



September 20 Communiqué



Greetings, Sunnyside Church!

It often feels like there's a constant stream of events and information that call for our response, and those responses often require thoughtful discernment. Jesus knew this reality well. Every moment that stirred the heart—whether personal or communal—was like a beam of light, revealing what was inside and moving people either toward the light or deeper into the shadows.

Clear guidelines are hard to find, because life keeps becoming more nuanced. That's why we depend on the Spirit of God. Only His Spirit can create in us a new kind of wisdom and mind—something the world may see as foolishness, yet it is the very power that transforms us and anchors us in Christ Jesus.

My prayer is that each of us allows this Spirit to bring light and love into our hearts, overcoming fear and the temptation to protect ourselves at the expense of others. This, after all, is what the church is meant to be: a community of broken people learning to love God by loving one another.

One way we practice that love is through meaningful time together. Here are two opportunities coming up:

- **Sunnyside-wide Lunches – October 11 (Second Sabbath):** You can host a meal in your home or join another household as a guest. More details are in the bulletin and at the foyer table.
- **Pizza with the Pastors – October 25, 6:00 pm:** For those who have recently joined Sunnyside through baptism or transfer, this is a chance to connect, share stories, and build relationships.

Meanwhile, our prayers remain with those in our church family who are grieving or healing. May God's peace and tender love be felt through the care and compassion of this community.

This Sabbath, Pastor Seth will continue his series on growing in discernment and resisting sensational stories by rooting our faith in God's faithfulness. The following Sabbath, September 27, we'll gather at the Communion table, remembering the extravagant, self-giving love of God for our broken world.

May the Spirit of God bring shalom to our thirsty souls 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.



Please pray for the following families:

Besty White's family. She passed away the morning of September 11. A funeral service will be conducted for her on Monday, October 6, at 2:00 pm, here at Sunnyside Adventist Church.



Edwin Gene Hamlin passed away Monday, September 15. There will be an interment at Lincoln Memorial Park & Funeral Home at 11801 SE Mt. Scott Blvd, Portland, on Tuesday, September 23, at 11:00 am. There is a memorial page where you may leave your messages at www.dignitymemorial.com.



For families with children 4-10 years old: ~The Adventurers Club at Sunnyside is starting a new year today, Sabbath, September 20th. 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, 1st and 3rd Sabbath of the month, plus additional field trips. Come and check it out!



October 2, at 1:30 pm, we will gather together for another Senior Tea with the Senior pastor. Save the date and time, and be sure to join us. This includes men and women. Feel free to invite your friends. We will serve light refreshments.



Church-wide Home Lunch – October 11 will be the next lunch event. This is a time to invite families to your house as a host or sign up to be invited to someone's home for lunch. There are forms in the lobby you may fill out to be either a host or a visitor. Plan ahead to enjoy lunch with friends!



Senior Ministries presents "Senior Games and Puzzles" on October 16 from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm. We will have light refreshments as well. Seniors come on in and join us! We will meet in the Youth Room.



Pizza with the Pastors is scheduled for Thursday, October 25, at 6:00 pm. This is for those who have recently joined Sunnyside through baptism or transfer and gives each a chance to connect, share stories, and build relationships. If you have joined us within the last year, you are invited!



There will be a young adult/collegiate movie night at Pastor Kevin Wilson's residence, Saturday, September 27th. Arrive at 6:30, events start at 7:00 pm. Bring a snack to share with others. RSVP with Pastor Kevin 240-476-3426.



Beginning October 30, Tuesdays, at 4:00 pm, there will be a Bible reading class of the **Ancient Standard Version (ANSV)**. This class is open to all and will be conducted by Conrad Gren. Please come and join us. We will be meeting in the Bridal Room.



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, FaithLift, a group for ladies, meet here at the church to study the Bible, share their stories, and pray together over many needs as well as for those that need extra prayers. If this sounds like something you would enjoy attending, please come and join us. If you cannot be here in person, there is a Zoom link available to be able to join remotely.



Wednesday mornings at 10:00 our Men's Bible Study group meet to study the Bible together in the Youth Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.



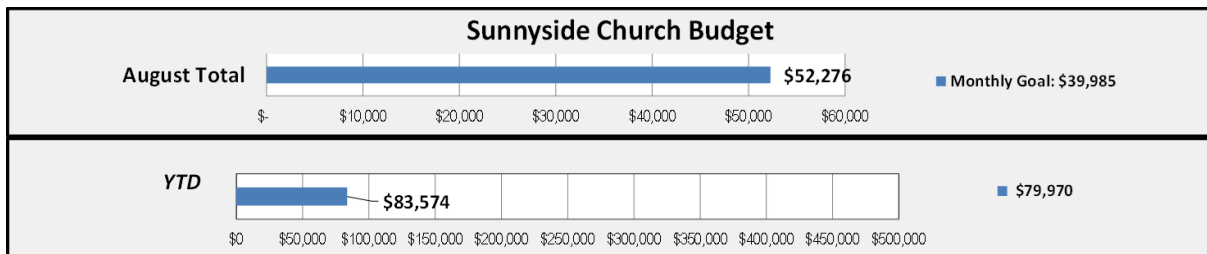
Our history class meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, in the Sandy Room. We will study "The Holy Land Revealed."



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 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.



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 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.



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: Rita Christensen, Gale Crosby, Kathy Crull, Gerelisa Eisele, Jim Newell, Jerilyn Schosnig; **Sunday:** Charlene Hendrickson, Stephen Tait; **Monday:** Robby Russell; **Tuesday:** Greg Deli, Richard Gingrich; **Wednesday:** Scott LeMert; **Thursday:** Valerie Do



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 to apply. Thank you,



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

Hello PAA Family,

Junior Challenge Leadership Trip! PAA's Juniors have kicked off their leadership class trip – an unforgettable experience designed to grow thoughtful servant leaders. Through challenges that stretch them (and sometimes feel a little scary!), students discover the power of teamwork, courage, and support. 🙌🌟

This trip is a highlight of the PAA experience – one our students look forward to, love while they're in it, and reflect on for years to come.

Senior Sunrise Worship – Our seniors kicked off their year bright and early this morning with their annual, student-led Senior Sunrise worship. Together as a class, they welcomed the new school year with prayer, praise, and community. Pastor Steve shared a powerful reminder that God is always present, and Pastor Kevin from Sunnyside joined in to help set the tone for a year rooted in faith and purpose.

We love our seniors – and we're so proud of their commitment to beginning this milestone year with their eyes on God! ❤️

Week 3 and Thriving! We're only three weeks into the school year, but our students are already settled into their academic rhythm. Classes are buzzing with energy – from excellent teaching and creative activities that make learning interesting, relevant, and memorable.

Curiosity is growing, connections are deepening, and it's exciting to see students fully engaged in the joy of learning! ✨

Have a wonderful Sabbath and weekend.

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 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/>



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.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 or phone 503-251-6115 opt. 2.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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. 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 plant-based lifestyle! At this dynamic, 3-day event you'll explore the incredible benefits of nourishing your body with whole 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.



Join us at Lents Adventist Church in Portland for a special homecoming Sabbath on September 27! Worship service with speaker John McVay, president of the Oregon Conference will start at 11:00 AM, followed by a fellowship potluck and church history slideshow at 12:30 PM. Then come back at 7:00 PM for a fun game night. Everyone is welcome!



We're excited to invite you to CLEAN Conference 2025: Beauty from Ashes – a powerful three-day event centered on healing, grief, and the redemptive love of Jesus. Hosted at Pleasant Valley Church from **September 29 – October 1**, this year's gathering will feature inspiring speakers, worship, and FREE Pure Desire Group Leader Training to equip you in recovery ministry. Monday and Tuesday will focus on the official group leader training curriculum, followed by a special extended Q&A with Rich Moore and Heather Kolb on Wednesday. If you're in recovery, supporting someone who is, or simply seeking hope in the ashes—this space is for you. Learn more and register now at <https://orad.us/CLEANConf2025> – it's free and open to all.



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!



A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ODETTA AULANI WAHINEHOOKAE COURSER

October 12, 2025 • Pleasant Valley SDA Church, 11125 SE 172nd Ave., Happy Valley, OR 97086.

Odetta was a cook at Portland Adventist elementary school for many years. There will be a time of gathering before the service from 1:00-3:00 pm, followed by the service from 3:00–4:00 pm. Those unable to attend the service can watch it online using this link: <https://youtube.com/live/f7C9Qpblftw>.

All are invited to stay after the service for a reception from 4:00 – 5:00 pm.



Do you knit or crochet?
Adventist Health Portland needs your
help making comfort shawls.

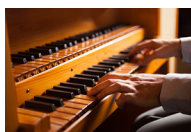
What is a comfort shawl?

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 for more details and if you or an organist you know would be interested.



PACS UPDATE

Save the Date!
Join us on Sunday, October 12
for our 4th Annual Fall Fundraiser!

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 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

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.



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

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

