

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

May 27, 2023



Greetings Sunnyside family!

It's easy to fall into routines. This is no less true in spiritual matters than mundane. Most of us have fallen into a pattern of spiritual disciplines of prayer and Bible study. These two disciplines are foundational and enriching, but they are not all the Bible teaches about how we can connect better to God.

I believe that if we're willing to explore a little deeper into the Bible's teachings on spiritual practices, we will find ourselves in a much closer communion with our God. As a result, I've started using this space to share a few disciplines that I've found in the words of God. The last time, we talked a little about submission.

This week, authority.

I start with a disclaimer. If you just read "authority" and felt yourself getting eager, this might not be the article for you. Go back a few weeks and re-read my communicate on submission, instead. Conversely, if you are uncertain about this topic, feeling that it might be bordering on sin to even speak of taking authority, then it was for you I wrote this.

There's a country music song, written and recorded about 15 years ago. It's called "Jesus Take the Wheel," and it's worth a listen. The song begins with a girl who has lost her way and gets into a traffic accident that nearly claims her life. In the song, the story unfolds with gentleness and vulnerability, culminating in her crying out,

*"Jesus, take the wheel;
take it from my hands,
'cause I can't do this on my own;
I'm letting go."*

It's a powerful chorus, and it grows more powerful as the song goes on and unfolds the meaning of her plea far beyond the mere physical danger she was in. It's a wonderful piece of art and a beautiful representation of this stage of the Christian experience.

But I think sometimes we believe that this space of "letting go and letting God" is the ultimate culmination of one's spiritual journey, rather than the one of many steps.

You see, I don't think God wants us to be passengers. I don't think He wants helpless children that He has to drive to every appointment, every after-school activity, and every playdate. He'll do it, of course, as long as we need it, just like any good parent will. But just like every good parent, He wants His children to grow up to be competent and capable adults.

I think He wants to teach us how to drive.

When the Godhead first created humanity, we were created in the image of God. And more than that, we were created to have authority in our lives and over the earth (Genesis 2:26-29). But pretty quick, we gave our authority over to Satan, and are now ruled by our sinful, fleshly natures, rather than our God-given, spiritual natures (Romans 8:6-11).

The work of God in our lives is not to take us over, not to mind control us, not to invade us with a holy version of demonic possession. No; the work of God in our lives is to teach us, step by step, to rule ourselves, not in opposition to Him, but in harmony with Him. And then, to take that authority into the world, not to dominate or control others, but to bring healing.

Pastor Jonathan Stephan

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.

Please pray for the Dennis Woodland family. Dennis passed away last Sabbath, May 20.



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.

Next Sabbath, June 3, we will enjoy our monthly church potluck immediately after our worship service. Bring enough food for your family plus more for our guests. Everyone is welcome and invited to join in eating and fellowshiping together.



June 3, 7:00 PM, Portland Adventist Academy will conduct its senior consecration here at Sunnyside Church.



"Living with Grief" support will meet **Thursday, June 8, at 2:00 PM,** in the fellowship hall. (For reference, we meet monthly on the second Thursday of each month at 2:00 PM). If you have lost a spouse or a child, join us as we

learn and share together on our journey of grief. For more information: Call Dianne at 503-706-5611.



If you have a graduate this year or know of one, we would like to congratulate them in our Communiqué. Please send their name, the name of the school, and if applicable the name of their degree to info@sunnysideadventist.org or text to 971-238-9680.

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**.



Vacation Bible School will be 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.



Camp Meeting is almost here — July 13-15 Spanish and July 18-22 English. Our Pathfinders are managing the snack shack this year providing pronto pups and more. They need helpers! Volunteers of all ages will be accepted,

with the youngest being 13. The deadline for volunteers to get their paperwork in to be processed is June 19. Please offer to help! This fundraiser assists the Pathfinders with their expenses. Here is a link for more information <https://bit.ly/prontopups>.

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.



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.

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. 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.

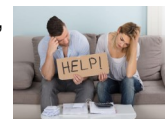


We would like to publicly recognize special milestones in your life. Please take a moment to share with us special birthdays, anniversaries, or any other celebrations. We are family and we would like to share with each other. Also, please let us know when you are sick or need other prayers. We want to 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!



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.



Today: Tiffany Shields; **Sunday:** Tom Davis, Olivian Gramada, Viroel Gramada; **Monday:** Mike Carl, Veronica Cucereavii, Joan Heather, Weslia Vonhoff; **Tuesday:** Janine Hudkins; **Wednesday:** Ron Meisner; **Thursday:** Toni Platonov; **Friday:** Ludmila Siminel

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



First Friday: June 2023, 6:00 PM; Speaker 7:15 PM — Community of Hope, featuring Dr. Terry Johnsson and music from a local community band.

First Friday is a monthly event for the community to join Adventist Health Portland for a night of joyful praise and fellowship. This is a free event and everyone is welcome to join our community of hope. We offer a free soup and salad dinner before each First Friday event. While registration is not necessary to attend the First Friday event, we do ask you to let us know if you're planning to join us for dinner. [Register here](https://www.adventisthealth.org/events-calendar/event-details/?Event=6308), or go to <https://www.adventisthealth.org/events-calendar/event-details/?Event=6308>.

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://fforms.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.

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>



Walla Walla University

wallawalla.edu



PACS UPDATE

PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru is 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.** If you are interested in this position 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.

Last Week's Worship Service in Photos:



