

## News from the Pastor's Desk

**Homosexuality and the Church** – While representing our North Pacific Union of Adventist churches at the North American Division Year-End meeting of the Executive Committee one of the most important actions we took was providing some clarity regarding the relationship between the homosexual community and our church. In addition to making an official statement we also received a very well written theological statement. I would like to invite you to examine both statements and the supporting documents mentioned in the article linked below. Please realize – no human statement can perfectly represent our loving God. However, I believe this is a very positive step toward accurately representing His Word, love and care for all humanity. <http://tinyurl.com/NADSTMTHS2015>. If you have questions after reading the documents please feel free to call or email [pastorgene@gmail.com](mailto:pastorgene@gmail.com).

**Funding the Mission** – God is blessing the ministry of Rockwood Adventist Church! How? He is blessing it through each of you who are supporting our mission with your investments of time, prayer and finances. As we near the financial year-end for our church I would like to give you a summary of where we stand. As of October 31 you have returned over \$299,000 in tithe to help the spread of the gospel around the world. In addition, you have given over \$102,000 toward our local mission here in Rockwood. So where does that leave us for 2015? An additional \$30,500 is needed to fund our local mission to Rockwood. This includes our need of \$20,500 for our Church Budget and \$10,000 for our Karen Refugee Ministry. Please mark your offering envelopes Church Budget and/or Karen Ministry. Thank you for your faithful support! Together we are making a difference.

**Thank You for Raising the Roof** – We have raised \$30,745 toward our goal of \$91,000 for our Capital Improvement and Roof replacement campaign. This puts us just over 34% and your continued contributions to the Capital Improvement Fund will help us reach our goal of 50% by December 31.

## Week at a Glance

Today	All-Church Potluck Christmas Choir Rehearsal Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	12:30 pm 1:45 pm 4:50 pm
Sunday	Pathfinder Meeting	6:00 pm
Monday	PACS COW, 124 NE 181st Ave	4:00 pm
Tuesday	Tuesday Morning Bible Study	11:30 am
Wednesday	Bulletin Information Deadline Prayer Power Group	3:00 pm 7:00 pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath Christmas Choir Rehearsal	4:42 pm 7:00 pm
Next Sabbath:	Sabbath-School Classes Offering: Annual Sacrifice Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	9:30 am  4:41 pm

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

## Contact Information

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## Rockwood Seventh-day Adventist Church



*Growing Disciples*  
*Preparing People to Meet Jesus*

November 7, 2015



## Exploring the Way

### Small Groups

9:30 A.M. to 10:45 A.M.

*Please visit our information desk in the lobby for a complete list of Sabbath School Groups. We invite you to join the group of your choice. We have groups for ALL ages!*

### Worship

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

Welcome		Pastor Gene
Praise Time		The Praise Team
Children's Story		Pastor Gene
Our Gift to God	"Church Budget"	Everyone
Offertory		Brent Sumaraga
Worship in Song		Karen Group
Worship in Word	"Homes of Mercy"	Pastor Gene
Closing Song	"Would You Bless Our Homes & Families"	
Prayer Garden		Barbara Specht
Postlude		Brent Sumaraga

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

## Rockwood Community News

**All-Church Potluck Today** - Please join us downstairs for food and fellowship. All are welcome!

**Christmas Choir Rehearsals** - Our next rehearsal is after the all-church potluck, about 1:45 pm. Our Choir will be singing at "Follow the Star" in Gladstone on Friday evening, Dec. 11, and the Rockwood Christmas program on Dec. 12.

**Catherine Cootz** has her fall concert with Portland Youth Conservatory Orchestra on Sunday, November 8, 4:00 pm at Skyview High School, 1300 NW 139th St, Vancouver, WA. The tickets can be purchased at the door, \$12 for adults/\$10 for students. Questions? Call Tere at (503) 255-6545.

**PACS COW** (Commodities on Wheels) will be at 124 NE 182<sup>nd</sup> on Monday, Nov. 9, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm. If you, or someone you know, needs food assistance, please come.

**Do You Struggle** to explain your convictions about Sabbath or labor unions to your employer? Are you being asked to work on Sabbath? The NW Religious Liberty Association can help. Call Greg Hamilton or Rhonda Bolton at (360) 857-7040.

**Volunteers Will Be Needed** to assist our Pathfinders in collecting canned goods for Thanksgiving baskets. They will pass out flyers in our neighborhood on November 14, collect the food on November 15, and take the baskets to those in need on November 24. Volunteers must be on the approved list (background check for the Oregon Conference successfully completed), and drivers must also have valid driver's license and insurance. If you will be available to volunteer, please talk to Scott Hill (503) 572-2205, or Nina Kight (503) 539-4250.

**Children's Safety** is a priority at Rockwood Adventist. The Child Protection Policy and Guidelines are available on the bulletin board. Parents please escort your children to the restrooms and be aware of their whereabouts at all times.

## Other News and Events

**The Anklung Ensemble (Bamboo Choir)** in concert today, 3:30 pm, at the Lents Adventist Church, 8835 SE Woodstock Blvd., Portland. This unique instrument is of special interest to children of all ages!

**Follow the Star** is accepting actors for its 14th annual production, portraying the story of the birth of the Messiah, the first two weekends of December. Also, singers may join the angel choir or audition for the singing angel at the manger. Contact Paul or Corleen Johnson for details, (503) 970-1693 or (503) 702-5639, [pauledwinjohnson@gmail.com](mailto:pauledwinjohnson@gmail.com) or [corleenj@gmail.com](mailto:corleenj@gmail.com). Volunteers staff this production that is free to the community. Please reply ASAP.

**Join Walla Walla University** President, John McVay, for a complimentary alumni dinner on Saturday, November 14, 7:00 pm, at the Old Spaghetti Factory in Clackamas. RSVP no later than November 12 at [alumni@wallawalla.edu](mailto:alumni@wallawalla.edu)

### Portland Adventist Elementary School

**ANNUAL HARVEST FESTIVAL** on November 14, from 5:30-8:30 pm. Join us for food, games and fun in the school gym. One can of food for entry. Purchase food and game tickets at the door.

**ANNUAL WREATH & POINSETTIA** fundraiser - Beautiful and fresh, delivered to PAES in time for holiday decorating. All proceeds will help purchase a new school phone system. Call (503) 665-4102 for details. Orders are due by November 18th and product will be delivered to PAES on Tuesday, December 1st. Thank you for your support for PAES.

**Portland Adventist Academy** is having their annual Student Scholarship Auction on November 15, 2015. Tickets are \$20/person or \$125/table of 8 people. We also need auction items such as event tickets, vacation homes & gift certificates. To attend the event or donate, please call Heidi Woodworth (503) 255-8372 x 230 or email her at [hwoodworth@paasda.org](mailto:hwoodworth@paasda.org). This Auction supports worthy student scholarships at PAA.