

## 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 out-reach.

## PRAYER FOCUS

### Our Street Friends & Their Helpers

Demands rise for help for the homeless from city and Christian agencies as temperatures drop to freezing or below. The City of Ottawa has a help line – 311 – for homeless people in extreme cold weather. The Salvation Army transports them to housing provided by local agencies, including Ottawa Innercity Ministries, Restoring Hope, Shepherds of Good Hope, the Salvation Army, and the Ottawa Mission. In addition, Respond Ottawa has identified, and is responding to, a heightened need for winter clothing. Please pray...

- That homeless people will get the clothing, shelter, food and medical care they need this winter.
- For staff of Christian ministries as they seek to meet the growing need for help.
- That more volunteers will step forward to work with the homeless.
- That more housing will be made available by civic and Christian agencies to care for the homeless.
- For more donors to contribute to the work of these vital ministries.

## CONTACT INFORMATION

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[Click here](#) for staff contact info.

### Prayer Requests:

Submit yours [here](#).

(Will be kept strictly confidential.)

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### Office hours:

Mon. Tue. Thur. Fri.

10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

*Closed Christmas Eve & Christmas Day*

Phone and email checked regularly.

### Bulletin Announcement Deadline:

[Contact the office](#) by noon on Wednesday.

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### Sunday Services:

10 a.m.

Online only, until further notice.

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

You will need the *Zoom* app.

**December 20, 2020**  
**Advent 4**



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing  
God's Transforming Love

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Sunday Zoom Service: 10 a.m.

Pastor Kerry is speaking on  
*Surrender to God's Will*

Christmas Eve Zoom Service: 7 p.m.

Nest Sunday:  
Dr. Steve Brown will be speaking.

## WELCOME GUESTS!

### Sunday Services



We are holding Sunday services on-line via Zoom until further notice. [Go to our website](#) for details. Our transition team is working to help guide us through the Province's Stage 3 phase; [contact them](#) if you have questions or concerns.

**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

### Attendance, Dec. 13: 228

- Sunnyside's weekly budget is \$8,259.
- Last week, Sunnyside received \$18,790, of which \$750 was for missions.
- Year-to-date giving is \$383,030 which is \$20,600 less compared to last year.

*Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity!*

### End-of-Year Giving

Physical donations (cheques and cash) need to be at the church (drop through Grosvenor House mail slot) by end-of-day on **Wednesday, Dec. 30**. Online donations must be made by **Thursday, Dec 31**. Donations received after that time will go towards the 2021 receipt.

## A PEOPLE...

### Pastor Kerry's Weekly Email

During this time when we're not able to physically gather, Pastor Kerry is sending regular updates which include Zoom links to our services, articles, encouragement, and church news. The content is available [on our website](#), or [click here](#) to receive it by email.

### Pastors' Christmas Gift

One of our December traditions has been to express our love and gratitude to our pastoral staff by collecting a monetary gift. This initiative is coordinated by the Local Board of Administration. Since we aren't meeting in-person on Sundays and can't pass a collection plate, we'll have to do things a bit differently this year. If you'd like to contribute, you may do so in the following ways:

- Send an e-transfer to this special email address: [pastorsgift@sunnysidechurch.ca](mailto:pastorsgift@sunnysidechurch.ca); or
- Drop a cheque through the office mail slot (Grosvenor House). Please make it out to Sunnyside Wesleyan Church and mark it for the pastors' gift.

These gifts will be processed just like all other donations to the church, except that *contributions to the pastors' gift are not receiptable for income tax purposes*. On behalf of the congregation, the Board will divide the money received between the pastors and present it on Christmas Eve.

## A PLACE...



### Online Christmas Eve Service: 7 p.m.

The 7 p.m. worship service will be accessible via Zoom for those who wish to participate from home. [Click here](#) for the link. The sanctuary is at capacity for the 5 and 7 p.m. in-person services as per current public health regulations. Those who registered to attend in-person will receive an email on Wednesday which will include a reminder to complete building entrance screening online.

## This Week's Readings

[Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26](#) [2 Samuel 7:1-16](#)  
[Romans 16:25-27](#) [Luke 1:26-38](#)



## A PRESENCE...



The Restoring Hope shelter for teens is asking for gifts of supplies for the youth. Financial gifts can go through our missions committee via Melody Bellefeuille-Frost.

If you would like to donate items such as socks, underwear, hand warmers, and gift cards, please drop them off at the church office on Monday or Friday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m., or [arrange a time](#).