

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 of our church email lists.

Bulletin Announcements Deadline

Please contact the office by Wednesday at noon.

PRAYER FOCUS

Advent



December is one of the best months for high impact as local congregations plan special dinners, musicals, outreaches, and compassionate ministries. Please pray for...

- a revelation of the person of Jesus the Christ over our city through the many activities taking place.
- an anointing on Christmas carols that are played on radio, TV, in malls, and at formal services, that the words would be unveiled and penetrate hearts.
- a boldness in the many parties, receptions, and events; that Christians will be empowered to give witness to their friends and family.
- a great generosity to be poured out on people, and that a spirit of giving would turn hearts and minds to the Heavenly Father - the Giver of All.

(From *loveottawa.ca*)

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.

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.

Sunday Services:

9 & 11 a.m.

December 1, 2019
Advent 1



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing
God's Transforming Love

9 & 11 a.m.

Rick Hiemstra is speaking on
What the Ox and Donkey Know
Newcomers Coffee Reception

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Next Sunday:
Baptism Service
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.



Children & Youth: A supervised nursery for newborns to age 2 is located upstairs. All other programming takes place downstairs. Early in the service, children are called to the front for prayer before going to their classes.

Sunday school schedule:

- 9 a.m. - Age 3 to Gr. 6 (Communion Sunday, to Gr. 5)
- 11 a.m. - Age 3 to Gr. 4
- Youth (Gr. 7-12) - 2nd Sunday of the month at 9 a.m.

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, from a love response to God, freely offer our time, money, and talent. There are several ways to help support this work we're in together: text "swcott" to 77977, use an offering envelope (located in the pew), or go to our website: sunnysidechurch.ca/giving.

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

- Sunnyside's weekly budget is \$8,640.
- Last week, Sunnyside received \$6,969, of which \$330 was for missions.
- Year-to-date we are \$40,710 behind budget; missions is \$2,042 above budget.



Thank you for your faithfulness and support in giving!

Attendance: Nov. 24

9 a.m. - 113 11 a.m. - 131

A PEOPLE...

Newcomers' Coffee Reception
Today after the services, join us for refreshments as we get to know our newest Sunnysiders. If you wish to identify yourself as a newcomer, please use a red mug so that we can give you a special welcome!



The Been Theres

Are you 55+? Join us this **Thursday, Dec. 5** at 9:30 a.m. in the church basement, for refreshments, video teaching and discussion led by Pastor Kerry.

During Advent...

Advent Pause



On **Tuesday, Dec. 17**, 7-8 p.m. in the sanctuary, learn and practice meditative prayer, a fitting way to wait on the Lord at Advent. We are all beginners in prayer—this gathering is open and good for all. You will leave with a practical tool to guide your ongoing relationship with the Lord. Pastor Kerry will facilitate our time together.

Devotional Resources

Be deepened in your faith and prepare your heart to celebrate Christ's birth through an Advent devotional series chosen by our pastors. You can access it online (pts.edu/devotional), by signing up for daily emails (pts.edu/email, click on "Devotionals Advent & Lent"), or by going to our Facebook page. There are a few hardcopies at the back of the church.

Also, copies of *Our Daily Bread* are available in the foyer, or you can download the app in the App Store or Google Play.



Coming Up...

- Dec. 6** Been Theres (55+), 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 8** Baptism Services
- Dec. 10** Board Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- Dec. 17** Advent Pause, 7 p.m.
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Services, 6 & 8 p.m.
- Dec. 22/29** One service only, 11 a.m.

SERMON NOTES

This Week's Readings:

Psalm 122, Romans 13:11-14, Matthew 24:36-44, Isaiah 1:1-20

A PRESENCE...

Empathy House Christmas Initiative

There's one week left in which to bless our friends at Empathy House by bringing in gift cards, pantry items, and arts and crafts supplies. Stop by the table in the foyer for a list of suggested items.

Ashes to Rubies Showcase

Our friends at Union City Church invite Sunnysiders to the *Hope is Famous* year-end party/celebration night for their Ashes to Rubies ministry (ashestorubies.com) on **Saturday, Dec. 14**, starting at 6:30 p.m. here at the church. The evening includes hors d'oeuvres, live music, personal stories, and door prizes. For tickets (\$10), go to the "ashes to rubies" Facebook or Eventbrite event.