

February 25, 2022

Dear Friends,

### **Sunday Worship Gatherings at 9 and 11 a.m.**

Pastor Nate will teach on the theme, *Remain in Me*. Nate offers these insights in preparation for the message:

“As we read through the Gospels – Matthew, Mark, Luke and John – we begin to see that each Gospel has a specific focus. All are focused on Jesus the Christ, of course, but each one comes from a different angle to reveal who Jesus is. Matthew reveals that Jesus is the Christ because he is greater than the great Jewish prophet Moses. Mark takes us on a journey with Jesus and the disciples along the dusty roads of Israel towards Jerusalem to refine us and learn at the feet of Jesus like the disciples did. Luke, like the doctor and man of reason he is, uses eyewitness accounts and evidence to provide a logical argument that Jesus is the Messiah foretold in the Jewish Scriptures. And John writes a unique account revealing who Jesus is and what a life in and with him look like.

John 15:1-17, the text for this Sunday’s sermon, is a zoom-in on Jesus’ words to his disciples, his closest friends, in the last hours of his life. Here John gives us the opportunity to sit and join Jesus at the table, learning who He truly is and what a life with and in Him looks like. This Sunday, come and sit with the disciples at the table of the Lord and learn what it means to ‘remain’ in Him. See you then!”

*Communion:* This Sunday we will share together in Communion.

If you’re participating via livestream, please have bread and juice ready.

For those attending on-site, we’ve made a few adjustments so that everyone feels comfortable and able to participate:

- Please come forward to receive one row at a time, starting with the front row.
- When the last person from a row has been served, the next row may come forward.
- The bread (gluten-free) will be given by the server, who will be gloved. Juice cups will be well-spaced in the tray so that individuals can take their own.
- If necessary, feel free to move out and in from either side of the pews in order to remain physically-distanced from those who remain seated.
- Self-contained communion pacs (not gluten-free) will be available in the foyer for those who prefer to remain seated.

*9 or 11 AM Service In-Person Registration:* [Please register here](#) if you are attending the service in-person. [In order for us to observe our maximum capacity of 75 people in the sanctuary, registration is mandatory.](#)

[Please complete building entrance screening here](#) before your arrival.

Read our updated guidelines for gathering in-person [here](#).

Important Note: If you have registered and then find that you won’t be attending, please go to your confirmation email and cancel your booking, or [contact the office](#). This will make space for others who are waiting in the queue.

*11 AM Service Link:* [Join the livestream service here.](#)

When you click on the link above, this will launch the SWC Livestream homepage.

From there you may need to click the “Videos” tab to access this Sunday’s Livestream.

Here are the 11:00 songs with lyrics linked:

[Beautiful One](#)

[In Christ Alone](#)

[Came to My Rescue](#)

[Breathe](#)

[Christ Be All Around Me](#)

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

[Click here](#) to send your prayer requests to the prayer team.

### **Sunday School**

If you have children attending Sunday School (age 4 to Grade 6), please register them twice via the registration link above (for the service upstairs and then for Sunday School downstairs).

### **Ash Wednesday and Lent**

On March 2, there will be an in-person service at 6 PM, with contemplative worship music, Scripture readings, a message from Pastor Kerry, and Communion. Then, with the sign of the cross on our foreheads, we will begin our Lenten journey. [Register here](#).

Please take time to ponder the significance of Ash Wednesday and [the Season of Lent](#), which extends up to Easter. To guide you on the journey, you may want to use this [daily devotional](#), which includes reflections and prayers. (If you would prefer a hardcopy, [contact the office](#).)

### **Love & Appreciation Parties for Pastor Kerry**

As mentioned in the fall, we planned to give a party for Kerry Kronberg in appreciation for her sacrificial service as our senior pastor. We have two parties planned: A *Virtual Love & Appreciation Party* on Thursday, March 3 at 7 PM via Zoom; and an *In-Person Love & Appreciation Party* on Sunday, March 6 at 1-3 PM in the church basement (come anytime in that period).

[Click here for the Zoom link](#) to the online party on March 3.

For those attending the in-person party on March 6, please note that individuals and family units must be mindful of physical-distancing practices in the basement. If physical-distancing seems difficult, feel free to enjoy a piece of cake in any of the adjoining rooms until others have had a visit with Kerry and have moved on.

As well, there will be note cards available in the foyer on Sunday for those who'd like to leave a personal message for Kerry.

### **Women's Small Group**

On the last Monday of each month starting Feb. 28, 7-8:30 PM, a Zoom small group will study the book, *Encountering God: Cultivating Habits of Faith Through the Spiritual Disciplines* by Kelly Minter. This will be an excellent study for the Season of Lent. For more info, [contact the office](#).

### **Wake Up the World Conference**

Sunnyside is privileged again this year to host this vibrant, worshipful conference for young adults, ages 18-30. It will be held March 4 – 6 on the theme *If I told you my story...* Speakers include Jon Ruby from Union City Church, Registered Psychotherapist Laura D'Amico, and our own Aaron Friesen. [Click here](#) for more info and to register.

### **Praying for the Ukraine**

It seems a monumental task to pray for this land that is far from our homes but at the centre of our thoughts. When we feel so grieved and helpless, it can be difficult to quiet our minds long enough to pray, or to even know how to pray. An excellent scripture-based prayer guide from Cornerstone Wesleyan has been shared to the Sunnyside Facebook page, and you are encouraged to find others.

Prayer leads to repentance, and so the coming Lenten season is exactly the place for our hearts to be fitted and fine-tuned for devoted prayer and other spiritual disciplines. Jesus is our guide and our goal. As St. Augustine wrote, "Thou hast made us for thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in thee."

Blessings,

Beth Fleming (for the whole team)