

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

September 2, 2023



Hello Sunnyside,

It's moving week (again) for us! We are thankful all our things arrived safely Wednesday and we can really be about the task of settling in. It has been two months since we've slept in our own beds. I have also begun to renovate my church office (thank you to all who have helped!) and hope it will take shape soon and that you all will stop by and visit. I plan to have office hours most days since I drop Maddie off at school.

Lots of prayers to our teachers and students (including our girls) who started school this week. We have so many great schools in our



conference and all who help make Christian education possible are very much appreciated. Please continue to pray for our schools as the year gets started.

On Wednesday evening, I enjoyed a meeting with several enthusiastic young adult leaders who are working with us to create more connection with the WWU Nursing students on Sabbath morning. There is a lot of good energy and people God is gathering together in our community and I look forward to sharing more as plans solidify!

Finally, I am sketching out the sermons for the rest of the year and look forward to being back in the pulpit to share with you our new series beginning September 9th! This weekend we welcome Pastor Bobby McGee and I pray that those who attend will be blessed. Thank you to Bobby and his team!

Seth Pierce, Ph.D.
Lead Pastor

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

- This week was my time off. Ben and I had the opportunity to explore the charming and tranquil Victoria, BC.
- We headed back to Portland on Thursday to meet Kevin and Elynn Wilson—a dynamic and youthful pastoral couple who might soon join Sunnyside.
- As our vacation winds down, we're relishing the last few days in Sutherlin, engaging in activities like swimming, paddle boarding, and indulging in locally harvested peaches.

From the desk of Pastor Nancy

- School has begun for our Portland Adventist schools. Last week, Pastor Seth and I attended a Prayer Walk for Portland Adventist Academy. Local pastors and school staff came together to walk the halls and pray for the coming year. Please join us in prayer for the physical needs of PAA and especially for the spiritual growth of the teens.
- I also attended my first Portland Adventist Elementary School board meeting. Enrollment as of Monday night was higher than last year at nearly 300! Please pray for PAES as they search for an interim and full time principal, funds for a new roof, and that the students will meet Jesus there.
- Last Sabbath, with the help of the Angel Choir, we had 18 Earliteens in Sabbath School! After a snack and a few icebreakers, I taught a back to school lesson on WWJD? (What Would Jesus Do?) We discussed different scenarios of what the kids might face this school year, and how Jesus would handle the situation if He were a student. Their answers and ideas were inspiring!



From the desk of Pastor Billy

- This week was my last staff meeting until I get back from Europe October 6.
- Pray for us while we're gone.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Sunnyside Adventist Church today! Thank you for choosing Sunnyside as your home church, and welcome to those of you that are here for the first time or are regular attendees. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you join us permanently. **We, also, extend a special welcome to Bobby McGhee and Friends.** They have organized and are providing our Worship Service today along with a special vespers tonight at 6:00 PM.

20th Annual Bobby McGhee and Friends Vespers **Sabbath, September 2**

- ⇒ At 6:00 PM, come and enjoy our Sabbath evening vesper service with Bobby McGhee and Friends.
- ⇒ Stark Street pizza follows vespers.
- ⇒ Sunday, September 3, beginning at 7:30 AM, enjoy the Adventist Softball Tournament at Brush Prairie field. View map at: <http://www.gjihimages.com/softball/map.html>.



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.

Membership Transfers — Second Reading:

Joining: Arwin and Jenifer Fernandez from Ashland, Oregon

Leaving: Diana Blue to Orchards SDA Church, Washington

Joe and Shannon Christensen to Spokane South Hill Adventist Church, Washington

Dumitru, Stela, and Gill Ispir to Botosani Speranta Adventist Church, Romania

Mick and Lavon Turner to The Village SDA Church, Portland

Brian Ruhl to Crosswalk Church, Portland



Our family pastor is developing a family newsletter that is soon to come out. As it gets closer to publication, we will give you more details.

"Living with Grief" will meet Thursday, September 14, at 2:00 PM, in the fellowship hall (the second Thursday of each month). If you have lost someone close to you, join us as we learn and share together on our journey of grief. For more information: call Dianne at 503-706-5611.



Tuesday evenings at 7:00, the History class meets in the Youth Room. We will be studying the "US Constitution" If you love history, come and join us!

Wednesdays are busy days — come and join us!

FaithLift at 10:00 AM, a group for ladies, meets in the Willamette Room.

Men's Bible Study meets at 10:00 AM, in the Columbia Room.

Book Club meets at 6:00 PM in the Youth Room.

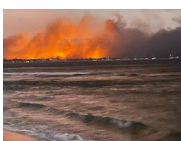
Our mid-week devotional service is at 7:00 PM, in CherryWood Village's chapel.



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 for 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 that 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.

Maui fires —If you want to support the relief effort in the Hawaii conference, here's how to do so: 1) The quickest way to get funds to the Hawaii Conference is to donate via Adventist Giving



directly to the Conference Church

<https://adventistgiving.org/donate/ANPBB1>. 2) You can give through our [Adventist Giving](http://AdventistGiving.org) site on Sunnyside's website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org. Look for "Hawaii Wild Fires- Disaster Relief" under Conference offerings. 3) You can write "Hawaii Wild Fires" on your tithe envelope, and our treasury team will forward the money to the right place.



The Church Library is open! The library will be open on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of the month. Hours are 10:45-11:15 am, and 12:30-1:00 pm. The church library has a wide selection of books available for our members to borrow, so please stop by.

Global Missions: During the pandemic, we have limited our church's global outreach to smaller group missions to Ukraine refugees and Zimbabwe orphans. With the lifting of travel restrictions, several have asked about whether we should organize a larger- scale mission such as Sunnyside has done in the past such as to Belize, Zambia, Ethiopia, and Romania to name a few. If you would be interested in participating in a mission trip in 2023 and 2024 please send your name(s) and email address to the Global Mission Committee at Arjwest1@gmail.com. We will then send you updates as opportunities open up. We currently have openings in trips to Belize, Zimbabwe, and the Philippines.



Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and on our website. Please choose a date to share flowers with our Sunnyside family for our worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what message you would like to put in the bulletin about the flowers.

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!



Directory photos — just a reminder. We have a photo directory, but we are missing many photos or several need to be updated. Please let us know who you are by picture. Send a snapshot or professional picture and we will upload it for you to the directory.

If you are in need of financial help for rent, utilities, or other needs, the Family Resource Network stands by to help. Or if you know of a fellow church member who may need help and is hesitant to ask, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@sunnysideadventist.org.





Monday: Thom Stanton; **Wednesday:** Dean Browning,
Maria Duong, Mary Lou Wescott

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**1st
FRIDAY**

First Friday at Adventist Health is on September 1.

First Friday is a once-monthly inspirational community fellowship event. It will be held at Adventist Health Portland Medical Center. It begins at 7:15 p.m. on the lower level in Amphitheaters C & D. This First Friday will feature an inspirational talk by Pastor Roscoe Shields and music from the Sharon Worship Team. We would like to invite you to join us for this FREE event and we encourage you to invite your friends and family members.

Oregon Conference Women's Ministries Retreat, October 6-8, 2023, Big Lake Youth Camp. A weekend retreat for women ages 16 and up focusing on Isaiah 52:7. DeeAnn Bragaw, the North American Division Women's Ministries Director, is our featured speaker for the weekend. DeeAnn is an amazing, heartfelt and authentic Ministry Leader, who is a much sought-after speaker, and inspiration to women across North America. Register here: <https://www.ultracamp.com/clientlogin.aspx?idCamp=8>, or call Big Lake Youth Camp at 503-850-3583.

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DeeAnn Bragaw, the North American Division Women's Ministries Director, is our featured speaker for the weekend. DeeAnn is an amazing, heartfelt and authentic Ministry Leader, who is a much sought-after speaker, and inspiration to women across North America.



WHAT: A weekend retreat for women ages 16 and up that will focus on aspects of what Isaiah 52:7 can mean for us. Find fellowship, praise God, deepen your journey with God, take in the beauty of God's nature, deepen your friendships, and make some new ones.

WHEN: Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm October 6 through Sunday at noon, October 8, 2023. Registration opens at 3:00 pm and dinner at 5:30 pm followed by evening meeting at 7:00 pm. The rest of the schedule will be given at the event.

COST: \$125.00 total cost for food and lodging in a cabin with multiple cabinmates. Provide your own bedding or sleeping bag. Other lodging options, within Headquarters, etc., at various increased costs, are available on a first to reserve it basis. Details for registration are outlined at the Big Lake registration site at QR code and link provided. **NO Refunds** - after September 18, 2023.

(Please note that if you have mobility impairments this might be physically too challenging. We plan to alternate every other year with Big Lake and a more accessible resort style setting.)

October 6-8, 2023

Big Lake Youth Camp

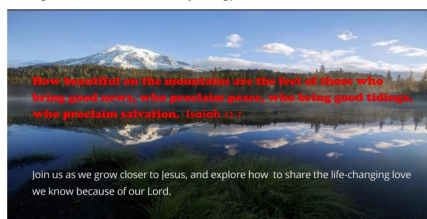
26435 Big Lake Road
Sisters, OR 97759

REGISTER HERE:

<https://orad.us/BLVLogin>



If you have trouble registering then please email Tammy Steenson at Tammy.steenon@oc.npac.org



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

International Student Host Families Needed for PAA Students

PAA is seeking host families for a number of international students who will be attending PAA next year. Students will be coming to PAA from Vietnam, China, Japan and European countries. If you have an extra bed, a willing heart, and are open to unexpected rewards, please consider hosting a student. There is a monthly stipend to cover their expenses. Students will be here for varying periods. Some students will stay for only one week (in January). Most European students stay only three months. And, we now have students who will live in America during the school year for up to four years until graduation.

We currently need homes for a Chinese girl (10th grade), a Chinese boy (9th grade), a Vietnamese boy (12th grade and vegan), and a Japanese boy (11th grade for one year). Students will arrive mid- to late-August in time for the first day of school.

Please contact Maria Bibb by email at mbibb@paasda.org for questions and more information. You may also download the Host Family Application that includes "Host Family Responsibilities" from the PAA website at paasda.org.

SAVE THE DATE – Nov. 5, 2023 for Portland Adventist Academy's Auction

PAA is planning for the return of our annual live and silent Auction event for the evening of Sunday, Nov. 5, 2023. The PAA auction raises funds for PAA Student Scholarships (PAASS) to help provide financial aid for students who otherwise would not be able to attend PAA. School may be out for the summer, but it's prime time for auction work. And we're seeking 1) donations for live and silent auctions; 2) volunteers to join our team for various aspects of making this auction happen. For more information, contact Development Director Sam Vigil Jr. at svigil@paasda.org or 971-351-9028.

PAA Vista Verde

News for alumni and friends of PAA — latest issue can be accessed as a PDF download at <https://paasda.org/development/alumni/>

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>



ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>



Walla Walla University

wallawalla.edu

Walla Walla University is hiring Nursing Faculty for the Portland, Oregon Campus. Full-time Advanced Acute Lead Instructor, Full-time Community Health Lead Instructor, Full-time Family Nursing Instructor, and Full-time Nursing for the Chronically Ill Instructor. All positions must have master's degree, an OR and WA RN license, and at least 3 years of nursing experience. Pay range: \$70,280 to \$86,197 annually, with additional nursing program stipend up to \$12,000 for the 2023-24 academic year. Benefits available include comprehensive medical, retirement, tuition benefits, and paid time off. Apply at jobs.wallawalla.edu.



PACS UPDATE

SAVE THE DATE – PACS ANNUAL FALL

FUNDRAISER! Sunday, October 8 from 1:00 – 5:00 pm, Dinner from 5:00 – 7:00 pm • Rossi Farms \$20/adult, \$10/kids 5-18, FREE for Children under 5. Dinner & CL3AN mocktails included with Donor Dinner from 5-7 pm. Any questions please email donate@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500.



PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru is OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM with an after-work option once a month from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM every first Thursday of the month. If you or someone you know needs food, please tell them about us. If you cannot make it to PACS please send a note with someone and they can get you food. Any questions please call 503-252-8500 or email info@pacsonline.org.

PACS Thrift Store is OPEN Sun 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM – 5:00 pm, & Friday 9:00 am – 2:30 PM. Our donation drop-off center is open and needs your donations! Mon – Thurs 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM and Sun 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM. If you have any questions about what items we accept, please give us a call at 503-252-8500. Depending on volunteer availability, we offer pick-up service for a

small fee. If you have furniture or larger items and no way to get rid of them, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out! Depending on volunteer availability, we offer pick-up service for a small fee. If you have furniture or larger items and no way to get rid of them, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out! Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220.

Gateway Grace Dental Clinic at PACS is OPEN

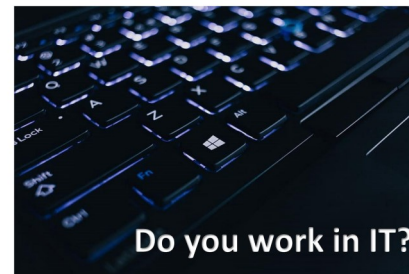
Gateway Grace Clinic at PACS is open and accepting uninsured patients for low-cost preventative dental care. If you or someone you know needs to schedule an appointment with us, please call 503-907-6768 or email dental@pacsonline.org.

Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

If you have any 12-count empty egg cartons we would love to take them off your hands to use in our food pantry! Please drop them off at our **PACS Office or Donation Receiving**. Thank you in advance!

PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:

www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore.



Come join the IT team at **North Pacific Union Conference** in Ridgefield, WA.

NPUC Information Technology (IT) department has a **job opening for an Associate Director**. Primary responsibility will be the deployment and management of Windows client systems, their cybersecurity and other IT related needs. If interested, please scan the QR code below for a job description and application. You can also visit <https://bit.ly/30lwBc7>.



Do you work in IT and desire to use your skills for God's cause? Come join the IT team at North Pacific Union Conference in Ridgefield, WA. NPUC Information Technology (IT) department has a job opening for an Associate Director. Primary responsibility will be the deployment and management of Windows client systems, their cybersecurity and other IT related needs. If interested, please scan the QR code for a job description and application. You can also visit <https://bit.ly/30lwBc7>.

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 Full-Time Assistant Thrift Store Manager**. If you are interested in this position, please visit our website (pacsonline.org/jobs) for job description or email info@pacsonline.org for more information.

Walla Walla University is hiring! If you or someone you know is looking to advance your career, please check out opportunities in Portland and College Place and apply at jobs.wallawalla.edu.

Better Life Television (BLBN) is a network of more than 15 stations and translators serving over 60,000 square miles throughout southern Oregon, with satellite stations in northern California and Reno, Nevada. Better Life is currently seeking a broadcast engineer. The broadcast engineer position is responsible for assisting the executive director in maintaining, operating, and developing the technical systems that enable BLBN to fulfill its mission. This position is a full-time, regular status position. Learn more about this position and how to apply at <https://bit.ly/BLTVjob>.



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 to learn 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 are 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 Gerelisa at gerelisa.eisele@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130.



Puppies!

One of our members has beautiful Goldendoodle girl puppies available! "Are you looking for a wonderful companion?" She has "exceptionally smart and healthy, genetically tested pups." If you are interested, call 503-252-8080.

Last Week's Worship Service in Photos



