

News from the Pastor's Desk

Get Ready to Share Jesus – There is no better time of the year to share Jesus with neighbors, friends and family than Christmas. It's surprising how many children today have never heard the biblical story of Jesus' birth. Even fewer have heard Uncle Arthur's version of the story. This Christmas you can change all that! Pacific Press Publishing has produced a small sharing version of Uncle Arthur's Christmas story and we've ordered copies for you to share with your friends and family. You can pick up your free copies at the conclusion of our Christmas Program on December 12 just in time to share them with your friends and mail them to your grandchildren. Look for your free copies on December 12 and get ready to share Jesus – The baby everybody wanted.

Funding the Mission – Again I want to say thank you for your support of Jesus' mission to Rockwood. Some exciting plans are taking shape for 2016 but we're still not finished blessing our neighborhood this year. In order to finish our plans for 2015 and lay a solid foundation for 2016 we need your continued financial support. We've had an incredible year and together we can finish strong.

As of last Sabbath we have raised \$103,627 toward our annual operating goal of \$122,820. We are \$19,193 from our goal. Gifts marked "Church Budget" on your offering envelope will help us meet this goal by 12/31/2015.

Karen Refugee Ministry – We have raised \$2,690 toward our goal of \$10,000 for our Karen Refugee Ministry. Gifts marked "Karen Ministry" on your offering envelope will immediately impact the lives for God's Kingdom.

Thank You for Raising the Roof – We have raised \$34,017 toward our goal of \$91,000 for our Capital Improvement and Roof replacement campaign. This puts us over 37% 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	Sharon Frey Memorial Service Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath GYM Night at PAES	3:30 pm 4:35 pm 5:00 pm
Sunday	Pathfinder Meeting	6:00 pm
Tuesday	Harvest Share Tuesday Morning Bible Study	7:30 am 11:30 am
Wednesday	Bulletin Information Deadline Prayer Power Group	3:00 pm 7:00 pm
Friday	Sunset-Welcome the Sabbath	4:31 pm
Next Sabbath:	Sabbath-School Classes Offering: OC Youth/Ed Fund Sunset-Farewell to Sabbath	9:30 am 4:30 pm

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

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Preparing People to Meet Jesus*

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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/Worship in Song	Donna Jones	
Worship in Word	Pastor Gene	
	"Marriage: When Trying Harder Isn't Working"	
Closing Song	"Would You Bless Our Homes & Families"	
Prayer Garden	LeRoy Rieley	
Organ Postlude	Donna Jones	

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

Rockwood Community News

Caring Cards – Please stop at the desk in the lobby and sign the card for **Judy Kramer**. Her mother passed away recently. We also have a card for one of our newer attendees, **Ilse Souza**, who had hip replacement surgery.

A Memorial Service for Sharon Frey will be held here at Rockwood at 3:30 pm this afternoon.

GYM Night at PAES tonight at 5:00 pm. Bring your gym shoes, favorite snacks and table games. PAES is located at 3990 NW First St., Gresham.

Harvest Share – Come and help share fresh fruits and veggies with those in need on Tuesday, November 24, at 7:30 am. Sharing just in time for Thanksgiving dinner!

Christmas Choir Rehearsals - Our next rehearsal is Friday, December 4, at 7:00 pm. The choir will sing for church on December 5, rehearsing prior at 10:00 am in the choir room. We will also have a choir potluck and rehearsal after church on December 5. Our Choir will be singing at "Follow the Star" in Gladstone on Friday evening, December 11, and for the Rockwood Christmas program on December 12.

Thanks & Memorials – Please check your bulletin inserts. This is how we fund our Christmas Decorations each year. If you would like to help us this year please fill out your form, along with the appropriate contributions, and submit it no later than December 5. Thank you and Merry Christmas! Please mark your tithe envelopes "Thanks & Memorials."

Our Annual Christmas Program starts Sabbath morning, December 12, with a hot breakfast served from 9:30 to 10:15 am. We ask that those whose last names start with A-L bring Christmas breads, and M-Z bring fruit trays. **Both should be TABLE READY**, with no cleaning, slicing or other prep in the kitchen that morning. The Christmas program starts at 10:30 am. There will be no Sabbath-school classes on the 12th.

Barbara Specht and Barbara Fulton would appreciate a few helping hands on Tuesday, December 1, at 12:30 pm, when they decorate Rockwood for Christmas. "Many hands make light work!"

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

Homeless Benefit Classical Music Concert on Sunday, November 29, 6:30 pm, at Tabernacle Church, SW Condor Way, Portland. Donations are not required, but will be gratefully received, with the hope of raising \$2,000 to benefit PACS, Human Solutions, Street Roots and JOIN. Let's give a little extra to those in need this Thanksgiving season, while listening to this amazing music presented by young violinists Byron and Victoria, and members of PYP and the Oregon Symphony!

Follow the Star – Free Outdoor Live Nativity and indoor holiday musical event December 4, 5 & 6, 11, 12 & 13. Gates open at 5:30 pm on Friday and 4:30 pm Saturday & Sunday.

Pacific Northwest Schola Cantorum Concert at 7:00 pm on Dec. 5, Mt. Tabor SDA Church, 1001 SE 60th Ave., Portland.

Oregon Conference Prayer Retreat with Randy Maxwell at Twin Rocks, March 25-27, 2016. Call Tawny Sportsman at (541) 367-4913 to register or get more info, or go online to <http://orgcpersonalmin.netadvent.org/2016-prayer-retreat>

2016 Great Controversy Tours (July 15 to 28, 2016) with Dr. Gerard Damsteegt of Andrews University Seminary. See the prophecies of Daniel and Revelation come alive. Visit Rome and the Reformation sites in the Waldensian Valleys, Switzerland and Germany. Call (269) 815-8624 or email gctours@mac.com