

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, November 27, 2021



Greetings Church Family!

One day, as I was waiting for my bus in downtown Seattle, I saw one of the most interesting paradoxes I've ever witnessed. Sitting against the wall a few feet away from me was a middle-aged homeless woman. It looked to me like she had not been able to change or wash her clothes in months. Every once in a while she would look up and ask whoever was walking by for some change.

She chose a good place to sit because just a few feet away from her was a mobile coffee stand. It was one of those portable ones on wheels that moves around like a New York City hot dog stand. As people would get their change for their coffee, they'd drop a few coins into the little cup this lady was holding out.

As I was watching a tall, very well-dressed professional-looking woman walked by me. She approached the coffee vendor and received an extra-large cup of joe, turned, and nearly tripped over the homeless woman's outstretched hand. Her sudden stop caused a small amount of coffee to slosh out of her cup and land on her blazer. It was then that the scene became interesting.

She looked down at this filthy, dirty homeless woman and started screaming at her. "Whose going to pay to get my jacket cleaned? Do you know how much this jacket cost? What if this stain doesn't come out, can you pay for a new jacket?"

With that, she tossed the nearly full cup into an adjacent trash can and stomped off, leaving this homeless woman pretty stunned.

What was this lady's, excuse me, this woman's problem? Why would she get so upset with the situation that she found herself in? I would like to suggest that the reason she could stand in a \$500 business suit and yell at a homeless person who was wearing all of the clothes that she owned was that this woman had a huge deficiency in her ability to be thankful.

Thanklessness has been one of the most serious problems in human history. Yet, having a thankful heart is one of the most talked-about traits of a good character that there is in the Bible.

In fact, there are 213 places in the Bible where it talks about God's people being thankful or needing to give thanks.

I would like to challenge all my friends at Sunnyside to take a moment and reflect on all the blessings God has bestowed upon us as a church and on you as an individual. It's good for us to give thanks. It's even better for us to live thanks.

Happy Thanksgiving friends.

Pastor Mark 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.

A special shout out to all those behind the scenes that are creating such lovely Thanksgiving and Christmas décor, Christmas events, and amazing Christmas music! Thank you to all of you! There are too many to mention, so if you're involved in any way during this holiday season, thank you!

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Cherry Park Elementary School Toy Drive:

November 27-December 12. It's time to help out our neighboring school with Christmas gifts. Here is a suggested wish list for the toy drive: Soccer balls,

basketballs, Legos, slime kits, board games,

volleyballs, softballs, baseball and softball gloves, playdoh, Barbies. Toys will be delivered Monday, December 13. Jackee Duvall, 503-309-9400, will be happy to shop for you. Please make checks payable to: Sunnyside Church, memo Cherry Park School. Thank you for your continued support of our neighboring Cherry Park Elementary school!



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!

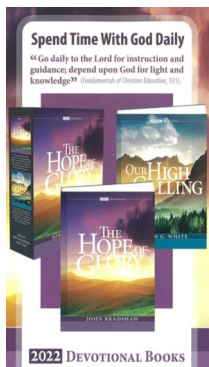
Music will be from the band, choir, Alegria, Bell Canto, PASO, and musicians from the Music Performance and Production class. If you cannot attend in person, please join us via livestream at <https://sunnysideadventist.org/index.php?p=live-stream>.

Portland Adventist Academy will be presenting its winter concert at Sunnyside Church December 10 at 7:00 PM. Music will be from the band, choir, Alegria, Bell Canto, PASO, and musicians from the Music Performance and Production class. If you cannot attend in person, please join us via livestream at <https://sunnysideadventist.org/index.php?p=live-stream>.

We are excited to announce that we will 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 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.

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.



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: Michael Buroker, Joan Fenn, Steven Smith; **Sunday:** John Constantinescu, Areli Villanueva; **Monday:** Elena Cucereavii, Jonathan Russell; **Tuesday:** Jory Royce; **Wednesday:** Thomas Taylor; **Thursday:** Heather Avilla, Connie Miller, Steffen Moller; **Friday:** Judy Carpenter

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. Search charitable organizations for *Portland Adventist Academy*. Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS



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

Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!