

## 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

### Our Leaders



We are thankful for leaders of all kinds, doing their best in unprecedented times. Please pray for...

- Pastors across our city: for their personal, private time with God to be strengthened, protected, and rich, that He will encourage, restore, and reveal Himself to them, that they will have the help and resources they need to shepherd the flock and care for the community, wisdom, gifted manpower, and financial supply.
- Relationships within churches to grow stronger and deeper: for forgiveness to flow and for spiritual renewal.
- Government leaders at all levels: for health and strength for them and their families, for their continued service after weeks of high demand, for His wisdom to flow from credible sources for decisions about when and how to lift restrictions, that policies affecting the poor and marginalized will be God's best provision for them.
- Leaders whose decisions affect large groups of people (health services, seniors' residences, social services, education, businesses etc.): for wisdom, health, provision, and that those who are drawn to pray like never before are led by the Holy Spirit.
- Your neighbours: If any are leaders, pray for them by name. If not, consider a leader who impacts your neighbours or neighbourhood (MPP, MP, employer, etc.) and pray for their ability to lead well in these challenging days.

From [Love Ottawa](#)

### Do you need or wish to offer help?

Sunnyside has linked arms with [Respond Ottawa](#) to ensure that urgent and critical needs arising from the Covid-19 crisis are being met. Feel free to contact them in order to offer or receive assistance.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

### Prayer Requests

Submit yours [here](#).

(Will be kept strictly confidential.)

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### Sunnyside Wesleyan Church

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### Office hours:

On-site presence in emergencies only.

Phones and email checked regularly.

Closed April 10-13

### Sunday Services:

10 a.m. starting April 19

Online only, until further notice.

Request the link to Sunday services [here](#).

You will need the *Zoom* app.

## 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.

**May 3, 2020**  
**Easter 4**



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing  
God's Transforming Love

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Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

Pastor Kerry continues our series on 1 Peter:  
*Entrusting Ourselves to the Shepherd  
and Guardian of Our Souls*

Next Week:  
Mother's Day  
Pastor Kerry will be speaking

## WELCOME GUESTS!

**Once on-site services resume:** 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) - 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](#).

## LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

- Sunnyside's weekly budget is \$8,259.
- Last week Sunnyside received \$6,030, of which \$250 was for missions.
- Total year-to-date giving (end of April) is \$114,820; \$5,050 less compared to this Sunday last year.

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

**Last Week's Attendance:** 234



## A PEOPLE...



### A New Way of Gathering Together

We are holding our Sunday services, small groups, and other gatherings via *Zoom* online video conferencing until further notice. [Go to our website](#) for details, or [contact the office](#) if you wish to receive Pastor Kerry's weekly updates with log-in info.


### Sunday School

Sunday School for grades 4-6 is available at 11:15 a.m. taught by Simon via Zoom. For a link to "send" your child on May 3, [contact Pastor Miranda](#).

### Christian Camp Scholarships

Through the Dough Hardy Scholarship Fund, scholarships are available for Sunnyside children and youth attending Christian camps this summer. All parents and grandparents are encouraged to apply, even if you aren't sure whether camp sessions will take place. [Apply here:](#) **May 3** is the deadline. (Proof of payment to your camp must be submitted to our [business manager](#).)

### The Been Theres

Are you 55+? Grab a coffee and join us **Thursday, May 7** at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom for fellowship, prayer, and a devotional message. Zoom links will go out this week, or [contact the office](#). 

### Membership Renewal

If you're a member of The Wesleyan Church, you received an email with an opportunity to renew for 2020/21. Please click "Yes" or "No" on the form, or [contact the office](#).

### Micro-Groups

Our Community Life pastor, Gilles Doucet, says a whole lot of friendship, encouragement and growth can happen in what he calls [Micro-Groups](#): small groups of 3 to 4 people. Please [contact Gilles](#) if you're interested.

### Pastor Kerry's Weekly Email

During this time when we're not able to physically congregate, Pastor Kerry has been sending regular updates which include Zoom links to our services, articles, encouragement, and church news. The content is available [on our website](#), but you may request a copy for your inbox by [clicking here](#).

## SERMON QUESTIONS

*Entrusting Ourselves to the Shepherd and Guardian of Our Souls*

1. What are some of the painful, and even evil, situations people find themselves trapped in at this time in society?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:11-25. What sufferings did Peter's readers experience?
3. In no way does Peter glorify oppressive leadership or abuse. He simply names life as it is for the people to whom he writes. Then he instructs them "as servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil." (v. 16)
  - What is Christian freedom (see v. 24)? What is it not?
4. During Covid-19, some evils are on the rise, including domestic abuse. We must not use Peter's words to justify passivity in suffering.
  - How might Christian freedom (v. 24) be exercised within a modern-day abusive situation?
5. There is nothing good about suffering itself. Some suffering has no apparent meaning; there is such a total lack of freedom that a person loses the ability to find any meaning at all in the situation. In some instances, meaning may be found in suffering.
  - What is the meaning or purpose in the sufferings of Christ? (v. 24)
  - What does it mean to "follow in Christ's steps," to participate in the sufferings of Christ? (vv. 21-23) What does it not mean?
6. How might your exercise of Christian freedom and choice to suffer in the way of Christ impact those who witness your life? (v. 12)
7. Read v. 25. In view of Christ's suffering for you and for your healing (salvation), "[return] to the shepherd and guardian of your souls." Take some time to pray together in a spirit of return to and alignment with your good Lord.

### This Week's Readings:

[Psalm 23](#) [Acts 2:42-47](#) [John 10:1-10](#) [1 Peter 2:11-25](#)