

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

Sabbath, June 5, 2021



Hello church family!

I hope you had a relaxing Memorial Day Weekend. Chelsea and I had the pleasure of heading to Bend, Oregon, to be with some of our friends from the Seminary and one thing that Chelsea and I love to do is rock climb. There are many things that we enjoy about rock climbing but some of our favorites are that we can be with our friends outside and you can talk to others while you

are being active. We enjoy the fact that we can talk with others about the moves and holds that are on the wall, also called “beta.” The other aspects of rock climbing we enjoy are being challenged, both mentally and physically, as well as overcoming failure (while still being safe), in community being supported by others.

This gets me thinking about our walk with God as well. Our relationship with Jesus Christ should be done in community, talking with others about Jesus, your walk, your struggles, and getting “God Beta.” Talking with others about their struggles in the Christian walk because it is hard. The Christian walk is hard because it should be so dramatically against the world that you would feel like your swimming upstream just to have a strong walk with Christ. Many times in my life when things seem “easy,” I look at my life to see where I am conforming to this world. I ask that because Jesus says, “If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you.” (John 15:19). So, does the world hate you, or love you?

“God Beta” is important, especially when done in a community of believers, especially those that know you deeply. However, something that is interesting to me is that it seems like we do not challenge ourselves physically when it comes to our walk with God. Reading the Bible in a year, praying the Psalms every day, doing the Quarterly every day (or cramming on Friday for Sabbath School) are all great things; however, they are only half the story. What about the things we are learning and filling our brains with? When was the last time you stepped up to the “Rock,” put your hands and feet on a wall that you knew you would probably fail, but climbed anyway?

As I climbed up “Hawks Nest” at Smith Rock (which I just learned was named after the section of the Seattle Seahawks’ stadium behind the goal post, which gives a birds eye view of the entire arena. This route was first ascended right after the Seahawks won the Super Bowl in 2014), there was a section about half way up that is called the “crux” of the route. The crux is the most difficult of the route. It had small holds, very few places to place your feet, and it is

also super tall (hence the name) so there is a good bit of fear in this move. As I am making some of the moves I look down and see my harness and rope, which is being held by my friend, Eric, at the bottom. I fell on the hardest spot, but the rope and safety system had my back. I was encouraged by Chelsea and our friends, got back on the route, and finished to the top.

What are the “cruxes” in our lives that we are too afraid to get back on and try? Is it talking to your friends at work about Jesus? Is it bringing up God to your family members again? Is it getting on your knees and praying to God? What about picking up your Bible and reading some of the difficult texts in the Bible that say things that you don’t believe? Whatever it is, my prayer for you is that you get on that wall, and be prepared to fall. However, this time you will know that Jesus Christ, who died for all of our sins, was resurrected from the dead, and lived a life for us to emulate, is on the other end of that rope and He will not let go!

Psalm 24:16 tells us, “for though the righteous fall seven times, **they rise again**, but the wicked stumble when calamity strikes.” Want to know if you are righteous or not? Get up. Get back on the wall, and get a little further on the route. Jesus has you. Challenge yourself physically, as well as mentally. Get up and do the things you think God is calling you to do, and if you do not succeed in your own mind, God will make good out of anything you do. Psalm 24:17, the very next verse tells us, “Do not gloat when your enemy fails; when they stumble, do not let your heart rejoice, or the LORD will see and disapprove and turn his wrath away from them.” A fascinating verse that we could spend a lot of time on, but here is my challenge for you, and especially for me. If our enemies fail, let’s not gloat or rejoice in their failures. Instead, let’s lift them up by telling them about what Jesus has done for us when we have stumbled.

I love you church family! Blessings, courage, and safety to you and your family!

Pastor Billy Hungate

News & Notes

THIS WEEKEND

We are so excited!

This weekend, we are beginning our Sabbath School classes again, in person, for both children and adults. (Some of the adult Sabbath Schools will be continuing with Zoom.) Sabbath School will begin at 10:00 am and church starts at 11:15 am. Masks are still required. Please remember, masks must be worn over both the nose and the mouth while in the building.

Friday, tonight, 6:30-7:30 pm, will be Family Vespers on the patio. Everyone is welcome.

Gathering at 7:30 and beginning at 7:45 will be socializing together and the showing of "The Chosen." Please note this new time. Come together tonight for a good time, and continue worshipping with us tomorrow for both Sabbath School and church

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to worship! Please wear your mask. Today we are restarting our Sabbath Schools. We are so excited to be able to hold services in person again! Please note that for now, we are still required to wear a mask over the nose and mouth while in the building. Thank you for worshipping with us and helping us stay in compliance.

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

Join us on Friday night, 8:00 PM on our patio (or Fellowship Hall if it is raining) **for a viewing of "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 teachers schedulers/greeters, and helpers for arts and crafts. If you can help us, please contact Pastor Wendy at 503-252-8080 or Wendy.Witas@SunnysideAdventist.org.

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.



Congratulations graduates of 2021!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Portland Adventist Elementary School

Jhody Dalusong, daughter of Ben & Jenny Dalusong
Isaac Lian, son of Richize & Ellen Lian
Dane Petersen, son of Kevin & Devi Petersen

Rivergate Adventist Elementary School

Haylee Olson, daughter of James & Jacenda Olson

HIGH SCHOOL

Classical Conversations High School

Ella Lincoln, granddaughter of Guy and Janis Dove

Portland Adventist Academy

Jonathan Caministeanu, son of Angelica & George Caministeanu
Kalani Kramer, granddaughter of Tom & Judy Kramer
Kort Petersen, son of Kevin & Devi Petersen

Upper Columbia Academy

Annika Geschke, daughter of Grant & Cecily Geschke
Kyler Kramer, grandson of Tom & Judy Kramer

COLLEGE

Amherst College

Zac Miller, BS in Biology, son of Dave & Sally Miller

Portland State University

Calvin Kramer, BS Applied Health and Fitness, grandson of Tom & Judy Kramer

Southern Adventist University

Caitrin Kramer, BS Nursing, granddaughter of Tom & Judy Kramer

Union College

Heather Hallowell, Master of Physician Assistant, graduated with "High Distinction," daughter of Manfred & Jerilyn Schosnig

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!



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](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



Today: Ben Ruhl; Elena Tapu; **Sunday:** Sandra Hickey, David Liljengren, Judy Meier; **Monday:** Cesar Acosta, Carl Buchanan, Theresa Henry, Bianca Hutuleac, Sally Kirkpatrick, Lillian Moffitt, Linda Moore, Brooke Stafford; **Tuesday:** Stephanie Lorenson, Hilary Sanderson; **Wednesday:** Ellen Lian; **Thursday:** Lorie Ramey; **Friday:** Alicia Broadwater, Erik Nielsen, Rhonda Rushold, Stan Wallace

Church Service Last Week



Flowers from Lloyd & Lorrie Wescott



Pastor Dave Allen



Donna Mitchell



Richard Gingrich



Tracey Krueger



Chris Manzano, Paul Dragulin, Laura Pinto, Jonathan & Jaclyn Russell



Rhonda Rushold



Pastor Mark 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/>), 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/pacsthritstore

Empty Egg Cartons? PACS Needs Them!

If you have any 12-count empty egg cartons PACS can use them.