

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

December 3, 2022



Greetings church family!

I believe that if we're willing to explore a little deeper into the Bible's teachings on spiritual practices, we will find ourselves in much closer communion with our God. As a result, I've started using this space to share a few disciplines I've found in the words of God. The last two times, we talked about fasting: first from food, and then from other things.

This week, confession.

Confession is an odd word. We often try to split it apart into two senses; even the Oxford Dictionary does:

Confess. verb

"To admit or state that one has committed a crime or is at fault in some way."

"To declare (one's religious faith)."

The first definition deals with admitting shameful wrongdoing. In a Christian context, we think of confessing our sins to God, and undoubtedly each of you think of a verse straightaway which commands repentance, like perhaps 1 John 1:9. The second definition, though, is of a different character entirely. In this sense, it means to declare boldly and without shame what you believe. And in this case, you likely can call to mind any number of verses about witnessing, such as in Romans 10:10-11. Two definitions, seemingly regarding two entirely separate sorts of activities, in both character and attitude.

But there is a third Oxford definition that marries the two a bit:

Confess. verb

"To admit or acknowledge something reluctantly, typically because one feels slightly ashamed or embarrassed."

This definition unites the admission of fault from the first with the public utterance of the second through a reticence to be transparent. I think that this definition is the closest to that which the Bible itself intends. Let's return for a moment to 1 John 1:9.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

The word used there for "confess" is the same one used over and over again for gospel witness (2 Corinthians 9:13, 1 Timothy 6:12-13, etc.). The fact is that the Bible teaches us that there is a healing

and purifying power in public confession of sin. In fact, the Bible is full of the practice, once your eyes are open to see it.

"Confess your sins one to another, and pray for each other so that you may be healed" (James 5:16).

This sort of confession happens frequently, and in many different settings. Sometimes it takes place between two close friends, sometimes in a group setting, and sometimes before the whole congregation of believers. All of which raises some interesting questions.

When is it appropriate to confess your sins to someone?

What kinds of sins can you confess?

What kinds of sins must you hide?

Perhaps most importantly, what is it about bringing your sins out into the open that brings with it healing power?

1 John 1 is all about the importance of public confession of sins. For him, public confession of sin is the same as walking in the light, as bringing sins into the light. Refusing to be honest with one another about our sins is the same as walking in the darkness. This is a truth that exists in my other profession, too. When I work with clients, getting them to bring their flaws and failures into the light is absolutely essential to growth. As long as the addict is hiding their addiction from their family and friends, they are enslaved to it. But time and time again, when my clients share their most vulnerable secrets, when they speak them aloud to another, they find freedom. Read 1 John 1 again; it's only 10 verses long. Why is John so insistent that we must walk in the light?

And what sin have you been fighting with all alone in the dark that needs to be brought out into the light?

Pastor Jonathan Stephan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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



Today, immediately following our worship service, there will be an all-church potluck. This will be the last potluck we will get to share with Pastors Mark and Wendy Witas. Come and spend time fellowshiping with them. If you haven't brought food with you, stay and enjoy the extra others have brought. We will have a wonderful time enjoying each other's company! Everyone is welcome.



Steve Green will be here live in concert this evening at 6:00. 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.



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!

Congratulations to David and Donna Schmidt on the birth of their new granddaughter, Olivia Anne, born on November 27! And special congratulations to the proud parents, Peter and Emily Schmidt! Welcome Olivia Anne!



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.



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.

The devotional books have been delivered! If you have placed an order, the books are in the workroom and you are on the honor system. Pick up what you ordered, mark it off on the order sheet with your initials, and place your payment in an envelope. If you have already paid, mark paid on the order sheet. Thank you.

Our men's and women's study groups that meet on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 AM, are very well attended right now. The men had nine people attend the men's group this last week, and the women are increasing the amount of tables they use in order to accommodate everyone. This week they were up to five tables! If you haven't taken time to come and enjoy these studies and fellowship together, re-think it, and come next Wednesday at 10:00 AM!

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.

Friday, December 9 at 7:00 PM, Portland Adventist Academy will present their Christmas concert here at Sunnyside Church.



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.



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:

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 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>

**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





Today: Judy Carpenter, Doneva Ward; **Sunday:** Stephen Henry, Will Johnson; **Monday:** Robert Bolton, Lorraine Jacobs; **Tuesday:** Cindy McGinnis, Eric Tolan; **Wednesday:** Kenneth Allen, Carol Denny; **Thursday:** Don Reynolds; **Friday:** Erin Brunese, Anita Christensen, Tracy Clark, Charmaine Roloff, Kathy Rosenquist

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



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



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

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.

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/>.



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.

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/>

