

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Looking Towards the Federal Elections

Candidate nominations and selections are still underway in preparation for the October federal elections. *Lord help us to understand that as citizens we must engage to effect change. What a privilege we have to partner with God on behalf of Canada; we choose, He appoints and we must honour those in authority over us.*

- Pray for record-breaking participation by voters in the by-elections in York-Simcoe, Burnaby South, and Outremont tomorrow (Feb. 25).
- Pray for campaign managers to be successful in recruiting volunteers for the election campaign. Ask God to prompt people to contribute their time and talents to serve those seeking to represent their communities in Parliament.
- Pray that Christians will understand the biblical principles that point to our civic responsibility to choose our leaders (1 Peter 2:13-17).

- National House of Prayer

### Can you help?

Al & Joane Brown (of *Compassio*) and their seven children need accommodations while in Ottawa April 25 to June 1. They are willing to provide recompense, meal share, etc. Please contact the church office for more info.

## OUR MISSION

The Mission of Sunnyside Wesleyan Church is to be:

**A place** where we experience God's transforming love through the Holy Spirit, by faith, the Word of God, worship and prayer;

**A people** being transformed by the love and grace of Jesus as we practise authentic community;

**A presence** of God's transforming love in Old Ottawa South, across the city and around the world, through acts of generosity, compassion and outreach.

## COMMUNICATION

### Stay Connected!

If you would like to stay informed about church events or prayer needs, fill out a communication card or contact the office to be added to any or our church email lists.

### Bulletin Announcements Deadline

Please contact the office by Wednesday at noon.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Sunnyside Wesleyan Church

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### Office hours:

Mon. to Fri. 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

### Regular Sunday Services:

9 & 11 a.m.

## Sunday, February 24, 2019 Epiphany 7



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing  
God's Transforming Love

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9 & 11 a.m.

Communion

Pastor Kerry is speaking on  
*Love Your Enemies*

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Next Sunday:  
Pastor Kerry will be speaking

## WELCOME GUESTS!

**We're happy you're here!** Please pause to fill out a connection card and drop it in the offering plate or the Communication Box in the foyer, or scan the QR code.



**During the service:** A supervised nursery is located upstairs, for children from newborn to age two. Sunday School is held downstairs and is geared for three-year olds up to Grade 6 at 9 AM, and up to Grade 4 at 11 AM. Early in the service, children are called to the front for prayer before going to their classes. All children's ministry volunteers have had police records checks.

**Accessibility:** Washrooms are downstairs; if you need to use the elevator, an usher will be happy to assist you. **Portable hearing devices** and binders with **large print song lyrics** are available from the ushers.

**Giving:** The operations and ministries of Sunnyside are made possible as we, out of a love response to God, freely offer our time, money, and talent. If you see God's goodness here, and if you are able to and would enjoy supporting this work we are in together, please go to our website for details about how to give online or in-person.

## LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

### Last Week Year to Date YTD Budget

|                 | Last Week | Year to Date | YTD Budget |
|-----------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| <b>General</b>  | \$4,603   | \$53,155     | \$60,332   |
| <b>Missions</b> | \$50      | \$2,668      | \$2,518    |

*Thank you for your faithfulness and support in giving!*

**Attendance: Feb. 17, 2019**

9 a.m.—112    11 a.m.—115



## A PEOPLE...

### The Season of Lent

**Ash Wednesday Service: Mar. 6** at 7 p.m.

**Lenten Prayer:** You and/or your small group may wish to pause and join in five weeks of reflection and prayer as we collectively journey toward the cross. Beginning the second Tuesday of Lent, **Mar. 19**, and through to **Apr. 16**, we will reflect on a different form of prayer each week (Longing, Repenting, Cursing, Lamenting, Trusting) and we will pray together.



### Membership Renewal

If you are a member of The Wesleyan Church (ie. if you became a member or renewed your membership in 2018) you will be contacted about your intention to renew for 2019. Please check you email and reply "yes" or "no", or contact the church office.

### Men's Breakfast

All men 18+ are welcome to a hot breakfast and warm fellowship on **Saturday, Mar. 2** at 9 a.m. in the church basement. For info or To RSVP: [gerald.pratt@sunnysidechurch.ca](mailto:gerald.pratt@sunnysidechurch.ca).



### The Been Theres

Are you 55+? Looking for fellowship? Free on the first Thursday morning of the month? Then please join us **Feb. 7** at 9:15 in the church basement for refreshments/chat, followed by video teaching and discussion led by Pastor Kerry. (Praying for decent weather this time!)

## A PLACE...



### Wake Up the World Conference

Young adults, come join us for a weekend of Worship, Community, Food, and Fun as we focus on building community. Our keynote speakers will speak on discerning our identity in Christ and His call on our lives. The weekend is open to all young adults aged 18-30 and runs **March 8** at 6:30 p.m. to **March 10** at 10:30 a.m. Registration: \$20.

Go to [wakeuptheworld.ca](http://wakeuptheworld.ca) for more info and to register!

## SERMON QUESTIONS

### This Week's Readings:

Ps 37:1-11,39-40    Gen 45:3-11,15    1Cor 15:35-38,42-50    Lk 6:27-38

1. Read Luke 6:27. The Greek word translated as "love" means to "wish well to, take pleasure in, long for, prefer." The Greek word translated as "enemies" means "someone openly hostile (at enmity), animated by deep-seated hatred, resolved to do harm."  
- What is your visceral response to the command to "love your enemies?"

2. Read vv. 27-30. List every command that Jesus gives.  
- What is he trying to do by layering these commands?

3. Consider v. 31: "Do to others as you would have them do to you" is to want God's best for those who are hatefully against you. Fairness is not part of this equation.  
- Read v. 36: "Be merciful, just as your heavenly Father is merciful." How is your heavenly Father merciful?

4. Read vv. 35-38. What are the outcomes of being merciful as your Father is merciful?  
- Reread v. 38. What does this verse mean?

5. *Equity* is giving people what they need to be successful. *Equality* is treating everyone the same.  
- How does Jesus' way in Luke 6:27-38 compare to our society's pursuit of fairness through equity and equality?

6. Take some time to pray together for the miracle of such extravagant grace to be worked out in your hearts and lives. If comfortable, pray for specific situations where you can love your enemies.

## A PRESENCE...

### Parenting, Attachment, and the Collaborative Problem Solving Method

This training series for parents, grandparents, educators, or anyone working with or caring for children or youth, wraps up this **Tuesday, Feb. 26**, 7 p.m. here at the church. *Audio of the sessions is available on our website.*