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

Hospital Staff & Healthcare Workers



According to a nurse: "There is weariness in the load, but not weariness in the desire to serve the sick. There is a moral distress that exists due to the staffing shortages and the angst and mental exhaustion it causes, as you can't be your best for each patient because the needs are many. You get physically tired but the mental tiredness and stress is most challenging. It's a stretching that most have never faced in their career and we are tired. Many are leaving the profession as hope is lost."

Please pray for...

- A renewed love of the calling.
- End of the pandemic and ability to be our best in our efforts to serve the sick and suffering.
- Continued cohesive caring teams.
- Protection for us and our families from severe illness.
- Renewed strength and minds: time provided for rest and refreshment when not working.
- Peace that you have done your best under the circumstances.
- For decision-makers: wisdom, insight, and courage when the decisions are difficult and complex.
- Healed hearts and minds from what some HCW witness and experience.
- Release of the feeling that we are not doing enough.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Sunnyside Wesleyan Church

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Follow us on Facbeook

Click here for staff contact info.

Sunday Service:

11 a.m. (Click here for livestream at 11)

Office hours:

Mon. Wed. 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.



January 16, 2022 Epiphany 2



Experiencing, Embodying, and Expressing God's Transforming

11 a.m. with livestream

"Seeing in the Dark" Series

Communion
Paul Racine is speaking on
Seeing Through Suffering

Next Sunday: Matt Bellefeuille will be speaking.

WELCOME GUESTS!

Sunnyside'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 \$10,397, of which \$530, was for missions.

Year-to-date giving is \$16,472, which is \$1,900 less than last year at this time.

Thank you for your faithfulness and generosity in giving!

2021 Receipts

If you would like to receive an electronic copy of your 2021 tax receipt by email, please contact our bookkeeper. If we don't hear from you by February 14, a paper copy will be mailed to you.

A PLACE...

Gathering in January

In response to concerns related to the Omicron variant the Ford Government's response, the board approved the following short-term changes to when and how we gather at Sunnyside.

- One Sunday service will be held at 11 AM only, with livestream. Our maximum capacity in the sanctuary will remain at 75.
- Sunday school will be cancelled until such a time as local school boards resume in-person classroom instruction.
- Sunnyside Youth will continue to meet as they have been, using the same public health guidance that we follow for worship services.

Please <u>register here</u> if you are attending in-person and read the <u>current guidelines</u> for meeting in the church building. Before your arrival, go to our <u>website</u> to complete the Building Entrance Screening.

Worship & Prayer Evenings

On the third Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. all are welcome to join in the sanctuary for a low-key time to sit in God's presence in musical worship, reading scripture, and prayer. Our next service is this **Tuesday, Jan. 18**. Please <u>register here</u>.

Our Gifts in Action

At Sunnyside, there are many ways you can use your gifts to enhance our worship environment and bless those who are coming for on-site services. 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 (<u>contact Jesse</u>)
- small group leaders and hosts (contact Nate)

This Week's Readings

<u>Psalm 36:5-10</u> <u>Isaiah 43:1-7</u> Exodus 4:29-5:9; 5:19-21; 6: 6-9 <u>Luke 3:15-17</u>, 21-22

A PEOPLE...

On **Friday Jan. 21**, everyone 20-40ish is invited for a skate on the Canal. We'll gather at the Dow's Lake entrance at 6:30. (If the Canal is closed, we'll meet at the Beavertail stand in the Market and skate on the Rink of Dreams.) Contact <u>Pastor Jesse</u> for info.

Our Church Directory Goes Online

Plans are being made for an online church directory to give the Sunnyside community access to one another's contact information (strictly for personal use, such as planning a visit, checking in with ministry updates, etc.) Please complete this form to indicate how you would like your information shared. This will ensure that your privacy is protected. (Paper copies of this form are in the church foyer.)

A PRESENCE...



Wake Up the World Conference

This conference for ages 18-30 will be held **March 4-6** on the theme: *If I Told You My Story*. We will consider the power of personal

testimony with special speakers Pastor Jon Ruby, Registered Psychotherapist Laura D'Amico, and Sunnyside's own Aaron Friesen. Early bird tickets are on sale until Jan. 31 for \$30 (includes meals). Register here.

^{*} the church will cover your police record check