

## Sunnyside News

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### January 4, Communiqué

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***Hello, Sunnyside family and friends!***

I feel blessed to welcome you into the new year of 2025 through this communiqué article. Our congregation, as well as our pastoral team, enters this year with renewed clarity and excitement. God has been so good to the Sunnyside community, closely leading us through the challenges of the unknown. These experiences give us confidence and courage to expect even more blessings in the future.

We are grateful that many of you have made God's faithfulness the foundation of your lives, His unfailing and generous love an inspiration for your relationships, and His commitment and power to transform—a cornerstone of our diverse community.

While we are taking the first weeks of January easy, enjoying the steady rhythms of post-holiday winter, some are already getting excited about International Sabbath, which will take place this year on February 8. If you need something to look forward to during the traditionally uneventful cold weeks ahead, feel free to start dreaming up new menu items for the International Food Fair!

I'm looking forward to worshipping with you this Sabbath as Pastor Seth launches a new series with the "Giveaway" sermon and as we welcome new members to our big Sunnyside family.

***Pastor Violeta Bilan***

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### ***The Pastors' Spotlight***

***From the desk of Pastor Rose***

Happy New Year, Sunnyside Family!

I remember back in university when we had discussions about what the world might look like in 2030. It's wild to think that it's now just five years away—and equally wild to realize that five years ago, it was 2020.

Recently, I revisited a classic audiobook by Jim Rohn titled “The Seasons of Life.” If you haven't come across it yet, I highly recommend giving it a listen (or a read). As we enter the new year, I wanted to share a few gems from it that really resonated with me and feel particularly relevant for this season.

“Each day is given to us as a new season of spring. The thoughts, deeds, dreams, and efforts of today will provide tomorrow's harvest. To neglect the opportunity given to us this day is to delay our better future. Do not use today to mentally relive yesterday or to await the arrival of tomorrow, for tomorrow— when it arrives—will be called today. There will be no better day, no better opportunity, no better springtime, no better time to begin than the current moment. Seize the moments as you find them and mold them into your own better future. Today's procrastination will surely be tomorrow's regret.

“Those people and events which have left their mark—whether favorable or unfavorable—are now behind us. What happened even as recently as yesterday is no longer of any consequence, unless we choose to allow it to be. What is of great importance is who and what it is that leaves its mark today, and each day thereafter.

“What we have been is an established and unchangeable fact. What we can yet become is an unlimited, boundless opportunity. Therefore, do not allow your awareness of past difficulty or failures to adversely affect your current and future possibilities. The greatest value of the past is how wisely we invest it in the future. Let the past be a servant for making the future both more enjoyable and profitable.”

Next week I'll be heading to the Children's Pastors Conference in Florida with Jackee, Evelyn, and Paul. With the arctic blast along the east coast, it's looking to be a chilly one! Overnight temperatures will dip to 38F with daytime temperatures hovering around 54F. We are looking forward to learning from experts in the field and meeting others from across the world who share a passion for children's ministries.

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## ***Announcements***

### ***Friday:***



**First Friday is a monthly event** for the community to join Adventist Health Portland for a night of joyful praise and fellowship. This is a FREE event and everyone is welcome to join our community of hope. **Friday, January 3** – Speaker: 7:15 p.m. Dr. Leo Zakhariya has overcome several challenges in his life and has learned the power of being self-aware and the power in trusting God. As a result of his experiences, Dr. Zakhariya trains and equips clinical hospital chaplains, teaching them how to be present and support those in need. Come hear Dr. Zakhariya's inspiring and transformative story. Featuring music by the Tsikirai Family. Adventist Health, 10123 Southeast Market Street, Portland, OR 97216. For more information contact [\(503\) 257-2500](tel:5032572500).

## Sabbath:



**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.

**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:*

Gabrielle Hernandez from Meadow Glade SDA Church  
Elizabeth Lopez from Meadow Glade SDA Church  
Daniel Bulengela from Tanzania (via Profession of Faith)  
Andrae & Kiana Patterson from Arlington SDA Church, Texas

#### *Leaving:*

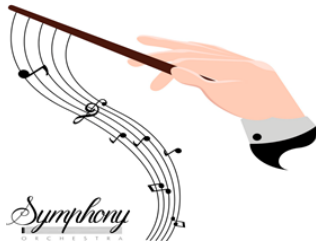
Miroslav and Angelina Sidorenko to Port Charlotte SDA Church, Florida  
Jane Nelson to Estacada SDA Church  
Jenny Smith to Gladstone Park SDA Church

### Please pray for the following families:

**Betty (Jane Affeldt Wagner) Farley** passed away October 28, 2024. Her family invites you to attend a memorial service here at Sunnyside Church, Sunday, January 12, at 11:00 am, as we honor her love and legacy. There will be a reception following in the Fellowship Hall.

**Lloyd Wescott** who passed away December 18, 2024. A memorial service will be conducted for him Sunday, February 16, at 3:00 pm. A reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.





**The Oregon Sinfonietta**, under the direction of Donald Appert, will be in concert here at Sunnyside Church on Sunday, January 19, at 3:00 pm. They will be performing “Overture to Don Giovanni” by Mozart, “Concerto for Flute in D major, op. 283” by Reinecke, and “Symphony No. 2 in D major, op. 36” by Beethoven. You will not want to miss this concert!

**This year our International Sabbath** will be on February 8. If you would like to participate in the flag processional, please contact Jan Clayton, 360-798-7477. International Sabbath is a time we celebrate our diversified congregation with a flag processional.



## ***Mission to Palawan Island, Philippines*** ***March 19 – April 2, 2025***

We invite you to partner with Sunnyside to reach the people of Palawan Island with the love of Jesus. We are working closely with the Palawan SDA Mission to hold reaping evangelism services across the island as well as help with a medical clinic providing necessary care to the people.

Palawan is the westernmost island of the Philippines, the largest by area, and a sought-after natural wonder. The island is home to 87 different cultural groups. About three-fourths of the population is Roman Catholic, 10% is Muslim, and 3.4% are Seventh-day Adventist. The major languages are English, Tagalog, and Ilonggo, alongside the native languages of Cuyonon and Palawanon.



In the summer of 2023, Executive Secretary of the Palawan SDA Mission Pastor Eliezer Barrientos visited Sunnyside Church by invitation of the Oregon and Washington Adventist Filipino Fellowship (OWAFF). That Sabbath afternoon he shared with us his vision to hold multiple evangelism series across the island of Palawan, all at the same time! We provide the evangelists for 11 different preaching sites going for eight nights, followed by a mass gathering on Sabbath, March 29, and baptism.

Also, we will participate in a comprehensive medical clinic, providing checkups, medicines, vision and dental care, health lectures, and spiritual counseling. The organization of the clinic will be under the leadership of the Health

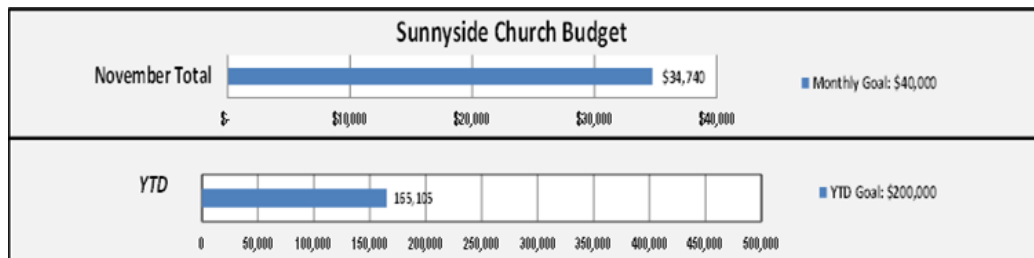
Director of Palawan Mission. Licenses will not be required from us since we will be working alongside their health professionals.

Please consider participating in this mission project with your prayers, support, and hopefully participation! We need preachers and medical volunteers. The cost per participant is \$3,000. This includes airfare, board, and expenses of the medical clinic, Bible workers, etc. With God's help, this will be a bigger success than anyone can imagine. Also, we will of course spend a day or two exploring God's beautiful creation on Palawan Island! Contact Paul Dragulin ([pauldragulin@yahoo.com](mailto:pauldragulin@yahoo.com)) to get involved. Donations to the Palawan Mission Project (F490) will help tremendously, too.

**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](mailto:info@sunnysideadventist.org) to submit your request. There is power in prayer and it truly makes a difference.



**Dollars for Missions!** We have received nearly 400 labels! 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.



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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:** Carmen Cafferky; **Monday:** Paul Grignon, Annalise Hill, Donna Mitchell; **Tuesday:** Dave Allen, Ann Carl, Edson Simon; **Wednesday:** Alden Mosoti, Jason Wilhite, Don Williams; **Thursday:** Victor Garcia, Michelle Marin; **Friday:** Robert Byrd, Patrick Iyamuremye, Sandra Reynolds

## **ADVENTIST EDUCATION**



### **Portland Adventist Elementary School**

<http://www.paes.com>

#### **Accountant Needed at PAES**

Portland Adventist Elementary School is looking for a part-time accountant (about 10 hours a month) who will do month-end closing, reconciliation, and reports. CPA is preferred, but not required if the level of experience would suffice. Please reach out to [principal@paes.com](mailto:principal@paes.com) and [treasurer@paes.com](mailto:treasurer@paes.com) to apply.

#### **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](mailto:admin@paes.com) to apply.



### **Portland Adventist Academy**

<https://paasda.org>

#### **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](http://www.paasda.org), or contact me at [ubrown@paasda.org](mailto: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](https://jobs.wallawalla.edu).

## **AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Learn more at [OregonAdventist.org](https://OregonAdventist.org).

**GLADSTONE CAMP MEETING NEEDS YOUR HELP TO HAPPEN IN 2025!**

We need your help to make Gladstone Camp Meeting happen while the Oregon Conference gets back to a good financial footing.

The goal is to raise \$450,000 by March 31, 2025.

Give online at <https://orad.us/ORGiving> or write "Gladstone Camp Meeting" on your tithe envelope.

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**Gladstone Camp Meeting** needs your help to happen in 2025! Camp meeting is important to our Oregon Conference family and we plan to keep hosting it for years to come. For 2025 we need your help to make Gladstone Camp Meeting happen while the Oregon Conference gets back to a good financial footing. The goal is to raise \$450,000 by March 31, 2025. Give online at <https://orad.us/ORGiving> or write "Gladstone Camp Meeting" on your tithe envelope. Learn more at [OregonAdventist.org](https://OregonAdventist.org).

**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](http://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](mailto: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 (starting now in 2024)*
2. *To proclaim the Gospel with the Holy Spirit's power (in 2025).*

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>





**Oregon Prayer Conference, March 21-23, 2025**, at Twin Rocks Conference Center, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. Click on the QR code for more information.

<https://www.oregonadventist.org/ministries/prayer-ministries>



## **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. **What We Did in 2023:** 569 Total Volunteers, 32,686 Volunteer Hours Given, 2.1 Million Pounds of Food Distributed. That's what the copper for 28 Statues of Liberty would weigh! 310,000 Clients Helped.

**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 some to share please let us know or bring them to PACS and hand them in to the office.



**Northwest Adventist Federal Credit Union – Join Our Team as a Teller/Member Service Representative!**

Are you someone who loves to help others and bring a smile to their face? Do you thrive in a fast-paced environment where no two days are the same? If so, we'd love to meet you! If you're ready to bring your passion for service to a place where it truly matters, email [communication@mynwcu.com](mailto:communication@mynwcu.com) today! We can't wait to welcome you to the NWAFCU family.

**Accountant Needed at PAES**

PAES is looking for a part-time accountant (about 10 hours a month) who will do month-end closing, reconciliation, and reports.

CPA preferred, but not required if the level of experience would suffice. Please reach out to [principal@paes.com](mailto:principal@paes.com) to apply.

**Hood View Adventist School** is hiring for next school year!

**Teacher's Aides** – Up to 30 hours a week, depending on need and your availability. Multiple positions available.

**Art Teacher** – Approximately 12 hours/week teaching art classes to students at all grade levels.

**Foreign Language Teacher** – Any language (including sign language) to teach 2 hours/2 days per week.

**Guest Teachers/Substitutes (On-Call)** – Provide instruction in a classroom when the teacher must be absent. From 3.5 hours to 7 hours per assignment (willingness and flexibility to accept jobs both in advance and last minute is helpful).

**Piano Teacher/Choir Accompanist** – 2 hours/2 days per week to accompany the Intermediate and Advanced Choirs. Studio space is also available for a piano teacher who wishes to teach private lessons.

All part-time positions, with the exception of on-call positions, begin one week prior to the start of the school year and finish one week after the school year concludes. The positions require individuals who can keep confidentiality, have basic computer skills including working knowledge of office machines, computer software e.g. MS Office and Adobe products, and a cleared background check with the Oregon Conference of SDA. For all positions wages and benefits are based on the denominational wage scale and policy. Must have the legal right to work in the United States and be able to provide evidence of that right if employed. If interested, please email your resume and cover letter with three references to [principal@hvja.org](mailto:principal@hvja.org).

**Job Opening: Adventist Book Center – Part-Time Customer Service.** For full details, download the job description and application at [oregonadventist.org/support/human-resources#job-opportunities](http://oregonadventist.org/support/human-resources#job-opportunities).

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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.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](mailto: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](mailto:Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org) or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

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