If you have something available, hopefully with kitchen availability, we would love to recommend her to you. She would be willing to "share a home." Please contact the church office for more information at 503-252-8080.