

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

November 12, 2022



Greetings church family!

I will never forget the first time I saw the old movie, "The Wizard of Oz." I was fascinated by all the strange characters, the struggle between good and evil, and the yellow brick road. The green-skinned witch, the flying monkeys, a straw man, a tin man, a talking lion, and of course, wayward Dorothy and her little dog Toto.

I was young enough to be afraid of the flying monkeys but more terrified of the Great and Powerful Oz! The projection in the front of the great hall and the deep echoing voice had me put my hands over my face, peaking between fingers in hopes that Dorothy would somehow find her way home.

The movie takes a dramatic change when Toto, the little Cairn Terrier, pulls back the curtain to reveal the truth about the Great and Powerful Oz. Once the truth was revealed, the story settles into an ending that reveals the importance of family and appreciating those God has placed in our lives.

So, what would happen if the curtain was pulled back at Sunnyside Church? Often, the focus of a church is the pastoral staff—maybe the person who does most of the preaching becomes the face of the church.

But what happens when you pull back the curtain? What's really happening at the Sunnyside Church?

If the curtain were to be pulled back and the real Sunnyside were to be revealed you'd see a church that is run by church members who love their church. You'd see Sabbath Schools in deep discussion as they study God's Word. You'd see people reaching out to each other on the phone and online, caring for each other as they do life together. You'd see a faithful office manager and her dog answering phones, organizing events, and listening to people. You'd see children's programs led by devoted (and tired) volunteers who love your youngsters. You'd see people meticulously practicing music so that when they stand up and perform, they will do their best to please the God they are singing for. You'd see behind-the-scenes volunteers organizing, cooking, cleaning, greeting, leading committees, and loving each other.

When the curtain is pulled back, we see that the Sunnyside Church is you. It's not bricks, paint, and carpet. It's people. People who love to worship God together. People who love to serve together. People who love to love together.

This is the backbone of Sunnyside. You are the backbone of Sunnyside. And Jesus is the head of this special body.

Pastor Mark Witas

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Sunnyside today! We're glad you're here to join us for worship. We extend a special welcome to Dr. John McVay, president of Walla Walla University. He will present our Bible message today.

The floral tribute is presented by the Duvall family in honor of Jackee's father, Don Chapman. We honor you for 35 years of service in law enforcement, your military service, and your birthday!

Please pray for the following families:

Marcella Gearhart passed away on September 29, 2022. A memorial service will be conducted for her tomorrow, Sunday, November 13, 2022, at 3:00 PM, here at Sunnyside Adventist Church.



Lola Pogue who passed away on November 5, 2022. A memorial service is being planned for a later date.

This afternoon at 3:30 PM, the Walla Walla University Nursing students will be dedicated. This is a time they have all been looking forward to. Come and watch our nursing students being blessed in this special service. It will be conducted here at Sunnyside Church.

There will be an Elders' meeting and a Church Board meeting via Zoom November 15. Elders, you will meet at 6:15 PM; the Church Board will meet at 7:00 PM.

Pastor Violeta Bilan and her husband, Ben, will be commissioned at Sunnyside Adventist Church, on Sabbath, November 19, at 5:00 PM. You are invited to be a witness to this exciting and solemn ceremony.

Pathfinders are again collecting food for Thanksgiving boxes this year. Below is a list of food we need by November 19 — we will need 75 each of the following: 3 lb. bag of apples, 2-3 lbs. bags of oranges, 5 lb. bag of potatoes, 1-2 lbs. bags whole carrots, 3 lb. bag of onions, sparkling apple cider, 1 lb. butter or margarine sticks, and whipped cream spray. In the past, we have asked for non-perishable food donations; this year we are able to collaborate with Union Gospel Mission and they are helping us with some of the basics. Sunnyside Pathfinders would like to provide fresh fruit, vegetables, and something to make each family's Thanksgiving

meal a little extra special like sparkling apple cider and whipped cream. If you are able to help with food donations, this is the list of things we need this year. Please bring it to the church **between November 5 and November 19**. Your support is greatly appreciated. Thank you.



It's time to order your new devotional books for 2023.

There are fliers and an order form on the ledge by the office window — mark what you would like by December 5, and we'll include your order with our bulk order. The devotional books are made available to you through the church with a special discount. These make great Christmas gifts and will be available for pickup from the church office by December 10.

Steve Green will be here live in concert on December 3, 2022, at 6:00 PM. This is a free concert with no tickets required. A freewill offering will be received to benefit the African orphans. Seating is limited; doors will open at 5:15 PM.



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. Check out the pictures at the end of the Communiqué.

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.



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

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

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

- ♦ November 17, 7:00 PM, Portland Adventist Academy Senior Recognition
- ♦ November 26, 4:00 PM, Brass Vespers
- ♦ December 3, 6:00 PM, Steve Green Concert — *Note change in time.*
- ♦ December 9, 7:00 PM, Portland Adventist Academy Christmas Concert
- ♦ December 10, 4:00 PM, Evensong
- ♦ December 11, 4:00 PM, Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra Concert
- ♦ December 16, 7:00 PM Sunnyside Church Christmas Program — *Note change in date.*
- ♦ December 17, 11:15 AM Sunnyside Church Christmas Program
- ♦ December 23, 7:00 PM Sunnyside Church Family Christmas Musical





Happy Birthday



Today: Isaac Lian, Claire Lockert, Claire Ochs, Susan Robertson, Cheryl Wilhite; **Sunday:** Annette Byrd; **Tuesday:** Aurelia Pana, Marlo Waters; **Wednesday:** Charline Grizzel, Linda Harkins, Wanda Krein, Mark Fessler; **Thursday:** Merina Gilbride, David Reynolds

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fern Ringering's memorial service will be on November 20 at 1:00 PM, at the Gladstone Park Seventh-day Adventist Church. There will be refreshments afterward. Fern was the director of the Adventist Adoption Agency for 25 years.



Help Tell the Nativity Story This Year! Follow the Star Live Walkthrough Nativity is back this year! For almost 20 years on the Gladstone Park Conference Center grounds, Follow the Star has led thousands of people each Christmas season to the manger, and the hope of Jesus! Dates this year are December 2-4, and 9-11. We are looking for actors, organizers, greeters, and all willing to serve! If you are interested in helping, please contact the steering committee at followthestarinfo@gmail.com, or call 503-891-6040.

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>

PAES Treasurer Position Available:
Portland Adventist Elementary School is seeking candidates for a full time treasurer position. We are blessed to serve a diverse population in our PK-8 school with an enrollment of 365 students. It is a fast-paced work environment that requires flexibility and self-management. We are seeking candidates that have strong communication skills, a background in bookkeeping and accounting, and knowledge of Quickbooks. We are willing to train the right person. Qualified applicants can send their resume and cover letter to karin.green@paes.com.

Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

PAA Academy Day on November 16, 2022: Attention 8th-grade parents! Portland Adventist Academy is excited to welcome your 8th-grade student to our high school campus from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Wednesday, November 16th! We have a fun day planned – just for 8th graders – when students can get a glimpse of the high school experience at PAA, see classrooms, meet teachers, and hear about the clubs, activities, and programs offered. There will be drawings for tuition, fees, and prizes, as well as several opportunities to win scholarships by participating in academic challenges. Lunch will be provided. That evening, we will host an open house for parents from 6:30 PM until 7:30 PM, with drawings for tuition and fees and a short meeting at 7:30 PM. Visit our website [PAASDA.org](https://paasda.org/) or call 503-255-8372 for more information.

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 — 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. 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!

Sunnyside Church Activities in Photos

Sunnyside Church Worship Service



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Nurses & the Hungates at the Pumpkin Patch



WWU Nurses & Bread Night

