

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

## CHURCH LIFE

### PASSING OF NANCY VAN PELT

Certified Family Life Educator and best-selling author Nancy Van Pelt, died at 11:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 26 at Kaiser Permanente. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, November 30, at 3:00 p.m. at the Clovis Church. The service will be followed by a Tea in her honor.

On Sunday, November 24, Nancy was rushed to the hospital after collapsing at home. It was later determined that she had suffered a fatal pulmonary embolism. She is survived by husband, Harry, three adult children, ten grand children, one great-grand child, plus other relatives and close friends.



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*Happy Thanksgiving*

# SABBATH CELEBRATION

November 30, 2013

## Sunnyside *Light*

9:00 – 9:50 A.M.

“Nothing Without You”  
“Silent Night”

Prayer

Scripture: John 18:28-31 & 19:8-12

“People Pleasing”  
Pastor Taneshia Kerr

## Worship Service

11:15 A.M.

“Go Tell It On the Mountain”  
“Behold, Bless Ye the Lord”

Welcome

Pastor Dennis Ray

Giving Thanks

Stan Wagenleitner

Advent Candle

Kidwell Family

“O Come, O Come, Immanuel”

Baptism

of

Jack Hoover

Janeen Palafox

Kenny Vestal

“Holy Is the Lord”

“10,000 Reasons”

Prayer

Stan Wagenleitner

“All My Trials”

Earl Meyers

Scripture: John 18:28-31 & 19:8-12

“People Pleasing”  
Pastor Taneshia Kerr

Benediction

## THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

### Tuesday, December 3

Staff Meeting 1:00 p.m.

Women' Friendship Circle Luncheon - 1:00 p.m. -

Mimi's Café

Youth Parents' Meeting - 6:00 p.m. - Pastor's Office

### Wednesday, December 4

Bulletin Info Deadline: [bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org](mailto:bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org) 6:00 p.m.

Men's Ministry Meeting - 6:30 p.m. - Youth Room

### Thursday, December 5

Worship Committee Meeting- 6:30 p.m. - Pastor's Office

### Friday, December 6

Youth Play Rehearsal - 6:30 p.m. - Sanctuary

### Sabbath, December 7

Sunnyside Light - 9:00 a.m.

SunnysideUp Café - 10:00 a.m.

Sabbath School - 10:00 a.m.

Worship Service - 11:15 a.m.

Potluck (immediately following worship service)

Youth Play Rehearsal (after potluck)

Early Youth at Tac Ops Laser Tag - 6:00 p.m.

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## PREACHING SCHEDULE

December 7 - Cesar de Leon (2nd Service)

December 14 - Pastor Ray

December 21 - Pastor Ray

## MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION SUMMARY

<b>November Needs</b>	<b>\$29,300.00</b>
Church Needs Donations	19,319.73
Over (Short)	(9,980.27)
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>\$322,300.00</b>
Donations Received	224,313.57
Over (Short)	(97,986.43)
<b>Associate Pastor Fund</b>	<b>\$16,915.48</b>
<b>Youth Pastor Fund</b>	<b>\$36,750.10</b>

## THIS WEEK'S OFFERING

NAD Evangelism

## SUNSET

This Friday  
4:44 p.m.

Next Friday  
4:43 p.m.

## HEALTHY BYTES

### Eat At least Three Meals Per Day

Many women skip breakfast or lunch, or even both, "saving" their calories for dinner. The problem with this approach is that the metabolic rate naturally peaks at noon and slows after that. So the food you eat at night is far more likely to be stored as fat. When you eat breakfast, your metabolism gets jump-started for the day. If you skip it, your metabolism will slow down into conservation mode and this can lead to weight gain. AGAIN: Breakfast is the most important meal of the day.



For more information on healthy solutions and recipes, contact Gale Bolinger at [gale4health@yahoo.com](mailto:gale4health@yahoo.com) or visit my blog at <http://gale4health.blogspot.com.au>  
I would like to remind you that these "Healthy Bytes" are my own suggestions and not medical advice.  
I get my references from many practical sources. Please read them with this in mind.

## MEMBERSHIP TRANSFERS

## Second Reading

Irma Carpenter to Calimesa SDA in Calimesa, CA



## NEW STUDY DURING SABBATH SCHOOL

"Experiencing God" is a new study/discussion group and will begin at **10:00 a.m. on December 7** in the SunnysideUp Café. This is a 12-week workbook study that dives deep into the experience of Moses and others in the Bible. We will study examples of how to know and do the will of God. Workbooks will be provided.

## A SABBATH SCHOOL CONNECTION

Are you looking for a way to connect at Sunnyside?

Try any of our Adult Sabbath School Classes:

- ❖ **The Quarterly Class**, traditional Bible study class
- ❖ **"Life & Teachings of Jesus,"** the "Desire of Ages" book study class
- ❖ **"In Step With Jesus,"** a class for new believers and people interested in developing their Christian faith.
- ❖ **SunnysideUp Café**, the café offers a variety of classes and groups from which to choose.

## DECEMBER POTLUCK

Our next church family potluck will be **Sabbath, December 7.**

## FRIENDSHIP CIRCLE

The Women's Friendship Circle will meet for lunch on **Tuesday, December 3** at **1:00 p.m. at Mimi's Café.** If you would like to join them, please contact Lola Arteaga (323-6682).



## CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

The Church Office will be closed this **Thursday and Friday** for Thanksgiving.



## YOUTH EVENTS COMIN' UP

**Parent Meeting - Tuesday:** Parents, let's meet at 6:00 p.m. at the church to discuss and plan youth ministry and activities.

**Fundraiser Workbee - Sunday:** We need everyone to help out with moving furniture for a member. Please call Vicky (790-2333) for details.

**Play Rehearsal - Friday & Saturday, December 6&7:** Rehearsal starts at 6:30p.m. on Friday and after potluck on Sabbath.

## WHAT'S UP WITH THE EARLY YOUTH

- **Tac Ops Laser Tag – December 7**
- **Nursing Home Visit – December 14:** The Early Youth will have lunch together and then go spread a little love at a nursing home passing out goodies.



Please submit your bulletin and eNews announcements of 50 words or fewer (in paragraph form) to: [bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org](mailto:bulletinstaff@sunnysidesda.org). All info is due by **6:00 p.m. Tuesday (November 26)**. The Bulletin staff reserves the right to edit text.



## BLUE CHRISTMAS

Each year as the season approaches some people are filled with sadness or anxiety. They have no heart for the cheer and the bustle, the anticipation and the excitement. For those who have experienced loss – through death, divorce, depression, or many other life challenges – the holidays can be a time of grieving and personal struggle. If this is you, or you know someone who is having a difficult time this season, you are invited to come to the Blue Christmas Service on **Wednesday, December 18 at 6:30 p.m.** The service will be a time to reflect and heal together. This service is open to anyone in our congregation or in the community who has suffered a loss and wishes to have a space to worship together and acknowledge the blue side that can accompany the holidays.

## IT'S TIME FOR ANGEL TREE



We have the opportunity to give a little Christmas joy to some children in our community through Angel Tree. This program works in connection with Prison Fellowship Ministry and churches to give Christmas gifts to local children of prisoners. For the next few Sabbaths we will have a Christmas tree in the foyer filled with paper angels. Each angel has the name of a child and the gift requested for that child. Please take an angel or two and return the gifts wrapped and with the angel attached by **December 14**. Gifts should not exceed \$25 (please include gift receipt). You have been so supportive of this ministry each year and we are thankful for your continued generosity!



## ABC HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Sunday - December 8 10:00a.m. - 4:00p.m.

You are invited to a Holiday Open House & Sale at the Adventist Book Center, 2820 Willow Ave., Clovis. The first 100 customers receive a FREE Worthington Foods Dinner Roast. We'll have our Truckload Food Sale: buy 3 cases of Worthington or Loma Linda canned items and get a case of Fri-Chik for only \$20. When you arrive, let us greet you with a tasty holiday treat! There will be drawings for \$25, \$50, and \$75 gift certificates and great deals on a whole lot more!

## DIVORCE CARE MINISTRY

Volunteers are needed for Divorce Care ministry. If you've experienced what it's like to heal from the difficulty of a divorce and have a heart for others who are going through this life-changing time, this may be the ministry opportunity for you. When Sunnyside launches this new community ministry in January, we need men and women to help with everything from greeting to registration, from snacks to childcare. If you are interested, please put a note on the bulletin tab and place it in the offering plate, or call the church office (229-5501) and let Angela know.

DIVORCE Care

## EARL MEYERS IN CONCERT

Annual "Music for the Holiday Season"

**December 14 at 4:00 p. m.**

at Westside SDA Church(2750 Martin Luther King Blvd.)

Arrive early for a good seat.

Admission is free to all!

# GETTING TO KNOW OUR FAMILY & FRIENDS



## Sunnyside Faces

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**THE LAST WORD**

## Advent I – *The Importance of Waking Up*

by Ruth Haley Barton

*“God comes to us like the sun in the morning — when it is time.”*  
— Carlo Carretto, *The God Who Comes*

My favorite time of any day is the pre-dawn moments before the light comes. The world is dark and quiet, stretching out before me in a hopeful sort of way. Having just awakened from sleep, I am alert enough to savor everything — the dance of light and shadow in the yard, the breeze that plays through the wind chime on the porch, the warmth of a favorite coffee mug, the comfort of a blanket against the cold. The nearness of God seems especially real in those early hours.

As I wait for the light, time feels rich and abundant rather than scarce and limited. In the absence of words — and before any words have been spoken — my soul is calm and clear like the stillness of a quiet pond. There is never any doubt that the light will come; just quiet anticipation.

As wonderful as it is to be in the light, morning solitude has taught me that it is even better to be there when the light comes. Being there helps me “make contact” with this God who comes and is always coming... like the sun... when it is time. It helps me find my true-self-in-God again.

Advent is a season for waking up to all the ways Christ comes to us. Yes, the themes of Advent help us celebrate and commemorate his first coming in the Incarnation. They encourage us to anticipate his second coming in glory — of course! But there is also such a thing as the third coming of Christ: that is, all the ways in which Jesus comes to us now, bringing light for our darkness, peace for our turmoil, hope for our fear.

So this week, let’s practice waking up so we don’t miss any of the ways in which Christ comes to us every day. Sitting quietly in the pre-dawn hours waiting for the light to come — almost imperceptible at first — is a way to practice waiting and watching for the coming of the Son into every nook and cranny of our lives. In those early morning hours, contemplate how you are being asked to open yourself to this One who comes in the midst of your everyday activities. Be prepared to meet your grace in every circumstance, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour and we don’t want to miss it. “Now is the moment for you to wake from sleep” (Romans 13:11 NRSV).

*O holy God, open unto us light for our darkness, courage for our fear, hope for our despair.  
O God of peace, open to us peace for our turmoil, joy for our sorrow, strength for our weakness.  
O generous God, open our hearts to receive the gift of your presence.  
Amen.*

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO...**

Linda Messing (11/30)  
Joyce Reimer (11/30)  
Shona Phillips (11/30)  
Lindy Patterson (11/30)  
Misty Cruz (11/30)  
Tiffany Barron (12/1)  
Esabelle Palafox (12/3)  
Barbara Zambrana (12/3)  
Terri Mosley (12/6)

**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY TO...**