



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

September 6 Communiqué



Hello Sunnyside Family,

Do you know what a snipe is? What about snipe hunting?

Many years ago during a church campout we had an energetic young man who needed something to do. So, we sent him on a snipe hunt. A snipe, for those who are unfamiliar with the term, is a non-existent creature who lives in the woods. It was created by adults who needed some peace and quiet from rambunctious kids.

After explaining the need for stealth and handing the kid a bag, he occupied himself for 30 minutes to an hour looking for the elusive snipe. I didn't think it would work so well, and felt a little guilty as his parents asked me what he was doing. When I sheepishly explained, they seemed amused and allowed it to continue. I still feel a little bad that the only thing he found at the end of his hunt was disappointment.

Adults go on snipe hunts too. Often they involve looking for the origin of rumors, looking for reasons to justify holding grudges, or explanations for why things went wrong even though we did everything right. Sometimes these snipe hunts are inspired by someone coming up to us and telling us where we should put our energies. This week, reflect on the reminder that Jesus gives, "But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33). What kinds of snipe hunt have you been on that you need to let go? Where can you put Jesus and His kingdom first?

This Sabbath I am beginning a 3-part series exploring ways our focus gets thrown off of Jesus and onto other things. The first message is called "Chasing Fables." Hope to see you there!

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.



The floral tribute today is presented by Lorrie Wescott in celebration of Mary Lou's birthday and appreciation for all the love and support. The flowers are supplied from the Weatherfield Gardens Flower Farm (Beau and Megan Snyder). Happy birthday, Mary Lou!



Membership Transfers – Leaving – Second Reading:

Sergei and Irina Chirkova to Spartansburg SDA Church, Spartanburg, SC
Silvia Huckaby to Whipple Creek SDA Church, Ridgefield, WA
Lester (Chuck) Stannard, Jr. to the Village SDA Church, Gresham, OR
Erika Wicklund, to Enterprise SDA Church, Enterprise, OR



September 6, at 6:30 pm, there will be a vespers at the Mandrones' home in Ridgefield. Contact Matt for address and directions at 360-261-2611. We will have praise music, a vesper message, followed by the classic movie "Oklahoma" at sundown. Drinks, snacks, and popcorn will be provided. Sunnyside church family and friends are welcome to attend and stay as long as you like. Optional: bring lawn chairs, a blanket and/or jacket as it will cool later in the evening. Also come, and enjoy walking our new 1/4 mile nature trail.



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



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



Senior Ministries' first activity this year will be on September 11; meet at the church at 10:00 am. We will ride the bus together to visit the Canby "Swan Island Dahlias" garden center. They are touted as the largest dahlia grower in the nation. Come and join us. All seniors are welcome! Help to defray expenses with \$5.00 contribution. RSVP to Barbara Plubell at 971-998-8868 or Dianne Glovatsky at 503-706-5611. Bring a sack lunch or plan to eat at the Taco Food Truck.



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 Orchestra celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ. RSVP: 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>



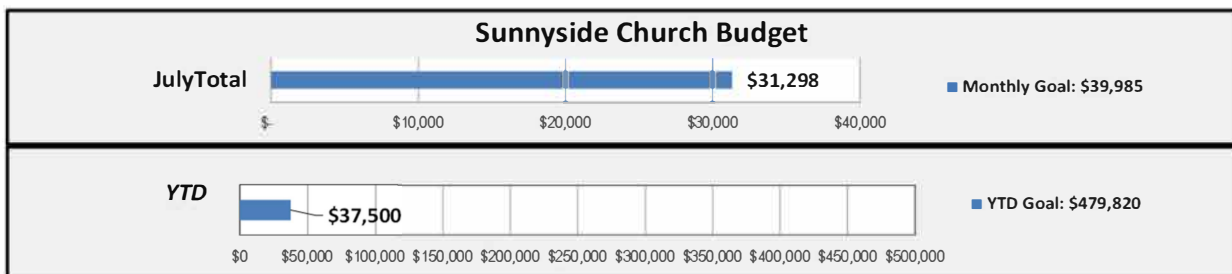
Our history class meets on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm, in the Sandy Room. We will study "The Holy Land Revealed."



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.



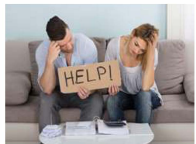
Would you like to hear the service more clearly? Sunnyside Church provides assistive hearing devices you may borrow. They are located in the Deacons' office. Just let a deacon know of your need and they will be happy to help you.



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: Dean Browning, Maria Duong, Lauryn Small, Mary Lou Wescott; **Monday:** Linda Gepford; **Tuesday:** Arlyss Dixor Spora Kidesi, Karol Kieper, Wes Rippey; **Thursday:** Nancy Canwell; **Friday:** Kimberly Dixon, Chloe Hull, Jon Stephan, Camie Vickroy



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 lookir

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>

Good Morning PAA Family

🌸 We're Back! 🌸

The 2025–26 school year is officially underway at PAA! 🙌

Our hallways are buzzing, classrooms are alive with energy, and students are reconnecting with friends and teachers. From worship to classes, it's already clear – this is going to be an incredible year of learning, growing, and discovering together.

💙 We love seeing our students filling the campus with joy, curiosity, and community. Here's to a year full of new memories, new challenges, and new ways to see God at work!

🌍 PAA Students Come From Near and Far! 🌍

Every day, students travel from all across the Portland metro area – and even from southwest Washington – to be part of the PAA community. In addition to these daily commutes, we're blessed to welcome international students from across the globe who bring incredible diversity and perspective to our campus.

Our map shows the wide footprint of families who choose Portland Adventist Academy because they value Christ-centered education, meaningful connections, and a place where students are known and loved.

Located at the crossroads of Portland, PAA is a gathering place where students from many neighborhoods, backgrounds, and even nations come together to learn, grow, and thrive – side by side.

We are eagerly looking forward to the outcome of today's volleyball and soccer games, tomorrow's community building Beach Day, this weekend's Senior Retreat, and our first chapel of the year next Tuesday! So much to celebrate and anticipate!

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

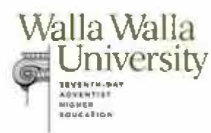
<https://www.hvja.org/>



The “Columbia Classics” Annual Fall Reunion will be Saturday, September 6, 2025, on the CAA campus (in the cafeteria building), 11100 NE 189th St, Battle Ground, WA.

Sabbath 9am: Registration and continental breakfast followed by Sabbath program with Randy Courser ('73) leading out with music from the “good old days,” a talk on possibilities for being blessed and blessing others by Rick Serns (former CAA Staff), group photo, and potluck dinner. Come renew friendships and share the latest happenings in your lives.

RV parking is available on the campus (please make reservations) and motels are available locally if desired. For more lodging or additional information contact Larry Hiday, CAA Alumni Director (w360.687.3161 or h360.931.2828).



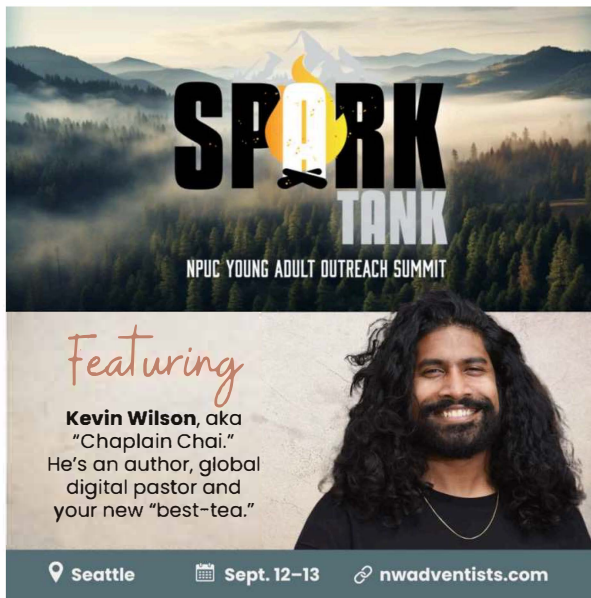
Walla Walla University

<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 or phone 503-251-6115 opt. 2.

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



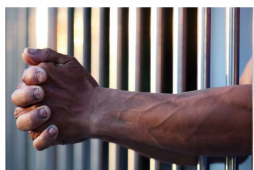
Be Part of Northwest Young Adult Outreach Summit!

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 and 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>.



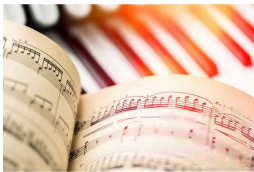
Join us at the Northwest Prison Ministry Convention, September 12-13, for inspiration, education, and networking opportunities. This in-person event is a unique chance to connect with fellow prison ministry workers from across the Northwest region. This year's event will be held at the Holden Convention 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



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.



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.



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 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 something 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) 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

