

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, January 1, 2022



Greetings Church Family!

Have you ever gotten so focused on something that you missed something else that was important?

I was in Kenya with a large group of people on safari in the Maasai Mara. We were out in the bush for most of the day seeing absolutely wonderful displays of God's creation. We saw giraffe, zebra, all kinds of

antelope, hippo, crocodile, lion, cheetah, and, well the list goes on. At the beginning of our journey, we gave all of our team a booklet for them to check off all the animals that they saw during our two days in the bush.

At the end of our second night, we were all gathered around the fire and everybody brought their safari books to compare what we saw and talk about the experiences. The highlight of everybody's trip was the rhino that we not only saw, but that charged one of our vehicles, missing it by just a few feet as the driver sped backward in reverse.

As we all shared our experiences, I noticed one young man not engaged in the conversation. When I asked about his experience, some of the teens in his group said, "Craig didn't see hardly anything because he was playing video games the whole time."

Sure enough, Craig didn't even know that we saw a rhino, a leopard, or a near kill by a cheetah running for a Thompson Gazelle. He was so focused on breaking a personal record on his electronic game that he missed the bigger, better experience.

Sometimes we can get so focused on what ultimately doesn't matter, we forget that there's a great big world out there that God has given us to be engaged in and add beauty to. Life can race by as we focus on unimportant things; distracting things.

Hebrews 12 gives us this admonition, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart."

In 2022, let's turn off all the things that take our eyes off Jesus. In this new year let's keep our focus on the Savior so we won't miss out on the more abundant life He has in store for us.

Pastor Mark Witas



Shout-Out

Send your "shout-outs" to info@SunnysideAdventist.org so we can include them in next week's Communiqué. This is a place you can recognize someone for doing well or going beyond expectations.

Shout out to the Worship Coordinators, pastors, planners, musicians, and each of you involved in planning our worship services for quickly getting advance information to me regarding our worship services so the bulletins could be printed early.

*Thanks to all of you for your promptness.
I had a very nice and relaxed vacation time!*

~Rosie Bixel

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

Welcome to Sunnyside! In compliance with state regulations, please wear a mask over your nose and mouth the entire time you are in the building, both during Sabbath School classes and church service, as well as maintaining physical distancing. We want to do our part in promoting a healthy situation. Again, if you feel sick or have been around anyone that has been sick, we request that you stay home and watch our services on livestream.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sabbath School quarterlies for this quarter are now available. You may download or view it from <http://www.sabbathschoolonthemove.org/topics/biblestudies/2022-q1-the-message-of-hebrews>, or you may pick up a copy from the shelf near the office.

Thank you Church family: "I would like to express my sincere thanks for the outpouring of so much love to our family with the loss of my mom. You were patient as I took some Family leave to be a caregiver for several months and then many weekends away. I appreciate your kindness to allow me to treasure those last moments and months with my mother. I know that she would want nothing more than for me to move forward. She would want me to continue to minister to the kids and our families at Sunnyside with purpose and joy in the hope we have of a Savior who walks every path alongside us. For those of you who have also had a deep loss this year, my heart goes out to you as well. We will get through this and I know Jesus is our comfort every step of the way. Courage to you all. This too Jesus can handle."

- Pastor Wendy

January 15, 5:00 PM, Family Fun Night! Come join us for an evening of family fun. Everyone is invited. Food will be provided. Let's have a great night, and enjoy the fellowship, activities, and food together! Please save your boxes and bring them (flattened) to the church January 8, or drop them by the office. We will be needing them for use on Family Fun Night!



Our new flower calendar is posted in the hallway and [online](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org). (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.

The Family Resource Network is helping several families. They have a need for blankets and winter clothes.

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

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 for you to the directory. Thank you.

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



LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



Sunday: James Delaney, Julie Smith; **Monday:** John Billington, William Cape, Madison Collin, Scott Collin, Bill Judd, Stan Kirk, Tom Kramer, Vasile Siminel; **Tuesday:** Anthony Avilla, Pam Bullock, Carmen Cafferky; **Thursday:** Paul Grignon, Annalise Hill, Tuan Le, Donna Mitchell, **Friday:** Dave Allen, Ann Carl, Malini Foliaki, Edson Simon

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

January 14-16 — Oregon Young Adults & Big Lake Camp Staff Annual Winter Retreat

After missing last year our annual retreat is back for 2022. Young Adults and Big Lake Camp Staff are invited to join us for an unforgettable Winter experience at Big Lake Youth Camp to make new friends, connect with old friends, enjoy the outdoors, worship together, eat great food, and recharge. Markis Zarate, national worship leader, will be with us for the weekend in addition to a few other special guests. The retreat registration link is below, all young adults, who have not done so already, will need to

create a quick "account", once an account has been created click "register" and the website will walk you through all the steps to finalize registration and get ready for the event. [Retreat Registration \(click here\)](#).

March 25-27: Oregon Prayer Conference 2022 featuring Pavel Goia. Location: Twin Rocks Conference Center, Rockaway Beach, Oregon. To register click here <https://bit.ly/OPC2022>. For more information contact Tawny Sportsman at tawnysusan@yahoo.com, or 541-401-2521.

ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School
<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Academy
<https://paasda.org/>

PAA REGISTRATION

Portland Adventist Academy is accepting applications for the 2022-2023 school year. Save \$125 with an Early Bird Discount!

PAA / PUA ALUMNI WEEKEND — SAVE THE DATE— May 7, 2022

PAA is planning an in-person alumni reunion morning worship service at Sunnyside Church for Sabbath, May 7, 2022. Honor classes reunions may meet on campus in the afternoon. There will also be a retirement reception for long-time math teacher, Bob Johnson, who retired at the end of last year after a 39-year teaching career and 32 years at PAA. The honor classes are: 1942 (80th Year), 1952, 1962, 1972 (50th Year), 1982, 1992, 1997 (25th Year), 2002, 2012, 2017 (5th Year – Why wait 10 years?)

If you're an Amazon shopper, you can add Portland Adventist Academy as your [AmazonSmile](#) charitable organization. Amazon will donate a percentage of your purchases to PAA. You can feel good knowing that you're helping our students receive a Christ-centered and character-driven education! Create your account at www.smile.amazon.com. Search charitable organizations for *Portland Adventist Academy*. Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>

PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00-11:00 AM. If you or someone you know needs food please tell them about us. If you cannot make it to PACS please send a note with someone and they can get you food. Any questions please call PACS at 503-252-8500 or email pacsfood2020@gmail.com. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220

PACS Thrift Store is OPEN - we have temporary hours: Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM-5:00 PM & Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM. Our donation drop-off center is open and we value your donations but due to a high volume of donations please call ahead to see if we are accepting, 503-252-8500. Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220.

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