

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, April 24, 2021



### Greetings church family,

I remember the first time I stepped into an Adventist school. I didn't know anybody. I was in fourth grade, my mom had started attending church pretty seriously and decided to put my sister and I in our local Adventist school. Mountlake Terrace SDA school. Mrs. Christie was my teacher. She was an older lady that ran a tight ship. If you were out of line, you'd feel regret and get into line as quickly as you stepped out. She also showed her softer side when reading time came. If there was a touching part of a story, Mrs. Christie would tear up and have to take her little handkerchief and wipe her eyes.

It was Mrs. Christie, then, in succession, Mrs. Wommack, Mrs. Chase, and then the big world of Junior High with Mr. Busby, Mrs. Tait, Mr. Roemer, Pastor Dan, and the rest of the gang. We became a family. Life-long friends were made in that little Adventist school.

After 10th grade I went to Auburn Adventist Academy. Again, life-long friendships were forged in those formative years. I'm pretty sure I didn't learn much in class. But, boy oh boy, did I enjoy the friendships I developed.

There's something about an Adventist school experience that stands out as special as the years go on.

Little did I know that the Lord would lead me to be the principal of an Adventist school years later in ministry. For five years I was the principal of Cascade Christian Academy, a daycare through 12th grade school in Wenatchee, Washington. During those years I saw in my students the same experience I had. To this day I see on social media these kids, now in their 30's getting together and hanging out like family. They still call me, message me, and keep the relationship with me and their other teachers alive because that experience meant so much to them.

This Sabbath we get to share our church with Portland Adventist Academy and their alumni. These will be happy times for folks to come together and share loving memories of days gone by. The students that will be performing during the service will see how thick the bond has remained between these old friends.

Let's welcome our constituent school with open arms and celebrate with them this Sabbath.

**Pastors 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.

**Welcome to Portland Adventist Academy** students, alumni, and staff as we enjoy the program they have prepared in celebration of PAA alumni weekend. A special welcome, also, to Dr. John McVay, president of Walla Walla University, who will present today's Bible message.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Mother's Day is coming soon** and we would like pictures of our congregation and their mothers for our May 8 church service. Please put your name with your picture, sending it as a .jpg by May 5 to [info@sunnysideadventist.org](mailto:info@sunnysideadventist.org). Thank you.

**Cherry Park Elementary School is having a Suds and Duds event** that the Sunnyside Church is invited to participate in. We are looking for new shoes for girls and boys, kids sizes 8-12 and adult sizes 4-8. They are also needing "suds," which would be soap, shampoo, conditioner, laundry soap, dish soap, and dish washer liquid. We will have receptacles in the church lobby to receive donations. Thank you in advance for blessing the families in our community with your generosity.

**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](http://www.SunnysideAdventist.org). (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 for you to the directory. Thank you.

**Parents/Grandparents we would love to see pictures** of your children/grandchildren working on the crafts from the activity packets. Please send them to [jackeeduvall@hotmail.com](mailto:jackeeduvall@hotmail.com).

**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; 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!



Shannon Schneider



Lily Baraka, Rae Stuart



Robert Nyakawara



Pastor Mark Witas

**ADVENTIST EDUCATION**

**Portland Adventist Elementary School**

<http://www.paes.com>

**Portland Adventist Academy**

<https://paasda.org/>

We have FINALLY returned to full-time and in-person school this week! We ask for your continued prayers as we navigate these fun new challenges. Pray for safety and for stamina for the final weeks ahead. Pray for healing during financial stressing seasons.

PAA/PUA Hybrid Alumni Sabbath is May 1:

Portland Adventist (Union) Academy is thrilled to offer a pandemic-safe Alumni Sabbath on May 1, 2021. In-person spots are available for both morning worship (11:15 AM at Sunnyside SDA Church) and honor year reunions (2:45 PM at PAA) but space is limited and must be reserved. Both events can be accessed virtually. Find out more and RSVP [HERE](#) or by calling PAA at 503.255.8372. (<https://paasda.org/development/alumni/>)

**PAA Summer World History Class:**

High school students can earn a year's worth of history credit in just six-weeks at Portland Adventist Academy. This is an ideal course for incoming freshmen or any students hoping to free up room in their schedule for fun elective classes. The course begins June 21 and will meet weekday mornings through July 30. Register online [HERE](#). (<https://paasda.org/news/summer-class/>)

**PAA Staff & Student Week of Worship:**

Thanks to the pandemic, Portland Adventist Academy has been streaming its weekly [Chapels](#), [Student Week of Worship](#), and now [Staff Week of Worship](#). You can watch and share them all on YouTube [HERE](#). We hope these messages continue to bless you for years to come! (<https://paasda.org/news/watch-share-staff-week-of-worship/>)



**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**



**Today:** Daniel Bradley, Eileen Emori, Corinne Sage, Miroslav Sidorenko, Melody Spiker; **Monday:** Judy Denis, James Johnstone, Judy Kramer, Dekebo Yadeto; **Tuesday:** Mimi Jones, Janna Lian, Tracy Malone, Gabe Pinto; **Wednesday:** Taina Allen; Herb Hanson, Tracey Krueger, Alan Mason, Rachel Stout, Allana Westermeyer **Friday:** Ron Benfield, Shelly Sanders

**Last Week's Church Service**



Dean Browning



Arnold Petersen

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/>.

### **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/pacsthritstore](https://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 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)