

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

Afghanistan



Afghan members of our Christian family treasure our prayers during this time of upheaval and violence. Please pray...

- For God's protection: The situation on the ground is fluid right now. Pray for protection over His and all people.
- For wisdom: Ask God to bless our brothers and sisters with discernment as they decide whether to stay or go, and even with whom they should talk.
- For fellowship: Believers in Afghanistan often must keep their faith a secret, even from family members. Pray that God will help each one to connect and fellowship with at least one other believer in person, by phone, or through some other technology. Pray that God will remind them that they are not alone, but are part of the global body of Christ.
- For safe passage: Pray that God will provide safe passage to those who feel led by God to leave Afghanistan, and provide for their immediate needs in their new location.
- That people will meet Christ: The Taliban claim to be "true Muslims," strictly adhering to Sharia (Islamic law). As Muslims in Afghanistan see this cruel face of Islam, pray that they will be drawn to Jesus Christ, the shepherd Saviour who doesn't oppress but instead chose to lay down His life for His sheep.
- For Christians trying to help: Pray for the wisdom of front-line workers, and pray that God will open new pathways for them to continue their work under Taliban control.

From [Voice of the Martyrs](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

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Sunday Services:
10 a.m.
On-site starting Sep. 5

Request the link to August services [here](#).
You will need the *Zoom* app.

Office hours:
Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri.
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Bulletin Announcement Deadline:
[Contact the office](#) by Wednesday noon.

August 22, 2021
Pentecost 13



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

Sunday Services through Aug. 29:

Informal backyard gatherings
with Zoom option
at 10 a.m.

WELCOME GUESTS!

Pastor Kerry's Weekly Email

If you would like to receive regular updates, including links to online services, updates on in-person gatherings, articles, encouragement, and church news, [click here](#) to join the mailing list.

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 (request a box from [the office](#)), or [go to our website](#).

LAST WEEK'S NUMBERS

Last week, Sunnyside received \$4,382 of which \$45 was for missions.

Year-to-date giving is \$241,408, which is \$2,075 below last year. last year.

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

Coming Up...

Sunday Services:

- **Aug. 29**—Small in-person gathering with a Zoom option (10 a.m.)
- **Sep. 5**—First on-site services (9 & 11 a.m.) The 11:00 service will be livestreamed through the month.
- **Oct. 3**—SWC 100th Anniversary ([info here](#))

Save the Date:

- **Aug. 25**—Local Church Conference (7 p.m.)
- **Aug. 28**—Church Work Bee
- **Oct. 15-17**—Women's Retreat at SLWC
Speaker: Krista Shaver
- **Nov. 5-7**—Men's Retreat at SLWC
Speaker: Christ Barrett

A PLACE...



Local Church Conference (LCC)

All membership and all who participate in our SWC community are encouraged to attend on **Wednesday, Aug. 25**, at 7 p.m. by Zoom. In response to the LCC's motion on May 31st, the Design Team, facilitated by Melody Bellefeuille-Frost, has engaged in further exploration about a flexible sanctuary space with emphasis on flooring and chairs. Their report was brought to the Property Management Committee on Aug. 3rd, and the Local Board of Administration (LBA) on Aug. 5th. Now the design team's report will be presented to the LCC on Aug. 25th. The LBA recommends to the LCC that the design team's proposal for new flooring and flexible seating be adopted and implemented by the LBA. [Contact the office](#) if you wish to receive the team's report and Zoom link.

Church Work Bee

In preparation for the resumption of on-site church services next month, there will be a Work Bee on Saturday, Aug. 28, 9 a.m. to noon. All Sunnysiders age 12 and up are encouraged to come lend a hand as we spruce up our church, even if it's just for an hour. No experience or skills are necessary – just a good pair of hands and a willingness to improve our worship space. Snacks and refreshments will be available. (Please bring a mask for indoor work.) Questions can be directed to the [church office](#), [Ken Riddell](#), or [Gerald Pratt](#).



Our Gifts in Action

As we anticipate worshipping together in-person again on Sundays, there are several ways to use your gifts to enhance the services and bless those coming back into our building. Contact these people for more info about your area of interest:

- Sunday school teachers and helpers* ([contact Abe](#))
- greeters and Communion team ([contact Beth](#))
- musicians and audio/visual ([contact Jesse](#))
- small group leaders and hosts ([contact Nate](#))

* church will cover your police record check

A PEOPLE...

Next Sunday's Service

On **Aug. 29** at 10 a.m. there will be an option to attend informal backyard gatherings for which you may [sign up here](#). If you'd like to host and facilitate a gathering (guidance will be provided), please [contact Pastor Nate](#). A Zoom option will also be available; [contact the office](#) for the link.



End of Summer Party

On **Sunday, Aug. 29** at 11 a.m. join us at Sam and Jesse's house in Embrun for a backyard church gathering followed by a BBQ lunch, bonfire, games, and fun! Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. [Contact Jesse](#) for more info, for the address, or if you need or can offer a ride.

A PRESENCE...

Crisis in Haiti

A 7.2 magnitude earthquake hit the southern claw of Haiti near La Cayes on August 14. Two Wesleyan churches were destroyed or damaged because of the disaster and the death toll is 2,000+; over 10,000 people need medical help. The death toll is expected to climb significantly. For an update on the relief efforts, please watch this [short video](#) from Tanya Nace, CEO of [World Hope International Canada](#).

This Week's Readings

[Psalm 84](#) [John 6:56-69](#) [Ephesians 6:10-20](#)