

# DON'T WAIT. DONATE.



Community Services is collecting new/gently used coats, gloves, scarves, hats and new socks.

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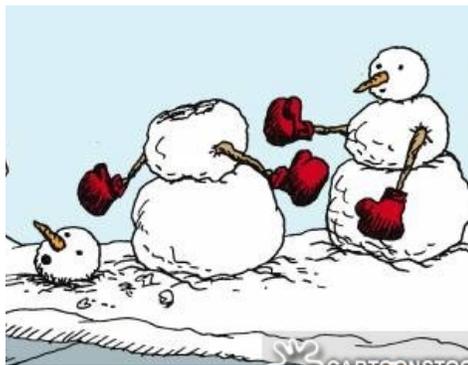
## URGENT PRAYER

- Family of Mary Candies, death
- Zelma Johnson, health, care facility
- Lola Matthews, health Providence hospital
- Violet Larry, health
- Sandra & Coisha Graham, death of loved one
- Cindy Cobbs, health
- Johnny Williams, heart attack recovery
- Theresa Holcey/family, death of friend
- Sophia Schafer (Loiseau/Foxworth 12-yr old friend ), Wilms cancer

## HAPPY THANKSGIVING

**Sharon Church  
Office Closed**

**November  
20 thru 27, 2018**



### A HELPING HAND

Nathan's mother has been talking to her best friend every Tuesday night for the past 50+ years — EVERY Tuesday night! As mom's Alzheimers progressed, we picked up that honor — because mom has difficulty following a lengthy conversation.

Now that we live near mom's friend, we also take her shopping the first Tuesday of the month at Fred Meyers, so she can get her 10% seniors discount. Each time we go out, she laments that she has spent a life time in service and is not comfortable having to be on the receiving end. We explain to her that this is a fun day for us, as we get to spend time with someone Nathan has know all his life, and who has a wicked sense of humor.

As we get into winter, I've started to think of more things she will need assistance with (and wouldn't want to bother anyone with asking), and am lining up friends and church members to assist.

Perhaps you know a friend or neighbor who would also benefit from some assistance? If you're of able body and wondering how you can help your neighbors or church members in need, here are some ways to show you care this winter season:

1. Rake up all their leaves, or shovel their walkway and/or driveway.
2. Clear debris off street signs, storm sewer grates, fire hydrants and mailboxes. It benefits everyone's safety.
3. Check on your elderly neighbors before and after a bad storm or cold snap. Bonus points if you bring soup!
4. Leave hand warmers in your mailbox for the mail carrier.
5. Offer to pick up a neighbor's groceries or prescription. We all know how hard it can be to drive when its wet or slippery outside.
6. Bring over a baked good or have your kids draw pictures for a neighbor.
7. Offer to help write and address a Christmas letter or Christmas cards — better yet, bring a pack of them with you when you stop by for a visit.
8. Volunteer at a homeless shelter or food pantry.
9. Donate to our Community Center coat drive.
10. Donate money to a heating assistance program, often times, you can do so when you pay your heating bill.
11. Volunteer for Meals on Wheels or another program that helps the homebound.
12. Call and elderly friend in the evening, and chat with them. Winter blues tend to hit the elderly a bit harder.
13. Above all, PLAN to help; don't wait for someone to ask.

**CONTACT THE SHARON COMMUNICATION TEAM at [office@sharonchurch.comcastbiz.net](mailto:office@sharonchurch.comcastbiz.net) or 503.287.7649**

## LET'S CHAT!

with Pastor D



“Daddy!” Brooke said with excitement in her voice. “My friend down the street has never been to a church. She is busy this weekend but hopefully I will be able to get her to come another week.”

It is a reality in this country to have many individuals and families that have never been to a church. Some have probably never had a need to attend. However, I have found that many don't attend because no one ever invited them. Many Christians work, and attend social events with co workers and friends without ever letting them know that they attend church.

A few weeks ago I sat down with a general conference leader who stated that she would never invite someone to her local church. She said the people there were just not ready to accept others. What a sad state of the church, if members and leaders don't feel comfortable enough to invite someone to their local place of worship.

I remember reading a statistic in the church Sabbath school lesson a few years ago where the writer shared that 4 of 5 people who are invited to church would remain once engaged. Honestly, if you want to see positive changes in the lives of your friends and family, start with an invitation to Sharon. Most likely you will see and be shocked that they will remain.

# in the loop

SHARON SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

November 10, 2018

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### NOVEMBER

- 11 Church Board Meeting 10:30am
- 14 Mid-week Study 7pm
- 15 **PAA 2019 Senior Recognition—Sunnyside Church 7pm**
- 16 **NAAALEF at NPUC Office, Ridgefield WA**
- 17 Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 17 Community Svc Food Pantry 2pm
- 17 **NAAALEF at NPUC Office, Ridgefield WA**
- 18 **NAAALEF at NPUC Office, Ridgefield WA**
- 19 Bible Study 12pm
- 19 **PAA begin Thanksgiving Break**
- 20 **PAES begin Thanksgiving Break**
- 20 **Thanksgiving Holiday—Church Office Closed 11/20-27**
- 22 **THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY**
- 24 Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 24 Community Svc Food Pantry 2pm
- 26 Bible Study 12pm
- 27 **PAA Constituency (all members invited) 7:30pm**
- 28 Mid-week Study 7pm
- 1 Sabbath School/Divine Worship 9:45am
- 1 Children's Ministry—Follow the Star 10:45am
- 1 Bible Study 1pm
- 3 Bible Study 12pm
- 5 Mid-week Study 7pm
- 7 First Friday, Adv Med Center 7:15pm

\* These are holiday or partner activities held at other locations, see Sharon bulletin board for details.

### Holiday Bike Event, hosted by Community Cycling Center

If you know someone who has children in need of a bike, call Sister Corine Proctor 503.287.0007. Availability is limited, call immediately. Child height: Large 44"-56", Medium 36"-43" or Small 30"-35".

