

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, December 26, 2020



Greetings church family,

Last time I wrote the communiqué I told you that Luke focused on the lowly and humble Jesus, born in a manger, visited by lowly shepherds. While that's how Luke wanted to present the Christ child, Matthew wants to present to us the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords in majesty and royalty. In Matthew the story of Jesus starts with a genealogy

that's filled with kings and royalty, all in the bloodline of Jesus. King David (until Jesus, the king of kings in Judaism) is presented as a direct ancestor of Jesus.

Then Matthew continues. Royalty from the east comes to visit Jesus. They consult the "king of the Jews" Herod to find out where He will be born. And then, Matthew makes great efforts to compare the plight of Jesus to the plight of Moses (maybe not a king, but a great leader of God's people) by showing how Herod acted like Pharaoh, trying to thwart the birth and kingship of Jesus by killing all the children who were two years old and younger. Jesus is further compared to Moses as he travels to Egypt and then comes from Egypt to lead His people.

The Magi leave Jesus royal gifts (worthy of a king) setting Jesus' family and His ministry up for life.

Why does Matthew want to present Jesus as a king? Because to Matthew, the Kingdom is of utmost importance. Matthew wants to usher out the old and tired empire and usher in the new Kingdom with Jesus as its King. This new Kingdom is built on love, forgiveness, inclusion, and defense of those who have been kicked to the curb.

I want to be a part of this new Kingdom. I want to worship the new born King. I hope you do too.

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.

Shout out to all our volunteers who made this Christmas program so special. Thank you!

News & Notes

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic all services and meetings at the church have been canceled until further notice. Stay connected! Check out our Facebook page and website. If you are not receiving our emails, please forward your email address to info@SunnysideAdventist.org, so we can keep you informed of our activities.

THIS WEEKEND



Welcome to our worship service via streaming video at 11:15 AM. Today we will enjoy ur Christmas program, featuring a live camel and a reenactment of the nativity scene. Tune in from our website www.SunnysideAdventist.org or via Facebook.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Needed! Volunteers for projection. Minimum requirements are a basic knowledge of computers, decent tech skills for troubleshooting, and knowledge of Google sheets. Please contact the church office if you can join the team. There will be training for you.

Our new Sabbath School quarterlies are here! If you would like a new quarterly contact the church office and we will make sure you get what you need: 503-252-8080, text 971-238-9680, or email info@SunnysideAdventist.org. Or you may get it online at <https://absq.adventist.org/nextquarter#lessons>.

The January/February Children's Sabbath Packets are available from the information desk in the church foyer. If you do not have a code to get into the church, contact Rosie at the church office, 503-252-8080. Packets contain lesson stories, memory verses, crafts and activities for each Sabbath in January and February. We have packets for Beginners, Kindergarten/1st grade, Primary 4th/5th grades, and Junior High.



Several of our classes are meeting during this challenging time via Zoom. We want to share these with you — if you see one that you would like to join, send your contact information to info@SunnysideAdventist.org or call 503-252-8080,

and we will make sure you receive a Zoom invitation to join. Here is a list of Sabbath School classes: the Santiam class (Gingrich, Fenn, Hill, Martin & Westermeyer); the Reboot Bible study group (Glovatsky, Kielman, Dickerson, and Dragulin); Steffen Moller and his team of teachers; the Faithtime group; and the Romanian group.

On Wednesday morning there is Women's FaithLift prayer ministry group; and a men's Bible study group. Let us know if you would like to join in!

Directory Update — Thank you to all of those who have forwarded a recent photo for the directory — however, we are still missing many photos! We would love to have your photo in our directory. If you haven't given us one, please upload a photo through your Elexio app or send a snapshot to info@SunnysideAdventist.org. If you



can't email it, mail it; we'll scan it, and return it to you. It does not have to be one that is professionally taken. We just want to be able to identify you with a photo! Thank you for your help with this.

During this difficult time, 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.



ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

Adventist Book Center is having its "Holiday Sale" effective December 1-31. [Click here to view their flyer.](#)

PACS NEWS: (*Portland Adventist Community Service*)

PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00-11:00 AM. 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 - 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/pacsthiftstore

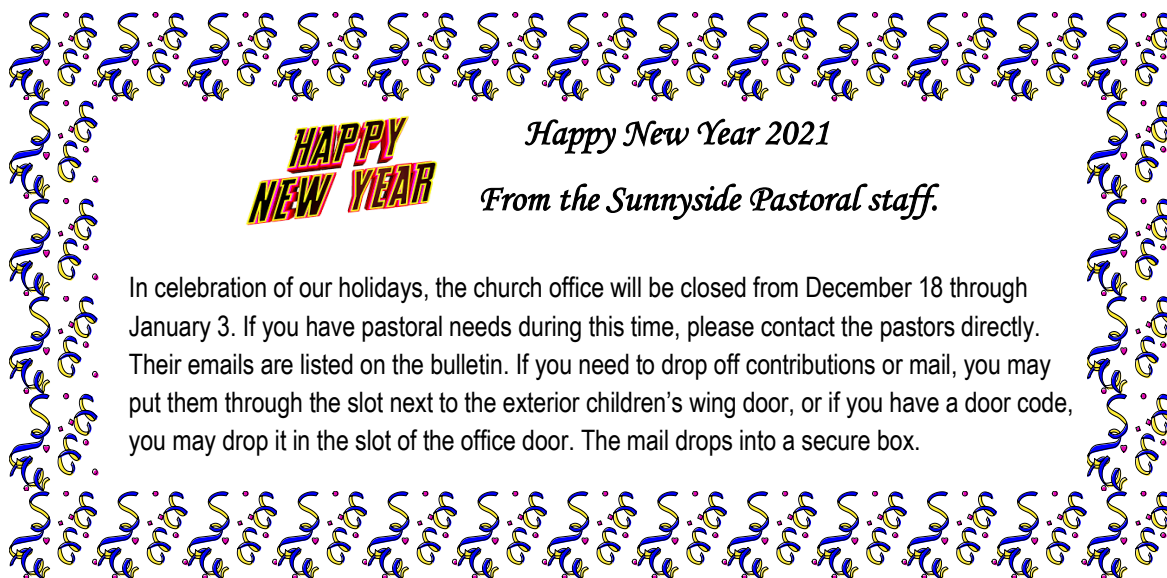
Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

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!

HOUSING NEEDED

Room/Apartment Needed:

If you have a spare bedroom to rent or a 1-bedroom apartment, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080.



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR**

Happy New Year 2021

From the Sunnyside Pastoral staff.

In celebration of our holidays, the church office will be closed from December 18 through January 3. If you have pastoral needs during this time, please contact the pastors directly. Their emails are listed on the bulletin. If you need to drop off contributions or mail, you may put them through the slot next to the exterior children's wing door, or if you have a door code, you may drop it in the slot of the office door. The mail drops into a secure box.