

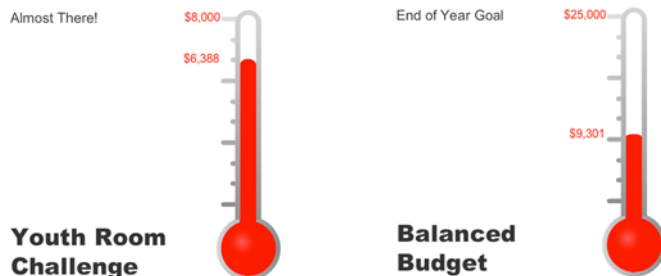
## News from the Pastor's Desk

*Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good;  
His love endures forever.*

With 2013 fast escaping us God has given us several opportunities to face our fears and allow Him to grow our faith. The first challenge was an opportunity to re-equip our Youth room for multigenerational discipleship and evangelism. The budget for this project is \$8,000. Thanks to a gift matching opportunity every dollar donated up to \$4,000 will be matched dollar for dollar. **Thanks to your generosity I'm excited to let you know that we are nearing our goal. To date we have received \$3,194, which equates to \$6,388 once the matching funds are applied to your gifts. That means we only need \$806 in additional gifts to receive the remaining \$806 in matching funds and meet our goal!**

The second challenge we have been given in 2013 is to fund the mission of our church without renting our facility on Sunday's to another congregation. As of November 15 we were only \$25,000 short of our goal of balancing our budget for 2013. As of November 29 I'm excited to say we now only \$15,569 away from meeting our goal of balancing our budget and funding the mission of our church.

As we have discovered recently faith and fear go hand in hand. I would like to thank everyone is partnering with us in our mission to be "growing disciples - preparing people to meet Jesus." Facing our fears - especially our financial fears may be the most frightening thing we can humanly do. However, nothing does more to spiritually develop disciples than choosing to trust God more than one's own ability to meet his or her financial needs.



## Week at a Glance

Today	All-Church Potluck	12:30pm
	Sabbath-School Council	1:30pm
	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	4:27pm
Sunday	Men's Breakfast at Don Moore's	9:00am
	Pathfinders - Dress Uniform	6:00pm
Tuesday	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	11:30am
	Ministry Placement Committee	6:30pm
Wednesday	Prayer Power Group	7:00pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	4:27pm
Next Sabbath:	Christmas Breakfast	9:30am
	Christmas Program	10:30am
	Offering: Adventist Community Services	
	Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	4:27pm
	Gym Night at PAES	5:00pm

**Do You Have An Urgent Prayer Request?** To start the prayer chain please call the church office (503) 661-4100.

## Contact Information

### Church Office Hours

9-4 Tues. & Wed., 9-3 on Thurs.

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Please note that messages left on voice mail after office hours on Thursday will not be heard until Monday morning.

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# Rockwood Seventh-day Adventist Church



## *Growing Disciples Preparing People to Meet Jesus*

December 7, 2013



## House of Prayer Experience

9:30 A.M. to 9:55 A.M.

*Do you need hope? Do your friends, family, and/or neighbors need hope? Join us every Sabbath morning as we pray for our community, our church, and our families. If you are longing for hope in the midst of apparent hopelessness the House of Prayer Experience is for you.*

## Small Group Bible Study

10:00 A.M. to 10:50 A.M.

*Please visit our information desk for a complete list of Saturday Morning Bible Study Groups. We invite you to join the group of your choice.*

## Worship

11:00 A.M. to 12:15 P.M

Welcome & Greeting Time	Pastor Gene
Praise Time	The Praise Team
Children's Story	Pastor Gene
Our Gift to God	"Church Budget" Everyone
Worship in Music	"We Three Kings" Catherine Cootz
Worship in Word	"God is Good" Pastor Gene
Closing Hymn	"Lord I Need You"
Prayer Garden	Orrin Lundy
Organ Postlude	Barbara Specht

*Audio and Video Recordings of our weekly Bible Teachings are available online or through our media library located in the lobby.*

## Rockwood Community News

**All-Church Potluck** after the service this morning. Please join us downstairs for food and Fellowship.

**Sabbath-School Council** after potluck today. All Sabbath school teachers, for children and adult classes, should attend.

**Today Is the Deadline** for turning in your "Memorials & Thanks." This funds our Christmas decorations. For \$15 you can have a loved-one remembered or something you are grateful for listed in our bulletin for the Christmas program on December 14. This form is in your bulletins today.

**Men's Ministry Breakfast** tomorrow at 9:00 am at Don Moore's "Clubhouse", 11614 SE Division Street (Stone Creek Apartments). This is for all the Rockwood men. Pancakes provided! Bring your favorite toppings and a friend!

**Caring Card** - Please stop at the desk in the lobby and sign the card for **Richard and Wanda Beck**. Their daughter's cancer is out of remission.

**Rockwood and United Church of Christ Combined Choirs** will sing at Follow the Star on Friday evening, December 13, from 6:10 to 6:40 pm.

**Our Rockwood Christmas Program** is next Sabbath, Dec. 14. Breakfast will be served from 9:30 to 10:20 am. **Please bring fruit or Christmas bread trays, TABLE READY!** Hot food and drink will be supplied. The program itself starts at 10:30 am. There will be no Sabbath school classes next week.

**GYM Night at PAES** next Saturday night, December 14, at 5:00 pm. Bring your favorite snacks, table games, and tennis shoes. PAES is located at 3990 NW First St., Gresham.

**Name, Address, Phone or Email Changes this Year?** If so, please turn these changes in to the church office before the end of 2013. The 2013 tithe receipts will be mailed out the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January, 2014, to the name and address on file.

**Transfers/2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** - IN: Barbara Hatkoff from Hood View; Deborah Yost from Tabernacle; Jeff Bradley II from Hood View. OUT: John & Eloise Gatchet to Sequim, WA.

**Pathfinders - Christmas Lights at P.I.R.** - On Dec. 21 the Pathfinders will take a bus to PIR for the light show. Games and snacks here afterward. The charge is \$10 per person. (Oshkosh fundraiser!) Make checks payable to Rockwood with "Pathfinder" in the memo line. To register drop your check in the offering plate and call Nina Kight (503) 539-4250 or Scott Hill (503) 572-2205 to reserve a seat! **Portland-Area coupon books (only \$20!)** are available through the Pathfinders - they make fantastic stocking stuffers!

**Rockwood's Christmas Card Box** is in the lobby. Please place your cards for Rockwood attendees in alphabetic order. Also, don't forget to check for cards placed there for you!

**2014 Devotional Books** - Rockwood is not ordering books this year. You will need to go directly through the ABC. Their number is (503) 850-3300.

## Other News and Events

**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Follow-the-Star** - Bring your friends to the live nativity and holiday musical event December 6-8 & 13-15 at 19500 Oatfield Rd. in Gladstone. Free tickets are available at [www.followthestar.us](http://www.followthestar.us) but are going fast. Limited free tickets at the door each evening for those without a reservation.

**Tabernacle's Christmas Concert** -- Born a Savior, Born a King. All are invited to attend the performance of this beautiful cantata Friday evening, December 13, at 7:00 pm. Refreshments will be served afterward. Tabernacle SDA Church, corner of SW Barbur, 26 SW Condor Way, Portland.

**The Member Ministries & Evangelism Department** in the Oregon Conference Office is looking for a full-time administrative assistant. To see a full job description and/or apply, please visit the Oregon Conference Employment page at <http://www.oregonconference.org/employment-home>