

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

May 13, 2023



Hello Church Family!

As I write this we are home, safe and sound from another lengthy stay at the hospital. Ayla had a double ear infection, viral bronchiolitis, and bacterial pneumonia. Our stay brought back a lot of memories from a few months ago where every day was life or death with Ayla. As

Ayla was struggling to breathe I would take Adalee for walks by the NICU where we spent 44 days (who was counting), going to the spots where Chelsea and I would eat lunch and dinner and cry when Ayla would throw up all of her food and the nurses would have to suction her mouth and nose just so she could breathe. I took Adalee to our spots of prayer on the 9th floor of the Kohler pavilion with a beautiful view of Mt. Hood, where Chelsea and I would praise God that Ayla made it through the night.

Each area that I would take Adalee to brought back horrific moments and also beautiful ones. During Chelsea's first shunt procedure with Adalee, it was the most difficult two hours of my life so far, and as I sat on the phone with Pastor Mark and Arnold Petersen talking about what was happening, a member of Sunnyside, Ron Blehm, walked passed me, we both saw each other and he hugged me and said, "Everything is going to be ok." I will never forget that moment, I'm not even sure Ron remembers it but I will never forget it. A moment, in one of the most difficult times where the love of God showed up and Ron spoke words of life into me.

The world we live in right now looks a lot like the NICU at Doernbecher Hospital. Kids on life support, struggling to survive, needing medication and treatment just to make it to another day, and Sunnyside church and the people who fill the pews are no different. We are all struggling in one way or another, and while it is easy for me to say, "Go to God. Let him make you feel better." Sometimes that is not enough. And the best part is, that's ok. It's okay that bringing your worries to God is not enough. He understands and He wants to give you more.

It is scary for us to re-live traumatizing moments in our lives, and when we initially see the signs of the NICU, or press the button to head up to the 11th floor where you have carved a pathway out that you walked for hours while the lives of your wife and children were up in the air. The beautiful thing is that what we see, initially, is only the surface of the beautiful gift of the most promised promise in the whole Bible, that God is with us. Jesus' name literally means "God with us." (Matthew 1:23)

As I took Adalee around the hospital, somewhat afraid to hit the 11th floor button on the elevator and look down the hallway into the operating room where Chelsea was for hours as we sat there, and

now this beautiful miracle was wiggling around in my arms, I was reminded that He was with me. I can look at all of the stories of the kids in that hallway where God intervened and they are walking around here on this earth, knowing that God was with them. In that space where he calmed me down through a hug from Ron, God was with me. When Ayla's heart was showing critical signs of not beating any longer, we had an ultrasound photo taken, more clear than any we had seen before, and God was with us.

My challenge to you is to sit in the moments you are afraid to approach. Hit the elevator button to the 11th floor, look down the hallway towards the operating room, and see where God was with you in those moments. When you do this, you just might look forward to pushing that button or looking down the hallway. You may even find joy in telling people where God was with you.

Love you family!

Pastor Billy Hungate

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.

Mother's Day Breakfast at Sunnyside Adventist Church Sabbath, May 13, 2023!



If you are a mother, you have a mother, are planning to be a mother, or identify as a mother, please join us for a free Mother's Day Appreciation Pancake Breakfast on Sabbath, May 13, starting at 8:15 AM, until 9:45 AM. Mothers, bring your family to church early this morning and relax for a change while your family

will be fed a healthy breakfast before attending Sabbath School and church service.

The floral tribute is presented this week in appreciation for the Children's Ministries volunteers.

Alert! Our database has apparently been hacked and several of you are receiving emails from (in this case) Pastor Scott LeMert that he needs to talk to you discreetly, or possibly needs you to help with a secret project by buying gift cards/or sending money. This is not from Pastor Scott. Please do not open or respond to these emails. They are not from our pastors. If in question check the email address it is from against the email addresses as listed on the bulletin, or call the Pastor or the church office at 503-252-8080 to verify.

Next week, Wednesday, May 17, Elders and the Church Board will meet via Zoom. Elders will meet at 6:15 PM, and the Board meets at 7:00 PM. Watch your email for a Zoom link — it is the same link for both meetings. Thank you, members, for joining in.



Experience the power of the internationally acclaimed Oregon Adventist Men's Chorus in concert! Two identical concerts, 3:30 PM and 7:00 PM, Sabbath, May 20, here at the

Sunnyside Church. Free tickets are required, available at www.oamcministry.org/tickets or call 208-304-9514.

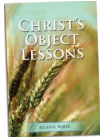
Portland Adventist Academy will have a special constituency meeting May 21, at 10:00 AM, held in the PAA Chapel. If you are one of our constituents for PAA, please take note of the date and time. You will be sent specific information via email. Thank you for representing Sunnyside Church.



May 21, 3:00 PM, the Oregon Sinfonietta will be in concert here at Sunnyside Church. Don't miss out on this phenomenal orchestra.

Student Aid applications are now available for the 2023-2024 school year. If you are in need of financial assistance to attend one of our schools, please call the church office, 503-252-8080, or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org for an instruction sheet. We can email you the information. The deadline for your application to be completed is June 5.

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, May 25, at 12:00 noon. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall Room 60. Please bring your own sack lunch. Dessert will be provided.



Monday, at 5:45 PM, the Book Club will meet via Zoom. The first book we will be reviewing will be "Christ's Object Lessons." This will be the same as the Wednesday

evening in-person meeting. If you have any questions or would like to join, call Doreen Gatien, Bible Worker, at 408-802-3139.

The class on the book of Daniel meets in the Bridal room on Tuesdays at 4:00 PM. This is a great class led by Conrad Gren.

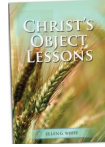


Tuesday evenings are known as "Bread Nights" when we feed the WWU nursing students a meal once a week.

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.



Wednesday evenings at 6:00 the Book Club will meet in person in the Youth Room. The first book we will review is "Christ's Object Lessons." This will be the same as the Monday afternoon Zoom meeting. If you have any questions or would like to join, call Doreen Gatien, Bible Worker, at 408-802-3139.



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.



Vacation Bible School is coming Friday, June 23, through Sunday, June 25. The theme is "Stellar—Shine Jesus' Light!" Launch kids on a cosmic quest where they'll have a blast shining Jesus' light to the world. Stellar rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Come for a good time and great learning, ages, 4-14, [Click here](https://vbspro.events/p/events/59394f) to register (or key in <https://vbspro.events/p/events/59394f>) or use the QR code. For more information feel free to contact Beverly at sunnysidevbs@yahoo.com or 503-250-2770.

Global Missions: During the pandemic, we have limited our church's global outreach to smaller group missions to Ukraine refugees and Zimbabwe orphans. With the lifting of travel restrictions, several have asked about whether we should organize a larger-scale mission such as Sunnyside has done in the past such as to Belize, Zambia, Ethiopia, and Romania to name a few. If you would be interested in participating in a mission trip in 2023 and 2024 please send your name(s) and email address to the Global Mission Committee at Ariwest1@gmail.com. We will then send you updates as opportunities open up. We currently have openings in trips to Belize, Zimbabwe, and the Philippines.



Our flower calendar is 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!



Sunday: Cynthia Stephan; **Tuesday:** Nancy Rader, Betty Royce;
Wednesday: Mick Turner; **Friday:** Ruby Hohensee



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.

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.



AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SWIFT WATER RESCUE



River Rescue Training from Wilderness Rescue International. This 3-day river rescue training course, June 11-13, will be based out of at Big Lake Youth Camp in Sisters, Ore. and will be

instructed by Nate Ostis with Wilderness Rescue International on the McKenzie River. Cost is \$425/person. Cost includes housing and meals for three nights, and instructor fees. Training will be held 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. Learn more at <https://biglake.org/summer-camp/specialty-training-certifications/>. Register at <https://bit.ly/BLYClogin>

Camp Meeting is coming July 13-15 for Spanish and July 18-22 for English! If you would like to volunteer in any of the departments, please fill out the online Volunteer Registration form at <https://lforms.oc.npuc.org/Forms/pub-2023CMREG>. You will find the Departments and description for all the volunteer positions on the conference website. There are a limited number of paid positions available for kitchen and cleaning crew staff during Camp Meeting, as well as the Summer Grounds Crew June-July. Thank you for signing up now and helping with Camp Meeting!



ADVENTIST EDUCATION



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/>

PAA Spring Music Concert, Thursday, May 18, 7 pm, at PAA - FREE—

If you're in the Portland area, you're invited to support PAA's Music Department programs at the Spring Concert on Thursday, May 18, at 7 PM in the PAA Gym. Admission is FREE, with an opportunity to support the Music programs through the Drink & Dessert Fundraiser at the event.

PAA Vista Verde

News for alumni and friends of PAA — latest issue can be accessed as a PDF download at <https://paasda.org/development/alumni/>

Full-time High School Math Teacher needed for 2023-2024.

PAA is accepting applicants for an experienced full-time high school math teacher for the 23-24 school year who is committed to Christ and excited about the mission of being an Adventist educator. The complete listing can be found at: <http://jobs.adventisteducation.org/opportunities/15534>. Please send resumes to Mechelle Peinado, mpeinado@paasda.org.

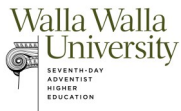
Part-time High School Auto Mechanics Teacher needed for 2023-2024.

PAA is looking for a part-time auto mechanics teacher for the 23-24 school year. If you are a skilled, experienced auto-mechanic who is committed to Christ and interested in teaching and inspiring the next generation as part of the mission of Adventist education, please contact Mechelle Peinado mpeinado@paasda.org.

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>

PAA is hosting a special Constituency meeting focused on two items: revisiting remodeling, rebuilding, or relocating and discussing funding the facility. The meeting is scheduled for **Sunday, May 21 from 10 AM to 1 PM** in the PAA Chapel. The planned meeting format is different from traditional constituency meetings — this special constituency meeting will focus on constituent delegates working in mixed-church small-group discussions, led by a facilitator, and then bringing the small-group recommendations to the entire group for decision-making.



Walla Walla University
wallawalla.edu



PACS UPDATE

Dear Church Family,

We want to thank you for your continued partnership in helping people as one of PACS' constituent churches. The subsidy that your church provides has already made an impact to our community this year!

Your support has already helped (Q1 Stats):

- 19,000 individuals, seniors, and children received fresh groceries
- 118 dental patient visits and three patients received crown referrals
- 13,000 items of clothing and home goods found a new home
- 220 volunteers who gave 7,900 hours back to the community
- Countless of clients received pastoral counseling and mental health coaching

We want to let you know that your generosity and kindness is having a HUGE ripple effect in our community and we THANK YOU!

Kindly,

Laura Pascoe
Executive Director

P.S. Have you watched our YouTube [PACS Report](#)?

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.

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 is Hiring! Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Dental Clinic. **We are hiring a Part-time Dental Hygienist and a Full-time Fundraising Specialist.** If you are interested in any of these positions please visit our website (pacsonline.org/jobs) for job descriptions or email info@pacsonline.org for more information.

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.

Better Life Television (BLBN) is a network of more than 15 stations and translators serving over 60,000 square miles throughout southern Oregon, with satellite stations in northern California and Reno, Nevada. Better Life is currently seeking a broadcast engineer. The broadcast engineer position is responsible for assisting the executive director in maintaining, operating, and developing the technical systems that enable BLBN to fulfill its mission. This position is a full-time, regular status position. Learn more about this position and how to apply at <https://bit.ly/BLTVjob>.



Adventist Health Hospice is looking for compassionate volunteers to provide

companionship to patients, provide a much needed brief break for a tired caregiver, make phone calls on Thursdays to check on patient supplies, or assist with light housekeeping, errands or pet support.

Thorough training and support are provided by Adventist Health Hospice team members. If interested to learn more, contact Karen Hartmann, Bereavement/Volunteer Coordinator, at 503-251-6192 or email Hartmakl@ah.org. You can make a loving difference in someone's life at a challenging time.

Volunteers are 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.



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Serving a meal for the WWU student nurses:



