

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, November 20, 2021



### Greetings Church Family!

In the book of Third John, chapter one, the old apostle wrote, "I have no greater joy than to hear that my children walk in truth."

Sunnyside Church, today I say to you that this is a time for that kind of joy. I've been working with the Pathfinders since they started meeting again this year, focusing on getting to know them and building relationships. One of the ways we've been growing together is using worships as a chance to ask and discuss their questions about the Bible.

As we've gone along, we've talked about all sorts of things, but I've been especially focusing on teaching them how to think about the Bible and what it means to read it in context, to let it speak for itself as much as possible. And ladies and gentlemen, our kids in Pathfinders are in Scripture. They have dived into the discussions headfirst, engaging in the Word in deep, exciting ways. It is a genuine joy to watch them start to process, learn and grow as they confront the Bible they believe in, and put pieces together in ways that even I don't expect them to. It's exciting to be a part of a group that wants to ask real questions and is interested in seeking answers. They are, to put it plainly, actively engaged in the process John was talking about: the process of walking in truth.

It can sometimes be challenging for those of us who are settled and certain to engage in this kind of dialogue. It can be uncomfortable to entertain questions and engage in dialogue with people who don't think just like us, no matter the topic. But the text doesn't say to huddle behind the truth; it doesn't even say to stand firm in it. It says to walk in the truth. Walking is messy. It was even messier in the time John was writing. Walking gets your feet dirty and your legs sore, and you end the day tired and worn out. But walking is exciting too, though. You get to see lots of sights and talk to a variety of fellow travelers. You expand your horizons and always end up understanding yourself better, too. And so, I can't help but get excited when I see the children of Sunnyside strap on their sandals and start walking through Scripture together.

But of course, the apostle John was an elderly man when he wrote this. And it was the whole church that he saw as his children, the young and the old alike, and everyone in between. So the real question is, are you walking in the truth? What steps are you taking each and every day to engage in meaningful ways with Scripture? How often do you join together with fellow travelers, listening to their reflections and experiences? I invite you, this next week, to find a new way to get just a little bit dusty.

**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.

**This afternoon at 2:00 PM, in the fellowship hall, there will be a livestreaming of Robin Vandermolens' commemoration of life.** He passed away September 19, 2021, and was a member of Glendale City Church in California. You may also view the service online at [www.youtube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch](http://www.youtube.com/c/GlendaleCityChurch).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

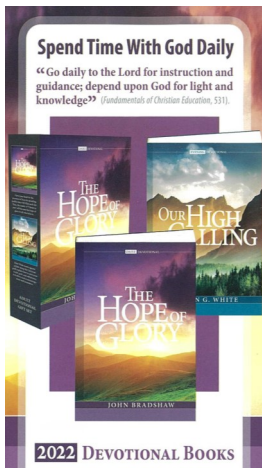


**Sabbath, December 4, 4:00 PM, Cuban and Colombian tenor, Anthony León**, a well-known and honored international vocalist, will be presenting vespers here at Sunnyside Church. He will also be singing during our worship service. Anthony is a Fellow at the highly regarded New England Conservatory, has performed in multiple arenas including Carnegie Hall, and extensive music productions with La Sierra University. His accompanist, Sergio Leiva, is from Chile and also has an impressive background. You won't want to miss this presentation!

**We are excited to announce that we are gearing up to launch a new youth Sabbath school January 1, 2022!** We want to make sure this is something that will be meaningful to the people it's meant for, so if you are someone in that general age range, share your thoughts and needs with Pastor Jonathan. We want this to be something that is built for you! If you are a parent or adult that has wished for more for our youth at Sunnyside, we want you involved! Come talk to Pastor Jonathan about how you can help. Either way, look forward to hearing more soon!

#### Please pray for the following family:

**Tom and Brooke Stafford** whose son, Sid, passed away Sunday, October 24. There will be a "Celebration of Sid and Janell Stafford's Lives" on Sabbath, **December 11, at 3:30 PM**, in the Stone Tower Seventh-day Adventist Church where Sid was a member. Location: 3010 NE Holladay St, Portland, Oregon.



**Devotional books for 2022** are now available to be ordered. To receive your discount place your order through the church. The title of the adult devotional is "The Hope of Glory" by John Bradshaw and included in the book set is "Our High Calling" by E. G. White. [Click here](#) to view the flyer describing all the books available. Call the church office at 503-252-8080, or email [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org) to order. Our bulk order will be placed on December 2 and should be available for you to pick up from the church the following week. These books make great Christmas gifts!

**The Primary children's division needs help!** We are searching for teachers, schedulers/greeters, and helpers for arts and crafts. If you can help us, please contact Pastor Wendy at [Wendy.Witas@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:Wendy.Witas@SunnysideAdventist.org).

**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.



**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:** Karen Davies; **Sunday:** Sonia Giles, Aleta Hoffman, Roy Murray, Penny Rippey; **Monday:** Raymond Burns, Austin Hilde, Lori Kuechler, Jina Lehman; **Tuesday:** Ethel Inaba,

Christina Kellogg, Lynn Wagner; **Wednesday:** Bill Mehling, Dennis Woodland; **Thursday:** Leah Graham, Rolf Kraus, Duane Miner, Carol Van Tassell

## ADVENTIST EDUCATION

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

**Portland Adventist Academy**  
<https://paasda.org/>

## 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



**Portland Adventist Community Services has been celebrating PACS Week** this last week by posting behind-the-scenes videos and pictures on their social media that show what's been going on at PACS this year!

## PACS UPDATE

**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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthritstore)

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

### Housing Needed:

A nursing student is in need of a room beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving. The program is seven months long and would prefer an apartment or studio. If you can help out or know of someone that can, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080.