

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, May 15, 2021



Greetings church family,

I have a fascination with Egypt. You can tell by looking in my office and the huge collection of Egyptian artifacts. I was blessed by an incredible church member at Pacific Union College Church; Dr. Yacoub Nashed, a Dr. of Physics, who benevolently willed

them to me after being laid to rest at 95 years old. He shared his King Tut replica collection with me in a Children's Church while he was



alive. He loved how much the children responded to what he shared. He wanted to continue to help children understand the positive role Egypt played in Israel's life.

Often, we think of Egypt as the oppressor whose Pharaoh enslaved the children of Israel. I want to tell you another side of Egypt that perhaps is neglected too often.

The gospel, according to Matthew, tells a story about Jesus as a refugee child. Joseph, Mary, and Jesus had to flee to Egypt seeking safety and security. Jesus' life was at risk; his survival was endangered because of a horrifying butchery of infants. Dominated by fear for his throne, king Herod of Judea, searched out and killed all the children who were two years old in Bethlehem, where the Messiah child was to be born. Jesus survived the massacre because an angel instructed Joseph to flee to Egypt.



The stories of Abraham (Genesis 12), Joseph (Genesis 37-50), Jeroboam (1 Kings 11), Jeremiah (42-44), and the flight of Jesus (Matthew 2), portray Egypt as a place of refuge at times of famine, political conflict, and violence. Egypt was a safe place for these ancestors and for Jesus. Not only does the shift in the portrayal of Egypt question our opinions of a place like Egypt as that of oppression, but it also invites us to question our politics that are similar to the politics of Herod and Pharaoh in the days of Moses that was cruel and inhumane.



The story of Jesus as a refugee child in Egypt invites us to be liberated from our fears and to open up our borders (personal borders and beyond) to those who seek safety and security. As a church, I pray that we will become a safe

haven for anyone who needs a place away from suffering, political strife, violence, and judgment.

Hebrews 13:2: *Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.*
Leviticus 19:34: *You shall treat the stranger who sojourns with you as the native among you, and you shall love him as yourself, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt; I am the LORD your God.*

May we truly be "WE" kingdom people who embrace others to heal and bring safety. A safe person can keep confidences. A safe person doesn't judge but does everything to heal a hurt individual by love and acceptance. A safe person reflects their Savior who lives for the community and not just themselves. This is a challenge to us, and I pray that we will wholeheartedly be that place of safety for others here at Sunnyside Church, in our homes and in our sphere of influence. Let's be like the Egypt that was a place of safety for all.

Pastor Wendy Witas



Shout-Out

Send your "shout-outs" to info@SunnysideAdventist.org so we can include them in next week's Communiqué. This is a place you can recognize someone for doing well or going beyond expectations.

Shout out this week to Barbara Plubell who planted beautiful flowers for us at the entry of the church. Thank you, Barbara!

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

Please pray for the family of Agnes Dahl who passed away Thursday, May 6, 2021. A memorial service is being planned for Sunday, May 30, 2021, 11:00 AM, here at Sunnyside Church.

There will be an Elders meeting and Sunnyside Church Board meeting on Wednesday, May 19, via Zoom. The Elders meeting will begin at 6:15 PM, and the Church Board meeting will start at 7:00 PM. They both will have the same link. Watch your email for your Zoom invitation and sign in at the appropriate time.

Portland Adventist Elementary school will conduct their annual Constituency Monday, May 24, 7:00 PM at Rockwood SDA Church. Sunnyside delegates, please attend this important meeting. Thank you.

The Family Resource Network is working with a family that is in need of a 2- or 3-bedroom home for rent. If you know of one, please contact the church office, 502-252-8080.

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.



One load delivered!

Student Aid applications – If you are in need of financial aid to attend one of our schools, please fill out an application. It can be emailed to you. Please request one by calling 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@sunnysideadventist.org. You may email, mail, or drop your completed application at the church office for processing by June 1.

Congratulations graduates! If you are graduating this year, or know of someone graduating (8th grade, high school or college) we would like to include your name in our Communiqué. Please forward the name, the school name, and degree you will be receiving to the church office at info@sunnysideadventist.org or call 503-252-8080.



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 or call the office at 503-252-8080 and let us know the latest with your family!

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



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.

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



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 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!

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.



LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



Sunday: Nancy Rader, Betty Royce; **Monday:** Sam Heiser, Mick Turner; **Tuesday:** Lanny Hurlbert, **Wednesday:** Aaron Canwell, Ruby Hohensee; **Thursday:** Elaine Bradshaw, Chelsea Hungate, Arnold Petersen; **Friday:** Rori Bumgarner

Last Week's Church Service



Mother's Day Flowers
from Elaine Bradshaw



Pastor Mark Witas



Kimberly Goodwin-Helton



Paul Dragulin



Karl Helton



Polly Moody



Donna Mitchell



Pastor Wendy Witas

ADVENTIST EDUCATION

Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Portland Adventist Academy

<https://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. Search charitable organizations for *Portland Adventist Academy*. Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>

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/). (<https://paasda.org/news/summer-class/>)

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.

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. 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

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