

## 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

### Refugees



For most Canadians, Christmas is a time to enjoy family and friends in cosy, warm surroundings. But for recent refugees and newcomers, Christmas in Ottawa can be a lonely and daunting experience. As we remember that Jesus and his family were refugees in Egypt, let's pray...

- that believers across the city open their hearts and be welcoming and helpful for newcomers and refugees.
- that God will direct newcomers and refugees to seek out and find friendship in Christian churches, including ours.
- that out of Christian abundance and gratitude, sufficient housing and food will be made available for newcomers, refugees and the homeless in 2020.

## A PRESENCE...

### Restoring Hope Ministries

Teams from Sunnyside have been volunteering with this outreach to homeless youth, but here are some other ways to help: Donations of socks, men's underwear, deodorant sticks, granola bars, juice; Financial gifts made online at [restoringhope.ca](http://restoringhope.ca) (click on Give) or by cheque (payable to Restoring Hope Ministries), PO Box 24105 Hazeldean, Kanata, ON K2M 2C3.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Prayer Requests

[prayer@sunnysidechurch.ca](mailto:prayer@sunnysidechurch.ca)  
(Will be kept strictly confidential.)

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### Sunnyside Wesleyan Church

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### Office hours:

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

*Closed New Year's Day*

### Sunday Services (starting Jan. 5):

9 & 11 a.m.

**December 29, 2019**  
**Christmas 1**



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing  
God's Transforming Love

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11 a.m.

Pastor Darren is speaking on  
*Learning from Joseph*

Next Sunday:  
Services at 9 & 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.

Regular 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) - 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://sunnysidechurch.ca/giving).

## 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.

## A PEOPLE...

### End-of-Year Giving

Offerings by cash or cheque received by Dec. 30, and online transactions made by Dec. 31, will be processed for 2019. Thank you!

### 2020 Bible Reading & Journaling

This winter, our youth are participating in the Wesleyan Church's 70-day Bible reading and journaling initiative, and all Sunnysiders are invited to join them!



1) The *SOAP Method of Journaling* brochure in the foyer includes the daily readings and instructions to get you started. It will also be accessible on our website.

2) Get an inexpensive journal or notebook.

3) Plan to start on **Monday, Jan. 6.**

*We grow strong in spiritual maturity through reading and integrating God's Word into our lives.*

### Men's Breakfast



All men 18+ are welcome to a hot breakfast and warm fellowship this **Saturday, Jan. 11** at 9 a.m. in the church basement. RSVP in Elvan-to or contact Gilles: [gilles.doucet@sunnysidechurch.ca](mailto:gilles.doucet@sunnysidechurch.ca).

### Farewell 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.

Feel free to use the Facebook event on our SWC page to invite others who would like to join us in blessing them!



## SERMON NOTES

### This Week's Readings:

Ps 148; Isa 63:7-9; Heb 2:10-18; Matt 2:13-23