

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, October 9, 2021



Greetings church family,

Imagine "If"

- Germany won WWII.
- NASA canceled "Challengers" launch January 1986.
- Rodney King had never been beaten.
- Adam and Eve didn't eat the forbidden fruit.
- Covid-19 was caught early and a vaccine prevented the pandemic.
- People's mistrust in leaders, churches, governments etc., wasn't at an all-time high.

Now imagine *"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their selfish ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."*

It is like God is saying "You can have all the seminars and books, studies and committee's, strategies and plans you want, but until you seek Me first with all your hearts, it is in vain."

We are going to be working in partnership with It Is Written in February. I have to admit my skepticism in a method that seems antiquated. But God can infuse even old methods with life and vitality. God wants to move with his Spirit among us. It goes beyond what any meeting might be, because the Holy Spirit can help someone hear what they should hear and move their heart even with broken vessels and imperfect people.

Let's ask God to prepare our hearts. May we seek His face, His love, His wisdom, and His compassion for others. We can ask God to take our skepticism, our mistrust, our anxieties over our world, and ask Him to open wide the doors of Sunnyside to reap a harvest for the kingdom of Heaven.

Pastor Wendy Witas



Shout-Out

Send your "shout-outs" to info@SunnysideAdventist.org so we can include them in next week's Communiqué. This is a place you can recognize someone for doing well or going beyond expectations.

Shout out this week Natalia Gramada for assisting Pastor Wendy in redecorating the Kindergarten Room.

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

Tonight, Friday, October 8, 7:00 PM, we will be gathering together in the fellowship hall to watch another episode of "The Chosen." Come and join in on this time together!

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

Finance Committee will meet Tuesday, October 12, at 6:30 PM, via Zoom. Committee members watch your email for your Zoom invitation.

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.

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 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 in October and November. 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, 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.

LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



Today: Jan Skau, Sherrie Jo Williamson; **Sunday:** Annika Geschke, Evelyn Hull, Phyllis Novak; **Tuesday:** Cash Cotrell; **Wednesday:** Andrew Boskind, Douglas Chapman; **Thursday:** Krissy Barber, Lorraine McDonald, Marie O'Ray, Betty Spier; **Friday:** Jared Lehman, Mitcheline MacKintosh

ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

PAASS Students Need You!

The Portland Adventist Academy Development Office is looking for four dependable volunteers who can work independently to assist with the annual PAA Student Scholarship Auction on November 7. There is an immediate need for go-getter volunteers to help procure auction items. Experience is not necessary. Being imaginative and creative is a plus. Volunteers may also assist with setting up the auction. One dependable volunteer is also needed for Development Office clerical assistance. Some flexibility is helpful. Contact Development Director Sam Vigil Jr. for more information at 503-255-8372 x218 or svigil@paasda.org or click [HERE](#). (<https://paasda.org/news/paa-auction-needs-volunteers/>)

International Student Host Families Needed

Many students from France, China, and Korea come to Portland Adventist Academy each school year. Students stay either 2 weeks, 3 months, a school year, and some stay all four years of high school. Each student needs a caring host family to support them as they're far from home. Your home might be perfect! Host families find the time rewarding — especially as they share family traditions and American culture. Some families find deep value in sharing their love of Jesus. Learn more about hosting a student by contacting the program director, Mrs. Bibb at mbibb@paasda.org. Informational videos and PDFs are on our website [HERE](https://paasda.org/admissions/international/host). paasda.org/admissions/international/host.

PAA Substitute Teachers Needed!

Portland Adventist Academy is looking for responsible substitute teachers for the coming school year. Subs work with friendly and energetic high school students. Teachers provide all material so all you have to do is be present and follow instructions. No college degree is necessary but you must be 21 or older. Work would be occasional and only during school hours on weekdays. All candidates must pass a background check (paid for by PAA). To apply or learn more about the job, visit our webpage [HERE](https://paasda.org/news/paa-substitutes-needed/). <https://paasda.org/news/paa-substitutes-needed/>

PAA Bus Driver Needed

One of the many ways we strive to meet the diverse needs of our families is by providing a way for students on the west side of the city to get to PAA and back home safely each day. If you have a commercial driver's license and can be available weekday mornings and afternoons, we hope you'll join our team for the coming school year! The job pays well and is so rewarding. Learn more [HERE](https://paasda.org/news/bus-driver-needed/). <https://paasda.org/news/bus-driver-needed/>

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/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

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. 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/pacsthritstore

Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

Last's Sabbath's events in photos:

