



September 19 Communiqué



Hello Sunnyside Family,

This week I had the opportunity to share a presentation with some healthcare executives. During one of the conversations, a leader shared they are consistently amazed at how much we take for granted what people know. They said this in a healthcare context

(regarding eating healthy, sleeping well, going outside to get some sun, etc.) Often they are able to share these practical health tips with people who we would think know better, and they are surprised to learn how much better they would feel if they made small adjustments.

I've found this to be true in many other areas. It highlights the need for ongoing communication and connection over our shared experiences so we can learn from each other. This week, don't minimize the truth and expertise you've been given, but find gentle ways to share (as the Spirit leads).

On Sabbath we will continue our Body Logic series and I'm looking forward to sharing some of my favorite scapegoats to blame when things go wrong.

Also, please continue to lift up the revival series our Congolese members are hosting and pray for all those families (including ours) who will be traveling to WWU over the weekend to deliver their babies to begin an exciting year at university.

Pastor Seth Pierce, Ph.D.

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.



Fridays and Sabbaths, September 18–19, and 25–26: Our Congolese group is conducting an evangelistic series for three weekends starting this weekend. Their schedule is Friday evening from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm, and on Sabbath from 9:00 am–5:00 pm. They have scheduled guest choirs and special speakers for these weekends.

Everyone is welcome to attend; the meetings will be conducted primarily in the Kinyarwanda language



Sabbath, September 19, 2:00–3:30 pm: 🌲 Adventurers Club is starting! 🌲 Join us for our first meeting following a meal together immediately after the worship service, and children's choir practice at 1:30-2:00 pm. It is the beginning of another exciting year for families with children ages 4–10 and their siblings! 🍷 This year's theme: "Walking in Truth" 3 John 1:4. Please note: Our meeting schedule has changed! **We will now meet every Monday evening from 6:00-7:30 pm**, coordinating with the Pathfinders' schedule and better serving our families. Come join us as we explore, learn, serve, grow, and walk together on the adventure God has prepared for us!



Sunday, September 20, Noon: All deaconesses are invited to the deaconess meeting in the fireside room. A delicious meal will be served with good fellowship and discussion to expand and improve our service to God and to others. Hope you can join us!



Wednesday, September 23: Church Board and Elders Meeting will be conducted via Zoom. The Elders meeting will begin at 6:15 pm, and the Board meeting will start at 7:00 pm. Both meetings will be on the same Zoom link. (Please note, we have moved the meetings from the 3rd Wednesday to the 4th Wednesday, for this month only.) We encourage all Board Members to attend our upcoming meeting. Your presence and your vote are vital as we work together to ensure the continued health and growth of our church body. Watch your email for a Zoom link.



Please note: History class will meet every Tuesday at 7:15 pm, in the Youth Room.



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.

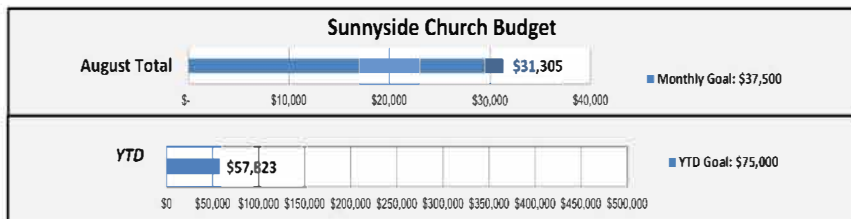
We Need You! Connect With Us Today

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



Saturday evening, October 10, at 6:30 pm: Polly Moody and Friends will be in concert in the Church Sanctuary. There will be a freewill offering taken to support the Sunnyside Christmas Music program. Performers include Pollyanna Moody, Matt Mandrones, Alex Geschke, Dan Schmidt, Melissa Osadchuck, Elynn Rodriguez, George Hancock, Erik Nielsen, Elanore Joyce, Koto Twiss, the Sunnyside Choir, and the Sunnyside Children's Choir. You won't want to miss this exciting evening with absolutely phenomenal music.



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.



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.



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.

Cheryl Allen, Brian Vistaunet, Dorothy Kuehnel, Madison Rulong, Adam Nziacharo, Tammy Harwood, Don Krein, Marilyn Wallace, Lorrie Wescott



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 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>

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.



**Hey Sunnyside SDA Church,
PAA Paddle Battle – First Ever Pickleball Tournament!**

Grab a partner and join us for the first ever PAA Paddle Battle – a mixed duo pickleball tournament benefiting PAA Student Scholarships (PAASS). All skill levels welcome, paddles available, and great prizes up for grabs!

Sunday, November 8 | Portland Adventist Academy

Check-in at 8:00 am | Ages 14 and up

\$80 per mixed duo | Register by October 26

Concessions available. Can't play? Come cheer!

Dink. Drive. Donate.

Register [HERE](#) or at paasda.org or call 503-255-8372.

Scholarship Funding

At Portland Adventist Academy, our purpose is to provide a Christ-centered, character-driven education to all students. However, many families face financial challenges that can make it difficult for their children to attend. We are reaching out to ask for your support in funding scholarships that will help make this life-changing education accessible to more students. Your generous donation can directly impact a student's ability to attend and thrive at Portland Adventist Academy. To make either a recurring or one-time contribution, please visit www.paasda.org or contact me at ubrown@paasda.org at 971-351-9028 for more details. As [students share in this video](#), thank you for your support in shaping the future of our students and helping them grow in faith and character.

PAA & Fred Meyer. You may support PAA through the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Just connect a Fred Meyer digital account and connect it to your Shopper's Card, and designate Portland Adventist Academy as the organization you wish to support. You can get it all done on the Fred Meyer website here:

<https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>



Rivergate Adventist Elementary School

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



Hood View Adventist School

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



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

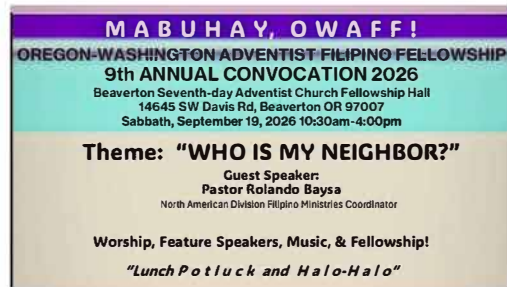


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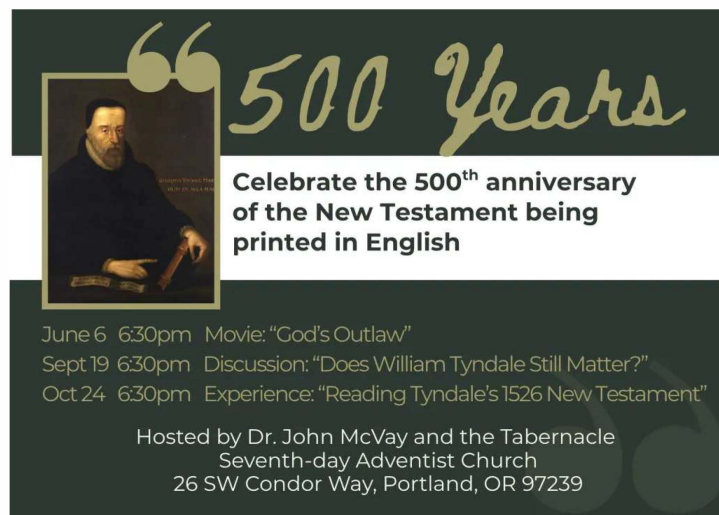
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Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



To all Filipino American and friends, come for the OWAFF (Oregon Washington Adventist Filipino Fellowship) 9th Annual Convocation on **September 19** at Beaverton SDA Church. The program featuring "Who Is My Neighbor?" will begin at 10:30 followed by a Fellowship Lunch Potluck at 12:15. The program continues at 2:00 pm and will end with the traditional Halo-Halo.



"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 6–8! Schedule a tour: discoverylandpdx.org Call us: 503-209-1984 Come see why families love being part of Discoveryland!



Waiting Well: Discovering God in the In-Between What do we do with seasons of unanswered prayers, delayed dreams 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!

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!*

DESTINATION HIGHLIGHT: MISSION OPPORTUNITY & VISIT TO SLOTH SANCTUARY!

FROM \$1,775* PER COUPLE

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.travel
(833) 582-5473

ROYAL CARIBBEAN
Symphony of the Seas

*Prices subject to change. Trip insurance, gratuities, air & 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.



You are invited to an evening of celebration, community, and impact!

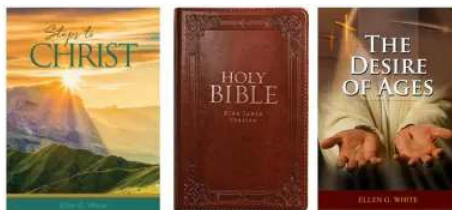
This year we will return to Rossi Farms for a special evening featuring a delicious dinner, handcrafted mocktails, and an inspiring program highlighting the hope, dignity, and support made possible through your generosity. [TICKETS](#) Featuring a special Chaixperience with Pastor Kevin Wilson, Pastor Kevin serves as youth and young adult pastor at Sunnyside Seventh-Day Adventist Church and is known online as “Chaplain Chai” to nearly half a million followers worldwide. This year’s event highlight will be a “Chaixperience” with Pastor Kevin, dubbed “the CEO of Chai” by Bon Appétit magazine. What we admire most about Kevin isn’t the tea – it’s his perspective on why building community is worth the effort. It’s a perspective we hope you’ll join us to hear firsthand. Come connect with fellow supporters, hear inspiring stories, and see firsthand how your partnership is helping build a stronger community.

We can’t wait to celebrate with you!

October 18, 2026 | 4:30 PM – 7:00 PM – Rossi Farms 3839 NE 122nd Ave, Portland, OR 97230

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!



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!

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 Hartmakl@ah.org. You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging time.

Volunteers Needed at PACS

PACS' thrift store, food pantry, and dental clinic all need volunteers. We have lots of fun and exciting jobs ranging from customer-facing cashiers and greeters to pricers and truck drivers behind the scenes. No experience or age requirements to volunteer, we're happy to train you and welcome the entire family! If you're interested, please contact our volunteer manager, Jaclyn, at Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

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.