



Sunnyside News

# SUNNYSIDE

## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

### August 30 Communiqué



*Hi Sunnyside Family and Friends,*

It was such a joy to see so many of you—both old and new—at our annual Corn Roast Festival! I'm so thankful for your creativity, warmth, generosity, and simply for showing up. Life really is better when we share it with one another.

One of the highlights was gathering with Bill and Ruby Hohensee and their family to thank them for their many years of friendship and service in our Sunnyside community. We'll miss you deeply, but we send you with our love and blessings as you step into this new chapter.

We're also incredibly thankful for our dear Grandma Lorrie, who continues to be such a blessing to all of us. May God's love keep shining through you. Happy Birthday!

This Sabbath, we're excited to welcome our big circle of friends for the annual Bobby McGhee Family & Friends Reunion. Each of us is on a journey—often to places we never expected—but through all of it, the love and friendship between us stays strong. And it's God's faithfulness that keeps us connected and moving forward with hope and purpose.

I'm keeping all the students, teachers, and families in my prayers as the new school year begins. May you be guided by wisdom and filled with growth, new friendships, and a strong sense of purpose.

I'm also holding in prayer anyone who is in need of healing—whether in body or spirit. May God's grace meet you where you are and bring you peace and rest this Sabbath.

With love,

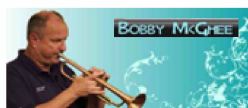
*Pastor Violeta Bilan*

## 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 the deacons or place it in the box in the foyer before you leave. A very special welcome to Pastor Bobby McGhee and all he has included in this weekend's program. This is the 22nd annual Bobby McGhee weekend, and we are delighted he is here to share with us.

**Our speaker today, Pastor Greg Hoenes, Ph.D.,** his wife Jill (with us today), their son Brennan and Frenchie "Ellie" reside in Glendale, CA. Professionally, Greg is a career pastor and administrator currently serving as Pastor of the Hollywood/Burbank District of Churches in the Southern California Conference. Greg also serves as an Adjunct Professor of Pastoral Studies at La Sierra University, Riverside. Perhaps most importantly – at least in reference to this weekend's gatherings – Greg and Bobby McGhee have been friends since 1992 when they both lived and served in Fresno, CA.



**At 6 pm today, Bobby McGhee & Friends Vespers** takes place right here in the Sanctuary. Our Vesper talk will be given by Pastor Greg Hoenes titled "A Ministry of Yes! Affirming God's Presence in Hollywood," with a focus on Revelation 7:9-10.



**Today we will enjoy our monthly church potluck** immediately after our worship service. If you didn't bring food with you today, join us anyway. We always have an abundance of food! Everyone is welcome and invited to join in eating and fellowshiping together.



**Partial Nominating Committee Report – Second reading:** Deaconess: Joanne Dixon



**Membership Transfers – Leaving – First Reading:**

Sergei and Irina Chirkova to Spartansburg SDA Church, Spartanburg, SC

Silvia Huckaby to Whipple Creek SDA Church, Ridgefield, WA

Lester (Chuck) Stannard, Jr. to the Village SDA Church, Gresham, OR

Erika Wicklund, to Enterprise SDA Church, Enterprise, OR



**September 6, at 6:30 pm, there will be a vespers** at the Mandrones' home in Ridgefield. Contact Matt for address and directions at 360-261-2611. We will have praise music, a vesper message, followed by the classic movie "Oklahoma" 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.





**Youth gym night, September 6, 6:00 pm,** at Healing Hope Church. Calling all high schoolers to a back-to-school youth gym night! Get to know your new youth group members. Pizza and pop provided. RSVP by texting Pastor Kevin at 240-476-3426.



**We are excited about a new year for Pathfinders! On September 8, from 6-8:00 pm, we will have our opening night and registration here at the church.** Anyone with kids ages 10 and up are welcome to come and register. We meet weekly on Monday nights at 6:00 pm, and also provide multiple outings. Come and join us!



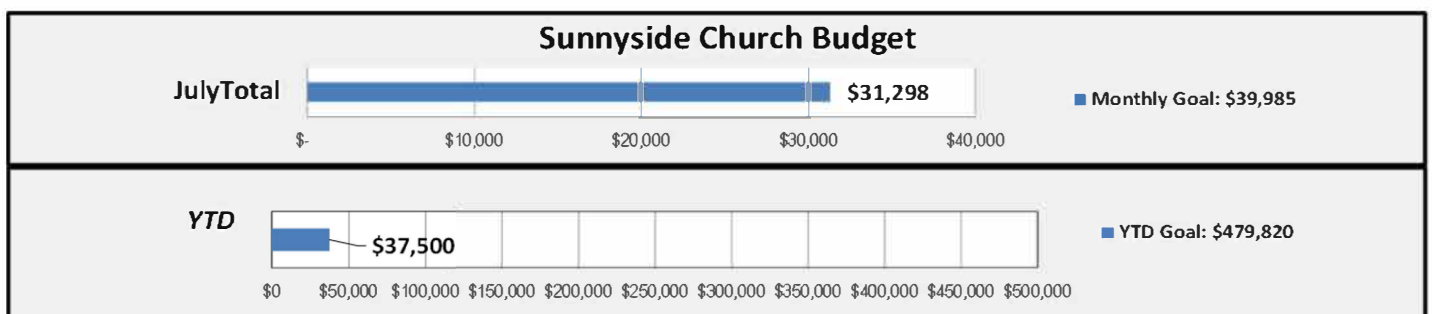
**Our history class meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, in the Sandy Room.** We will study "The Holy Land Revealed."



**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.



## Happy Birthday



**Today:** Josephine Lian; **Sunday:** Claire Hull, Ramon MacApinlac; **Monday:** Douglas DeBoer, Beverly Fallan, Brian Sellards; **Thursday:** Betty Rae Karlow, Marya Nziacharo; **Friday:** Tom Stanton, Jr., Jamie Kirkpatrick



### **Portland Adventist Elementary School**

<http://www.paes.com>

### **Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES**

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers for the 2025-2026 school year! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. If you are interested and would like more information, please reach out to [admin@paes.com](mailto:admin@paes.com) to apply. Thank you,



### **Portland Adventist Academy**

<https://paasda.org>

### **Hey PAA Family!**

We can hardly wait to see all our students again next week!

It has been an incredibly busy summer. Here are some recent highlights:

#### **First Day of Teacher Presession!**

Monday marked PAA's first day of teacher back-to-work presession – and we are thrilled to have ALL of our staff returning for the new school year! 🙌

What a blessing to have such a dedicated team – passionate about teaching with excellence, creating abundant activities and experiences, and pouring into the lives of our students. ❤️

Here's to an amazing year ahead! 🍷

#### **PAA's Got a New Ride!**

Just in time for all our fall trips, PAA has a "new" truck! What a blessing to start the school year – now just a weekend away – with a beautiful, reliable truck that's powerful enough to handle all our travel needs.

A huge thank you to our generous donors who made this possible. Because of you, we are looking forward to safe and smooth journeys ahead! 🙌

#### **Cougar Athletics: Article about a Legacy of Faith and Determination**

Athletics is an important part of the PAA experience. Every fall at the Cougar Hall of Fame celebration we honor and celebrate important contributions. This year we will celebrate the 2015 Boys Soccer state champion team. We are incredibly grateful for PAA athletics pioneers whose vision and dedication made it possible for sabbatarians to fully participate in Oregon high school sports.

What a beautiful and important legacy – one that continues to bless our students today! 🐾

Read more in this Gleaner/NW Adventist article: [PAA Celebrates Faith, Excellence, and School Pride](#)

#### **Know Someone Looking for a High School? ☀️**

Do you know a family searching for a Christ-centered, Character-driven high school? Please connect them with Portland Adventist Academy – we still have openings, and school begins next week!

At PAA, students don't just receive an excellent education and countless opportunities for activities and leadership – they are also known, loved, and daily pointed to Jesus. ❤️

Learn more, schedule a tour, or start an application at [paasda.org](https://paasda.org)



Have an absolutely wonderful day!  
Mechelle Peinado, Principal

### 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**

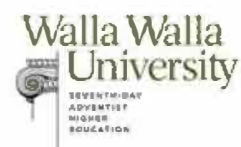
<https://www.hvja.org/>



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).



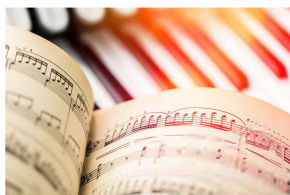
## AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



**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](https://prisonministryconvention.eventbrite.com)



**Men who enjoy singing as a ministry for Jesus Christ are invited to join the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus kick-off for the 2026 season** on Friday and Sabbath, September 19 and 20, at Sunnyside Adventist Church. The Friday session from 6:00-9:00 PM will include a review of the season's repertoire. The Sabbath session from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm will consist of rehearsal of the repertoire, worship and sharing, as well as lunch and fellowship dinner after rehearsal. This is an ideal time to join the men's chorus, to be introduced to the new repertoire, pick up learning aids, and get acquainted with fellow singers. For more information, including the rehearsal schedule and for new singers to express interest via the email form, visit [oamcministry.org/member-info](https://oamcministry.org/member-info). Sunnyside Adventist Church is located at 10501SE Market St., Portland.



**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.

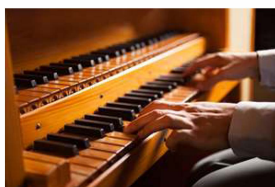
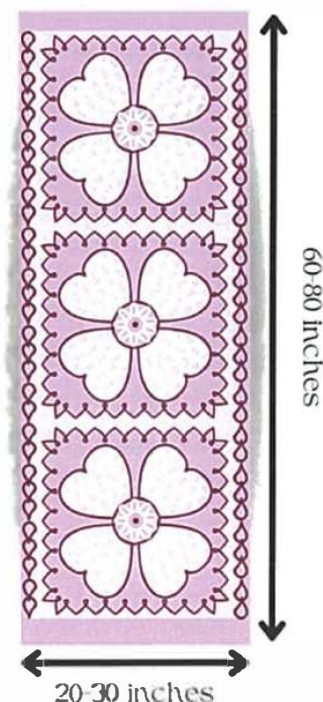
## What is a comfort shawl?

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.

**We also have a family** moving to Portland that needs a 2 or 3 bedroom, 2-bath house. Let us know if you know of one available.

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

