

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, October 16, 2021



### Greetings church family,

It was a truck, rusted red and belching smoke into an already smoggy Portland day, late this summer. The sun was scorching the tip of my already-burned nose. I took a step or two around the side of the truck, and glanced through the cracked window. Inside was a gaunt, scruffy fellow with piercing eyes,

obsessively tapping his thumb and little finger against the steering wheel in an alternating, syncopated rhythm, lips in a thin line.

“This guy?” I raised an eyebrow at Tracy, my coworker at PACS.

She nodded. “Mm-hm. I think he wants to talk to a pastor.”

“What makes you think that?”

She shrugged, then smiled, just a little.

I took another step and waved at him through the window, smiling. The man started, momentarily frozen, then all in a rush fumbled his door open, leapt from the car, and thrust his outstretched hand into my stomach.

What followed was a heartbreaking story: a broken childhood, an escape onto the streets and into addiction, and an arduous journey back to stability. He shared how he was for the first time in his life able to hold down a job, how he was in his own apartment paying rent on time, how he was barely making ends meet. Then he told of his mother coming to his doorstep and begging for him to take her in, to do for her what she failed to do for him.

Living with her would strain his tenuous mental health. Providing for her would push him financially to the brink of homelessness again. Caring for her was the last thing on earth he wanted to do.

He took her in.

Jesus said, “*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life*” (John 8:12, ESV).

What is this light of life? Is it knowing the right things? Having the right doctrines? Conforming to a certain set of standards? Or is it something else?

What does light look like in the life of my friend in the rust-red truck?

**Pastor Jonathan Stephan**

## 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

**Sunnyside Church Elders** will meet via Zoom Wednesday, October 20, at 6:15 PM, just prior to the church board meeting. You will receive the same link as is used for the board meeting.

**Sunnyside Church Board meeting** will meet via Zoom **Wednesday, October 20, at 7:00 PM**. Board members, watch your email for the Zoom link.

**October 24, 4:00 PM, Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra** will present a concert featuring Debussy’s Clair de Lune, Mozart’s Violin Concerto with Tomas Cotik as soloist, and Beethoven’s Symphony No. 2. Save the date and come enjoy the Orchestra’s first concert of the season! Masks will be required along with appropriate social distancing.



**Saturday, October 30, 6:00 -7:30 PM**, there will be a free “Harvest Family Fun Night” at Sunnyside Church in the fellowship hall. There will be food, games, and prizes. Come for a good time and great fellowship. Everyone is welcome! Masks are required.

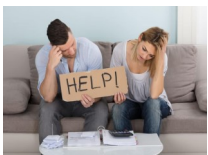
**The Church Library is open!** The library will be open on the 1st and 3rd Sabbaths of the month Hours will be 10:45-11:15 AM, and 12:30-1:00 PM. The church library has a wide selection of books available for our members to borrow, so please stop by.

**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](mailto: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.

**Our flower calendar** is posted in the hallway and [online](#). Thank you to those of you who have signed up — we have several dates still available. Take a minute to choose a date and let us know when you would like to share flowers with your church family. (Go to our website, [www.SunnysideAdventist.org](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org), click on “Our Ministries.”) As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what you would like in the bulletin about the flowers.



**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](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org).

## LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



**Today:** Marian Nance; **Monday:** David Scott, Mark Spiker; **Wednesday:** Nancy Fahrback; **Thursday:** Casey Carl, Reghina Lacatus; **Friday:** Silvia Bokich

## ADVENTIST EDUCATION

### Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

### Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

## PAA SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT FUNDRAISER LIVESTREAM OCTOBER 31

PAA will hold its annual student scholarship (PAASS) fundraising benefit event via livestream on Sunday, October 31, 6:00-7:00 PM. The “Fall Celebration” will celebrate PAA’s mission and God’s blessings, and feature compelling conversations with students, teachers, and alumni, along with inspiring student music performances. Livestream viewers will be given the opportunity to support the PAA scholarship program with a charitable gift. Watch parties and sponsorships are encouraged. Contact [svigil@paasda.org](mailto:svigil@paasda.org) for more information. Or visit [www.bit.ly/PAASSbenefit](http://www.bit.ly/PAASSbenefit) for more information.

## 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](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Search charitable organizations for *Portland Adventist Academy*. Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

**The Adventist Book Center (ABC)** is currently holding its “Fall Case Foods & Book Sale.” These special prices will be in effect through November 7.

**PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru OPEN** Mon-Fri from 9:00-11:00 AM. Any questions please call PACS at 503-252-8500 or email [pacsfood2020@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore)

**Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!**