

November 30, Communiqué

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Hi Sunnyside Family!

On Monday, Pastor Seth and I got back home after attending the American Academy of Religion (AAR) and Society of Biblical Literature (SBL) annual conference held in San Diego. It was 5 days of highly stimulating discussions and catching up with friends and colleagues from all over the world. Pastor Seth did a wonderful job of presenting his paper: "Pedagogy of the Beast: Bestiaries as Student-Centered Projects" at the Religion and Media session.

After our well-attended youth and young adult Friendsgiving events this past weekend, we're easing up programming so that families can get to spend Thanksgiving with their loved ones. I pray that this time will not only be a time of gratitude but also of reflection. During a season that has a complicated history, I pray this time reminds you of the possibilities for our national, and individual, future success.

See you this weekend!

Pastor Kevin Wilson

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Seth

Hello Sunnyside,

It's good to be back from our annual meetings! I had a wonderful time not only presenting but learning a lot from a variety of scholars from different faith backgrounds.

This week I am looking forward to teaching Sabbath School, officiating a baby dedication, and welcoming some new folks into our church family. I am also excited to connect with the principal of Cherry Park Elementary in a couple weeks to see how we can strategize ministering to the families in our immediate community.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving, and I will see you on Sabbath!

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

The holiday season began for my family on November 23 as we celebrated Ben's birthday. It continued with days of "Friendsgiving" and Thanksgiving—a time to reflect on the blessings of relationships, community, and God's provision and guidance.

I am deeply grateful for my Sunnyside family and the friends who journey with me, bringing warmth and beauty into our shared life of service and worship.

This Sabbath, I look forward to being with you as we delve into themes of God's faithfulness and the beauty of biblical righteousness through the story of Zechariah and Elizabeth.

From the desk of Pastor Rose

I had the joy of spending time with Pastor Kevin and the Young Adults at "Friendsgiving" hosted at the Nielsen home last Wednesday evening. It was awesome getting to know some of them better. We left with full hearts and very full stomachs, thanks to the Nielsen family's warm hospitality!

On Sabbath afternoon, I spent some time at Sharon Brooks' house with Jini, Joady, and Gail. Sharon treated us to a delicious Indian feast, and it was such a joy to hang out with these lovely ladies. Once again, I left feeling blessed and well-fed!

This past Sunday was a busy one, but so rewarding! I joined our Pathfinders and we spent about five hours (plus extra time prepping and cleaning up) packing and loading 60 Thanksgiving boxes for families in our community. What made it even more incredible was how Evelyn kept getting requests for boxes throughout the day. People who came to pick up boxes shared about others in need, and Evelyn graciously made sure everyone who needed one got one. She and Sally even went the extra mile—literally—delivering boxes to families who couldn't make it to the pick-up.

Here's the amazing part: Evelyn tried to do the math, but it just doesn't add up—it looks like we ended up feeding even more families than we prepared boxes for! God is so good!

A big thank you to our Pathfinder leaders who spent Thursday raiding Winco, got up early on Sunday, and worked hard packing boxes and loading cars. And thank you to our Sunnyside family for your generosity in blessing so many families this Thanksgiving season. Lastly, a huge shout-out to Evelyn for all the work she put in behind the scenes. She is one hardworking lady with a huge heart for service!

I've also been having a great time working with Kimberly Helton on our upcoming "Manger Moments" Christmas Program. She's been putting in so much effort to revise the scripts, and she's doing an incredible job.

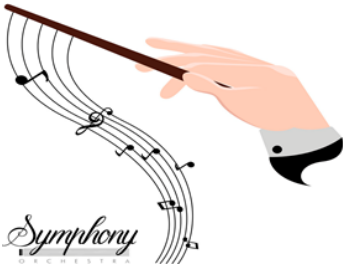
Happy Thanksgiving, Sunnyside family! I'm so thankful for each of you.

Announcements



Welcome to Sunnyside! We are happy you are here to worship with us. Let us know who you are by filling out one of the Connect Cards and handing it to the deacons or place it in the box in the foyer before you leave. **We extend a special welcome to the Tsikiari family** today as they present our worship music.

Sabbath afternoon, December 7, at 4:00, Anthony León, an internationally acclaimed young tenor, will bless us with his beautiful voice at vespers. He has received some of the most prestigious honors in the field of opera and made many important debuts on stages around the world. This Christmas season Anthony will sing the tenor solo for the Messiah and Bach Magnificat in Los Angeles. His sacred music album, “The Holy City” and extensive YouTube channel with sacred, classical, theater, and opera performances document his remarkable journey. Chilean pianist, conductor, and arranger, Sergio Leiva, will join him. Learn more about Anthony at <https://www.anthonyleontenor.com>



Sunday, December 8, the Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra will present “The Emmanuel Symphony.” **The pre-concert talk** with music director, Jonathan DeBruyn, will begin at **2:00 pm**, and the **music concert begins at 3:00 pm**. If you can’t attend in person, you may watch it on livestream at sunnysidesymphony.com.

11th Annual Cherry Park Elementary School Toy Drive! The annual toy drive for Cherry Park School will be from November 16 to December 15, 2024. Please bring your unwrapped gift and place it in the box (marked Toy Drive) in the foyer of the church. Please feel free to reach out to: Jackee Duvall 503-309-9400 or jackeeduvall@hotmail.com. Cherry Park School is a pre-kindergarten through 5th-grade school and a very close neighbor of ours. Here are a few gift ideas: board games, Barbie dolls, dolls, trucks, Legos, crafts, and Hot Wheels. We are happy to do the shopping for you. Please place your donation in a tithe envelope and mark it “Cherry Park.”



It's time to order your 2025 Devotional books! The Adventist Book Center is able to give a discount on the devotional books ordered through the church. There is a flyer and order sheet on the ledge near the office window. Place your name, include your phone number, and list how many of each of the books you would like. You may place your payment in a tithe envelope and mark it for devotionals. The order will be placed on December 9, and be ready for pickup on Sabbath, December 13. These make great Christmas presents.

Sunnyside's Christmas Musical, “Journey to the Nativity,” will be presented on Friday, December 13, at 7:00 pm, and again on Sabbath December 14, at 11:15 am, featuring 80 musicians, actors, and singers. Plan now to attend one of these times. If you would like to help fund this biggest outreach of the year, you may use a tithe envelope or give online at <https://adventistgiving.org/donate/ANIIPV>. Please designate your donation for the “Christmas program.”





Mission to Palawan Island, Philippines

March 19 – April 2, 2025

We invite you to partner with Sunnyside to reach the people of Palawan Island with the love of Jesus. We are working closely with the Palawan SDA Mission to hold reaping evangelism services across the island as well as help with a medical clinic providing necessary care to the people.

You are cordially invited to Sunnyside's Christmas Food & Fun in the Philippines: a showcase of Filipino food and cultural performance for the Christmas season to be held **December 15, from 4-6:30 pm**. This is a fundraiser for the upcoming Palawan mission project

Palawan is the westernmost island of the Philippines, the largest by area, and a sought-after natural wonder. The island is home to 87 different cultural groups. About three-fourths of the population is Roman Catholic, 10% is Muslim, and 3.4% are Seventh-day Adventist. The major languages are English, Tagalog, and Ilonggo, alongside the native languages of Cuyonon and Palawanon.



In the summer of 2023, Executive Secretary of the Palawan SDA Mission Pastor Eliezer Barrientos visited Sunnyside Church by invitation of the Oregon and Washington Adventist Filipino Fellowship (OWAFF). That Sabbath afternoon he shared with us his vision to hold multiple evangelism series across the island of Palawan, all at the same time! We provide the evangelists for 11 different preaching sites going for eight nights, followed by a mass gathering on Sabbath, March 29, and baptism.

Also, we will participate in a comprehensive medical clinic, providing checkups, medicines, vision and dental care, health lectures, and spiritual counseling. The organization of the clinic will be under the leadership of the Health Director of Palawan Mission. Licenses will not be required from us since we will be working alongside their health professionals.

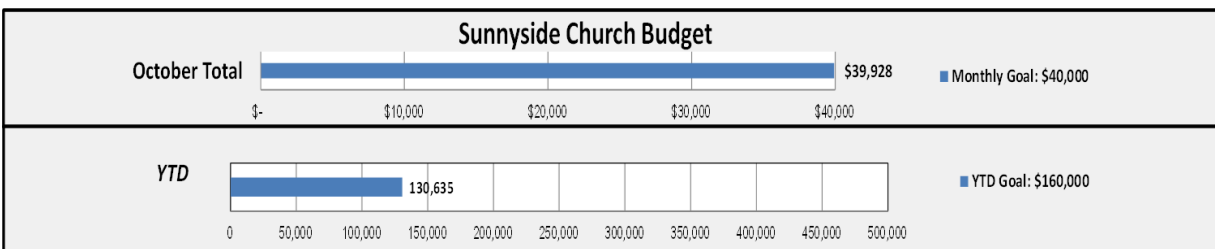
Please consider participating in this mission project with your prayers, support, and hopefully participation! We need preachers and medical volunteers. The cost per participant is \$3,000. This includes airfare, board, and expenses of the medical clinic, Bible workers, etc. With God's help, this will be a bigger success than anyone can imagine. Also, we will of course spend a day or two exploring God's beautiful creation on Palawan Island! Contact Paul Dragulin (pauldragulin@yahoo.com) to get involved. Donations to the Palawan Mission Project (F490) will help tremendously, too.

We are blessed with some very strong prayer warriors. If you have a special request, please contact the church office at 503-252-8080 or info@sunnysideadventist.org to submit your request. There is power in prayer and it truly makes a difference.



Dollars for Missions! Save your Loma Linda Labels and turn them in here at the church! We received more labels last week. There is a box in the Narthex for them. In the “old” days, we received 1¢ per label. Now they give us 25¢ per label. It’s well worth saving and receiving “free” dollars for missions! Continue to save and turn in your labels.

- December 7, 4:00 pm:** Anthony León Vespers
- December 8, 2:00 pm:** Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra Pre-talk with the director
- December 8, 3:00 pm:** Sunnyside Symphony Orchestra Concert
- December 13, 7:00 pm:** Sunnyside’s Christmas Musical
- December 14, 11:15 am:** Sunnyside’s Christmas Musical
- December 20, 7:00 pm:** 42nd Annual Family Christmas Program
- December 21, 11:15 am:** Children’s Christmas Program



Currently, we are seeking volunteers to help us with video and audio. Please call 503-252-8080 if you would like to get involved.



Would you like to hear the service more clearly? Sunnyside Church provides assistive hearing devices you may borrow. They are located in the Deacons’ office. Just let a deacon know of your need and they will be happy to help 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.



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 to the directory for you. Thank you.



During this difficult time, if you are in need of financial help let us know. Call the church office at 503-252-8080 or send an email to info@SunnysideAdventist.org.

Our Family Resource Network has been privileged to assist many of our members when things have been challenging for them or they have experienced unexpected expenses. We have helped with rent, utilities, food, gas, car repairs, and more. We would like for you to be aware of what we do and give you an opportunity to contribute to the fund being used to assist our family. Mark your tithe envelope or check for Family Resource Network and you will know that you have had the privilege of helping one of our members who doesn't even want to ask for help! We are here to help each other. Thank you for helping us build the fund used for these expenses.



Today: Madeline Pierce, Jory Royce; **Sunday:** Esther Pierre; **Monday:** Heather Avilla, Steffen Moller; **Tuesday:** Judy Carpenter, Doneva Ward; **Wednesday:** Stephen Henry, William Johnson; **Thursday:** Robert Bolton, Lorraine Jacobs; **Friday:** Julia Hadley, Eric Tolan

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Portland Adventist Elementary School

<http://www.paes.com>

Accountant Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is looking for a part-time accountant (about 10 hours a month) who will do month-end closing, reconciliation, and reports. CPA is preferred, but not required if the level of experience would suffice. Please reach out to principal@paes.com and treasurer@paes.com to apply.

Substitute Teachers Needed at PAES

Portland Adventist Elementary School is in need of substitute teachers! We are looking for dedicated and compassionate individuals who enjoy being around children and in the school environment. If you are interested, please reach out to admin@paes.com to apply.



Portland Adventist Academy

<https://paasda.org>

PAA Christmas Vespers Concert

Please join us on Friday, December 6 at 7:00 pm, for our annual Christmas music program. All our music ensembles, including Performance & Production class, Band, PASO (strings), Bel Canto (handbells), Choir, and Alegria (select choir) will perform. Come celebrate the Season with PAA at Sunnyside Adventist Church located at 10501 SE Market Street, Portland.

PAA Performing at The Festival of Lights at the Grotto

Mark your calendars now for December 10 at 5:15 pm! PAA's Choir and Alegria will be performing at The Grotto that evening and if you have never listened to a concert at The Grotto, you are in for a treat. Kick off the Christmas season with some exceptional music performances. Tickets are required and this year all tickets to "The Festival of Lights" will be sold online at their Ticketing website. Be sure to select December 10! The Grotto is located at 8840 NE Skidmore Street, Portland.

Host an International Student: December 22 – February 24

PAA is excited to welcome five 9th-grade boys from Japan this December, and we're looking for local families to host them during their two-month stay. As a host, you will provide a welcoming home, meals, and transportation to and from school. In return, you'll receive a stipend of \$1,100 per month. These students are eager to practice their English and experience American culture firsthand. If you're interested in making a lasting impact and sharing your home with an international student, please reach out to Mary Sperl for more information and a host family application: Email: msperl@paasda.org Phone: 971-351-8984. Thank you for considering this opportunity to enrich both your life and the lives of these students!

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>



Rivergate Adventist Elementary School

<https://www.rgsda.org/>



Hood View Adventist School

<https://www.hvja.org/>



Walla Walla University

<https://wallawalla.edu>

Visit: jobs.wallawalla.edu.

AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Join us for the Bloom in Marriage Cruise! A

Christian marriage retreat at sea for couples of all ages, sailing roundtrip from Boston, October 17-24, 2025, on the Norwegian Gem. Hosted by Adventist marriage ministry leaders Rick and Cindy Mercer, this relationship-enriching cruise will take you to 6 ports of call throughout New England during the best month for fall colors. For more information and to register, visit www.bloominmarriage.com, or contact Heather Tourville at 503-329-6523.



Join Us for the 2024 Follow The Star Season! We are looking for enthusiastic volunteers to help make this year's Follow The Star, live nativity event a memorable experience for everyone. We need help in the following areas:

- Set Dressing
- Costuming
- Actors
- Parking Lot Attendants
- Hospitality
- Childcare
- And more!

If you are interested in being part of this incredible program, please join us for our Dinner Theater Event on Sunday, October 27 from 4 to 6 PM at the Cafeteria on the Oregon Conference Campgrounds. (19500 Oatfield Rd, Gladstone, OR 97027) or call Summer Fiore at 971-276-0294 to volunteer. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get to know

our amazing community and find out how you can contribute to making this event a success. Don't miss out on this chance to be part of something special! For more information, go to: followthestarevent.com. Tickets go on sale November 4th at 9am. Join our team and get early access to tickets! Performance Dates: December 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15.

Church Organist Needed: The Stone Tower Adventist Church Music Department is seeking a volunteer church organist to play the organ during our worship service for up to two Sabbaths a month. Please contact Jeanine Goodwin at (503) 381-5577 or womensministry@stonetowersda.org for more details and if you or an organist you know would be in



Pentecost 2025 is a massive mobilization of Seventh-day Adventist churches in North America:

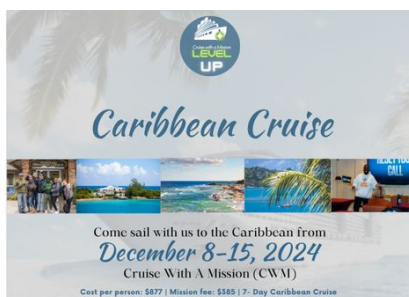
1. To pray for the Holy Spirit's outpouring and power (starting now in 2024)
2. To proclaim the Gospel with the Holy Spirit's power (in 2025).

We have been looking for revival in our church for a long time. This is our opportunity to seek it together and make it happen. As Ellen White wrote so eloquently, "revival need be expected only in answer to prayer."

In connection with Pentecost 2025, the NPUC is inviting everyone to pray both privately and corporately for the Holy Spirit during the month of October 2024. Here is a link with all the information you need to participate:

<https://nwadventists.com/news/2024/09/pentecost-2025-call-prayer>

Just as a reminder, the Oregon Conference prayer ministries continue to hold ZOOM prayer meetings every third Tuesday at 7:30 pm. Everyone in the Oregon conference is invited to be part of this! We will be continuing this during the month of October. We are praying for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. <https://orad.us/OCPrayerMeeting>



SAVE THE DATE: Cruise with a Mission December 2024.

Center for Youth Evangelism is happy to invite you to an incredible cruise adventure to The Caribbean, December 8-15, 2024. Registration is open so don't wait! Embark on a convenient round-trip Caribbean adventure where we will be visiting the Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, & the Cayman Islands. Departing from Fort Lauderdale, Florida. Stops in the Bahamas, Jamaica, Mexico, and the Cayman Islands. Returning to Fort Lauderdale, Florida. There is more information to come, but if you have any questions, please send an email to cwm@cye.org.



Oregon Prayer Conference, March 21-23, 2025, at Twin Rocks Conference Center, Rockaway Beach, OR 97136. Click on the QR code for more information.
<https://www.oregonadventist.org/ministries/prayer-ministries>



PACS UPDATE

How do we serve?

Portland Adventist Community Services – PACS is a vibrant faith-based Community of Service with staff, volunteers, donors, and community partners who provide food, low-cost dental care, and low-cost clothing/household items to individuals and families. **What We Did in 2023:** 569 Total Volunteers, 32,686 Volunteer Hours Given, 2.1 Million Pounds of Food Distributed. That's what the copper for 28 Statues of Liberty would weigh! 310,000 Clients Helped.

Hours: Thrift Store, Sun | 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Mon – Thurs | 9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Fri | 9:00 am – 2:30 pm / Sat | Closed

Donation Drop Sun | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Mon – Thurs | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm / Fri – Sat | Closed

Dental Clinic:

Contact the Gateway Grace Dental Clinic to schedule an appointment 503-907-6768

Volunteers:

To volunteer at PACS contact Jaclyn Russell, at (503) 252-8500 ext. 1130

Donations:

From large to small, we take them all.

Money, clothing, even big and tall,

humble egg boxes, and home goods for all

PACS Thrift store has many shoppers. We need Steps to Christ, Bibles, and Guides to share with them. If you have some to share please let us know or bring them to PACS and hand them in to the office.

**Accountant Needed at PAES**

PAES is looking for a part-time accountant (about 10 hours a month) who will do month-end closing, reconciliation, and reports.

CPA preferred, but not required if the level of experience would suffice. Please reach out to principal@paes.com to apply.

Hood View Adventist School is hiring for next school year!

Teacher's Aides – Up to 30 hours a week, depending on need and your availability. Multiple positions available.

Art Teacher – Approximately 12 hours/week teaching art classes to students at all grade levels.

Foreign Language Teacher – Any language (including sign language) to teach 2 hours/2 days per week.

Guest Teachers/Substitutes (On-Call) – Provide instruction in a classroom when the teacher must be absent. From 3.5 hours to 7 hours per assignment (willingness and flexibility to accept jobs both in advance and last minute is helpful).

Piano Teacher/Choir Accompanist – 2 hours/2 days per week to accompany the Intermediate and Advanced Choirs. Studio space is also available for a piano teacher who wishes to teach private lessons.

All part-time positions, with the exception of on-call positions, begin one week prior to the start of the school year and finish one week after the school year concludes. The positions require individuals who can keep confidentiality, have basic computer skills including working knowledge of office machines, computer software e.g. MS Office and Adobe products, and a cleared background check with the Oregon Conference of SDA. For all positions wages and benefits are based on the denominational wage scale and policy. Must have the legal right to work in the United States and be able to provide evidence of that right if employed. If interested, please email your resume and cover letter with three references to principal@hvja.org.

Job Opening: Adventist Book Center – Part-Time Customer Service. For full details, download the job description and application at oregonadventist.org/support/human-resources#job-opportunities.

PACS is Hiring!

Pricer in the PACS Home Goods Store – part-time

Admin-Director of Quality Management – full time

If interested or for more details go to jobs@pacsonline.org.

Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Dental Clinic.

PACS needs truck drivers. Why?

This year, so far, our truck drivers have brought 365,670 lbs.(Jan-Mar) in donated food to feed our diverse community. That represents a huge number of people being fed. What a difference PACS drivers make! If you have a heart for people and like to drive a truck, no CDL license is needed, don't hesitate to contact Jaclyn.

Hours: 7:30-11:00-ish

Telephone: Jaclyn Russell at (503)-252-4589

Email: Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org

Sign-up: <https://www.pacsonline.org/volunteer>

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>.



Are you interested in becoming a hospital spiritual care volunteer? Adventist Health Portland Spiritual Care department invites individuals of all ages to apply. Volunteers will have the opportunity to offer pre-surgery support for patients and their families, ensure patients have access to spiritual resources and more. If you feel called to be part of our team, take the first step by filling out our application form: <https://www.volgistics.com/appform/769001903>

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 in learning 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 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 Jaclyn at Jaclyn.russell@pacsonline.org or call 503-252-8500 x1130

Last Week's Worship Service in Pictures





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