

## 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

### Covid-19: Looking Ahead



**Recovery:** Please pray...

- that provincial & federal governments will focus on economical recovery so that future generations aren't burdened with a mountain of debt, for wisdom, and that constraints will be in place on future spending.
- for a greater level of cooperation between federal and provincial leaders, and for a willingness to have greater accountability in all decisions for our nation.
- for good foresight for a "second wave" preparedness, and innovation which would minimize the effects of further spreading of this virus.
- for the development of a safe, ethical, and timely vaccine.
- for the vulnerable in our society: the elderly, the homeless, people with disabilities, etc.

**Transition:** Please pray...

- that the guidelines laid out by the provinces would be respected and that common sense would prevail.
- for schools which are re-opening, that children's health and safety will be protected.
- for embassy personnel and those involved in Christian ministry to the diplomatic community; many of these people have not been able to return to their own homes and are separated from families, whether here or abroad.

From the [National House of Prayer](#)

## 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.

Sunday Services:

10 a.m.

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 practice 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 24, 2020

Easter 7



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing  
God's Transforming Love

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Sunday Service: 10 a.m.

Alaina Johnston continues our series on 1 Peter

Next Week:  
Pentecost Sunday  
Melody Frost 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 \$9,650; \$400 was for missions.
- Year-to-date giving is \$144,190, which is \$4,030 less compared to this Sunday last year.

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

**Attendance, May 17:** 215



## 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](#).



Ages 20-40: Join us for 20 to Life's online gathering this **Friday, May 29** at 6:30 p.m. We will check-in with each other, hear from Katie Roepke, pray together, and hang out and play games. Bring your own snacks! [Click here for Zoom link](#).

### Devotional Booklets

If you know of someone quarantined or shut-in who would appreciate receiving Our Daily Bread, which includes Bible readings and encouragement, [contact the office](#) and we will mail them.

### Springboard for Discussion

In Pastor Kerry's weekly email, she referred to two articles: [Strategies for Winter: Redemptive Leadership in Survival Times](#) and [Leading Beyond the Blizzard: Why Every Organization Is Now a Startup](#), to spark conversations about our lives in community at SWC in this unique time. Let us know what you think!



### 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

### This Week's Readings:

[Ps 68:1-10,32-35](#) [Ac 1:6-14](#) [Jn 17:1-11](#) [1Pet 4:12-14,5:6-11](#)

Read 1 Peter 4:12-14 and 5:6-11.

1. The believers are told not to be surprised by the fiery ordeal taking place among them. What reasons does Peter give for why it shouldn't surprise them?
2. Make a list of the truths about who God is or what God will do that are contained in these verses. How might holding on to these truths help the believers to whom Peter is writing as they face this fiery ordeal?
3. How does the instruction to "humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God" relate to the instruction to "cast all your anxieties on him"?
4. How might knowing that others are enduring the same suffering help them to resist the devil?
  - Take a few moments to pray for your Christian brothers and sisters around the world in places like North Korea or Afghanistan. (For more information about what's happening in the persecuted church around the world, [click here](#).)
  - How does remembering their experience encourage you to remain faithful?
5. Looking back over the past week, what is one way that you have experienced God's powerful care for you?

## A PRESENCE...

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

To ensure that urgent and critical needs arising from the Covid-19 crisis are being met, Sunnyside has linked arms with Respond Ottawa. Don't hesitate to [contact them](#) in order to offer or receive assistance.

