

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, January 15, 2022



Greetings church family,

I want to share a blog by Jessica Griggs for our message in this newsletter. It is a new year, a new chapter, a time coming out of some tough years, so what better way than to recalibrate with the following thought on feeding our soul with the fuel that is needed to face each and every day. I know that my own journey of loss in the last three years have made me think

more deeply about what life is all about and I echo and amen the following compass setting and habit to set our direction and relationship to the only one who can help us walk this journey of life with no fear, love, and grace. Let's make this new year one where we are equipped for the rest of our journey.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9

"This verse is familiar to many of us who grew up in the church. In context, this promise was given to Joshua after Moses died. Joshua was about to lead the Israelites into the promised land, which was a huge responsibility. While directed toward Joshua, this promise is applicable to us today as well.

What would it look like to start off your day truly believing this promise? Sure, I can say I believe God is with me and I don't have to be afraid but do I live my life as if I truly have nothing to fear because God is on my side? Do you? Chances are, probably not. Why is that?

For me, I think it's a lack of understanding of God's character. What better way to get to know God than to spend time praying and reading His Word? I'm the first to admit my daily devotional life is hit or miss. However, I can honestly say the seasons where I make an effort to talk with Jesus first thing in the morning are far more meaningful than the seasons I don't.

What would your day look like if you started it off with Jesus? And moreover, what would your day look like if you meditated on the promises of God? Many of us struggle to spend time in the Word daily. We know it's good, that it's integral to growing in our faith, and yet, so many of us fall short of this goal! Why is that?

More often than not, I bet it's because you're busy. I know I am. I'm reminded of Martin Luther's famous words, "I have so much to do today that I'm going to need to spend three hours in prayer in order to be able to get it all done." What a different perspective that is than our own!

Now, I'm not advocating for three hours of prayer a day (unless that's what you're led to do!) but the point is still very clear; we're too busy not to pray. We're too busy not to spend time with God in whatever form that looks like for you. Whether it's listening to worship music and meditating on the lyrics, listening to a sermon, reading a devotional, or any number of ways that make you focus your time and attention on things above rather than things below.

Let this be an encouragement to you to start tomorrow off with God or not continue the day until you have. It's intimidating to start any habit, so I suggest picking one verse to meditate on – like Joshua 1:9. Ask yourself what it means to be courageous and how your confidence and trust in God grants you access to unimaginable strength. Day by day, little by little, you'll build a habit. Moreover, God will reward your dedication, so keep at it!"

~Jessica Griggs from Faith Hub.

Pastor Wendy Witas

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

Please pray for the following families:

Brittany Baker who recently passed away. She is the niece of Raymond Baker. A funeral will be conducted here at Sunnyside Church Thursday, January 20, 11:00 AM.

Earl Bolton passed away January 13, 2022, at the age of 107. A memorial service is not being planned.

Phyllis Novak passed away December 30, 2021. A memorial service is not planned.

Jack Means passed away December 30, 2021. A memorial service is not planned.

Fred Moore, a former member, passed away January 9, 2022. Memorial services are in the process of being planned.

The Gramada brothers, whose step-father passed away in Tennessee this week.

Evie Blehm, our head greeter, has retired after serving in this position for many years. Evie, we'd like to thank you for your dedicated service in this position. You have been a blessing to many!



Family Fun Night was scheduled for tonight. However due to the increased surge of Covid-19, we are postponing it to **January 29, 5:00 PM. Family Fun Night** will be 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!



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.

The Selection Committee for 2022-2023 has been chosen: The members are: **Ivonne Allen, Raymond Baker, Elaine Bradshaw, Paul Dragulin, Konnie Geschke, Lauren Gregory, Bill Hohensee, Steffen Moller, Larry Ramey, Donna Schmidt, and Patrick Shima.** The first meeting of the Selection Committee to work on new members for the Nominating Committee will be on Tuesday, January 22, 6:30 PM viz Zoom.

Elders and the Church Board will meet Wednesday, January 19 via Zoom. Elders check in at 6:15 PM and Board members check in at 7:00 PM. Watch your email for your Zoom invitation.

January 22, 6:00 PM, we will be blessed with a Jamie Jorge concert here at Sunnyside Church. It will begin at 6:00 PM, in person. Plan to attend this very special event.

Revelation Now — The Great Reset, *It Is Written*, meetings will begin February 4 and continue through March 5. They will be conducted here at Sunnyside Church on Friday, Sabbath, Sunday, Tuesday, and Wednesday each week at 7:00 PM. Save the dates and bring a friend to these informative meetings.

The North Pacific Union Conference has a job opening for an Executive Assistant. View our [Communiqué](#) for more information.



Our new flower calendar is 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.

The Family Resource Network is helping several families. They currently 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!

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



Happy Birthday



Sunday: Kristin Buroker, Pauline Davis, Michael Overland, Kort Petersen; **Monday:** Marilyn Drake, Pat Hicks, Mark Hull, Shirley Schoepflin; **Tuesday:** Aaron Busi, Jodi Foust, John Kirkpatrick; **Wednesday:** Judith Fouts, Jo Ann Nelson; **Thursday:** David Emori, Nathaniel Gren, Teresa Heick, Mark Nuss, Linda Olson, Debbie Stanton; **Friday:** Gabriela Alvarez, Margaret Boling, Andreea Hutuleac, Wynn Knowling

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/>.

Walla Walla University

Bright Future Scholarship available! If you are graduating from a non-Adventist high school or transferring from a non-Adventist college/university for either this year or the next academic year, and reside in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, or Alaska contact the WWU Student Financial Services at 509-527-2815 to see if you are eligible. Scholarships range up to \$6,000 and are based on need and will be renewable up to four years of the student's attendance.



PACS UPDATE

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.

PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:
www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore.

Housemate Wanted:

Housemate wanted in NE Portland near 122nd and Sacramento. Three-bedroom, 1,000 sq. ft house, large backyard. For more information contact the church office at info@SunnysideAdventist.org or call 503-252-8080.

Job Opportunities:

NPUC Executive Assistant Position available! For this full-time, hourly position, the individual must be able to appropriately represent the office of administration. The candidate must be a Seventh-day Adventist member in regular standing. The candidate must have knowledge of Microsoft Word and other Microsoft software, such as Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, and Access. The candidate should have a basic understanding of accounting and possess skills in word processing and record-keeping. The work schedule of 38 hours per week is flexible but must be conducted at the NPUC office in Ridgefield, Wash., and fit within the regularly scheduled office hours. For more information, contact Robert Sundin, NPUC Undertreasurer, at 360-857-7014, or robert.sundin@nw.npuc.org.

Big Lake Youth Camp has an opening for a Head Chef for their 2022 summer. If you are interested, please send résumé and cover letter to: Big Lake 19800 Oatfield Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027.

"Level Up" by working at Big Lake Youth Camp! Big Lake is now taking applications for a variety of summer staff positions at <https://biglake.org/employment/apply/> (or scan the QR code). Make a difference in the life of a child and make memories that will last your life! Apply today!