

March 5, 2021

Dear Friends,

*Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.*

Two-and-a-half-weeks ago we began the Lenten journey on Ash Wednesday with these words ringing in our ears. I stood at the back of the sanctuary as people quietly exited and used a QTip to sign the cross in ash on my fellow sojourners' foreheads. I had not thought about who would do so for me. Seth was one of the last people out, so I taught him the words and he reminded me of my mortality and need for Christ. Here's a [picture of Seth and me](#). I was moved by him.

### **Sunday Online Worship Gathering at 10 a.m.**

We arrive at the third Sunday of Lent. This is a very special weekend for Sunnyside with the energetic, creative Wake Up the World team running an online conference for young adults between the ages of 18-30. To wrap up their weekend, the whole church will join with them for Sunday worship. Please come ready to offer Jesse Duncan (one of our three ministerial students), your full attention as he offers a sermon on Unhindered Worship based on John 2:13-22.

Please [email me](#) for the link.

\*Please join the Zoom meeting after 9:30 a.m. to avoid problems entering.

For this week's scripture readings and other announcements, go to [Sunday's bulletin](#).

### **Congratulations!**

I want to offer my happy congratulations to Matt Bellefeuille and Melody Bellefeuille-Frost who have been affirmed by Sunnyside Board and membership in their individual decisions to walk toward ordination within the Wesleyan Church. They get to keep growing and discerning within our local church as we join and support them in this.

### **Sunday School for grades 4-6 at 11:15 a.m.**

To 'send' your child to Sunday School (grades 4-6) at 11:15 a.m., please [email our family ministries pastor](#) for a link.

### **Next Prayer Gathering: March 16 at 11:30 a.m.**

Our prayer team gathers Tuesday to offer our concerns and needs and love to God. If you would like to be remembered in prayer, please [send a note to the prayer team](#).

Our prayer team mainly comprises of some more senior members of our congregation. We are a second-half of life group. Perhaps we will need to revisit the time of our gathering down the road to make space for the younger ones among us. Oh, how I long for us all to grow in a life of prayer. It begins with love – knowing we are loved by God and returning that love. Prayer is what happens when we know we can't handle life away from our Loved One. We spend time with God, talk over life, and listen carefully.

I want to extend a big thank you to the more senior among us who are living faithful, deeply effective lives in relationship with God and others. You are essential. I was struck by Psalm 71:18 yesterday morning – it gives those of us who are getting older words to pray as we fiercely stand with and for the younger ones:

*Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.*

God bless and uphold you, dear ones. Keep going.

**A Resource from A Friend**

God gives the younger set wisdom and courage, too! I want to extend kudos to former Sunnysider Rebecca Lindenbach on a recently released book co-written with her mom, Sheila Gregoire, and her friend, Joanna Sawatsky. *The Great Sex Rescue: The Lies You've Been Taught and How to Recover What God Intended* is a call to evangelicals, in particular, to revisit and revise some of our perspectives about sexual intimacy. Not all of us would have what it takes to pen a book like this, but Rebecca and mom and friend did! So, thank God for their courage, check it out, and see what surprises, troubles and encourages you.

And, on that note, I sign off!

With love and prayers,

Pastor Kerry Kronberg (with the whole team)