

## 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

### Refugees

Pandemic restrictions have heightened problems for newly-arrived refugees trying to get various documents and work permits. Winter, too, is a shock as new arrivals need proper clothing, something that churches sponsoring refugees, and ministries such as Matthew House and Stepstone House, are often called upon to help provide.

Remember that Jesus was a refugee, and thank God for churches, ministries, and volunteers whose efforts help refugees in our city. Please pray that...

- New refugee arrivals will receive the help they need as they look for housing, food and other essentials.
- Refugees will sense God's love as they receive assistance from Christian agencies and churches.
- Refugees abroad, who have been sponsored and accepted by Canadian authorities, will be able to clear the final hurdles and arrive in Canada in 2021.
- That we as individuals will find creative ways to help refugees in our neighbourhoods to feel welcome, ease their burden, and build bridges to the Gospel.



## 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 Dec. 28, 31, and Jan. 1*

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 27, 2020**  
**Christmas 1**



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing  
God's Transforming Love

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Sunday Zoom Service: 10 a.m.

Dr. Steve Brown is speaking on  
*Reflect and Reset for 2021*

Nest Sunday:  
Pastor Kerry 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. 20: 240

- Sunnyside's weekly budget is \$8,259.
- Last week, Sunnyside received \$2,335, of which \$50 was for missions.
- Year-to-date giving is \$385,370, which is \$28,700 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.

## A PLACE...

### Beyond Boxing Day...

The Premier of Ontario announced this week that we will be moving into a [Provincewide Shutdown](#) beginning Dec. 26th up to Jan. 23rd. For Sunnyside that means we will keep our Sunday services online, and we will adjust our smaller gatherings (youth group, Girls' Club, 20toLife, small groups, etc.) to meet only online. *Pastoral care contacts and mom-to-mom supports will continue through phone or Zoom.* We will continue to provide space in our church for Spectrum Insights (as a social service) and for Union City Church (for worship gatherings of under 10 people). We will engage in remote work as much as possible, and when offices are used, we will comply with "general public health measures for all businesses, organizations and facilities."

## 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](#).

## This Week's Readings

[Psalm 8](#) [Ecclesiastes 3:1-13](#)  
[Revelation 21:1-6a](#) [James 4:13-15](#)

*And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*  
*Revelation 21:4*

