

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

November 19, 2022



Greetings church family!

Are you going through a period of life where you are dealing with change? While some of us invite change, it can be a very difficult thing for others.

Change can be exciting, such as starting a new job, making a new friend or even starting a new semester in school. However, change can also be hard when we don't want it. So, how are we supposed to deal with the changes we face in life?

Ecclesiastes 3:1 says, *"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens."* When we look at change this way, we can be better prepared to manage it. As Christians, we know that everything happens for a purpose, and God can work through any situation.

Additionally, when we are in the midst of difficult changes, we can find comfort in knowing that Jesus experienced pain here on Earth and knows what it is like. After all, Jesus died on the cross for our sins so that we might have eternal life with Him.

Offentimes, when we are going through trials, we focus on the loss that is involved. However, we know that God works everything together for the good of those who believe in Him. While we might not see the purpose behind what we are experiencing now, we can trust that God has a greater plan. Jeremiah 29:11 says, *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope."*

In the end, while change can be hard, we can grow in our faith when we learn to embrace it. When we trust God's plan, He transforms us each and every day as His followers.
Lauren Abraham

So, as you experience change in the upcoming year, remember this truth. Joyfully thank God during this thanksgiving season even for those tough changes in life. So join me as we ask for this gift of a positive perspective for our church's upcoming changes.

Pastor Wendy Witas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

The floral tribute today is presented by Dick and Gwen Gingrich in celebration of Gwen's 96th birthday! Happy birthday, Gwen!

Partial Nominating Committee Report — Second Reading:
Deaconess—Evelyn Hull

A very special welcome to Chala Abino as we vote him in to be a member of the Sunnyside Adventist Church. He was baptized last week in a private ceremony. We're excited to have you join us, Chala!



This afternoon at 5:00, Pastor Violeta Bilan will be commissioned and her husband, Ben Bilan, will be ordained. You are invited to be a witness to this exciting and solemn ceremony.

Next Sabbath, November 26, we will be treated to a Brass and Organ Vespers. Make this part of your weekend events and receive a special Sabbath blessing from this vespers.

Tuesday, December 6, at 6:30 PM, there will be a Special Business Meeting of Sunnyside Adventist Church with the agenda of developing a Pastoral Search Committee. We will meet in person at the church in the Sandy Room.



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.

Cherry Park Toy Drive — November 21-December 5

It is time for the annual toy drive. Cherry Park Elementary School has over 400 students enrolled and 76% of the families are living below the Federal poverty level. Sunnyside has been helping the students at Cherry Park for many years to have a bright and merry holiday season. There are two ways you can participate: 1) either purchase a toy and place it in the toy drive box in the foyer or 2) make a donation to Sunnyside and write Cherry Park on the

memo line and I will do the shopping for you. Here's a list of suggested Toys: board games, Barbies, Legos, Hot Wheels, Play-Doh, dolls, basketballs, soccer balls, volleyballs, and footballs. Please feel free to email or call with any questions: Jackee Duvall 503-309-9400 | jackeeduvall@hotmail.com.



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

Adventurers

Greeters

Audio

Video

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 26, 4:00 PM, Organ and Brass Vespers
- ♦ December 3, 6:00 PM, Steve Green Concert
- ♦ December 9, 7:00 PM, Portland Adventist Academy Christmas Concert
- ♦ December 10, 4:00 PM, Evensong with organist Karl Helton, soprano Kimberly Goodwin-Helton, and Pastor Dick Fenn is presenting music and the spoken word on the seasonal theme "From Darkness to Light."
- ♦ 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
- ♦ December 31, 4:30 PM, Family Night



Happy Birthday



Today: Gwen Gingrich, Brent Plubell; **Sunday:** Karen Davies, Caitlin Easter; **Monday:** Emma Caministeanu, Sonia Giles, Aleta Hoffman, Roy Murray, Penny Rippey; **Tuesday:** Lori Kuechler; **Wednesday:** Ethel Inaba, Carol Sanders, Lynn Wagner; **Thursday:** Bill Mehling, **Friday:** Leah Graham, Duane Miner, Carol Van Tassell

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Fern Ringering's memorial service will be on November 20, 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>

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ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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TEAM**

Dear Church Family,
Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of some part time help in our business office. We are in transition as we work to fill the position of our Treasurer, and are looking for someone with QuickBooks and Excel experience to help with data entry one or two days a week. Please contact Principal Karin Green if you are available and would like to help us out. karin.green@paes.com



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

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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. 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!

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.

International Children's Care

A full-time position is available at International Children's Care in Vancouver. Looking for a compassionate person ready to devote their skills to this ministry as sponsorship coordinator. Ability to handle phone calls and attention to detail are important. For more information, call Ricky Fleck at 360-573-0429.

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/>

