

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

January 28, 2023



Greetings Sunnyside family,

It's easy to fall into routines. This is no less true in spiritual matters than mundane. Most of us have fallen into a pattern of spiritual disciplines of prayer and Bible study. These two disciplines are foundational and enriching, but they are not all the Bible teaches about how we can connect better to God.

I believe that if we're willing to explore a little deeper into the Bible's teachings on spiritual practices, we will find ourselves in much closer communion with our God. As a result, I've started using this space to share a few disciplines that I've found in the words of God. The last time, we talked about repentance.

This week, fellowship.

We don't often think of fellowship as a spiritual discipline. After all, it's just what happens as a byproduct of coming to church, right?

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer (Acts 2:42).

This verse is describing the vibrancy of the early church which grew up and flourished immediately after Jesus' ascension. Read it again.

Devoted. That's a pretty strong word for something that we usually only ever do by accident. And it's in a very exclusive club, right alongside teaching, communion, and prayer.

I would argue that fellowship—far from being the easiest on the list—is instead the most difficult. Fellowship is not being in physical proximity with others. Fellowship is not a kind smile. Fellowship is not even a polite conversation.

Fellowship, biblically, demands intimacy. It requires a closeness in relationships that many of us in this country don't have even with our own families. It urges authenticity, vulnerability, and intentionality.

Fellowship won't happen naturally. It won't happen by accident.

This Sabbath, devote yourself to fellowship. Pick somebody. Pick anybody.

And take the time to ask them about themselves, beyond the polite how's it goings and what's the news.

Devote yourself to fellowship.

Pastor Jonathan Stephan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Sunnyside today. We are celebrating an "International Sabbath"

where we are recognizing our many members from many different countries.

Thank you for joining us and we wish you God's blessing today.



Membership Transfers — Second Reading:

Leaving: Darilynne Allen to Rockwood Church
Mimi McCormick to Journey Church, Kelso, Washington
Sunny Rae Stiles to Journey Church, Kelso, Washington

Membership Transfers — First Reading:

Joining: Kari Hoyt from Carmichael SDA Church, California
Leaving: Carolyn Ackerman to East Salem Church
Lauren Gregory to Mt. Tabor Church
Joann Nelson to The Experience, Meridian, Idaho

At 6:00 PM, tonight the International Food Festival is happening in our Fellowship Hall! Come for an evening of fun, food, and fellowship, along with a fundraiser. We have an amazing array of international foods from which you may purchase your favorite, or try something new — at a bargain price for a great cause!



Sabbath afternoon at 4:00, February 11, we will be honored with another Evensong. It will feature Dan Miller, a nationally recognized organist, and the organist for Rodgers Organ Company in Forest Grove. He has played here at Sunnyside in concert with Tim Zimmerman and the King's Brass, and last fall with the Sumptown Brass for Sabbath Vespers at the organ. Jim Robertson, a retired teacher and pastor, will present the spoken word.

Our new flower calendar is now posted in the hallway and on our website. Please choose a date to share flowers with our Sunnyside family for our worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what message you would like to put in the bulletin about the flowers.



Tuesday evenings are known as "Bread Nights" when we feed the WWU nursing students a meal once a week. We need more helpers — please consider joining us. Contact David Duffield, 901-481-7875.

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.





Wednesday mornings at 10:00 our Men's Bible Study group meets to study the Bible together in the Columbia Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.



Happy Birthday



Today: Anley Dormus, Crystal Kielman, Valerie Taylor; **Sunday:** Donald Giles, Brenda Siaw; **Tuesday:** Liliana Gramada, Mark Witas; **Wednesday:** Megan Snyder, Madison Boskind; **Friday:** Joanne Dixon

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Come and enjoy a winter weekend at Big Lake Youth Camp, March 10-12 with Adventist Singles Ministries. Bring snowmobiles, skis, snowshoes, sleds, snowboards, and clothes for playing in the snow. Don't forget to bring your Bible, sleeping bag, pillow, and personal items. Cost is \$100.00 per person until February 26 and then the price increases \$10. Your fee includes a 5:30 PM snowcat ride in from Ray Benson Snow Park (Oregon Sno-Park permits required for the weekend), five meals and two nights' lodging. Your check is your reservation. Make checks payable to Jerry Walter, marked for Big Lake. Mail to Big Lake Weekend, c/o Jerry Walter, 92395 Territorial Hwy., Junction City, OR 97448. For more information, call Jerry at 503-789-8911 (mobile).

You are invited to Oregon Family & Children's Ministries VBS Planning Day (formerly VBS Fun Day). It will be on March 12, 2023 from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at the Holden Center. We will be featuring NAD's Fiercely Faithful and Group's Stellar & Pet's Unleashed (weekend VBS program). Please register at <http://bitly.ws/ySeZ> by February 20th. Hope to see you there!



ADVENTIST EDUCATION



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

Portland Adventist Elementary School (PAES) is seeking candidates for a 1st Grade long-term substitute teaching position for the remainder of this school year. Our school serves a diverse population and welcomes all students who desire an opportunity to learn more about Jesus. We are committed to being a light in our community and unlocking the potential of every child.

Handbells! Have you ever wanted to try ringing a handbell or a chime, or wondered what handbell music looks like? Every Thursday at 7:00 PM, you are invited to the choir room for an opportunity to look at music, try out the bells, meet our current members, and get more information about our Sunnyside Handbell Choir. For more information, please contact Karl Helton at sunnysidebellchoir@gmail.com.



Volunteers are urgently needed! Call the church office if you can help, 503-252-8080 — please reconsider if you have decided not to help before. We are eager to have your assistance in the following areas: **Decorating Committee** **Audio**
Adventurers **Video**
Greeters **Children's Sabbath Schools**

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



Mark your calendar for the upcoming events here at Sunnyside Church:

- ◇ January 28, 11:15 AM, International Sabbath
- 6:00 PM, International Food Festival
- ◇ February 11, 4:00 PM, Evensong
- ◇ February 26, 4:00 PM, Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra Concert



WE ARE HIRING



ESTABLISHED IN 1885
PORTLAND ADVENTIST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JOB POSITION :

Maintenance Worker

APPLY NOW

We are looking to hire someone with a positive attitude, a strong work ethic, an eye for detail, and a willingness to learn and collaborate. Some of the job duties include: performing cleaning and minor fixes, grounds-keeping, building and installing furniture & appliances, conducting maintenance tasks, and reporting to the facilities manager.

This is an hourly, full-time position.

Qualified applicants may submit

their resume, cover letter,

& references to

karin.green@paes.com.



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

SAVE THE DATE - Alumni Weekend May 5-7, 2023

In-person, on the PAA Campus.

Honor Classes: '43, '48 (75-year), '53, '63, '73 (50-year), '83, '93, '98 (25-year), '03, '13, '18 (5-year)

[More info on the Alumni web page.](#)

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Walla Walla University — wallawalla.edu

Walla Walla University is offering a Leadership Award to be applied to your freshman year at WWU of up to \$1,500, depending on the leadership positions you have held in high school or academy as a junior or senior. This includes class or student body officers, church leaders, yearbook or newspaper editors, team captains, and many others. See what a leadership role could net you at sfs.wallawalla.edu/calculators.



Walla Walla University's School of Nursing is Hiring!

Would you or someone you know like to join the WWU nursing team in Portland, Oregon? We are hiring for several positions including Advanced Acute clinical instructors, Community Health clinic instructors, and a full-time Faculty in Family Nursing. You can review these and other openings at jobs.wallawalla.edu.



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.

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/pacsthritstore.



PACS Job Openings!
Check PACS website at www.pacsonline.org/jobs

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.

Big Lake Job Opportunity
Have you ever dreamed of driving a snowcat at Big Lake? Applications are now opened to join the winter team at Big Lake Youth Camp from January through the end of March. Positions available include hospitality, maintenance, janitorial, or guest services. Position includes a FREE season pass to Hoodoo Ski Bowl. Fill out our New Staff Application online here: <https://biglake.wufoo.com/forms/2023-big-lake-youth-camp-new-staff-application/>

Last Week's Social Event in Photos



Last Week's Worship Service in Photos



Bread Night—Feeding the WWU Nursing Students a Meal

