

January Newsletter

Sequim Seventh-day Adventist Church Newsletter
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Welcome Wes Hartlein and Carla Spady!

by Stelle Knauff

Wes came from Andrews University area to Sequim in 1996. Work brought him here and he liked Sequim so much he decided to stay! Wes is a carpenter and helped to build our present church building. He is a friend of Jeff Dawson and has recently been attending church with Jeff.

Wes lives on three acres which keeps him very busy; but he is still able to squeeze in some fishing and camping trips. We are blessed to have Wes join our worship activities.



Carla is a Washington native, living in Kitsap County before moving to Sequim eleven years ago. Carla is a pharmacy tech at Costco and a former classmate of Jeff Rasco. Her cat is her faithful housemate. Gardening and outside activities are what she enjoys doing when not working.

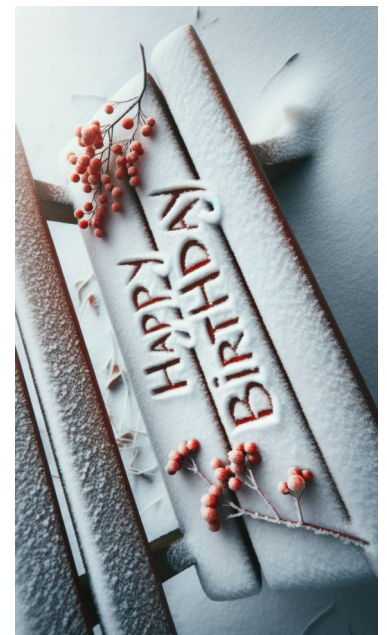
Carla's friendliness is an asset to this church family and we give her a heartfelt welcome.

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January Birthdays

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|--------------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 1 Tony Pittario | 16 Cheri Young | 22 Steve Howe |
| 8 Beth McBride | 17 Emma Morris | 24 Susie Blank |
| 8 Erin Wilson | 18 Maddie Niemeyer | 26 Jeanie Calvin |
| 10 Aimee Powless | 20 Staci Pulley | 26 Bruce Winters |
| 12 Carole Le Gallo | 21 Liz Trowbridge | 29 Roland Blaich |
| 12 Duane Triplett | 22 Grace Hendrickson | 29 Don Shogren |
| 15 Caleb Dobbs | | |





**Sunday
January 12
@ 2:00 pm**

**FRAUD
PREVENTION**

Sequim Adventist Church, 30 Sanford Lane, Sequim

Learn to outsmart phishing expeditions,
scams, and identity theft.

Don't be scammed!

Open to everyone in our community.

Presenters:



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PAES Open House



It's not too early to start sharing about our school and the Open House on March 6. Parents start thinking of their child(ren)'s schooling early and searching for options where to place them for their education. Share PAES website with your friends and neighbors, <https://peninsulaadventistelementaryschool.com>. Watch for flyers/brochures as they become available. Peninsula Adventist Elementary School staff and families appreciate your daily prayers.

Library Corner

by Mary Thayne

Here are some books that are new to me:

At the End of the Ferry. Welcome to seasons of joy In a little bit of Scandinavia On the Olympic Peninsula. by Susan Walters. Susan brings the joy of seagulls, the smells of saltwater and the taste of cookies alive.

3:16; The Numbers Of Hope. by Max Lucado. If you know nothing of the Bible, start here. If you know everything in the Bible, return here.

Walking with God through Pain and Suffering. by Timothy Keller. A multidimensional approach to suffering.

The Other Side of Ellen White, by Paul Ricchiuti. Shows the colorful side that was caring, kind, fun-loving and humorous.



Adventurers

by Kathy Mitchell

Hello church! Here we are at the end of the year already. We are facing the new year with happy anticipation to see what God brings us in the coming year ahead. Lots of changes always, He will bring us through them all if we trust Him!

Our first meeting in December was all about the people who carry out all the various jobs it takes to run a church. There's maintenance, cleaning, office work, finance handlers and many more. One highlight had our Otters in the ACS department (Adventist Community Services), meeting Miss Phyllis our new ACS Director. (Melvin's Grandma!) She showed us where people donate clothing and supplies for people in need. Then we brought it in and got to sort the contents in the bags. ACS averages about 30 people who visit every other week. Many receive much needed help and warm clothes and many really just want someone to talk to. It is a rewarding activity. We can always use another pair of hands in there if you are looking for a ministry to fill a little time. Then the kids made Thank you notes for some of the many volunteers that run Sequim church. Pray for these guys that will someday take over those jobs when we no longer can.

Our last gathering of the year was our Christmas party! Teacher Collette started us with a thoughtful talk about what it was like for Jesus to go from being the King of everything to a little spec inside his mommy's tummy! And He did all that because He loved us so much He wanted to be with us and save us. And all He wants in return is for us to give Him our hearts! I know I want Jesus to have my heart, I hope you do too. Then we played fun games like crawling under the jingle bells, pass the candy cane, Hershey kiss Bingo, and shovel the bows, blind-folded! We decorated cookies and best of all, ATE them! Lastly we made our own version of the 12 days of Christmas, (only it was 7 days).

The Adventurer staff and all our Otters want to wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, and all of God's most wonderful blessings! Thank you for your continued support!



*“On the seventh day
of Christmas my
true love gave to me,
Seven angels
singing,
Six engineering kits,
Five whi-ite
sneakers!...that
never get dirty,
Four fluffy kittens,
Three gamers
gaming,
Two loads of
topsoil,
and a
cookie in a
Christmas tree!”*



Troubles with Joe by Newton Sinclair

"If you can't work 24/7, you should seek employment elsewhere."

One Friday afternoon I was working with my group of analysts to fix a database file problem. The person who had the password needed to expand the file wasn't available, so there was little we could do. Since it was almost time for sunset, I went to see Joe, my new supervisor, and told him I was going to leave for the day. I knew then that I was in trouble.

Joe was new to the office. He didn't much care about my long years of distinguished service to the organization or for my Sabbath, and he told me so. In his view, if I couldn't make an around-the-clock commitment, I should leave. I went home feeling very upset. My former supervisors had always honored my request to have Saturday off for religious worship.

I requested special prayer from my local church and then appealed Joe's decision to the departmental director. The director scheduled a meeting to hear the appeal.

Those present at the appeal meeting were the departmental director, the department manager, my supervisor Joe, and I. I was asked to state my reasons for refusing to work on Sabbaths and also for not signing a 24/7 work pledge acknowledging my willingness to work all 24 hours in the seven-day workweek. After some discussion the director made the following rulings: My request to have Sabbaths off should be respected by both my manager and supervisor; I shouldn't be required to sign a 24/7 pledge; and more importantly, any future actions against me must first be approved by her! Joe wasn't happy with the decision and became even more unhappy with me. My performance appraisals went from being positive to negative. Sometime later our department was given a new manager, and Joe wasted no time having me transferred to another section under a different supervisor within the department. I could no longer work on projects for which I had been trained.

Then, as suddenly as it started, it was over! First, I was asked to assist an analyst from my old section who was having trouble solving a systems problem. After I had resolved that problem in a successful and timely manner, I was given the responsibility to manage the entire system on which I assisted. In the following months other job responsibilities were added, to the extent that today I have more systems responsibilities in the department than any other analyst.

Joe's attitude toward me was also changing. Not only did he have me transferred back to where I was working before, but more importantly, on my most recent job-performance review, he started out with a blank sheet of paper and told me that he wanted to record only the statements with which we both agreed.

Not long ago Joe came to my office and inquired if I had read the past Sunday's local newspaper. I told him I hadn't. He then told me about an article in the paper that I would find amusing. *"A pastor has written an article complaining about people desecrating the Sabbath day. This pastor doesn't seem to know that Sunday isn't the Sabbath—that Saturday is."* I was astonished.

"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?" Romans 8:31.

[taken from *Over & Over Again!*² 150 Adventists Share Personal Faith Stories About Stewardship. 2000. NAD. Edited by Ronald Allan Knott]

January 2025 Church Calendar

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| <p><u>Upcoming Events</u></p> <p>February 24 Health Class March 6 PAES Open House and Pre-registration</p> | | | 1 Church Office Closed | 2 Backpack Program 8:00am | 3 | 4 Fellowship Meal (Team Donna) 12:30pm |
| 5 | 6 Elders Meeting 6:30pm | 7 ACS 10am-12pm | 8 Prayer Meeting 6:30pm | 9 Backpack Program Ladies Bible Study 2:00pm Adventurers and Pathfinders 6:30pm | 10 | 11 Shape Note Singing 3:00pm |
| 12 Fraud Prevention Class 2:00pm | 13 School Board Meeting 6:30pm | 14 | 15 MOMCo 9:00am Prayer Meeting 6:30pm | 16 Backpack Program 8:00am Pathfinders 6:30pm | 17 | 18 Children's Church Fellowship Meal (Team Staci) Adventurers 1:30pm |
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