

Sunnyside News is a weekly publication designed to inform members and subscribers of our current news and events.

CHURCH LIFE

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE

We have a very special Christmas Program planned for the worship service this Sabbath. Joel Garbutt has written and will direct a play that will incorporate most of the service. Additionally, an array of holiday refreshments will be served by Sandy Shimmin immediately following the service.

You'll want to invite your family and friends. Make plans to arrive early. We are expecting a full house — so, we ask that everyone who is able, please park across the street at the Mormon Church to leave room in our parking lot for visitors.

PRAYER REQUESTS, PRAISES AND THANKS YOUS

Good news!!!! My PET and CAT scans showed that it has stopped the growth and shrunk the tumor to almost nothing. Thank you for your prayers. I know I am greedy but don't stop the prayers. God is listening. — Karen White-Brown

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Dear Sunnyside Church,... I survived the surgery. When they got into the shoulder they found much more damage than thought even with the MRI. What was supposed to be a 45-minute surgery turned into three-plus hours. If they had listened to me and believed me, the damage wouldn't have been so bad. These past few days have been very difficult with all the pain and edema. Thank God for my precious Shelley, who hasn't left my side, and for Mike. Thanks to my many friends who sent prayers in my behalf. Now it is up to rest and God's glue to heal. Thanks to all and blessings to all. — Renie Ward

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Please pray for the Slusher family. Daryl lost his mother this week. She was 86 years old and although, she had been ill with Alzheimer's for several years, Daryl says his world is just not the same without his mom.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED NEXT WEEK

The church office will be closed December 26 — January 2 for the holidays.

NO eNEWSLETTER NEXT WEEK

Because the church office will be closed, there will not be an electronic nor mailed newsletter next week.

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WORSHIP CELEBRATION

December 24, 2011
11:00 A.M.

“O Come All Ye Faithful”
“Hark the Herald Angels Sing”

Welcome
Pastor Dennis Ray

Advent Reading
The Barr Family
“O Come, O Come, Immanuel”

Sunnyside SDA Church
presents

“Christmas Cards From the Heart”

An original play written & directed by
Joel Garbutt-Quistiano

Act I Mall-a-mania

“The Gift Goes On” Yvette Kerbs
“Silent Night” The Group Quartet
Through Your eyes, Lord (*Prayer*) .Marla Hartman
“We Three Kings” Congregation
All I Have to Give (*Offering*). Leo Reijnders
“Sweet Little Jesus Boy” Garry Clark
“The Monkey Jar” (*Sermon*). Pastor Ray

Act II The Gift

Understanding (*Conclusion & Benediction*). .Dan Kittle
Diane Ray
“Silent Night” Congregation
“The Gift Goes On” Reprise

PREACHING SCHEDULE

December 31 — Pastor Cal
January 7 — Pastor Ray
January 14 — Pastor Ray

MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

December Church Needs	\$28,000.00
Church Needs Donations	22,380.10
Over (<i>Short</i>)	(5,619.90)
Year to Date	\$336,000.00
Donations Received	274,970.00
Over (<i>Short</i>)	(61,030.00)
Youth Pastor Fund	\$18,844.74

This Week's Offering
Conference Faith Advance

Sunset

This Friday — 4:47p.m. Next Friday — 4:51p.m.

THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25

Merry Christmas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

Church office closed through January 2

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

Community Services Distribution 11:00 a.m.
Deadline for Bulletin info: bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org
6:00 p.m.

SABBATH, DECEMBER 31

Sabbath School 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.

HEALTHY BYTES *tidbit*



Lentils are packed full of isoflavones, a compound especially beneficial for women experiencing menopausal symptoms such as hot flashes and decreased bone density. It also contains plenty of fiber making it a heart-healthy choice and just a half-cup provides nine grams of protein.

For more info on healthy solutions and recipes, contact Gale Bolinger at 974-2459 or email at gale4health@comcast.net

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

Janette Frazier and her son Jameson to join Sunnyside by Profession of Faith.

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WOMEN'S FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE ON HOLIDAY BREAK



This is the time of year when we get to spend quality time with our families, so we've cancelled our Sabbath lunch for December and our Tuesday afternoon meeting in January. Our next gathering will be **January 21** for Sabbath lunch. Please talk with Lola Arteaga (323-6682) or Lena White (434-0772), if you have any questions.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

To ensure the deductibility of your church contributions, please do not file your 2011 income tax return until you have received a written acknowledgment of your contributions from the church. Some of your contributions may not be tax-deductible if you file your tax return before receiving this written acknowledgment.

BULLETIN INFORMATION

Please submit your announcements of 50 words or fewer (in paragraph form) to: bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org. All info is due by 6:00 p.m. Wednesday. Bulletin staff reserves the right to edit text.



AN ANGEL THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Angel Tree Program this year. Whether you bought and wrapped gifts, donated blankets, baked cookies or other treats or helped with the reception for the families — please know that your generosity has helped to make a child's Christmas just a little bit brighter.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION PARTY



The Sunnyside Social Committee wants to help you start the New Year off right with a "Reinforce Your Resolutions" gathering. What are YOUR resolutions? to eat healthier? to exercise more? spend more time with family? have worship more often? We want to help. So mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fun family evening with your church family - in the Maroa Room & outdoor patio on Saturday evening, **January 14, 2012 from 5:30 - 9:00.** Check your bulletin after Christmas for more details on this event.



CONTINUING THE SPIRIT OF SUNNYSIDE

Part of the Sunnyside mission is to be a welcoming and nurturing church. We have openings for greeters, connection team and small groups. Please prayerfully consider if one of these positions of service is for you. If you are interested, please contact Bill Hartman at 799-0511 or williamrhartman1@gmail.com.

BIBLE STUDY LITERATURE

The tract rack in the foyer has Signs of the Times & GLOW tracts for anyone to take & share. It also has Amazing Facts Bible study guides that are a wonderful way to expand your knowledge into the Seventh-day Adventist faith.

GETTING TO KNOW OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY
Building Lives Through Relationships...

Bob & Nancy Isaacs



Julie & Greg Keener

THE LAST WORD

The Hope of Christmas: A Promise Kept

by Jennifer Jones - blog.beliefnet.com

In spite of all the hustle and bustle of the season, we haven't forgotten the real reason why we celebrate Christmas... In December we set aside time to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. As the wise men gave gifts to the infant, so we give gifts to each other.

It's the beginning of the "Good News". It's a time when we wish each other joy and peace. However, there's more to the story. See, the birth of Jesus was a big deal in and of itself, because people had been talking about it for generations. There were oral traditions passed down. Prophets were predicting that a virgin would have a child and that child would be the Messiah...

The buzz on Jesus was a thing of legend. And on that first Christmas, it finally came true. At its essence, Christmas whispers this truth: What was hoped for eventually came to pass. That's why this season is so full of hope, and we take time to reflect on the goodness we've seen throughout the year. It's all because God kept His promise.



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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO...**

Luke Donaghy (12/25)
Joshua Donaghy (12/25)
Mirra Priest (12/25)
Caleb Haldeman (12/25)
David Smith (12/26)
Janelle Ward (12/27)
Mike Ford (12/29)
Peter (Pete) Jones (12/30)
Joel Chandler (12/30)
Pam Espinosa (12/30)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
TO...**

Erbe & Jerma Palafox (12/27)
Ron & Loanne Soloniuk
(12/29)