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

Covid-19



Please pray...

- for our political leaders and public health officials as they assess the situation, advise us, and determine the restrictions necessary to limit the spread of the virus and the rollout of vaccines.
- for comfort for those directly impacted by the virus, and for their families.
- for those experiencing hardship and the physical, social, economic, psychological, and spiritual effects of the lockdowns.
- for resilience of medical teams and first responders as the number of those infected in many jurisdictions continues to stress public health capacity.
- for countries in the world like India, that are being devastated by the virus.
- that churches in Canada will shine as beacons of hope and resilience, and offer effective witness in the midst of their suffering neighbours.

- From the EFC.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sunnyside Wesleyan Church

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Click here for staff contact info.

Sunday Services:

10 a.m. Online only, until further notice.

Request the link to Sunday services <u>here</u>. 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 <u>here</u>. (Will be kept strictly confidential.)

Bulletin Announcement Deadline:

Contact the office by Wednesday noon.

May 16, 2021 Easter 7



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing God's Transforming Love

Sunday Zoom Service: 10 a.m.

Communion
Pastor Kerry is speaking on
Jesus' Vision for Us

Next 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, May 9: 170

Last week, Sunnyside received \$12,559, of which \$490 was for missions.

Year-to-date giving is \$146,186, which is \$7,747 above last year.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in giving!

Resources

- The *New York Times* recently published <u>an article</u> 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.
- If you would like to receive a hardcopy of the *Our Daily Bread* devotional booklet, please <u>let us know</u> how many you need for yourself, friends, or family, and we'll pop them in the mail.

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 <u>on our website</u>, or <u>click here</u> to receive it by email.

Local Church Conference

The SWC community is encouraged to attend our annual meeting on **Sunday**, **May 30** at 11:10 a.m. (after the service) via Zoom. We'll hear updates from ministry leaders, reconnect with our church's vision and priorities, pray, ask questions, and members will be able to vote to fill vacant ministry positions.

Fall Retreats

If provincial guidelines allow, we've tentatively booked a women's retreat for **Oct. 15-17** and a men's retreat for **Nov. 5-7**, at Silver Lake Wesleyan Camp. The cost would be \$125/person (includes five meals and accommodations.) In order to move ahead with planning, we'd like to know who would be interested in attending a retreat on those dates. Please indicate your interest by submitting this form.

Church Parking Lot Closure

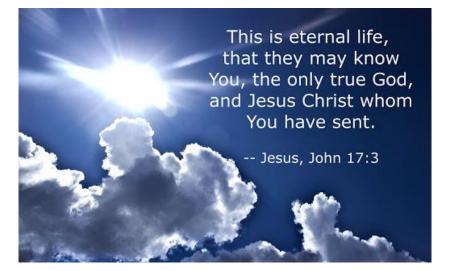
A project to waterproof the church foundations and repave the parking lot will be in progress **until May 31**. Please note that our parking lot will be closed until then.

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.

This Week's Readings

<u>Psalm 1</u> <u>Exodus 35:1-29</u> Revelation 2:1-7 John 17:1-26



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 <u>access it here</u>, or <u>request a hardcopy</u> 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 <u>registration link</u> 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 <a href="mailto:emailto: