

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

March 18, 2023



Hello, Sunnyside family!

I believe some of you can relate to this, but I'm not a big fan of rainy seasons. I don't like gray clouds, muddy hikes, dirty cars, puddles, messy hair, or wet clothing.

At the same time, I love evergreens. I love moss. I love waterfalls. I love green grass and clean air.

Northwesterners helped me to connect these two sides of the coin.

A dry and sunny winter makes many people nervous here. Higher precipitation promises enough snow in the mountaintop storages to feed our rivers and wells, to keep our crops growing, and fish swimming. It protects us from wildfires and keeps our land green.

It seems like there is a reason that the outpouring of the Holy Spirit is compared to rain. The Holy Spirit's coming into our lives can easily reveal our messiness. The Spirit "exposes the error of the godless world's view of sin, righteousness, and judgment." John 16:8 MSG. We become aware of our brokenness. Conveniently hidden sins get flashed out into the open. Our dysfunctional, well-trodden pathways become even more slippery and muddy. We may feel miserable.

But there is no abundant life without the Spirit. There is no righteousness that looks like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. There are no streams of living water flowing from us to quench the thirst of struggling humanity. There is no life.

May the Holy Spirit keep raining on us. May God give us the courage to welcome the season of the latter rain. And may His grace always keep our lives fruitful and evergreen.

Pastor Violeta Bilan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Sunnyside today. Thank you for joining us for worship. We pray for God's special blessing on you as we worship together.



Pray for the family of Forrest Robertson. Forrest passed away this last week on Tuesday, March 14. A memorial service will be conducted on Sunday, May 7, at 11:00 AM, here at Sunnyside Church.

Nominating Committee New Members — Second Reading:

Margie Allen, Amy Cafferky, Paul Dragulin, Tim Hill (Chair), Kathy Kramer (Secretary), Beverly Merino, Isaac Nziacharo, Brenda Siaw, Marie Pierre, Liesl Vistaunet, One-year term: Marcia Dunham. Alternates: Lorrie Wescott and Tom Kramer.

Membership Transfer — First Reading: Sussie Moturi to Temple Three Angels SDA Church, Texas.



This afternoon, March 18, at 5:00 PM, everyone is invited and encouraged to bring their friends to a Sunnyside Community Night for a free veggie big frank supper followed by a show presented by the Oregon Reptile Man. There will be an opportunity after the show to handle some of the safe animals. All ages are welcome!

The Oregon Sinfonietta under the direction of Donald Appert will present a concert **tomorrow, Sunday, at 3:00 PM.** This is an incredible orchestra; you won't want to miss it.



The class on the book of Daniel that has been meeting in the Bridal room on Tuesdays has changed the **meeting time to 4:00 PM.** This is a great class led by Conrad Gren.

Are you age 60 or older? Plan to join other seniors for a brown bag lunch and fellowship on **the last Thursday of this month, March 30, at 12:00 noon.** We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Room 60. Bring your sack lunch. Dessert will be provided.



It is not too late to sign up for the Book Club to be held at Sunnyside Church! The starting date will soon be announced. Please bring a friend or family member. Our first book will be "Christ's Object Lessons." To sign up or if you have any questions call Doreen, Bible Worker, at 408-802-3139.

Sunnyside choir is recruiting singers for the Easter Program with the orchestra. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7:00 PM. Please contact pollyhan@aol.com if you are interested in singing with us.



Sing Handel's Hallelujah Chorus this Easter. Easter Sabbath the choir and orchestra will be performing Handel's Hallelujah chorus and we are welcoming congregational members to sing with us. Learn your part at home. [CLICK HERE](#) [Click Here for part specific practice tracks](#). Visit the Sunnyside website, under "Our Ministries" to download a digital score. Questions? Contact pollyhan@aol.com

The Nominating Committee is about to convene. This is the group that is responsible for selecting people to volunteer in the church. Sunnyside is so successful because of you and how much you care for your church. Each one of you are asked to consider and pray about where you would like to serve in Sunnyside's community. We are family and we need each other. Please take this seriously and let us know in what group you would like to serve. Please volunteer and when you are contacted consider it a privilege. Send your area of interest to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.



Gene Lysinger, a former member, has passed away. Many of you will remember him as a choir director here at Sunnyside. There will be a memorial service for him on March 26, 2023, at 2:00 PM. A choir has been formed and will be singing in memory of him, and a potluck reception will follow the service.

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.



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.

Our new flower calendar is now posted in the hallway and on our website. Please choose a date to share flowers with our Sunnyside family for our worship services and place your name on it. As the date gets closer, we will contact you to see what message you would like to put 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



Happy Birthday



Today: Elda Buller, Gary Kramer; **Sunday:** Madelaine Simon; **Tuesday:** Jeremy Barber, Belinda Duong; **Wednesday:** Nikki Gihm; **Thursday:** Brian Costa, Ana Marin; **Friday:** Ted Morford, Marilyn Patchin

Mark your calendar for the upcoming events here at Sunnyside Church:

- ◇ March 18, 4:00 PM, Sunnyside Community Night
- ◇ March 19, 3:00 PM, The Oregon Sinfonietta Concert
- ◇ March 25, 11:15 PM, Communion



AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OREGON PRAYER CONFERENCE

March 24-26, 2023

Twin Rocks Conference Center
Rockaway Beach, Oregon

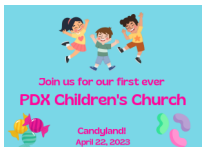
We need prayer because prayer connects us with Christ and the transforming power of the Holy Spirit. Prayer is the only way we can accomplish what God has called us to do. It is through prayer that we will cooperate with angels and finish the last

work. Join us at the Oregon Prayer Conference at Rockaway Beach on March 24-26th with guest speaker Pastor Rob Clouzet. His messages will be very eye-opening and inspiring. This will be a special time of prayer and learning about prayer. To learn more, or to register, visit: <https://www.oregonadventist.org/ministries/prayer-ministries>.



Gladstone Open — Singles and Double Disc Golf Tournament fundraiser May 7th at the Oregon campgrounds in Gladstone benefiting Livingstone Adventist Academy after-school

programs. <http://tinyurl.com/gladstoneopen>.



We are excited to invite you to our first ever **PDX Children's Church!** It will be on April 22, 2023, in the Holden Center from 11:00-12:30 PM. Free lunch included for all who register.

Stick around after lunch from 1:30-3:30 PM for

Pass It On Workshop: Real Life Tools For Passing Faith On To Our Kids. Childcare will be provided for all potty-trained children who are registered for this portion of the event.

Sabbath, April 29, 4:30 PM, at Sunnyside Adventist Church, the Oregon Conference administrators invite you to join Adventists from our area in a "Together in Mission" celebration. In this afternoon meeting, we will worship, fellowship, talk together about the mission of the Oregon Conference churches and schools, and have a Q&A with the Conference officers.

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Attention Columbia Adventist Academy alumni:

Columbia Adventist Academy Alumni Reunion Weekend is happening March 31 – April 2, 2023!

This year's honor classes include the following years: '43, '48, '53, '63, '73, '83, '93, '98, '03, '13, and '23



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Elementary School (PAES) is seeking candidates for a 1st Grade long-term substitute teaching position for the remainder of this school year. Our school serves a diverse population and welcomes all students who desire an opportunity to learn more about Jesus. We are committed to being a light in our community and unlocking the potential of every child.



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org/>

SAVE THE DATE - Alumni Weekend May 5-7, 2023

In-person, on the PAA Campus.

Honor Classes: '43, '48 (75-year), '53, '63, '73 (50-year), '83, '93, '98 (25-year), '03, '13, '18 (5-year)

[More info on the Alumni web page.](#)

PAA & AmazonSmile. You may have heard that Amazon.com is discontinuing the AmazonSmile charitable giving program. We thank you for choosing PAA for this program. PAA has received about \$900 through the Amazon program since 2018. Thank you!

PAA & Fred Meyer

You may support PAA through the Fred Meyer Community Rewards Program. Just connect a Fred Meyer digital account and connect it to your Shopper's Card, and designate Portland Adventist Academy as the organization you wish to support. You can get it all done on the Fred Meyer website here: <https://www.fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards>



Walla Walla University — 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 **PACS 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.

Walla Walla University is hiring! If you or someone you know is looking to advance your career, please check out opportunities in Portland and College Place and apply at jobs.wallawalla.edu.

Last Week's Worship Service in Photos:

