

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué News & Announcements

May 14, 2022



Greetings!

"Don't judge a book by its cover" says the folk wisdom.

But to be honest, I often do. I like a good, tasteful design, soft leather, new-book smell, and the feeling of poignant expectancy of a new story hidden under the cover.

I have similar feelings as I open a new chapter with an elegant and elaborate title: Sunnyside Adventist Church.

My name is Violeta Bilan. I am a new addition to the Sunnyside pastoral team. This Sabbath, my family and I will join you in fellowship and worship. I'm sure we are going to have plenty of opportunities to get to know each other better in the future but for now, I just want to introduce my family to you.

My husband Ben and I moved to the USA from Ukraine almost 20 years ago.

Ben is a chaplain at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center. He can play almost any instrument that has strings or a digital equivalent in a sophisticated world of music software.

Our son, Vlad, who is turning 21 next week, inherited Ben's passion for music and digital recording. He is a University of Oregon student, majoring in journalism.



Our daughter Bianka is the only person in our family who has the legal right to become an American president. She is also the only STEM person in our family. Currently, Bianka is a junior in high school, showing no signs of interest in a political career but rather the fascination with a career in the medical field.

A good book can make us laugh and cry. It can bore us into a peaceful sleep, and it can perplex us with a challenging point or surprise with an unexpected plot twist. But it is exactly what makes a good book good.

We are lucky because we know the Author of our next chapter. I won't be surprised if we'd make each other laugh and cry. But we'll be in all of it together, true to ourselves and our divine calling. And whatever we'd have to face will be meaningful and beautiful by the grace of God.

Pastor Violeta Bilan



News & Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Friday, May 13, at 7:30 PM, Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony will provide a concert here at Sunnyside Church. Their concert is titled "How Deep the Father's Love For Us." You will not want to miss out on this exceptional concert.

Welcome to Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony from Collegedale, Tennessee. They will be presenting our ministry of music for us today during worship service.

Sabbath, May 14, at 6:00 PM, there will be a vespers featuring photos and events that took place when our mission team took over \$30,000 of funds and food to the Ukrainian refugees.



Partial Nominating Committee Report — Second Reading:

Deacon: Del Colton
Lead Deacon: Josh Miller
Lead Deacon: Stan Christensen
Deaconess: Ruby Hohensee
Head Greeter: Karen Hamilton (pending transfer)
Pathfinder Director: Jonathan Russell
Student Aid Committee: Patrick Shima
VBS Director: Beverly Merino

Portland Adventist Elementary school will conduct its annual Constituency meeting Monday, May 16 at 7:00 PM, in the PAES library. Sunnyside delegates, please attend this important meeting. Thank you.

Wednesday, May 18 at 7:00 PM, Sunnyside Church Board will meet via Zoom. **Elders will meet at 6:15 PM**. Watch your email for the Zoom invitation.




Sabbath, May 21, at 3:30 PM, and 7:00 PM, the Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus will present their Spring Festival at

Sunnyside Adventist Church. Tickets are required, but they are FREE! Reserve your tickets early to make sure you get a space. Below are the links:

[OAMC Spring Festival 3:30 PM](https://www.oamcministry.org) | [OAMC Spring Festival 7:00 PM](https://www.oamcministry.org) | <https://www.oamcministry.org>

Did God gift you with a love for singing? Contact pollyannamoody@gmail.com if you are interested in singing with the Sunnyside Choir.

Student Aid applications are now available for the 2022-2023 school year. If you are in need of financial assistance to attend one of our schools, please call the church office, 503-252-8080, or send an email to info@sunnysideadventist.org, for an instruction sheet. We have a new system in place this year and we can email you the information. The **deadline** for your application to be completed is **June 5**.

 **June 11, 7:00 PM. Our Strawberry Vespers is back!** Save the date and prepare for a phenomenal musical program followed by strawberry shortcake! 🍓

Portland Adventist Academy has a special Constituency meeting scheduled via Zoom on Tuesday, June 14 at 7:00 PM. We will be emailing constituent delegates the agenda, meeting minutes, documents, and Zoom link ahead of the meeting date.

Congratulations graduates! If you are graduating this year, or know of someone graduating (8th grade, high school or college) we would like to include your name in our Communiqué. Please forward the name, the school name, and degree you will be receiving to info@sunnysideadventist.org or call 503-252-8080.



Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and online. (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 all household items, queen bed, bedding, and winter clothes. Contact Marie Pierre for more information 503-998-3754.

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

Upcoming Events

Friday, May 13, 7:00 PM: Southern Adventist University Wind Symphony Vespers
Sabbath, May 21, 3:30 & 7:00 PM: Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus Festival
Sunday, May 22, 3:00 PM: The Oregon Sinfonietta Concert
Sabbath, June 11, 7:00 PM: Strawberry Vespers
In June-dates yet to be determined: Vacation Bible School

LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



Happy Birthday



Today: David Lindstrom, Cynthia Stephan; **Monday:** Nancy Rader, Betty Royce; **Tuesday:** Mick Turner; **Wednesday:** Rebecca Evanado, Lanny Hurlbert; **Thursday:** Ruby Hohensee, David Miller, Jr., Vera Ortner; **Friday:** Elaine Bradshaw, Sheila Buck, Chelsea Hungate, Arnold Petersen

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Oregon Conference is excited to announce the Northwest Reflections Photo Contest! We're updating the art throughout the Oregon Conference office building and would love to use 21 of your best photographs to tell the story of where we live! Oregon Conference members are invited to submit photos taken in the Oregon Conference territory in any of the following categories: Beaches, Lakes, & Skies, Flowers & Foliage, Mountains, People, Prairies & Fields, Flowing Water, and Wildlife. Entries will be accepted from May 9, 2022, through May 31, 2022. Public voting will happen from June 5, 2022, through June 20, 2022. The top six finalists in each category will be announced on Friday, June 24. Each will receive a \$50 prize! Learn more and submit your photos at <https://bit.ly/OCPhotoContest2022>.



July 8-10, 2022 — SAVE THE DATE!! for Impact Your Health Portland 2022 free clinics (dental, vision, medical) at Portland Adventist Academy, at 1500 SE 96th Ave. Clinic set-up will be on Thursday, July 7, and Volunteer Orientation Thursday evening, July 7 at 6 PM. Volunteers are needed for this community Ministry Outreach. Tell your friends and neighbors! Find more details and registration at the website www.ImpactYourHealthPDX.com.

Impact Your Health PDX 2022 needs student backpacks! Most school districts give the students the supplies they need for school,

but the family is expected to supply a backpack. We would like to help fill that need! Impact Your Health served over a hundred families with school supplies a couple of years ago. At our July 8 and 10, 2022 clinic, we would like any child who cannot afford a backpack to be able to receive one. Donations of a backpack or money to purchase backpacks are most appreciated. We'll need small, medium, and large sizes. You may drop the backpacks off at the Oregon Conference office at 19800 Oatfield Road, Portland, or Hood View Church at 26775 SE Kelso Road, Boring, or at Portland Adventist Academy at 1500 SE 96th Ave., Portland 97216.



Camp Meeting needs you! We could not run without you! With not having Camp Meeting for a couple years, it may have fallen off your radar for summer planning. This ministry largely happens because of the nearly 500-dedicated volunteers that give of their time to this ministry. Please sign up now by going to <https://www.oregonadventist.org/gladstone-camp-meetings-volunteers>. Questions? Don't hesitate to contact Kerry at 503-850-3350 or cm.reservations@oc.npuc.org. Thank you for your willingness to help make Camp Meeting happen!

We are planning an in-person 2022 Gladstone Camp Meeting! This year, Spanish language meetings will happen July 14-16, English July 19-23. What makes camp meeting work though is the volunteers! Children's ministries, hospitality, InfoBooth, blood drive, kitchen/dining room, media center, safety, and many other places will need volunteers to make camp meeting happen! Learn about the positions available, what type of job you might have, and how to sign up at <https://bit.ly/campmeetingvolunteering>. The summer maintenance crew is also being hired. (Summer maintenance crew positions are paid.) If you are interested, please mail athena.gray@oc.npuc.org or matthew.ballard@oc.npuc.org. Thank you for helping to make camp meeting happen this year!

His Praise Men's Chorus is looking to continue praising the Lord through music and fellowship. We invite all men in the Portland/Vancouver area to come and join us! We practice weekly, and sing for churches in the region once a month or so. For more information, contact Charlie Drury at cd88sings@gmail.com, or 503-935-7995, or Jerry Irvine at jerrygirvine@gmail.com, or 206-261-6452.

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

New Student registration for 2022-2023 is now open! Registration fee: \$50. Apply at [PAES.com](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!

If you're an Amazon shopper, you can add Portland Adventist Academy as your [AmazonSmile](https://www.smile.amazon.com) 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 is 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, with an after-work option once a month from 5:00–7:00 PM, every third Thursday of the month. We are still operating with social distancing and social responsibility. 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 Sun 11 AM-4 PM, Mon-Wed 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Thurs 9:00 AM-7:00 PM, & Friday 9:00 AM-2:30 PM. Our donation drop-off center is open and needs your donations! Mon-Thurs 9:00-1:00 PM, and Sun 11:00 AM-2:00 PM. If you have any questions about what items we accept, please give us a call at 503-252-8500.

Depending on volunteer availability, we offer pick-up service for a small fee. If you have furniture or larger items and no way to get rid of them, give us a call and we'll do our best to help you out! Located at 11020 NE Halsey St, Portland OR 97220.

Gateway Grace Dental Clinic at PACS is OPEN

Gateway Grace Clinic at PACS is open and accepting uninsured patients for low-cost preventative dental care. If you or someone you know needs to schedule an appointment with us, please call 503-907-6768 or email dental@pacsonline.org.

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 Gerelisa at gerelisa.eisele@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130. Thanks!

Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

If you have any 12-count empty egg cartons we would love to take them off your hands to use in our food pantry! Please drop them off at our Office or Donation Receiving. Thank you in advance!

PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:

www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore.



PACS Job Openings!

Portland Adventist Community Services is hiring! We have two crucial part-time positions available and are looking to interview immediately. If you or someone you know is interested in either of these part-time jobs, please email laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org. You can also visit www.pacsonline.org/jobs to learn more about the positions.

Thrift Store Assistant Manager: \$18.50/hour, two days a week to start with, training available as long as you are a kind and organized person and a strong communicator. Your primary responsibility is to help the store manager support our volunteers as they are the engine behind everything PACS does.

Donor Experience Specialist: \$17.50/hour, 12 hours/week to start with, training also available as long as you have excellent customer service skills. This person will be the face of PACS to those who come to donate their items. You'll accept their donations, and work in the back of the store sorting, organizing, pricing, and supervising small teams of volunteers as they stock the store with the items we receive.

Big Lake Youth Camp has an opening for a Head Chef for their 2022 summer. If you are interested, please send a 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 lifetime! Apply today!

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