

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

November 26, 2022



Hello church family!

It is the Saturday after Thanksgiving and I pray that all of you had a wonderful Thanksgiving with friends and family! It is common for many of us to go around the table on Thanksgiving and say what we are thankful for. I won't tell if you don't, but many times what I was thankful for was when I got to leave the table and go watch football in peace and quiet! Many other

answers that I can remember hearing around the table are promotions at work, getting married, peace in marriage or relationships, I even heard someone being thankful for the Boston Red Sox winning the World Series back in 2004.

It is also very common for many pastors to preach or write about being thankful and while I am going to write a Communiqué about being thankful I want to focus on something that has frequently caught my attention when it comes to thankfulness. I would like to share two common passages about thankfulness and then explain. In 1 Thessalonians 5:18 we read, *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."* We also read in Colossians 4:2 *"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."*

I have always found these passages to be very interesting. Pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances, devote yourselves to prayer being thankful. How do we do something all the time? How can I always be praying and making sure that it is always thankful? The Greek word for devote is *proskartereo* which means to continue to do something with intense effort, with the possible implication of despite difficulty to devote oneself to, or to keep on, or to persist in. Certain scholars will tell us that *proskartereo* was used culturally to work without rest. So here Paul is telling the church in Corinth to pray without sleeping, stay awake, and be watchful and thankful the whole time.

While staying awake all night has become all too familiar to me, I can promise you that I am not always thankful for it. So why are we commanded to do these things all the time? Here is my best and most simple answer to this. There is only one Always, and that Always is always and Always.

Simple. Right?

Let me explain. There is only one person who can always be thankful, always praying, and always devoted. That man is Jesus Christ, our Savior. The best part of Jesus being our Always is that in every circumstance, in every bad decision, every bad word we say about our family and loved ones, every promotion at work, every great thing we do for our spouse Jesus is Always. An even

better part of Jesus being our Always is that He is always loving, forgiving, merciful, graceful, and our friend.

His name is Emmanuel which means (and I will add my word for emphasis here) "God, who is always with us!" Whenever you think, I can finally be alone and watch football in peace and quiet, guess what? You are not alone!

This is what you can be thankful for. Every time you sit down to pray you can know that God is always with you. That He is always gracious, always merciful, always loving, and always your best friend. This should help us to pray more, seek Him more fervently, and to pray more often with thanksgiving knowing that your Always is always and Always, in all ways!

Love you church family!

Pastor Billy Hungate

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

This afternoon at 4:00 PM, we will be treated to an Organ and Brass 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.

Sabbath, December 10 at 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."* This is a very special time for reflection as we close the Sabbath.

Sunday, December 11 at 4:00 PM, Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra

will be presenting their Christmas concert in memoriam of Travis Hatton with Darrell Hunt as guest conductor. Come and support our Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra!



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.

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.



Wednesday mornings at 10:00 our Men's Bible Study group meets to study the Bible together in the Columbia Room. Men, you are all invited to join us for this weekly study.

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:

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| 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](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org). (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:

- ◇ 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





ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>



Today: Allen Kites, James Olson; **Sunday:** Joan Fenn, Sabinna Pierre, **Monday:** John Constantinescu, Areli Villanueva; **Tuesday:** Elena Cucereavii, Jonathan Russell; **Wednesday:** Heather Gough, Jory Royce; **Thursday:** Esther Pierre; **Friday:** Heather Avilla, Steffen Moller

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PVC'S "HOME & HEART" CHRISTMAS CONCERT will be on December 3 at 6:00 PM, at Pleasant Valley Church, 11125 SE 172nd Avenue, Happy Valley, OR 97086. Make plans now to immerse yourself in the spirit of the Christmas season with bluegrass & traditional songs performed by local artists. Refreshments to follow. All are invited to enjoy a time of down-home Christmas fellowship! This is a great opportunity to invite your friends and neighbors!



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.

Follow the Star, is looking for more singers for their production. If you feel you can join in contact Tina Cooper at 971-517-4285.

Winter Coat Drive — We have come to another winter and that means winter coats. People-to-People Ministries, a non-profit humanitarian organization, is presently involved in a winter coat drive. It's a good time to join us with your tax-deductible donation to help children in need during these cold months. Should you have any questions feel free to call us at 971-803 2337 or visit our website peopletopeopleministries.com for more information about our organization.

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.

PORTLAND ADVENTIST
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

JOIN OUR 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 Job Openings!

Check PACS website at www.pacsonline.org/jobs



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.

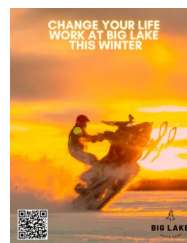
Portland Adventist Community Services is hiring! We have two crucial part-time positions available and are looking to interview immediately. If you or someone you know are interested in either of these part-time jobs, please email laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org. You can also visit www.pacsonline.org/jobs 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/>



Last week's Congolese in Worship at Sunnyside

