

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

“Blue Christmas”



For many of our friends and neighbours, Christmas can be bittersweet for a variety of reasons. Please pray...

- That people who feel isolated and lonely will have divine appointments with those who care; and that Christians will especially take notice and proactively reach out to include them.
- that those who are feeling a deeper level of depression, especially those who are suicidal, will experience divine interventions from the Spirit of Life.
- for caregivers who have to carry heavier burdens as they minister to those who feel "blue".
- for those who are grieving the loss of loved ones as the memories come back afresh at Christmastime, and that all who mourn would be comforted.

(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:

Dec. 22 & 29 - 11 a.m.

December 15, 2019
Advent 3



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing
God's Transforming Love

9 & 11 a.m.

Communion

Pastor Kerry is speaking on
Facing Uncertainty While You Wait

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Next Sunday:

One service only at 11 a.m.
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 \$7948.62, of which \$40 was for missions.
- Year-to-date we are \$43,662 behind budget; missions is \$1,533 above budget.



Thank you for your faithfulness and support in giving!

Attendance: Dec. 8
9 a.m. - 85 11 a.m. - 127

A PEOPLE...

Today we will take Communion together.
The bread is gluten-free.



Advent Pause

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're 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.

Devotional Resources

Prepare your heart to celebrate Christ's birth using 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, and click "Devotionals Advent & Lent"), or from our Facebook page. Hardcopies, along with *Our Daily Bread* booklets, are available in the foyer.



New Church Keys

Exterior door locks for the church and Grosvenor House have been changed. For those holding old church keys, note that they will only work on interior doors (basement, sanctuary, etc.) In an effort to improve security, new keys for exterior door locks are being issued on a more restricted basis and will not be copiable. New key-holders have been contacted to arrange for key pick-up from the office.

Party for the Dicks'



Saturday, Jan. 18, 2-4 p.m. we will celebrate Pastor Darren and Joy, and their years of faithful service and friendship here at Sunnyside.

Banns of Marriage

There is the intent of marriage between Melody Frost of Ottawa, Ontario and Matthew Bellefeuille of Ottawa, Ontario. The wedding will be solemnized by Rev. Kerry Kronberg at the Orange Art Gallery on December 31, 2019. If anyone can show just cause why this couple cannot be lawfully joined together in marriage, let it be declared. (second reading)

SERMON NOTES

This Week's Readings:

Ps 146:5-10; Isa 35:1-10; Ja 5:7-10; Matt 11:2-11

Christmas at SWC

Christmas Services

Family and friends are welcome to join for our Christmas Eve services at 6 p.m. (family-friendly) or 8 p.m. These services will be filled with readings, carols, and a special message to inspire joy as we celebrate Jesus' birth. *Note that for the remainder of the month (Dec. 22 & 29) we will hold one service at 11 a.m.*



Pastors' Christmas Gift

A December tradition at Sunnyside has been for the congregation to contribute towards a gift for the pastoral staff as an expression of our love and gratitude. If you would like to contribute, please refer to the flyer in the foyer for instructions, and use the envelope attached to it for your gift. (These gifts are not income tax receiptable.) *We will present this gift to our pastors at the 8 p.m. Christmas Eve service.*