### 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

#### Flooding in British Columbia



The second in a trio of intense rainfalls subsided in many areas last week, but Environment Canada warned that associated warming had pushed freezing levels well above mountain tops. That means snowmelt is flowing into runoff, causing rivers to rise and increasing the risk of flooding. A third storm in the series of devastating atmospheric rivers could be the worst one yet.

Please pray that...

- God would stop the next storm from reaching inland.
- the church would be a light in this dark time; may they be the hands and feet of Jesus to so many who need help.
- roads stay open and all infrastructure stays intact.
- farmers will be able to stay with their animals to keep them safe.
- the supply chain of essentials will not be cut off.

From National House of Prayer

# CONTACT INFORMATION

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Follow us on Facbeook

Click here for staff contact info.

### **Sunday Services:**

9 & 11 a.m. (<u>Click here</u> for livestream at 11)

### **Office hours:**

Mon. Tue. Thu. Fri. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

### **Prayer Requests:**

Submit yours <u>here</u>. (Will be kept strictly confidential.)

#### **Bulletin Announcement Deadline:**

Contact the office by Wednesday noon.



# December 5, 2021 Advent 2



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

9 & 11 a.m. Livestream at 11 a.m.

Missions Moment Pastor Kerry is speaking.

Next week: Communion Pastor Nate will be speaking.

# 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, <u>click here</u> to join the mailing list.

#### **Connecting**

Please pause to fill out a connection card and drop it in the the Communication box in the foyer, or scan the QR code.



# YOUR 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.

- Send a text to 77977 with "swcott" in the text box.
- Go to our website.
- Use an offering envelope and drop it in the Communication box in the foyer. (Dontations will be accessed, opened, and counted by two designated people as per our accountability protocol.)

Last week, Sunnyside received received \$4,835, of which \$100 was for missions.

Year-to-date giving is \$353,382, which is \$800 less than last year.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in giving!

# A PLACE...

#### **Attending Services In-Person**

Please <u>register here</u> for one of the services, and read the <u>current guidelines</u> for meeting in the church building. Before your arrival, go to our <u>website</u> and complete Building Entrance Screening.

Sunday, Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. all those 20 to 40 are invited to lunch and a Christmas Party in the church basement. We will have an Advent reflection, games, music, photo booth, and gift exchange. Please bring Christmas treats to share and a wrapped gift (under \$10 or gently-used/regifted). Contact Jesse for more info.

#### **Advent Worship Evening**

Join us on **Tuesday, Dec. 21** at 7 p.m. in the sanctuary for a low-key time of worship and reflection, with music, as we prepare our hearts for the Christmas Season. Please register here.

#### **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\* (<u>contact Abe</u>)
- greeters and Communion team (contact Beth)
- musicians and audio/visual (contact Jesse)
- small group leaders and hosts (contact Nate)
- Property Mgt. Comm. Chair (<u>contact Kerry</u>)
  (Engineering background and team oversight skills helpful)
  - \* the church will cover your police record check

# This Week's Readings

<u>Luke 1:68-79</u> <u>Malachi 3:1-4</u> Philippians 1:3-11 <u>Luke 3:1-6</u>

### A PEOPLE...

#### The Been Theres

Are you 60+? Grab a coffee and join us **Thursday**, **Dec. 16** 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.

#### **Advent Devotionals**

As we journey through the season leading up to Christmas, these daily devotionals (from <u>Pittsburgh Seminary</u> and <u>Biola University</u>) can guide us through Scripture and prayer. (If you would prefer a hardcopy to be mailed to you, <u>contact the office</u>.)

New *Our Daily Bread* devotional booklets, regular and large print, can also be mailed to you upon request.

### **Coming Up...**

- **Dec. 5-19**—Empathy House Giving Initiative
- **Tue. Dec.** 7—Board Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- Sun. Dec. 12—20 to Life Christmas Party
- **Thu. Dec. 16**—Been Theres (9:30 a.m.)
- Tue. Dec. 21—Worship Evening (7 p.m.)
- Fri. Dec. 24—Christmas Eve Services (4 & 6 p.m.)

# A PRESENCE...

### **Christmas Giving Inittiative**

Empathy House is one of Sunnyside's nearest neighbours in Old Ottawa South and offers a healing-focused residential addiction treatment program for women. **Dec. 5** - **19**, we will receive donations toward the purchase of gift cards which Empathy House has requested. Our goal is to bless each of the 10 residents with a \$40 Walmart card and a \$20 Tim Hortons card. Giving to this initiative can be directed through Sunnyside's Missions fund. Thank you!