

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, February 20, 2021



Greetings church family,

**What is the big deal about
the Dead Sea Scrolls?**



Lifesize replica of a part of Isaiah scroll, and miniature replica Isaiah scroll and clay jars that housed them.



Window from Masada in Qumran

When I was in eighth grade, I remember learning about the dead sea scrolls. I first thought it was cool because it was a young teenager that actually found them. Just a humble goat herder became the person who found one of the greatest treasures of our time. I remember my dad had several books about the dead sea scrolls in his library. His fascination with this discovery also became mine.

My dad helped me realize that these scrolls were a priceless link to the Bible's past and this gave more evidence of God's role throughout our human history and the authenticity of the Bible. Learning about the dead sea scrolls created in me a captivation of all things ancient, especially biblically ancient things. If you look in my office this is evident. These discoveries also held a special bond for my dad and me to discuss, for hours, the implications of these finds and what we could learn from them.

When my dad was 17 years old in 1947, a Bedouin teenager about the same age as him, on the other side of the world, was herding goats in the hills to the west of the Dead Sea. He entered



a cave near Wadi Qumran in the West Bank and stumbled on clay jars filled with leather scrolls. (Mostly in fragments) I am glad this kid

told someone about his discovery. Ten more caves were discovered over the next decade that contained tens of thousands of fragments belonging to over 900 scrolls. Most of the finds were made by the young Bedouin teenagers and their families.

In January of 2018, Mark and I had the privilege of going to Jordan and Israel with the Northern California Conference. There were ninety pastors and conference workers in total. For me, it was a lifelong dream to go there. I remember wishing so much that my dad could be with me on this trip. Though not physically there, my dad lived the trip vicariously through my first-hand pictures and descriptions before he died in March of 2019.

Now that I no longer have my dad, I think of how precious the legacy he has left me of that curiosity of science and archeology. All these things have opened my spiritual eyes to see a loving God stepping into the stories of mankind, doing everything possible to redeem us. God is dropping clues and evidence everywhere which includes archeology, science, medicine, and so much more.

The wind was blowing hard on that sunny January day in 2018, as I stood gazing at the actual caves where the dead sea scrolls were found. It was as if time stood still while history whirled around me whispering of this amazing gift of preservation from the dead sea scrolls and my father's faith that this was just another evidence of God's grace.



How many pilgrims came to that very spot because their parents instilled a curiosity to know more about the evidence of God and see it for themselves. What a legacy!!! We each have benefitted from those who have gone before us and can leave our own legacy of faith and curiosity to the generations to come.

Parents and grandparents, do you know that you have an important role to play in sharing your legacy of faith in God? I hope that as you share your faith stories you will know that you are passing on to another generation the joy of discovery. Just like the dead sea scrolls, the new generation can see evidence after evidence of a loving God reaching out to each of us. Let's carry on that legacy. The dead sea scrolls are a big deal but only because they point to a BIG GOD!

Pastor Wendy 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.

Special shout out thank you to the family who donated a children's table and chairs to the Mother's Room.

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. Pastor Billy Hungate will present our worship service with a sermon titled "Under Your Feet."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pray for the family of Kathy Case who was a former member and known by many. She was a school teacher and taught many of your kids. She was involved in a car accident and was killed on impact last week. There will be a memorial service on Sunday, February 21, 1:00 PM, livestreaming from Bend, Oregon. Links: <https://www.facebook.com/bendadventist/> or <https://www.bendadventist.org/>.

Portland Adventist Academy's Constituency Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 7:00 PM, on Zoom. Constituency members, we will be emailing you the Zoom link, agenda, meeting minutes, and financial statements ahead of time.

Sunday, February 28, 4:00 PM, there will be a Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra concert via livestream — use this link to view: <http://www.sunnysidesymphony.org>

TRAVIS HATTON | MUSIC DIRECTOR



Praying for Your Grandchildren: The Why's and How's of Prayer as a Critical Component of Our Spiritual Legacies. This is highly recommended for

grandparents who want to help their grandkids stay healthy, happy, and pass on their faith in God to them. This is an incredible resource that will give you great tools when you don't know what to do but love your grandkids and want to help. Parents will be blessed by registering and tuning in as well.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7N7CTH1sBxQAOcinl8vm8vgw...>

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.



If you would like a Sabbath School 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>.

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: Santiam class (Gingrich, Fenn, Hill, Martin & Westermeyer); the Reboot Bible study group (Glovatsky, Kielman, Dickerson, and Dragulin); Steffen Moller and his team of teachers, Jim's Through-the-Bible study class, and a class led by Tom Stafford, Raymond Baker, and Dean Browning; the Faith Time 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/>

PAA In-Person Tours

In-person tours of Portland Adventist Academy are available. These appointments are only available during non-school hours. Be sure to bring a mask. We follow all pandemic protocol very faithfully so we can continue meeting for in-person learning. To schedule your in

-person tour, contact Mary Sperl at 503-255-8372 ext. 244 or msperl@paasda.org.

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

ABC Sale: The Adventist Book Center's Case Food Sale is February 28 to March 14. Deliveries are available. For all the details, download the sale flyer at www.abcflyer.com.



POSTPONED TO:

March 13, 6:00 to 7:00 Sabbath evening.

Please use a red Crayon to circle this date on your calendar. Bright red! **Giving For Our Kids** will be a one-hour celebration of Oregon

Conference education – the students, teachers and staff who are living God's miracles every day. We'll take you inside classrooms so you can see how students are learning during Covid. You'll hear from students, teachers, administrators, staff, and alumni – and you'll be the first to hear an incredibly beautiful musical piece sung by our kids! Online at www.facebook.com/OregonAdventists/ and www.youtube.com/oregonadventists.

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/pacsthritstore

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!

Job Opportunity:

PACS is now hiring for **Goods Processor, Receiver** for their thrift store. Contact laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org for information.