

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, April 3, 2021



**Greetings church family,**

The Crucifixion is not a defeat overturned by the Resurrection; the Crucifixion is a victory revealed by the Resurrection.

Seventh-day Adventists have long experienced an awkwardness with Easter Sunday. After all, it is on Sunday.

In one previous church I decided to hold a sunrise service on Easter Sundays to meditate on the resurrection of Jesus. I had more than one church member corner me in my office complaining about the Catholic/pagan influences on the holiday and that we shouldn't have anything to do with it.

It happened that I was in some of these people's homes around Christmas time. They had Christmas trees all lit up and lights on the outside of their house. When I asked them about the pagan origins of Christmas, they didn't seem to be so concerned about those.

A few thoughts on Easter—

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most seminal moment of this earth's history. It changed everything. The power of death was defeated. The devil was punched in the nose. Humanity achieved victory in that one powerful act.

The resurrection is symbolic of the Christian life and our baptism. When we gave our lives to Christ our old selves were put to death and we were resurrected with Jesus into a new life that cannot be defeated by death. Not only is this true of the day we were baptized, it's true every day. Each day we die to self and come to life in Christ!

The Crucifixion is not a defeat overturned by the Resurrection; the Crucifixion is a victory revealed by the Resurrection! Ponder this. Meditate on it. And see what you come up with.

The devil revealed his character in fullness as Jesus was slaughtered on that cross. He used his agencies (the empire and religion) to take his wrath out on the Son of God. This demonstration of demonic wrath vs. the character of Jesus, who took on sin and suffering to save lost humanity, is all the evidence we need to see that love wins the day. The devil demands death. Jesus breathes new life. The devil kills. Jesus resurrects.

I for one, am thrilled that Easter Sunday comes around once a year to remind a dark world that there is light at the end of the tunnel. I'm glad that we take a day from each year (I know it's likely not the day that Jesus actually came out of the tomb, that that's okay with me) and celebrate Jesus. Happy Easter my friends!

**Pastor Mark Witas**

## News & Notes

### THIS WEEKEND

**Welcome to worship!** Just a reminder, 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, sit in the unmarked pews, and please no handshaking or hugging. If you have a medical condition or other reasons that will prevent you from wearing a mask properly, or feel you cannot maintain distancing, please take this opportunity to watch live-streaming from the comfort of your home.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**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. Send an email to [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org) or call the office at 503-252-8080 and let us know the latest with your family!



**Our flower calendar is now** posted in the hallway and [online](#). (Go to our website, [www.SunnysideAdventist.org](http://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.

### 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 to the directory for you. Thank you.



### Sabbath School quarterlies for April-June are now available.

There is a stack on the ledge next to the office window where you may help yourself. If you need one mailed to you contact the office at 503-252-8080 or send an email, [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org). We'll make sure you get what you need.

**The March/April Children's Sabbath Packets** are available 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.



**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/7NWN7CTH1sBxQAOCinl8vm8vqvw>.

**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!

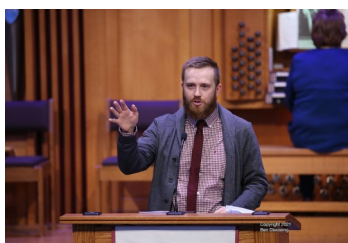


**During this difficult time,** if you are in need of financial help for rent, utilities, or other needs, the Family Resource Network stands by to help. Or if you know of a fellow church member that may need help and is hesitant to ask, let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org).

### LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



Pastor Mark Witas



Pastor Billy Hungate



Donna Mitchell



Raymond Baker



Pastor Wendy Witas



Alan Swope, Alex Geschke, Erik Neilsen

### ADVENTIST EDUCATION

**Portland Adventist Elementary School**  
<http://www.paes.com>

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

**Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!**

Once again, you - the PAA / PUA family - have come through strong in response to the H2O Project Matching Gift Campaign.

**GOAL: \$20,000** - to activate a match of up to \$20,000 for gifts received by May 3, 2021

**RECEIVED TO DATE: \$16,885 !!!**

84.43% of goal

**REMAINING: \$3,115**

Your response has been absolutely wonderful!

Thanks to you, PAA is able to address several water-related needs that will keep our campus functioning for our students.

Work has already begun on replacing valves on the incoming water main.

And now, also because of your generosity, we have reached our Gym Roof Replacement goal of \$95,000!

**Gym Roof Replacement**

**GOAL: \$95,000**

**SUCCESS!!! GOAL MET!!!**

**Thank you!!!**

**ENTER TO WIN \$1,000 TUITION!!** Whether you are a new or returning student, if you **complete** your RenWeb registration for next school year, you will be entered into a drawing for \$1,000 towards your 2021/2022 tuition. If you are also interested in a scholarship for next year, you will need to complete your FACTS Financial Aid Application as soon as possible. See the ENROLLMENT/ REENROLLMENT section on the first page for a link to the FACTS application.

If you're an Amazon shopper, you can add Portland Adventist Academy as your [AmazonSmile](https://www.smile.amazon.com) 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](https://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

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Walla Walla University is hiring both faculty and staff position right now! To see a list of available positions, job descriptions and to apply, please visit: [jobs.wallawalla.edu](https://jobs.wallawalla.edu).

### ANNOUNCEMENTS AND AREA EVENTS

**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](http://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 hiring!**

Needed! **A full-time Donor Experience Specialist.**

Includes full benefits including health, vision, dental, PTO, and more.

For more information contact [laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org](mailto:laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org)

We also need a **Goods Processor, Receiver and Goods Pricer** (part time) for their thrift store. Contact [laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org](mailto:laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org) for information.