

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, February 27, 2021



### Changing Our Community Three Miles-Per-Hour at a Time

Hey Church Family!

If I told you that you could change someone's life at a pace of three miles-per-hour you, like me, would say that this isn't fast enough. In our Western world today three miles-per-hour seems like torture. If you don't agree, try getting in your vehicle and driving three miles-per-hour, I can

guarantee it is almost impossible. So, how can we change someone's life that slowly? Why can't we do it more quickly? There is a story in the gospel of Mark, in the fifth chapter, that gives us remarkable insight into how this is possible.

In Mark 5 beginning in verse 21 we read of a synagogue leader, named Jairus, that came and fell at the feet of Jesus. He pleaded earnestly with Him, "My little daughter is dying. Please come and put your hand on her so that she will be healed and live." So Jesus went with him. (Verses 23-24). As Jesus walks with Jairus a large crowd was following him and "pressed around Him." (v. 25). Then there was a woman who was there that was subject to bleeding for twelve years, not getting better with doctors' visits but actually getting worse. **"When she heard about Jesus,** she came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, because she thought "If I just touch his clothes, I will be healed." Immediately her bleeding stopped and she felt in her body that she was freed from her suffering. At once Jesus realized that power had gone out from him. He turned around in the crowd and asked, **"Who touched my clothes?"** (Verses 27-30)

This is a fascinating story because here you have two individuals who are reaching out to Jesus in faith: a respected synagogue ruler and an unknown woman who was ritually unclean and disregarded in her community. One named, the other unnamed. Both risking reputation and potential shame by reaching out to Jesus. What is so interesting here is the disciples' reaction to Jesus asking, "Who touched my clothes?" I believe one of the reasons they did this because just like us most of our lives are just a bunch of accidental contacts. We will push and shove our way through life trying to get what we want and whoever we bump into we end up accidentally either blessing someone, or being blessed by them. However, Jesus was the most sensitive and intentional man that ever lived. When someone reached out in faith to Jesus, He knew.

The disciples had a singular mission, get Jesus to Jairus' house, and they didn't want any interruptions. However, Jesus was the King of being interrupted, as well as being the Interrupter; however, the

question is, "Are we allowing Jesus to interrupt our lives?" Jesus didn't run to Jairus' house because He had so much to do (He did) that He couldn't spare another second but felt guilty because He promised Jairus He would help him. He walked. At three miles-per-hour Jesus walked and was interrupted.

"While **Jesus was still speaking**, some people came from the house of Jairus, the synagogue leader. "Your daughter is dead," (v. 35) Can you imagine Jairus' feelings when Jesus stopped to help someone else? Not only that but after He helped this unnamed woman He then began to preach and talk, and while this was going on Jairus' daughter dies. Can you imagine that? Jesus then tells Jairus to not be afraid and "just believe." (v. 36). Jesus heals Jairus' daughter (who, just as an FYI, was 12 years old, the same amount of time as the woman who was bleeding) and then tells them not to tell anyone and to give the little girl something to eat.

This story is absolutely fascinating! Here is what I would like to focus on. Jesus heals at three miles-per-hour. Jesus was not in a hurry to get to Jairus' daughter because He knew that God would provide. When He was interrupted by the unnamed woman He felt her reaching out to Him because He was allowing Himself to be interruptible. This leads me to ask the question, "If people in our nearest proximity were reaching out to us, would we know?"

Just like Jesus did in Mark 5 we are planning to reach the neighborhood surrounding Sunnyside church at threemiles-per-hour. Starting March 13 we are going to walk around our neighborhood at three miles-per-hour and pray to God for healing for the community, as well as to allow ourselves to be interrupted by whoever we may run in to and to allow them to reach out to us if they are in need. We will also be handing out a prayer card at each house to allow them to digitally reach out to the church for those who may be in need.

Also, at the beginning of the story, we read that the woman had "heard about Jesus". She only heard about Him because someone told her. We cannot spread the love of God without telling others about Jesus. We will be having a non-traditional evangelistic series at the end of May and it will be a great opportunity to tell others all about Jesus. There may be individuals in our community, living literally right across the street from our church that have been "bleeding" for twelve years, some may be longer.

Here are three things I am asking and praying you would join in with us at the Sunnyside church:

Fill out the L.I.K.E. card (included in this communiqué) and begin to pray for each name on the list.

Come join us in our Community Prayer Strategy starting March 13 (the other dates are also on this communiqué).

If you are wanting to help volunteer at our non-traditional evangelistic series please feel free to sign up to our volunteer list on our website: Use this link: [Sign Up Sheet](#). (or go to [www.SunnysideAdventist.org](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org), click on "Our Ministries," then click on "Evangelistic Series Sign Up.")

We need table hosts, online hosts, greeters, food support, etc.

Join us in telling others about the love of Jesus! Please reach out to Rosie or me if you need help with dates or signing up to volunteer.

## L.I.K.E. CARD

**List** 5-10 people you would like to see have a stronger relationship with Christ.

**Intercede** for them daily.

**Kindness** shown through word & deed.

**Example** and invitation.

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God bless each of you and your families!

**Pastor Billy Hungate**

## News & Notes

We are excited to announce that Sunnyside Church will begin opening for in-person worship services beginning March 13, 11:15 AM. State regulations for Covid will be followed: Masks are required to cover the mouth and nose for the entire service and while you are in the building, 6' distancing must be maintained, and please observe markings on the pews so you may know where to sit. Only families living together may sit together. Again, the 6' distancing rule must be maintained. We are limited to 170 people in the Sanctuary. Please remember if you are not feeling well, or, if you have been around anyone that has had Covid, please stay home. While we are excited to worship together, it is imperative that we help each other stay well.



## THIS WEEKEND

Welcome to our worship service via streaming video at 11:15 AM. Pastor Mark Witas will present our worship service with a sermon titled "Cry Out."

TRAVIS HATTON | MUSIC DIRECTOR



**Sunday, February 28, 4:00 PM**, there will be a Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra concert via live stream — use this link to view:

[http://](http://www.sunnysidesymphony.org)

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Church Treasurer** position is now available. Due to a pending resignation, we are seeking applicants for the position of Church Treasurer. Send your résumé to the church office, Attn: Personnel Committee. If this is not a role for you, please share with someone you may know who may be qualified.

**March 13, 3:00 PM: Community Prayer Strategy** — Please come and join us for a prayer walk through the community. We will be walking throughout the neighborhood praying for our neighbors as we intercede for them to have a stronger relationship with Christ. We are open to as many of you as possible to join us.



**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/7WN\\_7CTH1sBxQA0cinl8vm8vqw...](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7WN_7CTH1sBxQA0cinl8vm8vqw...)

**The March/April 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](mailto: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,

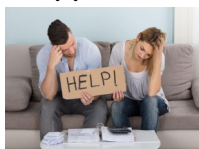


Jim's Through-the- Bible study class, and a class led by Tom Stafford, Raymond Baker, and Dean Browning; the Faith Time group; and the Romanian group. On Wednesday morning there is Women's FaithLift prayer ministry group; and a men's Bible study group. Let us know if you would like to join in!



**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 protocols 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](mailto: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](http://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](http://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/](https://www.facebook.com/OregonAdventists/) and [www.youtube.com/oregonadventists](https://www.youtube.com/oregonadventists).



## PACS UPDATE

**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](mailto: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](https://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!

## Job Opportunity:

PACS is now hiring for **Goods Processor, Receiver and Goods Pricer-part time** for their thrift store. Contact [laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org](mailto:laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org) for information.