

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, May 29, 2021



Greetings church family,

Last Sabbath, after church, my wife and I drove along the Washington side of the Columbia River and then North of Carson, Washington, to hike to a beautiful waterfall. We went with a family who doesn't attend our church, but are friends through my association with PACS. When we got out of the car we were wondering if we were going

to be rained on during the hike, but were blessed with overcast, but dry skies.

As we were hiking we took special notice of the little flowers blooming, the ferns unfurling after a snow covered winter, and the beauty of the trailside river cascading down toward its eventual and unknown destination. The river was running so strong we had to raise our voices to hear each other talking. It was a mix of rushing water and deep pools that made my mind wander back to packing trips, fishing poles, and fires on the beach.

As we continued our ascent there were places that moss covered rocks had little mini-waterfalls trickling down and over the trail. Everywhere we looked there was beauty to behold. It was truly a deep experience in God's second book.

But it got better.

As we were enjoying our trip up the trail we looked up and saw two church members coming down from the waterfalls. Jeremy and Krissy were exuberant in their discovery that we were hiking up the hill, sweaty and red-faced, toward them. They were so excited about the waterfalls that they had just experienced they decided to turn around and walk back up the trail the rest of the way to see our expressions as we got to experience what they did.

As hoped, the waterfalls did not disappoint. They were huge and breathtaking and loud and reminiscent of what I imagine we will find on the earth made new.

On the way back down the hill, we met with two more church members, the Boltens, as they ascended the same trail we had just climbed.

As I reflect on my Sabbath experience from last week, I'm reminded of what a privilege it is to live in a world that God has created for our enjoyment. He gave us this world to remind Him of His creative wonder. He's also given us the church (each other) to do life with and enjoy all that He's provided. What a wonderful life Jesus has given us. Let's do all we can to take advantage of it and embrace the good things that He's provided.

Pastor Mark Witas

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

Welcome to worship! Please wear your mask. In light of the recent CDC announcements about masking and vaccinations, the Sunnyside Church Board has, in cooperation with the Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists, voted to require all who attend services at Sunnyside to continue to properly wear masks (over nose and mouth) and socially distance while in the church building. This vote was to 1) avoid separating people into groups of vaccinated and unvaccinated attendees and 2) to protect those who have not received a vaccine and/or are immunocompromised because of health complications. The Sunnyside Church Board believes this is the most loving thing we can do to protect each other from the virus that has caused the pandemic we are currently living through. Thank you for your participation and cooperation with the board vote. We pray that soon, as herd immunity is achieved in our state, that we can get back to worshipping together in a more "normal" and convenient fashion.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for the following families:

Agnes Dahl who passed away Wednesday, May 5, 2021. A memorial service is being planned for tomorrow, Sunday, May 30, 2021, 11:00 AM, here at Sunnyside Church.

Dave Myers who passed away May 20, 2021. A memorial service is planned for June 26, 4:00 PM.

June 4, 6:30-7:30 PM, there will be a Family Vespers featuring music, a puppet story, and fellowship. Plan now to attend! If the weather is nice, we'll meet outside, if not, in the fellowship hall. You are welcome to bring blankets, chairs or a snack for your family. You can RSVP <http://evite.me/3QYJqrh61y>.

Starting Friday night June 4, time TBD, we will be presenting "The Chosen", a compelling video series about the life of Jesus. Bring your own chairs and snacks! There will be multiple fire pits for roasting marshmallows, and some other surprises. All are welcome.

The children's division needs help! We are searching for Kindergarten lead teachers and a scheduler. We also would like to have some help with arts and crafts. If you can help us, please contact Pastor Wendy at Wendy.Witas@SunnysideAdventist.org or call 503-252-8080.

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.

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 posted in the hallway and [online](#). (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



Happy Birthday



Today: Michael Carl; **Sunday:** Janine Hudkins; **Monday:** Ron Meisner; **Tuesday:** Mebrat Toffo; **Wednesday:** Ludmila Siminel; **Thursday:** Ben Dalusong, Jr., Alex Larson, Cindy Miner; **Friday:** Michael Gregory, Pat Larson, Andrea McIntosh.

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations

Jim and Vivian Robertson
and

Russ and Francie Davidson



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/>)

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