



## September 13 Communiqué



*Hi Sunnyside family,*

The school year is off to a great start with a lot of energy with our high school and collegiate ministries.

Right after our weekly “Taco Tuesday” lunch with our Sunnyside youth at PAA and their friends – where our students hang out with each other with soft potato tacos – I spoke for their chapel on the importance of being rooted in Christian community. A week prior, I spent time with the PAA seniors during senior vespers encouraging them to pre: on towards the finish line. Yesterday (Friday morning), I had the pleasure of also being there at their “Senior Sunrise” event where they dedicated this upcoming year to God.

We are thankful for the Healing Hope church for opening up their gym space last Saturday night for our high schoolers to have a gym night. Shalom Fanta – a freshman youth who was recently baptized – led in our sundown worship and Lydia – one of our seniors – led us in a series of ice breaker games. Grateful for our adult volunteers or chaperones who ensured safety and cordiality.

Excited to host the ASWWU student body leaders and resident advisors from the WWU nursing school for a vesper service during their leadership retreat on Friday, September 19. This is the first stage of an ongoing partnership with the school and Sunnyside, starting with a monthly collegiate vesper program hosted at our church. This is part of a larger strategy of creating a safe and supportive “home away from home” for our students here at Sunnyside.

Last Sabbath I had the pleasure of speaking at Healing Hope SDA Church. Please keep me in prayer as I’ll be doing two keynotes this weekend at the NPUC young adult “Spark Tank” event for collegiates and young adults held in Seattle. This is an annual event that aims to encourage innovative ministry initiatives from emerging adults which I’m grateful to be a part of. Excited for the learning that I can bring to elevate our student and intergenerational ministries at Sunnyside.

Hope you have a blessed Sabbath and lovely week ahead!

Grace and Peace

***Pastor Kevin Wilson***

## 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.



**Sunnyside welcomes the trombone choir who will be providing music for us today.** We have two members of the Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra plus two players from Rose City Trombones and Big Horn Brass. Larry Coats plays 1st trombone today as well as the alto trombone, and John Ohnstad plays the Voigt J-475 Contra-bass trombone. Also as a guest player Jerry Stainaker from SSO, and Jerry Davis who has played in the Advent Trombone quartet for years. Rounding out the sextet are church members Roger Rosenquist and Jim Newell. Two pieces of note are Bruckner's "Etude," and Chesnokov's "Salvation is Created." We extend a huge thank-you to Dr. John Carter from Portland Adventist Academy for directing the ensemble today.



**There will be a church board meeting Wednesday, September 17, at 7:00 pm, via Zoom.** Just prior to the Board meeting the **Elders will meet at 6:15 pm.** Watch your email for your Zoom link invitation.



**Sunnyside Adventist Choir kick-off for the Fall/Christmas season is Thursday September 11, at 7:00-9:00 pm.** Singers, you won't want to miss singing in the Christmas Program! It will be an extravaganza of beautiful music with the choir and the Sunnyside Chamber Orchestra celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. RSVP: [polly.moody@sunnysideadventist.org](mailto:polly.moody@sunnysideadventist.org) to let us know you are coming. Are you new to our choir? The director wants to get to know you and your voice. Please email to arrange a short visit prior to the first rehearsal. You also won't want to miss October 11 when the choir sings the "Kyrie from Schubert's Mass in G with the String Orchestra" for the church service. More details can be found at <https://sunnysideadventist.org/our-ministries/community-connection-groups/sunnyside-choir>



**For families with children 4-10 years old: ~The Adventurers Club at Sunnyside is starting a new year: Sabbath, September 20<sup>th</sup>.** Join us for a meal at 12:45 pm, then stay for fellowship and family fun! Information and registration forms will be available. Our club meets twice a month, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sabbath of the month, plus additional field trips. Come and check it out!



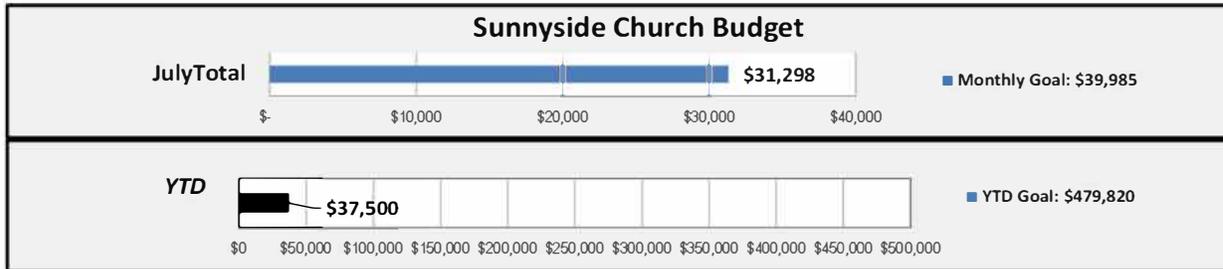
**Our history class meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, in the Sandy Room.** We will study "The Holy Land Revealed."



**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:** Rajamma Philip; **Sunday:** Estelle Birch, Erl Hendrickson; **Monday:** Shawna Rentschler; **Tuesday:** Russ Davidson; **Wednesday:** Rosie Bowman; **Thursday:** Nancy Graham, Dennis Gramada, Joelle Lian, Wendell White



**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>

**Happy (almost) Sabbath PAA Family!**

What a wonderful time we are having at PAA!

**Beach Day:**

Beach Day is one of Portland Adventist Academy's favorite community-building traditions—a time for students and

staff to step out of the classroom, breathe in the fresh air, and spend the day making friends and creating memories

This year's class cheers, capture the flag, tug-of-war, volleyball, and even swimming in the Columbia River brought plenty of laughter, teamwork, and sunshine. It's a highlight of the year and a reminder of the strong community we share.

### Senior Retreat

Last weekend, our Class of 2026 went on their Senior Retreat. Senior Retreat at PAA is a time for the senior class to deepen their bonds, reflect on the legacy they want to leave, and set the tone for their final year.

Through worships, playing and talking together, camping under the stars, hiking, cooling off in a creek, and the thrill of white-water rafting on the White Salmon River, students grow closer as a class while purposefully planning and solidifying the culture they intend to lead, while strengthening bonds that will last long after graduation.

### "Ask a Senior" Chapel

We kicked off our first chapel of the year. Our senior class and SA officers led out, building and investing in the culture of worship, community, and living LOVED.

The officers shared meaningful advice and encouragement on how to live our best student lives—challenging us to grow, support one another, and make this school year the best it can be. Click on this link to see a highlight reel of our first chapel of the year and follow #PAA.CampusMinistries on Instagram to see new reels every week!

### Soccer, Volleyball, and Cross Country

Athletics are off to a great start! Soccer, JV and Varsity Girls Volleyball, and Cross Country Cougars are conditioned and ready for their seasons! Go Cougars!

Soccer and Volleyball contests have already begun, with both home and away games. Cross Country has been diligently practicing, with their first meet next week. Don't forget to check the Sports Calendar for times and places cheer your Cougar athletes!

Have a wonderful Sabbath!

***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/>



**Walla Walla University**

<https://wallawalla.edu>

The **Portland Campus of Walla Walla University** is seeking a part-time nursing clinical instructor in pediatrics for Wednesdays, day shift. Please contact [carol.healy@wallawalla.edu](mailto:carol.healy@wallawalla.edu) or phone 503-251-6115 opt. 2.

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

## **AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The poster for the Spork Tank NPUC Young Adult Outreach Summit features a scenic background of mountains and a forest. The title "SPORK TANK" is prominently displayed in large, bold letters, with a flame icon above the letter 'O'. Below the title, it says "NPUC YOUNG ADULT OUTREACH SUMMIT". A photo of Kevin Wilson is shown on the right side. Text on the left describes him as "Kevin Wilson, aka 'Chaplain Chai.'" and mentions he is an author, global digital pastor, and a "best-tea." At the bottom, there is a dark teal bar with icons for location (Seattle), date (Sept. 12-13), and website (nwadventists.com).

**Be Part of Northwest Young Adult Outreach Summit!**

**Date:** Sept. 12–13, 2025

**Location:** Seattle, Washington

**Venue:** Volunteer Park Adventist Church, 1300 E Aloha St., Seattle, WA 98102

The NPUC young adult leadership team, comprised of young adults and young adult directors, is excited about Northwest Young Adult Outreach Summit! It's a dynamic two-day event, Sept. 12–13, designed to inspire, engage an

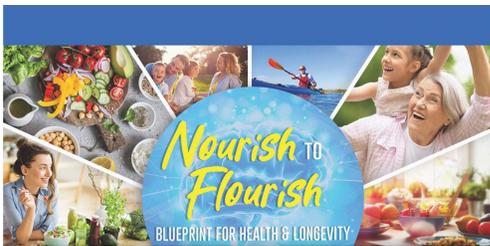
empower young adults for missional adventures. This year's summit includes the highly anticipated Spark Tank experience, where teams can pitch their innovative ministry ideas and receive a portion of \$75,000 to bring ideas to life. For more information <https://q.me-qr.com/EEhe1qpg>.



**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.



Coming to Vancouver, WA Friday, September 19, 2025 at 7:00 pm

**Join Adventist Community Church of Vancouver, September 19-21** as we discover the transformative power of a plan based lifestyle! At this dynamic, 3-day event you'll explore the incredible benefits of nourishing your body with who plant-based foods, learn how to meet the nutritional needs through the lifespan, and walk away with practical tools for building a diet that fuels energy, longevity, and joy. Whether you're curious about changing your habits or already on a wellness journey, you'll gain insights that can make a lasting difference in your health-including strategies for supporting long-term brain health. Learn more and reserve your spot at [orad.us/Nourish2Flourish](https://orad.us/Nourish2Flourish).



**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.

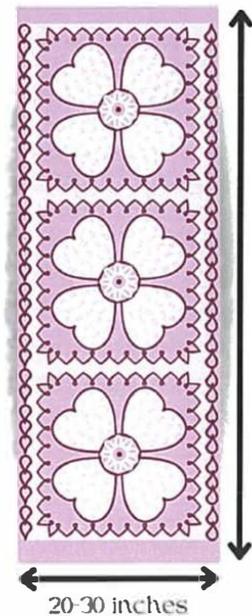
### What is a comfort shawl?

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**



