

# Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

## News & Announcements

Sabbath, May 8, 2021



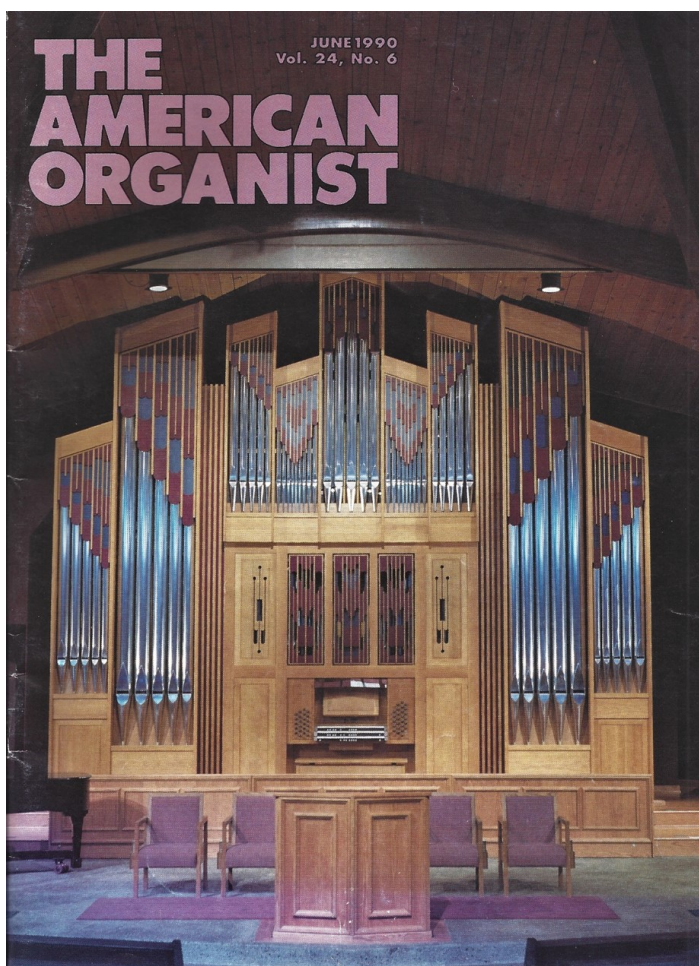
Greetings church family,

Snippets of Sunnyside's Story

The Story of Sunnyside's Rieger  
Organ – Part 6

The American Organist, June 1990,  
Volume 24, Number 6

Thanks to Dr. Wilfred Geschke, I was privileged to get my actual hands on a copy of **The American Organist** (Vol. 24, No. 6) which features Sunnyside's then recently installed Rieger Organ with a grand cover picture and an article by Dr. Ed Cook. This journal is available on loan for anyone choosing to peruse its contents but the following are the relevant excerpts:



### SUNNYSIDE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH PORTLAND, OREGON RIEGER ORGELBAU COVER FEATURE

The Sunnyside Seventh-day Adventist Church was chartered in 1927 in Portland, Oregon. Since its beginning, the church has had ties to a sister institution, Portland Adventist Hospital. In 1977, the hospital relocated and became Portland Adventist Medical Center. By that time, the need for a new church building was also clear. A new church was built near the new medical center, and was occupied in 1983.

The old church used a unified and totally enclosed eleven-rank organ which was inadequate for a new building seating up to 600 people. The Sunnyside congregation always had included strong musicians in its membership and desired to maintain high quality in its music. The need for a new organ was obvious.

In the late 1970s, the building committee charged the keyboard committee with recommending an appropriate organ for the new church.

The committee began by identifying the needs that a new organ must meet. The first and most basic was to support congregational singing. Next, the church's growing choir needed an instrument versatile enough for accompaniment. There was also a desire for an organ that would contribute to the community, that musicians and concert artists would be proud to use and be associated with. The committee foresaw its use in evensong programs, concerts, weddings, music festivals and other events. It was recognized that these needs would best be served with an eclectic instrument, and specifications were developed accordingly.

The committee visited many pipe and electronic organs, in the San Francisco Bay area, Portland and Seattle. Individual members inspected other organs informally. The committee consulted with Melvin West, FAGO, during this time.

At least six estimates were received. Among the organs inspected by the committee, a Rieger organ made the most favorable impression. In July 1983 the committee recommended to the church board that a tracker organ be purchased from Rieger Orgelbau in Schwarzach, Austria. The organ was ordered in February 1985.

Consultation between Rieger and the architect called for reinforcing the floor and modifying the wall behind the organ. The height of the church building had been limited by neighborhood consensus, and the resulting low ceiling height required placement of the Swell division at the top rear of the organ. The organ is on one wall of a hexagonal sanctuary. The pews and aisles are absorbent; all other surfaces are reflective.

All but the electronic components for the combination action were built by Rieger. The electronics are from Heuss in Germany. The case-work is of French oak. The pipe shades were painted on-site to complement the color theme of the interior of the church. The keys are bone and ebony. The Swell and Positiv are enclosed. The combination action has 16 memories, which accommodate the many organists using the organ. There are four programmable sequences available for the crescendo pedal. Wind pressures range from 58 mm to 70 mm, and the organ is tuned in equal temperament.

The final cost of the organ in U.S. dollars was about \$280,000. The first \$150,000 for the organ was included in the new church building budget. The remainder was raised by the Friends of the Organ.

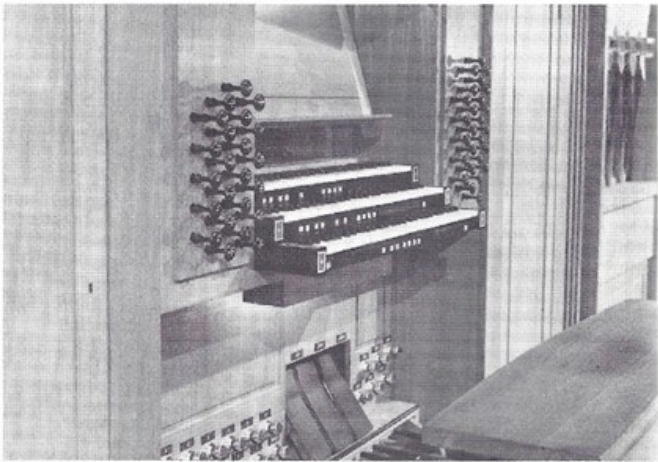
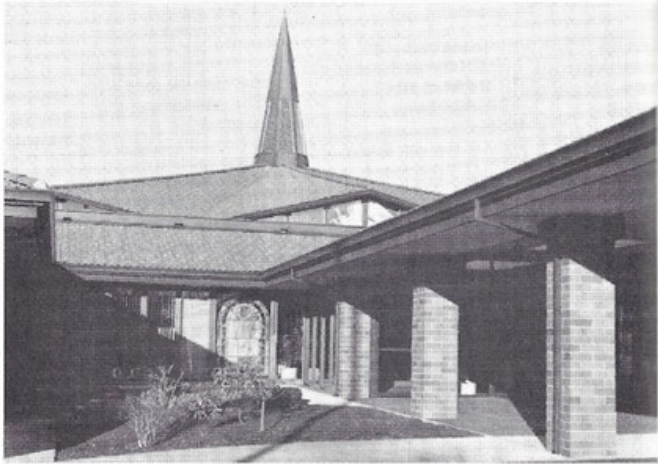
When the 60% down payment was made, the church purchased a futures contract for the remaining 40% of the Austrian schillings due on completion of the organ. The futures contract was purchased on the same day that the dollar's value peaked against the schilling. By the time the organ was delivered on March 29, 1988, its replacement value had risen to about \$500,000 in U.S. dollars.

On June 25, 1988, the organ was dedicated, with Dr. West at the console. In the time since its dedication, it has served the congregation superbly for worship, special musical programs for the church and community organizations, and guest artists.

Music lovers in the church and community have grown to appreciate the instrument. Its "melodies inspired by the sense of things divine are blent with a grandeur unknown before, are decked with new glory and might" (Honoré de Balzac).

EDWARD COOK





**SUNNYSIDE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH**  
 PORTLAND, OREGON  
 RIEGER ORGELBAU  
 SCHWARZACH, AUSTRIA

GREAT		SWELL (enclosed)	
16	Pommer	C-B oak/pine	8 Rohrflöte 50% tin
		rest 50% tin	8 Gamba 50% tin
8	Principal	75% tin	8 Voix céleste 50% tin
8	Spitzflöte	50% tin	4 Prestant 75% tin
4	Octav	75% tin	4 Blockflöte 25% tin
4	Nachthorn	50% tin	2 22/3 Nazard 25% tin
2	Superoctav	75% tin	2 Flöte 25% tin
1 1/3	Mixture IV	75% tin	13/5 Terz 25% tin
8	Cornet V (TF)	25% tin	22/3 Plein Jeu VI 75% tin
8	Trompete	50% tin	16 Basson 50% tin
4	Clarion	50% tin	8 Haut-bois 50% tin
POSITIV (enclosed)			8 Trompette 50% tin
8	Holzgedackt	pear wood	4 Clarion 50% tin
8	Erzähler	50% tin	4 Tremulant
8	Erzähler céleste (TC)	50% tin	
4	Principal	75% tin	
4	Koppelflöte	50% tin	
22/3	Sesquialtera	50% tin	
+ 13/5			
2	Gemshorn	50% tin	
1 1/3	Larigot	50% tin	
1	Scharff III	75% tin	
8	Krummhorn	50% tin	
	Tremulant		
		PEDAL	
		16 Principal 75% tin	
		16 Subbass oak/pine	
		8 Principal 75% tin	
		8 Gedackt oak/pine	
		4 Choralbass 75% tin	
		2 Rauschpfeife 75% tin	
		16 Bombarde 50% tin	
		8 Posaune 50% tin	
		COUPLERS	
		I/II, III/II, III/I, I/P, II/P, III/P	

THE AMERICAN ORGANIST

## 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

**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.

**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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:jackeeduvall@hotmail.com)

**Blessings,**

**Pastor Dave Allen**



Our flower calendar is now posted in the hallway and [online](https://www.SunnysideAdventist.org). (Go to our website, [www.SunnysideAdventist.org](https://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](mailto: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](mailto:info@SunnysideAdventist.org).

## LIFE AT SUNNYSIDE



**Today:** Stella Achayok; **Sunday:** Alan Amerman, Gordon Wescott; **Monday:** Richard Beall, Allison Cheng, Irwin Jones, Devi Petersen; **Tuesday:** Linda Neel, Karen Ulloth; **Thursday:** Thana Anderson, Kim Chan; **Friday:** Margie Davis, David Lindstrom

## Last Week's Church Service



Sam Vigil, Jr.



Diane Shippers



Sarah Kimitsuka



Choristers



Mechelle Peinado, PAA principal



Shirley Allen



Gale Crosby



Mechelle Peinado, Bob Johnson, Gale Crosby



Dr. John Carter



Handbell Ringers



Devi & Kevin Petersen



Diane Smith Saur



Dr. John Carter



Lily Saliba





Steve Lemke



Dr. John McVay

## 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](http://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/>)

### PAA Staff & Student Week of Worship:

Thanks to the pandemic, Portland Adventist Academy has been streaming its weekly [Chapels](#), [Student Week of Worship](#), and now [Staff Week of Worship](#). You can watch and share them all on YouTube [HERE](#). We hope these messages continue to bless you for years to come! (<https://paasda.org/news/watch-share-staff-week-of-worship/>)

### 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](https://jobs.wallawalla.edu).

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](http://www.smile.amazon.com). Search charitable organizations for *Portland Adventist Academy*. Link: <https://paasda.org/news/amazon-smiles-at-portland-adventist-academy/>.

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## 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](mailto: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](https://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](mailto:laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org)