



Sunnyside News

SUNNYSIDE

SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

April 12, Communiqué

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Hi Sunnyside Family,

Remember that one time when you applied for a job that you didn't think you'd get, but then you ended up getting it? And immediately, a wave of anxiety falls afresh on you as you ruminate on how you might actually perform that job?

That might be the best way to express how I felt when, last week, my paper proposal to the American Academy of Religion Conference got accepted. This was my first time pitching a paper to the "Academic Overlords" and I was pleasantly surprised when they offered me a slot to present it at their interreligious studies unit. Unsurprisingly, my paper proposal also got accepted for the same conference in November, so we'll be preparing for that together in a few weeks and months to come.

But Camp Meeting will happen before that. I'm part of the core team planning the "connections tent" that will meet at the Holden Center. On Tuesday, our team initiated a series of strategic meetings we will have between now and June. Grateful for capable and competent pastoral colleagues who are volunteering their time and effort to make this a success for all.

I leave you this week with the big idea for my chapel talk at PAA this week. I call this the 5G Greatness Formula:

(gifts x grind x guides) ^ God = Greatness.

In other words, when you identify your gifts with the help of guides, and use your gifts diligently for the sake of service, and rely on the power and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, you are on the path to greatness.

God's faithfulness in this process in my own life was evident when, last Friday, the operations manager from a non-denominational church in Vancouver, who got acquainted with me through my social media platform, invited me to use their wonderful hosting space for any event. Thankful for these serendipitous, interfaith, cross-cultural community partnerships!

Praying for us this week as we continue to be sensitized to the frequency of God's voice in our lives.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Kevin Wilson

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Seth

Hello Sunnyside,

Some of the big news of the week is so many of you have received text messages or emails from me! Or who you thought to be me...

It seems like 1-2x a year churches are hit by unscrupulous scammers who use pastors names to try and get members to give money or, most commonly, get gift cards. Please remember to check any emails to see if they are from the ones listed in the bulletin. Any text message asking for money/gift cards should be treated as a scam.

Outside of that issue, it has been a good week! I want to thank all those who attended our symposium and gave feedback. We are working on another one for August!

I look forward to being back in the pulpit this week to share a message that responds to the recent study showing Oregon/Portland as being the least religious place in the US, or what some people describe with the word secular. This is a complex issue and I hope the message Sabbath will both challenge and encourage us.

Peace

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

My week began with helping at the free vision clinic held at Hood View Church. We welcomed a good number of visitors, and I was thankful for the opportunity to use my native language skills in serving members of the Slavic community.

Over the following days, I also enjoyed spending time with some of you in person. One of the highlights was our enriching study of Romans with the FaithLift ladies.

This week, we're launching the Sunnyside Children's Choir project. After a few rehearsals, the children are planning to take part in the morning service on May 10. If your kids are interested in joining, please be sure to check the rehearsal schedule.

I'm sincerely appreciative of our dedicated leaders and supportive parents who have helped bring this initiative to life.

From the desk of Pastor Rose

We'd love for all parents and guardians to take part in our Children's Ministry Survey. Your feedback will help us understand the **needs** of our community and **shape** our children's ministry. Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback as we work together to help our kids grow closer to Jesus and one another.

<https://tinyurl.com/SSKidMin032025>

Blessings

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 Ministry of Music** brought to us by Alex Geschke and Kassy Eichele this morning is very moving. It requires careful listening and concentration, please notice the wonderful and inspiring great chords.



The floral tribute is brought to us by the Edson Simon family in celebration of Adoniah's birthday.



Evensong will be this afternoon at 4:00 pm, here at Sunnyside Church, will feature Dan Miller on the organ and Jim Robertson will present the spoken word. This is a very special time to come together and renew your spirit after such a busy week.



Our next annual Ladies' Spring Tea is tomorrow, Sunday, April 13 at 1:00 pm, in the fellowship hall with our guest speaker Dr. Kara Johnsson. A donation will be collected to help support Portland Adventist Community Services (PACS). Come enjoy good food and great conversation. Spread the word and bring a friend. Please RSVP by April 6 to Kathy Kramer 360-553-8464 or Dianne Glovatsky 503-706-5611.



Next week on Wednesday, April 16, the Church Board will meet in person in the Sandy Room at **7:00 pm**. Just prior, the **Elders' will meet** in the Willamette Room at **6:00 pm**. A light meal will be served for the Elders.



Sunnyside Easter Program on April 19! Celebrate Christ's resurrection with a powerful church service to include the orchestra, choir, actors, children, and animals. Singers in the congregation who know Handel's "Hallelujah" Chorus will be invited to join the choir when that song is presented. Practice tracks can be found on https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLVptjTOLTK2-syykXfIZ9kF76fTykmife&si=8AZrcjTaCU_Ub-QP or contact polly.moody@sunnysideadventist.org.



April 26, 2025, 7:30 pm, The Creation Case, will be presented by Rich Agular. This will be an epic adventure! Join Rich on this live, exciting, edge-of-your seat adventure of discovery as we explore and discover amazing evidence about God, our Creator. This is a live, exciting, Bible-based, multimedia stage show for the whole family. For tickets go to <https://thecreationcase.com/sunnyside>.



May 4, at 4:00 pm, Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra will be in concert presenting “The Planets” here at Sunnyside Church. The pre-concert talk with the director, Jonathan DeBruyn, will begin at 3:00 pm. Included in their repertoire is Mendelssohn’s *Athalia Overture*, Barber—*Violin Concerto* with Anthea Kreston as the violin soloist, Holst—*The Planets*. Don’t miss this amazing concert!

MAY 10

MORNING SERVICE

**JOIN
REHEARSALS**

APRIL 12 & 10:00 AM

APRIL 19 & 1:15 PM

MAY 10 & 9:30 AM



CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

RSVP 541 315 0532

Our first children’s choir performance during the Sabbath service will be May 10. You can find the song What A Beautiful Name they’ll be performing at the following link: https://youtu.be/eMEKuEPcCUC?si=MqhH-FbptA_SfXaG.

We encourage you to begin listening to the song with your children to help them become familiar with the melody and lyrics.

Our rehearsal schedule is as follows:

- ☒ Saturday, April 12 – 10:00 AM to 10:30 AM
 - ☒ Saturday, April 19 – After church and before the Adventurer Club meeting. You are welcome to join the Adventurer Families’ Potluck that afternoon.
 - ☒ Possibly Friday, May 9 – Time TBD
 - ☒ Definitely Sabbath, May 10 – Final rehearsal before the performance
- If your child is interested in performing a solo part, kindly let the director, Nadiya, know.

OREGON ADVENTIST MEN’S CHORUS

PRAISE *the NAME of the* LORD

Sat., May 17

Sunnyside Seventh-day
Adventist Church
10501 SE Market St.
Portland, OR 97216



3:30 & 7 pm

Free Admission
General Seating
more information:
oamcministry.org

Oregon Adventist Men’s Chorus Annual Concert on May 17

You’re invited to the OAMC annual spring concert on Sabbath, May 17, at 3:30 or 7 pm, at Sunnyside Adventist Church. The two identical concerts are free and open to the public. The “Praise the Name of the Lord” theme covers more than 50 names for God in the 13-song repertoire. It’s a great opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to join you to be inspired and encouraged through uplifting music. More info: OAMCministry.org or facebook.com/oamchorus. Sunnyside Adventist Church is located at 10501 SE Market St., Portland.



Our history class meet on Tuesdays, at 7:00 pm, in the Youth Room.

This week we will be studying “The Crusade Against Cathars” and “Mongol Culture Before Genghis Kahn.”



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 Columbia Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.



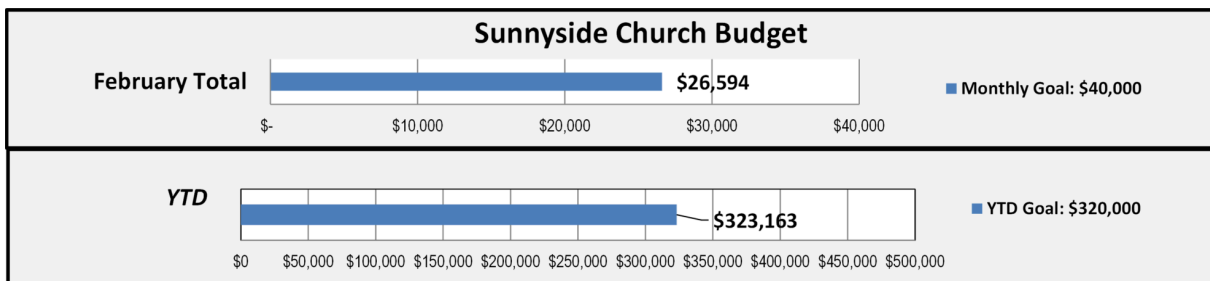
There is a flower calendar posted in the hallway and [online](#). (Go to our website, www.SunnysideAdventist.org, click on "Our Ministries.") Please choose a date to share flowers with your Sunnyside family for worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what you would like in the bulletin about the flowers.



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.



Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us with video and audio. 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 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 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: Barbara Niss; **Sunday:** Edmond Betz, Roy Dahl, Adoniah Simon; **Monday:** Don Dealy II, Lydia Krueger-Blehm, Stafford; **Tuesday:** Jeffery Cummings, Lisa Holland-Wang; **Wednesday:** Alexander Siorkeno Sr.; **Thursday:** James Cason, Angela Kirkpatrick; **Friday:** Ginaya Drake, Phyllis Woods

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. If you are interested, please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply or call 503-665-4102.



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

Portland Adventist Academy's annual Alumni Reunion is taking place at PAA May 2-3, 2025!

All current and former PAA students, staff and friends are enthusiastically invited to come together. This year's hor classes are: '45, '50 (75-year), '55, '65, '75 (50-year), '85, '95, '00 (25-year), '05, '15, '20 (5-year). The weekend's activities include:

- **Friday, May 2, 6 pm** – Golden Agers & Friends Dinner, Library – Welcoming alumni from the '50s, '60s and '70s – details, contact: Bob Winter '53 at (503) 784-2614
- **Sabbath, May 3, 10 am, Registration Opens; 10:30 am**, Worship Service, including Roll Call, PAA Gym – **Speaker: Terry Johnsson '85**
- **Sabbath Lunch** – Following the worship service in the Cafe/Gym for PAA Alumni & Friends (Lunch is free; donations appreciated)
- **Sabbath, May 3, 2 pm** – Class Reunion Meetings – classrooms and as planned

Reunion planning assistance: We can help! Contact Communications and Development Director U'Lee Brown class '89 at 971-351-9028 or ubrown@paasda.org for more information.

Check for updates: Alumni Reunion information on the **PAA Alumni webpage** at <https://paasda.org/alumni>

Our Special guest for the worship service is, Dr Terry Johnsson. An alumni from the class of 1985. Upon leaving PA Terry joined the Air Force and served as White House honor guard under 3 presidents. Terry now serves (and for the past 11 years) as the VP for Mission Integration at Adventist Health (Pacific Northwest Region) .

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/>



Upper Columbia Adventist Academy

uca.org

Upper Columbia Academy alumni and friends are invited to enjoy a complimentary brunch, be blessed by music performances from UCA students, reminisce with UCA friends, and hear what is currently happening at your alma mater. Join us at 10:00 AM on Sunday, May 18 at the Monarch Hotel and Conference Center in Clackamas. RSVP by May 19 to reserve your place at a table by emailing cheri.atwood@uca.org or call 509-939-1716. Monarch Hotel and Conference Center is located at 12566 SE 93rd Ave, Clackamas, OR 97015.



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Oregon Conference Camp Meeting 2025



We are excited to finally announce that the Oregon Conference will be hosting camp meeting this summer from July 22-26 featuring Ty Gibson, the King's Heralds, and more! While fundraising is still ongoing and we have a way to go to meet our financial goals for the event, we are close enough to the goal to move forward in faith together. We will be sharing more details about current fundraising numbers, updates on how the event will go this year, and more in

the coming weeks. Thank you for all of your support in helping bring camp meeting back in 2025!



Steve Darmody and Jenifer LaMountain will present a free concert, Saturday, **April 26 at 7:00 PM**, at the Gladstone Park Adventist Church at 8378 Cason Road in Gladstone. All are invited. Questions may be directed to 503-655-2614.



Join us for the Bloom in Marriage Cruise! A Christian marriage retreat at sea for couples of all ages, sailing roundtrip from Boston, **October 17-24, 2025**, on the Norwegian Gem. Hosted by Adventist marriage ministry leaders Rick and Cindy Mercer, this relationship-enriching cruise will take you to 6 ports of call throughout New England during the best month for fall colors. For more information and to register, visit www.bloominmarriage.com, or contact Heather Tourville at 503-329-6523.



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 in



Pentecost 2025 is a massive mobilization of Seventh-day Adventist churches in North America:

1. To pray for the Holy Spirit's outpouring and power
2. To proclaim the Gospel with the Holy Spirit's power

We have been looking for revival in our church for a long time. This is our opportunity to seek it together and make it happen. As Ellen White wrote so eloquently, "revival need be expected only in answer to prayer."

In connection with Pentecost 2025, the NPUC is inviting everyone to pray both privately and corporately for the Holy Spirit during the month of October 2024. Here is a link with all the information you need to participate: <https://nwadventists.com/news/2024/09/pentecost-2025-call-prayer>

Just as a reminder, the Oregon Conference prayer ministries continue to hold ZOOM prayer meetings every third Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Everyone in the Oregon conference is invited to be part of this! We will be continuing this during the month of October. We are praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. <https://orad.us/OCPrayerMeeting>



Big Lake Youth Camp registration is now open for kid camps and family camps for our 2025 summer! Youth camps are for ages 7-17 with lots of fun activities kids do with their cabin groups. Family camps are for all ages with a lot of the same fun activities for families to do together – great for family reunions! Visit www.biglake.org for more information or to register.

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.

* Director of Quality Management

* Assistant Thrift Store Manager

* Home Thrift Store – Part-time Pricer

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!

Pricer in the PACS Home Goods Store – part-time

Admin-Director of Quality Management – full time

If interested or for more details go to jobs@pacsonline.org.

Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Dental Clinic.

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 (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.volqistics.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.

Last Week's Service in Photos

