

GLADSTONE GAZETTE

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LOCAL CHURCH ADOPTS SCHOOL NEXTDOOR

BY ASHLEY CASTRO-RODRIGUEZ

In Portland, Oregon, Healing Hope Adventist Church has been connecting with their local school for several years. In 2024, they decided to make supporting the Glenfair Elementary community their official mission.

Over the years, Healing Hope Church has supported the community in a variety of ways, from giving away popsicles in the parking lot and serving pizza at family nights, to donating classroom goods, snacks, clothes for emergencies and even adopting families at Christmastime.

Romey Carta, Healing Hope Church secretary, shared that she has grown a friendship with the secretary of the adopted public school. "She will contact me and she'll say, 'There's a need right now for something,'" said Romey. "I put the request out there – in the bulletin and newsletter – and it magically appears!"

According to Romey, Healing Hope Church is made up of 25-30 active members, while the elementary school hosts nearly 500 students. "This is the thing that's bringing life into this church," says Romey. "We can't do a lot of things, but God has enabled us to do this. He put us next door for a reason."



Violeta Bilan, Healing Hope district pastor, said, "I think creating spaces where children can mingle and learn how to navigate life together and feel like they're one community would benefit all of us. I think it's a gift."

Healing Hope Church has been able to impact many students, staff and families through these acts of simple connection. "It's not about big projects or big programs, but small acts of kindness and grace with nothing attached," shared Bilan. "It's just to brighten their day."

When asked for her advice on how churches might begin to connect with their own neighborhoods, Bilan said, "I would invite everyone to think of the 'little things' that your church may have fun doing that would benefit the communities around them. It may not need to be something big or have a large budget, just something your church can invest in – even simply buying a box of ice cream and sharing it with someone. It may be simple, but it's a powerful ministry."



PODCAST CONNECTS LISTENERS, STARTS CONVERSATIONS AND WINS AWARDS

BY KALEB EISELE

Two years ago during camp meeting, members of the Oregon Conference communication team announced a new project seeking to better understand and heal relationships between Seventh-day Adventist Christians and their neighbors – a podcast called *Bridges Over Walls*.

Over the past two years, the show has grown to include two seasons and has featured nearly two dozen impactful conversations featuring a wide range of guests. From prominent Adventist thought leaders like José Rojas, Dr. Seth Pierce, Andreas Beccai, and Kevin Wilson to local leaders like Gladstone Mayor Michael Milch and Gresham Mayor Travis Stovall, as well as several young people who have wrestled with their relationship to Christianity, *Bridges Over Walls* has now been downloaded over 6,000 times on au-

dio platforms alone – both here in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

One particular episode of *Bridges Over Walls* that focuses on trauma has been used in social work classes at Andrews University. And in 2023, *Bridges Over Walls* won both "Best Podcast" and the "Reger Smith Cutting Edge Award" at the Society of Adventist Communicators Convention in Springfield, Massachusetts. But wherever *Bridges Over Walls* has reached, its intent has stayed ever the same – to address the relational harms Christians have caused and to pave the way for healing in the future.

You can listen for yourself by searching "Bridges Over Walls" wherever you get your podcasts, or watch on YouTube at [youtube.com/@BridgesOverWallsPodcast](https://www.youtube.com/@BridgesOverWallsPodcast).

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Treasury Building

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3:00 - 5:00pm

Bring your friends and family, for a fun afternoon of games, great conversation, and, of course, free watermelon!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Gladstone Camp Meeting 2025

Filipinos and Filipino-at-heart are invited to the annual Camp Meeting Annual Oregon-Washington Adventists Filipino Fellowship Lunch Potluck on Sabbath right after church service between the Locations and Butterfly buildings. Bring your favorite food/drinks to share and a chair. Utensils will be provided.

Ladies: A special Women’s Ministries get-together in the Conference Office Board Room will happen this morning at 10:00 AM that you won’t want to miss! If you’ve done the scavenger hunt this week you’ll be able to turn in your completed hunt cards to be entered to win prizes There’ll be refreshments too! If you need to pick up a card still you can do so at the ABC, the Conference Office, the Holden Center, or the InfoCenter.

Shop the Used Book Sale! Visit Zull Hall to browse through a wide selection of gently used books (particularly children’s books right now!), then bring them to the ABC for purchase! Hours are Friday 9:00 AM-6:30 PM, Saturday 9:15 PM-10:30 PM, and Sunday 9:00 AM-4:00 PM. Books sell for \$4.00 per inch!

Help us keep the Plaza Pavilion area clean by depositing your used bulletins and other paper in the paper recycling containers around the outside edges of the Pavilion.

Do you have questions about estate planning or wills and trusts? Visit with a planned giving advisor in the Conference Office this week or call 503-850-3570.

Singles Ministry Ice Cream Social – Join your single friends, or come make new friends, downstairs in the Holden Center, in the Laurelwood Room, after the Saturday evening meeting dismisses. Donations accepted to cover the ice cream costs.

King’s Heralds Concert: Enjoy a concert on Sabbath afternoon at 3:00 PM by the King’s Heralds. Founded in 1927, the group has come to be recognized worldwide for their blend and musical expertise.







Union College Alumni Gathering – Alumni, family, and friends of Union College/Union Adventist University are invited for a time of fun, fellowship, food, and a bit of the good ol’ Union spirit Sabbath afternoon at 5:00 pm in the Conference Office Board Room. Union reps, Jennifer Rieke Schall ’05, Janya Nordgren Mekelburg ’86 and Ken Farrow will be joining us to share how Union is doing.

Singles Ministry Fellowship Lunch – Bring ingredients you enjoy for a haystack potluck lunch. Beans, olives, plates, cups, napkins, and plasticware will be provided. Come downstairs in the Holden Center, to the Laurelwood Room, for lunch with other single friends!

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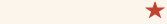
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Veterans! You're invited

VETERANS RECOGNITION



Mt Hood Auditorium

Join us for this special event honoring our armed forces personnel and their families!

Refreshments will be served.

FRIDAY, JULY 25, 2:30-4:00 PM



Instead of bulletins in the Pavilion this year, you'll find all of the evening program info in your printed camp meeting guide. Starting on page 21.



TODAY'S CAFETERIA MENU

See the full menu at www.OregonAdventist.org

Breakfast

7:30-8:30AM

Breakfast Pitas
Hot Cereal
Cold Cereal
Breads & Fruit

Lunch

12:00-1:30PM

Pasta Bar
Mixed Vegetables
Garlic Bread
Salad Bar

Dinner

5:00-6:15PM

Haystacks

Gluten-free, Dairy-free and vegan options available.

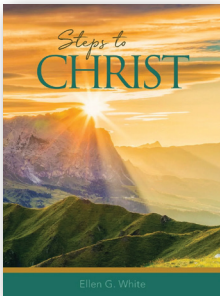
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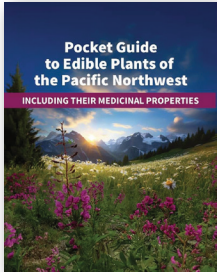
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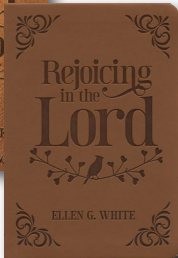
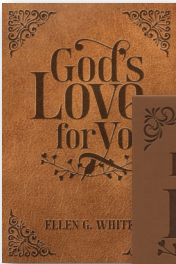
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