

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.

PRAYER FOCUS

Ryan & Sarah Schmitz
Matagalpa, Nicaragua

From this week's newsletter:

- It's the height of the dry season, which means water is often scarce, sleep is often restless, and it's hard to muster energy after the baking mid-day sun.
- In the next few weeks we will be hosting a retreat with the high school students. We will be at a rustic, mountain camp with some of the teachers to help lead different sessions and are praying for God to move in mighty ways.
- The church plant in San Benito is growing, please pray that God will provide a more permanent structure for them before the rainy season comes.
- One of our pastoral families has had major health issues in all three of their children. One has been diagnosed with Lupus. It's been so challenging for them both financially as well as emotionally. Please keep these committed leaders in your prayers as they are carrying such a heavy load.
- Micah, our oldest daughter, was diagnosed with brucellosis, a bacteria related illness which is passed from animals. Her treatment was over a month of harsh meds that are tough on her body. She's doing much better now—please pray for a full recovery.

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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.

Office hours:

On an as-needed basis during
provincial stay-at-home orders.
Email and phone checked regularly.

Prayer Requests:

Submit yours [here](#).
(Will be kept strictly confidential.)

Bulletin Announcement Deadline:

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

May 2, 2021
Easter 5



**Experiencing, Embodying, and
Expressing God's Transforming Love**

Sunday Zoom Service: 10 a.m.

Pastor Miranda is speaking on
The Practice and Virtue of Patience:
Good Things Take Time

Next Sunday:
Pastor Matt 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, April 25: 229

Last week, Sunnyside received \$4,122, of which \$75 was for missions. Year-to-date giving is \$125,557, which is \$7,775 above last year.

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

Resources

The *New York Times* recently published [an article](#) about "languishing": that in-between, dull, lack of motivation feeling. Ongoing grief and loss, along with the constant experience of being out of control, set the conditions for languishing.

Focus on the Family offers a new [resource on grief](#) to help us as we keep walking through it.

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.

The Been There's

Are you 55+? Grab a coffee and join us this **Thursday, May 2** at 9:30 a.m. via Zoom for fellowship, prayer, and a devotional message by Pastor Kerry. [Contact the office](#) or Jill Davis for the Zoom link.

RENEW Arts + Theology

"I Paint Theology": Creative Engagement with God, featuring Canadian artist Patty Bowman Kingsley, will be held **Friday, May 14**, 7 p.m. via Zoom. Patty sees herself as a creative servant who shares irrepressible joy through creative artmaking. She believes that art has the power to intuitively connect individuals to hope, amidst hopeless circumstances. This event is free, but [please RSVP](#).



Church Campout

This is a save-the-date announcement for our annual church camping retreat at Silverlake Wesleyan Camp. Restrictions permitting, we are booked for the weekend of **June 25-27**. Updates will come as we're able to better assess whether this will be possible. [Emily Kronberg](#) is organizing the weekend.

Church Parking Lot Closure

A project to waterproof the church foundations and repave the parking lot will be in progress **until May 31**. Please note that our parking lot will be closed until then.

The Board will meet next **Tuesday, May 11**, at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom.

This Week's Readings

[Psalm 22:25-31](#) [Acts 8:26-40](#)
[1 John 4:7-21](#) [John 15:1-8](#)



A PRESENCE...

2021 Missions Directory

Our missions team has prepared a brand new Missions Directory, listing the missionaries and outreach organizations that SWC supports through your offerings. You can [access it here](#), or [request a hardcopy](#) from the office.

ESL Courses

One of our Sunnysiders is part of an outreach team offering free online ESL conversation groups. They meet **Thursdays**, 7:30-9 p.m. and **Saturdays**, 10-11:30 a.m. Feel free to share the [registration link](#) with those you know who may be interested.

Emergency Disaster Relief Training

In collaboration with World Hope Canada, the Salvation Army is looking for volunteers with their Emergency Disaster Services department. Free online training dates are to be announced. If you're interested, please [email Melody](#) to get your name on a contact list.