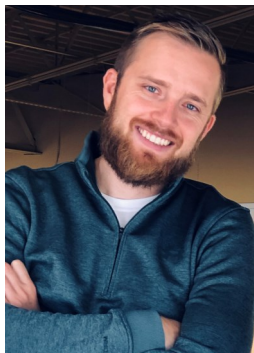


Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

July 30, 2022



Hello church family!

It has been a while since Chelsea and I have seen your smiling faces, given hugs, talked about life and God, been in Sabbath School, and all the wonderful things that happen at Sunnyside. The first thing we both want to say is thank you!

Thank you to those who have lifted our family up in prayer. Thank you to those of you who have brought us food, given donations for our meal train, and helped in many other ways. We are so incredibly grateful for each and every one of you. We are also so grateful for your grace as well. We have been gone and will be gone for a little bit longer but we are grateful for your grace in these times for our family.

While this communiqué is not an update (you can check my Facebook page for those) we are moving in the right direction with our daughters. While we are moving in the right direction, that does not mean that we are out of the woods or that we will continue to go in the positive direction. God is in control and we thoroughly believe in that. With that being said, this journey has been full of ups and downs, and our faith has been tested. There was a good week there that the only words that I could pray to God were, "I believe LORD, help me overcome my unbelief." This comes from Mark 9, where Jesus heals a boy and the father is speaking to Jesus when he says, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"

I have consistently been reminded of a story in the Bible that I would like to share with you. In Luke 5, some men came to where Jesus was carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. When they couldn't find a way to Jesus because the crowd was so large, they ended up going on the roof and lowering him, on his mat, through the tiles into the middle of the crowd, right in front of Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith, he said, "Friend, your sins are forgiven."

I have been reminded of this story over and over again because each one of you represents one of our friends who have picked us up, put us on a mat, carried us onto the roof, and lowered us to the feet of Jesus. There are moments when Chelsea and I have had no faith. Hard to admit but it is true. We have gone through so many ups and downs, almost losing one of our daughters three times, multiple procedures, lots of waiting, tons of praying, and moments of anxiety and panic that include very little faith.

We are so grateful for you because when we had no faith, you lifted us up and lowered us to the feet of Jesus. Thank you for that! I know that God has so much grace and patience with all of us, that in the times when I had no faith and we were receiving text

messages, phone calls, and emails from all over the world that would help us and lift us up. In the story in Luke 5, it says that Jesus saw their faith and He forgave the sins of the paralyzed man. I took such comfort knowing that in my times of little faith, God looked at me and then looked at everyone praying and He saw your faith, He heard your prayers, your petitions, your pleadings. Even while there were times when I may have been silent, you were not.

There is nothing more I can say than thank you! I cannot begin to express how incredibly grateful we are for all of you. There are times when we are down, times when we are suffering, and because of the faith and actions of our friends, we can be placed right at the feet of Jesus. That is what church is all about. Lifting each other up, picking up our mats, placing our friends and family on them, climbing to the roof, and lowering each other to the feet of Jesus.

We love our church!

Pastor Billy and Chelsea

News & Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Sunnyside. We're glad you're here to join us for worship today.

The floral tribute is presented by Oliver and Jackee Duvall in celebration of their 28 years of marriage. Congratulations Oliver and Jackee!



This evening at 6:00, Wintley Phipps, an internationally known baritone singer, will present a free, live concert here at Sunnyside Church. You will not want to miss this world-renowned singer with a booming, baritone-bass voice as he shares the gospel in song with us. He has been Grammy-nominated, recorded many successful albums, and has sung before many of our presidents and other dignitaries. Tickets are not required.

Sunday, July 31 is Youth Night — we'll meet at Oaks Park for an evening of roller skating and fun. It will be from 7:00-9:30 PM. All youth are invited!

Please pray for the family of Mary Ruth Janke who passed away June 21, 2022. A memorial service will be conducted for her here at Sunnyside Church in the Fellowship Hall August 13 at 3:00 PM.

Urgent volunteer needs! Video, audio, and projection departments urgently need some helpers. The **Greeters** need more volunteers. If you can help in any of these areas please contact the church office, 503-252-8080 or email info@SunnysideAdventist.org.

Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra has an opening for a first chair flute player and a first chair horn player. Check their website for the audition dates sunnysidesymphony.com.

Pastors Mark and Wendy Witas invite you to join them for the "2023 New Testament Alive" tour visiting Revelation's seven churches (Turkey, Patmos, and Greece) on March 22 through April 2, 2023. For more information contact Pastor Mark at Mark.Witas@SunnysideAdventist.org.



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 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



Today: Rachel Chin, Trish Erickson, Jaclyn Russell; **Sunday:** Shirley Allen, Raymond Baker, Shawn Mandrones, Jerry Richardson, Gerald Schoepflin, Cindy Stewart; **Tuesday:** Arthur Tolan,

Michael Vickroy; **Wednesday:** Marcella Gearhart, Richard Zaversnake; **Friday:** Matthew Balance, Ron Blehm, Jonathan Nyamfura, Rachel Pierre-Paul, Marian Richardson

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Adventist Book Center is having its Camp Meeting sale. Go to ABCflyer.com to view their flyer. The sale is on until July 31.

Sabbath, July 30, 2:30 PM, at Stone Tower SDA Church, and 6:00 PM at Vancouver SDA Community Church two young Adventist Frontier Mission missionaries will share their experiences. Plan on attending this—you will be blessed.

Mt. Tabor SDA Church is hosting a FREE Community Fun Day on July 31, 2:00-5:00 PM. Come enjoy fair games, live music, food trucks, raffles, and more! Celebrate summer and community together at Mt. Tabor Church! Join us at 1001 SE 60th Ave. Portland, OR 97215.

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>

School starts August 29, 2022!



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

School starts August 24, 2022!

If you're an Amazon shopper, you can add Portland Adventist Academy as your [AmazonSmile](https://www.amazon.com/amazon-smile/) 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

School starts September 25!

Freshman Orientation: September 18!

WWU Alumni Rosario Weekend

Walla Walla University's annual Alumni Sabbath at Rosario Beach Marine Laboratory will be held **August 26-28, 2022**. Come for Sabbath or the full weekend; meals and accommodations require registration. This year's guest speaker is WWU alumnus, Ralph Perrin '77. For details and registration, visit www.wallawalla.edu/Rosario-Sabbath or call (509) 527-2631.

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.



Car Needed!

We have a member who is need a of a car. If you have one available or know of someone that does, please let us know. Call 503-252-8080.

Caregiver Needed!

Disabled patient with MS needs a caregiver for one 29-hour shift per week, 1:00 PM Thursday to 6:00 PM, Friday. State pays \$350 per shift. If interested, contact the office at 503-252-8080.

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.

