

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

May 20, 2023



### **Hello Sunnyside family!**

Just a few weeks ago, while working on my previous communiqué, I recall looking out of the raindrop-speckled window at the line of trees beside my house. The sight filled me with ennui. In early May, the trees remained lifeless,

with grey naked trunks and bony branches dotted with small dark buds, cowering in the cold wind.

Today, squinting in the bright sun, I am once again gazing at the same trees, enjoying the shade provided by their lush green crowns. I feel overwhelmingly grateful and energized. What a drastic change! Just a few days of warmth and sunshine have brought forth all that vigor and greenery. The dry and seemingly dead branches are now blooming with life and beauty!

I appreciate the experiential lessons that God generously imparts to us through nature. Whenever we feel ennui about ourselves or others, or circumstances around us, let's remember that everything can be transformed in a short time by the warm presence of the life-giving Spirit. When the light and life from above call forth the life within, every person and situation can blossom. This is the gift of life on the Sunny side.

Love you all!

**Pastor Violeta Bilan**



### **Shout-Out**

Send your "shout-outs" to [info@SunnysideAdventist.org](mailto: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.

*A special thank you and shout out to Ben Dalusong, Raymond Baker, Kathy and Gary Kramer for delivering and serving such a wonderful Mother's Day breakfast for our mothers last week!*

### **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.

**The floral tribute** today is presented in loving memory of our mother, grandmother, and great-grandmother, Rebecca Evanado, on the occasion of her birthday by the Evanado family.



This afternoon 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.

**Portland Adventist Academy will have a special constituency meeting Sunday, 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.

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

**Portland Adventist Elementary School will have a constituency meeting May 22, at 7:00 PM**, in the school library. If you are one of our constituents for PAES, thank you for taking the time to represent our church.

**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.



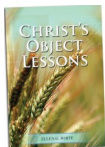
**Join us for a Sunnyside Community Picnic on Saturday, May 27**, right after church, on the back patio. Just bring yourself, your family, and your friends. A picnic meal and some activities will be provided. We hope to see you there! Everyone is welcome.

**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](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org) for an instruction sheet. We can email you the information. The **deadline** for your application to be completed is **June 5**.

**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](mailto:sunnysidevbs@yahoo.com) or 503-250-2770.





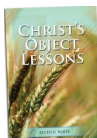
**Monday, at 5:45 PM, the Book Club** will meet via Zoom. The first book we will be reviewing will be "Christ's Object Lessons." This will be the same as the Wednesday evening in-person meeting. If you have any questions or would like to join, call Doreen Gaten, Bible Worker, at 408-802-3139.

**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 Gaten, 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](mailto:sunnysidebellchoir@gmail.com).

**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 [Arjwest1@gmail.com](mailto:Arjwest1@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](mailto: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.

**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).



## Happy Birthday



**Today:** Elaine Bradshaw, Arnold Petersen; **Tuesday:** Cecily Geschke, Ryan Morford; **Wednesday:** Craig Anderson; **Thursday:** Charlotte Hiebert; **Friday:** Carol Lee Murray

### 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://lfforms.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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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/pacsthritstore](http://www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthritstore).



**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](http://pacsonline.org/jobs)) for job descriptions or email [info@pacsonline.org](mailto: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](https://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](mailto: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](mailto:gerelisa.eisele@pacsonline.org) or call 503-252-8500 x1130.

#### **Last Week's Worship Service in Photos:**





### ***Last Week's Mother's Day Breakfast***

