

Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

September 24, 2022



Greetings church family!

I don't know if you've noticed, but I've been gone a lot this month. In this September I've traveled to Georgia to speak at a school for a week, and invited to three weddings for former students/church members. I've traveled to Georgia, Tennessee, Washington and this weekend I'm in North Carolina.

While I love preaching and getting people married off, there are parts of traveling that I don't like at all. I don't like long airplane rides. I don't like sleeping on beds that do not belong to me. I don't like jet lag. And I don't like getting to a hotel, unpacking, and finding that my toothbrush is still in my bathroom at home.

But of all the things I don't like, it's the fact that I'm in a strange place that is not my home. My home, not my house. Do you know the difference?

Home is where I can be the real me. Where people know me for who I really am. Home is where my best friend and bride resides. Someone who knows my deepest darkest secrets and still loves me like I've never erred.

Home is where I can walk in the dark and get to any destination because it's so familiar. I know all the smells, the sounds and what's in every closed door at home.

I love home.

When I'm gone, I can't wait to come home. As exciting as my travels may be, as exotic as the sights and sounds are, home is where my heart is.

This isn't just how I feel about my Happy Valley, Oregon, home. It's also how I feel about my heavenly home. As comfortable as I am here on my couch (where I'm writing this), I have this feeling that I'm not home, not quite yet.

I hear the home I'm longing for has some pretty cool things about it. A crystal river, streets of gold, open gates, and a tree that has abundant fruit that is always in season.

But the best thing about the home I'm longing for is who is there, right now, preparing for me to get there. His name is Jesus. He's been preparing a place for me and is excited to have me home. With Him. And I can't wait to go home. You?

Pastor Mark Witas

News & Notes

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Sunnyside today! We're glad you're here to join us for worship today. We extend a special welcome to Dr. Harold Lee, a physician at Adventist Health Portland, and his family. He will be providing our ministry of music today.

The floral tribute is presented by the Nyakwara family in thankfulness to God for His love and faithfulness.

A Celebration of Life for Byron Liske is scheduled for this afternoon, September 24, 2022, at 5:00 PM, in the Sunnyside SDA Church Fellowship Room. Byron passed away August 26, 2022.

Please pray for the family of Dale Davies who passed away unexpectedly Monday, September 19.



Tuesday evening September 27, 2022, at 7:00 PM, we will be hosting the University of Stuttgart Academic Orchestra, which is currently touring the world. We are privileged to be one of their chosen stops. The orchestra is

composed of highly gifted and motivated students and directed by Vita Mihaly Zeke. They will be playing Johannes Brahms and Robert Schumann with a viola concerto from Chilean violist Paulina Riquelme.

This coming week, beginning on Monday, September 26, the front parking lot will be resurfaced. Monday through Friday, the front parking lot will not be available. Concertgoers, on Tuesday night, you will need to park in the back parking lot. Thank you for your patience during this inconvenience.

Beginning next Sabbath, we will enjoy a song service just prior to our worship service. It will start at 11:05 and finish at 11:15. Come and worship in singing together!



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.



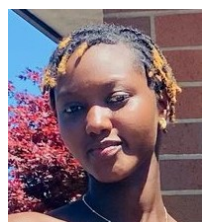
On the last Thursday of the month at noon, seniors 60+ (others are welcome) will gather to enjoy lunch and fellowship together. Bring your own sack lunch and the church will provide dessert. This month it will be on **Thursday, September 29! Our sharing topic will be "humor." It's your turn to bring us a smile!**

Our Youth Retreat is scheduled from September 30-October 2.

This year we have obtained a beach house in Lincoln City. All high school and college-age youth are invited to relax, recharge, and reconnect with God and each other. Place your reservation with Pastors Jonathan or Violeta.



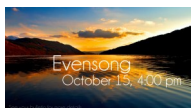
Our annual church picnic/corn roast will be on Sunday, October 2 at 3:00 PM, here at the church. It's been a very long time since the last one! We are excited to gather together with fun times, a classic car show, a bouncy house, and great food. Bring your favorite summer salad, and/or dessert. Corn, watermelon, and punch will be provided.



October 9, 3:00 PM, there will be a baby shower for (Zuzu) Diana Ingabire, many of you know her as one of our interpreters. She has a baby girl due in November. Her husband is still in Africa, but we're hoping he will be here for the baby shower. Refreshments will be served. She is registered at babylist.com/baby-zuzu-ingabire.

Adventurers have already had their first meeting this year, and they have discovered they are in need of additional "teachers" — anyone that can help to reduce the size of their groups would be greatly appreciated. They may need you to teach a topic or help with many of the honors available. Contact Natalia Gramada at 503-750-9151.

October 15, 4:00 PM, Evensong will feature Deavon Howard at the organ and Virlys Moller with the spoken word. This will be a time to pull away from the busyness of life and enjoy the meditative moments of specially prepared words and musical selections.



Volunteers are urgently needed! Call the church office if you can help, 503-252-8080 — please reconsider if you have decided not to help before. We are eager to have your assistance in the following areas:

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| Decorating Committee | Audio |
| Adventurers | Video |
| Greeters | Children's Sabbath Schools |

Pastor Wendy is starting a children's choir in mid-September. If you have a child that would be interested in singing in the choir, please contact Pastor Wendy at wendy.witas@sunnysideadventist.org.

Pastors Mark and Wendy Witas invite you to join them for the "2023 New Testament Alive" tour visiting Revelation's seven churches (Turkey, Patmos, and Greece) on March 22 through April 2, 2023. For more information contact Pastor Mark at Mark.Witas@sunnysideadventist.org.



Our flower calendar is posted in the hallway and online. (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.

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. Thank you.



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: Scott LeMert; **Sunday:** Valerie Do; **Tuesday:** Nikki Conant, Janet Flowers, Fred Goodwin; **Wednesday:** Raymond Betz, Marita Thorn; **Thursday:** Alex Buchanan, Andrew Buchanan, Stan Christensen, Remy Scott, Shirley Ward; **Friday:** Jan Clayton

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Help Tell the Nativity Story This Year! Follow the Star Live Walkthrough Nativity is back this year! For almost 20 years on the Gladstone Park Conference Center grounds, Follow the Star has led thousands of people each Christmas season to the manger, and the hope of Jesus! Dates this year are December 2-4, and 9-11. We are looking for actors, organizers, greeters, and all willing to serve! If you are interested in helping, please contact the steering committee at followthestarinfo@gmail.com, or call 503-891-6040.

Arise Intensive Coming to Gladstone! A weekend designed to help young adults and all attendees understand Scripture, live on mission, and make disciples. Join us for November 4-6 in Gladstone, Oregon for a weekend that aims to reintroduce you to the God of the most beautiful story ever told—a story all about redemption, relationship, restoration, and re-creation. Over the three days, we'll be breaking down the big picture of Scripture, reframing who God is in light of the Bible as a story, and giving you some practical tools for your Christian experience and witness. Our hope is that as we dig into scripture, you'll fall in love with God all over again and become part of an active community of storytellers who want to build His Kingdom. Instructors include David Asscherick, Ty Gibson, and Benjamin Lundquist, with worship led by Markis Zarate. Friday: 4:30pm to 9:00pm, Saturday: 7:30am to 8:00pm, Sunday: 7:30am to 5:00pm. Includes Friday refreshments, Saturday breakfast, lunch and dinner, and Sunday breakfast and lunch. Exclusive young adult pricing, ages 18-35: Early bird pricing until Sept 28, 2022 = \$99, Sept 29 Oct 19 = \$129, Oct 20-Nov 2 = \$149. Seating is limited. The Holden Convention Center is located at 19800 Oatfield Rd in Gladstone, Oregon. Get your tickets now at <http://ariseintensive.com/portland>

His Praise Men's Chorus is looking to continue praising the Lord through music and fellowship. We invite all men in the Portland/Vancouver area to come and join us! We practice weekly, and sing for churches in the region once a month or so. For more information, contact Charlie Drury at cd88sings@gmail.com, or 503-935-7995, or Jerry Irvine at jerrygirvine@gmail.com, or 206-261-6452.

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Walla Walla University's School of Nursing is Hiring!

Would you or someone you know like to join the WWU nursing team in Portland, Oregon? We are hiring for several positions including Advanced Acute clinical instructors, Community Health clinic instructors, and a full-time Faculty in Family Nursing. You can review these and other openings at jobs.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. 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.

Volunteers 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. Thanks!

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!

PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:

www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore.

PACS Job Openings!

Portland Adventist Community Services is hiring! We have two crucial part-time positions available and are looking to interview immediately. If you or someone you know are interested in either of these part-time jobs, please email laura.pascoe@pacsonline.org. You can also visit www.pacsonline.org/jobs to learn more about the positions.

Last Week's Worship Service in Photos

