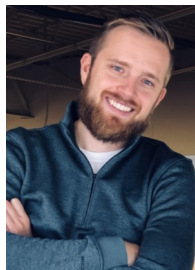


Sunnyside Adventist Church Communiqué

News & Announcements

December 30, 2023



Greetings Church Family!

Over the last few weeks we have had the pleasure of the holiday season in full effect at Sunnyside! What wonderful Christmas programs all month we experienced at Sunnyside and of course it all crescendos with the appearance of our favorite furry animal! No,

not Pastor Seth but obviously Curly the Camel.

As we turn the page on the New Year, this Sabbath we get to look back and be reminded of what Jesus did for us in taking communion. With the turn of the New Year, many people will say, "New Year, New You!" then you look at the statistics and see that 92% of all New Years' resolutions fail. So, "New Year, New You!" only applies to about 8% of the population.

In Colossians 2:8 Paul tells us, "See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ."

What if instead, we take a page out of Paul's book and say, "New Year, Same You!" How would that change the way we view the coming of a new year?

Paul tells us that we no longer have to live by our fleshly thoughts and goals, but that we have the mind of Christ (1 Cor. 2:16).

Here is my challenge to you as we head into 2024, what if this year, instead we looked at who we are right now, no changing and understand and know down to the deepest part of our souls that Jesus loves us right where we are, right here and now? No need to perform for His love. Then from that knowing and understanding, how would that knowledge change us? Working from His foundation of love, how would we love differently?

Here's to a 2024 that is full of knowing God's love and having Him change the way we love others!

Pastor Billy Hungate

The Pastors' Spotlight

From the desk of Pastor Nancy

Happy New Year! Well, almost!

Here are some things I'm looking forward to in 2024:

Baptism classes starting January 13 during Sabbath School from 10:30-11:00 AM. Please contact me if your child is interested.

Teaching a Bible Discovery class at Portland Adventist Elementary School with three local pastors. That begins the end of January.

Our first quarterly Children's Church that the Children's Ministry Team and I will be planning. It will be a Valentine theme on February 17.

Visiting with families in their homes, getting to know them and their children better.

I wish you a wonderful 2024. Whatever the future year holds for us, one thing is certain. Jesus has promised: "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you." (Hebrews 13:5)

From the desk of Pastor Violeta

One more Christmas has become history, filled with gratitude for the miracle of divine presence within us. God is here, allowing us to look forward to another year full of uncertainty and adventures with peace and hope.

This week, I enjoyed some quality time celebrating with my family, friends, and even a group of Ukrainian students from Milo. It was fun!

Now, I'm looking forward to this Sabbath for the communion around the Lord's Supper with my church family. I value this sacred tradition as a meaningful way to conclude the year with reflection and gratitude and to usher in the new year with a reassurance of Divine faithfulness.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcome to Sunnyside Adventist Church today! Thank you for choosing Sunnyside as your home church, and welcome to those of you that are here for the first time or are regular attendees. If you are looking for a church home, we would love to have you join us permanently.

Some sad news we have to share is that Harold Burden passed away last week. A memorial service is being planned for Friday, January 5, at 2:00 PM, here at Sunnyside Adventist Church.



Conrad Gren will be starting a class on Genesis on Tuesdays from 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM. If you would like to be a part of this class contact Conrad at 503-314-2703. He would like to know how many to prepare for so he can have enough material for active participation.



Next Sabbath, January 6, we will enjoy our monthly church potluck immediately after our worship service. Bring enough food for your family plus more for our

guests. Everyone is welcome and invited to join in eating and fellowshiping together.

Changes for entry and exit of the back parking lot are happening!

In order to have better security, the hospital is strengthening it's security at the entry of the back parking lot.



Very soon, they will have drop bars and spikes placed in the road where entry is allowed only with a badge and exit is restricted. You may continue parking in the back lot for our services, but you must enter and exit through our Market Street access. Please, save your yourself time, and avoid trying to enter through the back parking lot. Thank you for your attention to this!



In celebration of our holidays, the church office will be closed from December 22 through January 1. If you have pastoral needs during this time, please contact the pastors directly. Their emails are listed on the bulletin,

or feel free to send a text to the "text" number listed on the bulletin. If you need to drop off contributions or mail, you may put them through the slot next to the exterior children's wing door or if you have a door code, you may drop it in the slot of the office door. The mail drops into a secure box.

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 that 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.



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 let us know who you are by picture. Send a snapshot or professional picture and we will upload it for you to the directory.

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.



There is a need for any and all things baby: clothes and furniture. If you can help contact Marie Pierre 503-998-3754.



Today: David Eichner, Josie Petersen; **Sunday:** Debbie Delaney, Donna Evanado, Robert Mark, Melissa Reynolds; **Tuesday:** James Delaney; **Wednesday:** Bill Judd, Stan Kirk, Tom Kramer, Vasilie Siminel; **Thursday:** Carmen Cafferky,

ADVENTIST EDUCATION



Portland Adventist Elementary School
<http://www.paes.com>



Portland Adventist Academy
<https://paasda.org>

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>



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AREA EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



You are invited to the next First Friday on January 5. First Friday is a once-monthly inspirational community fellowship event. It will be held at Adventist Health Portland Medical Center. It begins at 7:15 p.m. on the lower level in Amphitheaters C & D.

This First Friday will feature an inspirational talk by Sidany Barclay and music by the Adventist Health Portland praise team. We would like to invite you to join us for this FREE event and we encourage you to invite your friends and family members. Registration for the free soup and salad dinner is open now through January 3. Remember that dinner registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and please let us know how many guests you will be bringing with you. Soup and salad will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Here is the link to register: <http://www.adventisthealthfirstfriday.com>.



The family of Pastor Gwynne Richardson, who passed away peacefully on November 14, cordially invites you to a memorial service honoring his life, Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 2 p.m. in the Hood View SDA Church, 26775 SE Kelso Rd, Boring OR.

Congregations they pastored:

- Laurelwood Village
- Stayton
- Mill City
- Hood River
- Forest Grove
- Lents
- Stone Tower
- Sandy
- Veneta
- Junction City
- Santa Clara
- Seaside (interim)
- Sweet Home (interim)
- Lebanon (interim)
- Village Retirement



Marriage Workshop: There are still cabins available for the Bloom in Marriage Cruise, a Christian marriage seminar at sea for couples of all ages, taking place May 13-20, 2024. Join

Adventist marriage ministry leaders Rick and Cindy Mercer on a relationship-enriching Alaskan cruise, sailing roundtrip from Seattle on the Quantum of the Seas. For more information and to register, go to bloominmarriage.com.



PACS UPDATE

PACS Food Pantry Drive-thru is OPEN Mon-Fri from 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM with an after-work option once a month from 5:00 PM – 7:00 PM every first Thursday of the month. 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 503-252-8500 or email info@pacsonline.org.

PACS Thrift Store is OPEN Sun 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM, Mon-Thurs 9:00 AM – 5:00 pm, & Friday 9:00 am – 2:30 PM. Our donation drop-off center is open and needs your donations! Mon – Thurs 9:00 AM – 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! 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.

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 **PACS Office or Donation Receiving**. Thank you in advance!

PACS Thrift Store - At Home Shopping:

www.facebook.com/groups/pacsthiftstore.



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! Come join our non-profit organization in the Portland area that serves the community with a Thrift Store, Food Pantry, and Dental Clinic. **We are hiring a Full-Time Assistant**

Thrift Store Manager. If you are interested in this position, please visit our website (pacsonline.org/jobs) for job description or email info@pacsonline.org for more information.

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 to learn 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 are 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.

HOUSING NEEDED

A family returning to Oregon needs a house to rent. Please let us know if you have one or know someone who does 503-252-8080.