

PRAYER FOCUS

PowerUp! Day Camps

at Sunnyside Wesleyan (July 2-5) and
Riverside Community Church, Kirkland Lake (Aug. 3-10)
Please pray for these full-day kids camps:



- for Pastor Miranda and Pastor Pete as they prepare.
- that God will raise up counsellors so the camps can accommodate every child who wants to attend.
- for the blessings of safety, health, and good weather.
- that God's love will be felt and understood by all the children and their families.

Central Canada Gathers Rally

Everyone is invited to a special service on **Friday, June 21**, 7 p.m. at Trenton Wesleyan Church, featuring keynote speaker Dr. Stephen Lennox, president of King'swood University. This service is part of our District Conference. For info, go to ccdwesleyan.ca/Events

“Our Lives Are Not Our Own”

 The EFC is intervening in the *Lamb* case, which will be heard in the Supreme Court of BC this fall. The outcome will determine whether restrictions to medical assistance in dying will be lifted, making it available to anyone who decides they no longer want to live. If you wish to help, there are envelopes in the foyer with more info; they also contain info about engagement in the Federal Election.

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

Prayer Requests

prayer@sunnysidechurch.ca
(Will be kept strictly confidential.)

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Office hours:

Mon. to Fri. 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

(Closed May 27)

Summer service schedule:

Sundays at 10 a.m.

May 26, 2019

Easter 6



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing
God's Transforming Love

10 a.m.

Pastor Kerry is speaking on
Stand Up, Take Your Mat, and Walk

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Next Sunday:
Connect 4 Service
Pastor Miranda 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.



Children & Youth: A supervised nursery for newborns to age 2 is located upstairs. Summer Sunday school programming is for 3-year olds to Gr. 6. Early in the service, children are called to the front for prayer before going to their classes. *All children and youth 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.

Coming Up...

June 7-9 Collide Youth Weekend (SLWC)

June 11, 6:30 p.m. Board meeting

June 16 10 a.m. Church in the Park (Windsor)

June 21-23 Church Campout at Silver Lake

June 30 Baby dedications

July 2-5 Power Up! SWC day camp

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

Attendance: May 26, 2019

10 a.m. 250



A PLACE...

Local Church Conference



After today's service, please remain for an hour for our annual conference. We will hear ministry updates, looking at what God has done and what we are trusting Him to do here at Sunnyside, and members will vote on positions for 2019/20. There will be childcare in the basement.

Baby Dedication

We will be holding a baby dedication on **June 30**. If you're interested in having your baby or child dedicated or if you'd like more info, please contact Pastor Kerry.

A PEOPLE...

Jr/Sr High Grads

Parents, if you have children graduating from jr. high or high school in June, please contact the office. We will recognize them on **June 16** during Church in the Park.

Church Campout

June 21-23 we will enjoy our own all-church camping weekend at Silver Lake! Register by June 16 through Elvanto or obtain a form from the foyer. There are a variety of options for accommodations and meals to suit your preferences and budget. *If you'd like to be baptized in the lake that weekend, please contact Pastor Darren.*



Church Softball



Our team, the High-Side Cardinals, is looking for 3-4 more regular teammates to fill out the roster. Games are on Friday evenings. For more details or to register, contact Mark: markpattmore@yahoo.ca.

This Week's Readings:

Ps 67 Acts 16:9-15 Rev 21:10,22-22:5 John 5:1-9



SERMON QUESTIONS

1. Read John 5:1-9. There is archeological evidence for a pool to the northeast of the Jerusalem temple near where the sheep were brought in to be sacrificed. Commentator J. Ramsey Michaels states it was "used as a healing sanctuary to the god Asclepius." (The Gospel of John, 288) The description of five porticoes indicates a large space.

~ Imagine the "many" gathered there. What would it be like to be one of the "many"? Where in our world might you find such scenes of human suffering?

2. Focus on v. 6. What do you notice about Jesus? The Spirit of Jesus asks you a similar direct question: "Do you want to get well? What can I do for you?" How do you answer?

3. In some versions, v. 4 is missing and put in a footnote. "The oldest and best manuscripts haven't got it" (N.T. Wright, John for Everyone, 56): "for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred up the water; whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was made well from whatever disease that person had." Michaels states: "Whether the longer addition is based on the scribe's imagination or on a local legend, it has the effect of endorsing the supposed healing qualities of the pool by attributing them to the 'angel of the Lord.' It is doubtful that the author wants to do this, given the fact that Jesus completely bypasses the pool in healing the man with a word" (291).

~What explanations and strategies do you add to life situations when it is best to accept mystery?

4. Read v. 7. It is likely that the many others were in the same boat as the sick man, having little help to get to the supposedly healing waters. Jesus ignores the pool and scene altogether.

5. Read vv. 8-9. What is Jesus' command? What does it mean for the man to take up his mat? What's harder about his life now? What's better?

6. We have a choice. We may use old, status quo strategies to bring healing to ourselves and our society. Or, we may stand up and participate in the new ways and new life that break in through Christ.

~ Give examples of being a healing presence in the world using "old" and "new" strategies.

7. Pray for Sunnyside as we seek to live God's new strategies for the benefit of society.