

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

August 6, 2022



Greetings church family!

One of the most delightful human experiences is collective worship.

Do you remember the feeling of being in a large group, united in a wholehearted response to an akin perception of reality?

You may think of a big stadium, a concert hallway, or maybe a camp meeting where hundreds or thousands of people are united in one accord. You can sense the energy. You can feel the collective heartbeat. You may feel tears in your eyes or goose bumps on your skin.

Those moments are the top experiences of created beings.

Imagine God, who can be everywhere in any single moment of time. He doesn't need a big gathering or an inspirational praise leader to experience unity with us all.

I can imagine our God on a Monday morning or a Thursday afternoon with tears in his eyes, overwhelmed with joy as his children in different corners of the earth unreservedly serve each other. A mother cooking a healthy meal for her kids. A counselor, compassionately listening to his client. A custodian, diligently cleaning the floor. A doctor, carefully listening to a patient's lungs. All doing their part to make this world a better place. Enhancing the appreciation of the gift of life and the life giver.

When God sees a multitude of His children united in a wholehearted service of love – that is **His** top experience.



The time is coming—it has, in fact, come—when what you're called will not matter and where you go to worship will not matter. It's who you are and the way you live that count before God.

John 4:23 MSG

Pastor Violeta Bilan

News & Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Please pray for the following families:

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 Sabbath, August 13 at 3:00 PM.

John Kieper who passed away last Sabbath morning, July 30. A memorial service will be conducted here at Sunnyside Church on Sunday, August 21 at 11:00 AM.

Imer Henry, Norman Henry's father, passed away recently. They will appreciate your prayers.

Lois Smith, who was a former secretary here at Sunnyside Church when Charles White was a pastor here. She passed away July 18. A memorial service is being planned and scheduled for Sunday, September 18, time yet to be determined, at Lents Church.

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.

Tuesday evenings at 7:00, History class meets every week. We have an upcoming interesting topic you might enjoy! Beginning August 16, we will be starting a mini-series of viewing great performances beginning with *"Now Hear This 'Becoming Mozart.'"* You won't want to miss this series. Everyone is welcome.



Wednesday mornings at 10:00, FaithLift, a group for ladies, meets here at the church to study the Bible, share their stories, and pray together over many needs as well as for those that need extra prayers. If this sounds like something you would enjoy attending, please come and join us. If you cannot be here in person, there is a Zoom link available to be able to join remotely.

On Wednesday evenings at 7:00, in the Fellowship Hall, there will be "Into the Word" Bible study with Pastor Mark Witas, continuing weekly. If you can't be here in person here is a Zoom link you may join

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82076486404?pwd=NkFKd3NURUloQ0V2eFNeeHpmQXNIQT09> or Meeting ID: 820 7648 6404
Passcode: 666777 | One tap mobile: 1-253-215-8782.





On the last Thursday of the month at noon, Seniors 60+ (others are welcome) will gather on our patio to enjoy lunch and fellowship together. Bring your own sack lunch and the church will provide dessert. This is weather-permitting — our umbrellas will be ready and up for shade! If the weather is messy, we'll meet in the fellowship hall.

Pastor Wendy is starting a children's choir in mid-September. If you have a child that would be interested in singing in the choir, please contact Pastor Wendy at wendy.witas@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



Happy Birthday



Today: Wesley Clark, Alan Hurlbert, Rolland Royce, Hunter Wescott;
Sunday: Merrily Rockwell, Jeff Ward; **Monday:** Wendy Witas;
Tuesday: Emilie Butler, Jason Clark, Larry Ramey, Betsy White;
Wednesday: Sharon Crosby, Esther Racasa; **Thursday:** Lauren Gregory, Barbara Gren, Conrad Gren; **Friday:** Adahley Dormus

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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](#) 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.

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 are 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, 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, 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.