

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP  
APRIL 18, 2010

Prelude: *In Death's Strong Grasp the Savior Lay* .....Bach  
*In death's strong grasp the Savior lay, for our offences given;  
But now the Lord is risen, and brings us life from heaven;  
Wherefore let us all rejoice, and praise our God with cheerful voice,  
And sing loud Alleluias, Alleluia!*

Call to Worship: *Take Rest* Houghton College Gospel Choir  
*How Great is Our God*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 183 *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Passing the Peace  
God's peace be with you.  
*And also with you.*

Life of the Church

Reception of New Members

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 47 (page 559)  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
*All: Thanks be to God!*

\*Doxology *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *How Can I Keep from Singing?* .....arr. Nelson

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)  
*Please feel free to stand or kneel at the altar rail as an indication  
of a need for which you are praying in your own life or in the life of another.*

\*New Testament Reading: Luke 24:1-12 (page 1047)  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
*All: Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 383 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

Sermon: **Doubting the Resurrection**  
Pastor Wesley Oden

\*Hymn 395 *I Know Not Why God's Wondrous Grace*

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Christ Arose* .....Bach

\*Please stand if able  
Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Steve Grudda  
Acolyte: Nathaniel LaCelle Peterson

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the church foyer for ages 3-12.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Children ages 2-5 go directly to Children's Church prior to the service. Children's Church meets in room 116 on the first floor of the Christian Education building.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Our worship continues to be centered in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead—the cornerstone of our faith. As resurrection people we celebrate the victory that is ours in Christ and we offer our lives in gratitude for his love and mercy.

**IF YOU ARE A GUEST HERE TODAY, WE WELCOME YOU.** We are glad that you are here. Please fill out a guest card located in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed.

**TONIGHT** small groups continue meeting in community homes and at the church (6:00 p.m.). **KOINONIA** meets in Wesley Chapel (7:00 PM)

**WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30**, the prayer group meets in the sanctuary. Due to the Fillmore School Break, AWANA Puggles & Cubbies, Girls' & Boys' AWANA Clubs will NOT meet. They will resume their regular schedule on Wednesday, April 28th.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we continue in the season of Easter. Pastor Wes will preach from Luke 24:13-35 and we will receive the Lord's Supper. Join us for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 a.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING SMALL GROUPS** continue meeting.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:**

Library Committee Work Meeting, Monday, 10 AM (Library)  
Elders, Monday, 6:30 pm  
Valley PreSchool Committee, Tuesday, noon (Room 105)

**SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET:** You may access the Sunday sermon on the church website ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) or on iTunes ([www.itunes.com](http://www.itunes.com)).

**CHURCH SERVICES ON THE RADIO:** You can listen, in the Houghton area, to all of our Sunday morning services at **89.9 FM**.

**Volunteer Appreciation continues this week.** Please consider how you may express your appreciation to our volunteers.

### TODAY - CONGREGATIONAL VOTE AFTER EACH SERVICE:

In our church the Senior Pastor is called for a four-year term of service, and this is the final year of Pastor Wes's four-year call. Recently the Board of Elders met with the District Superintendent in an evaluation session which concluded with the Board voting to recommend to the Congregation that another four-year call be offered. The congregational vote by Covenant and Community Church Members (the two levels of membership in The Wesleyan Church) will take place after each morning service today.

Bob Danner, Vice Chair, Board of Elders

**Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry:** We are organizing a team of people who will give one worship service a month to pray for our worship and the needs of our congregation. This ministry of intercession is an opportunity for you to serve others in the church through your loving prayers. If you would like to be part of the Sunday Morning Prayer team, please contact Doug or Judi Mayhle ([dmayhle@hotmail.com](mailto:dmayhle@hotmail.com) or 567-8241) or contact the church office.

NEWS FOR INVESTORS	Last Week	Fiscal Year
Offerings Received	\$ 18,261	\$ 590,342
Budget Needed	\$ 13,612	\$ 612,540
Difference +/-	+ \$ 4,649	-\$ 22,198

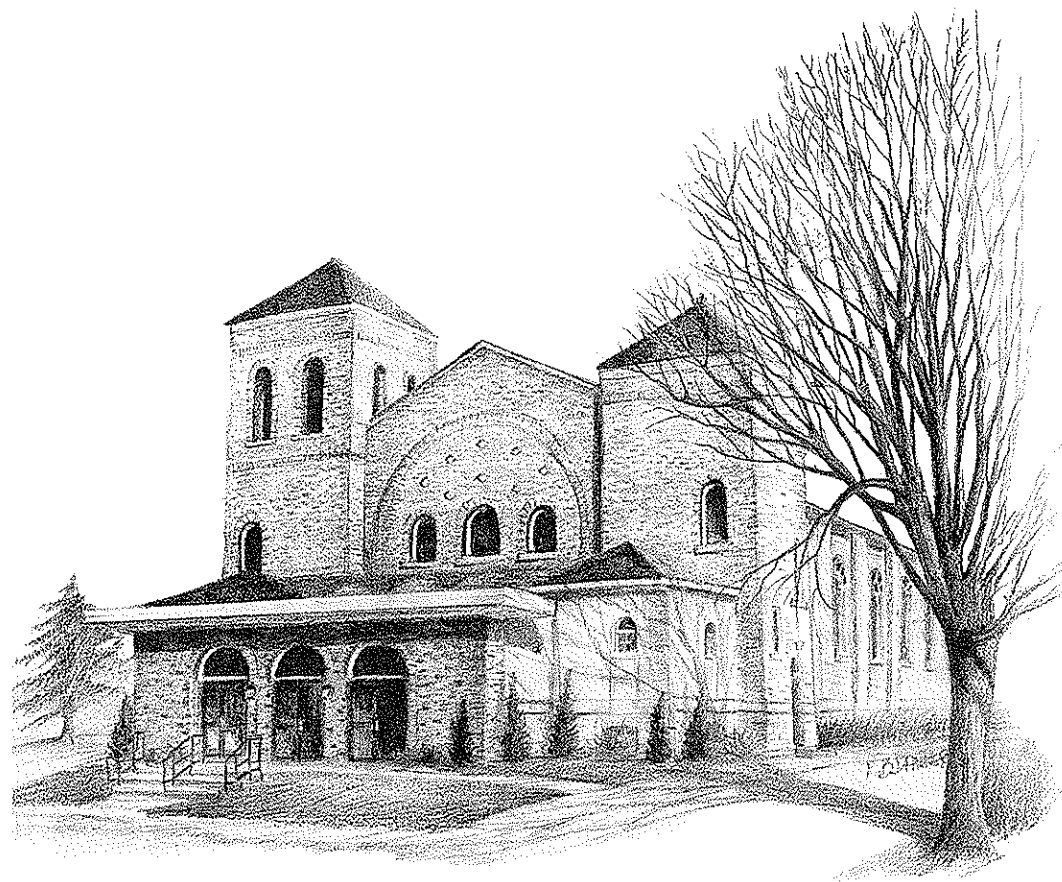
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for those among us who have experienced a recent death; for people with health concerns: Mildred VanderVeen, Meredith Kellogg, Margaret Johnson, Sherry Falke, Vangie Grant, Jenna Koppen, Crystal Blake, Bonnie MacBeth, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, Clarence Wagonblott (Audra Beardsley's father), John Johnson (Sharon Johnson's father), and Louis Case (Jon Case's father); for the people of Haiti and others facing the effects of natural disasters; and for the prayer vigil through which God would challenge us to be resurrection people.

**THE PRAYER ROOM** remains open (7 AM – 9 PM) for reservations ([hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com](http://hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com) or contact the church office) and for walk-ins if the room is not in use.

All are invited to a **come and go Community Wedding Shower** for **Martin Hegeman** and **Sheri Taber** on **April 24th, from 3:00-5:00** at Nancy and Peter Luckey's home. Hosted by Nancy Luckey, Cindy Oden, Mim Case, Donnie Stockin, LuAnne Brubaker, and Nancy Cole.



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*  
TODD LEACH, *Assistant Pastor*  
JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*  
CINDY ODEN, *Discipleship Pastor*  
AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*  
LAURIE SMALLEY, *Volunteer Pastor for Outreach*

# The Western New York District of the Wesleyan Church

Hosts a "Listening Forum" for Lay People with

Dr. Tom Armiger, General Superintendent of the Wesleyan Church

Saturday, April 24, 2010 9:30am – Noon Hamburg Wesleyan Church

Dr. Armiger is interested in hearing Lay People's responses to these questions.

- 1) What are your greatest hopes for the Wesleyan Church?
- 2) What is your church already doing to spread transformational hope and holiness?
- 3) What are the barriers that prevent or hinder your local church from doing this?
- 4) What needs to be revived, refined, reinvented, and/or restructured in order for the Wesleyan Church in North America to achieve its vision?
- 5) How should we be measuring the health and growth of the Wesleyan Church to evaluate our mission effectiveness?

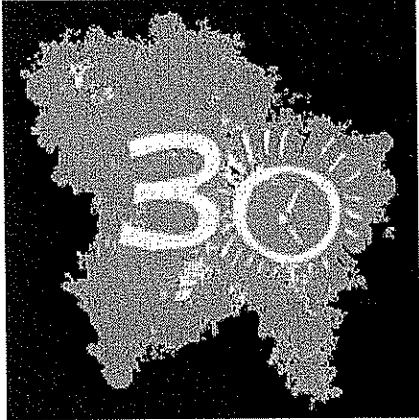
Don't miss this unique opportunity to give direct input to one of our denominational national leaders.

For more information talk with the Vice-Chair of our Local Board of Administration (Bob Danner), Pastor Wes or Ralph Kerr, DBA member.

District Board of Administration, 567-2695

## Youth News

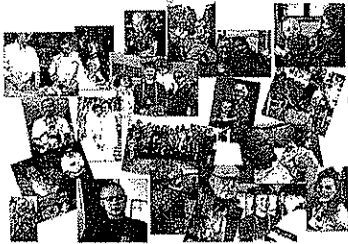
- Sunday HSM meet at the church at 6 p.m. Bring your camera! Photo scavenger Hunt! Pizza!
- Tuesday Don't worry, although there's no School at Fillmore there's still Prayer Breakfast!! 7 a.m.☺
- Wednesday MSM – 6:30 p.m. – 30 Hr famine focus with update from a Haiti Team Dad!
- Fri-Sat 30 Hour Famine!** – Meet at the church at 5:30 p.m. then travel to Buffalo for the famine! Permission slip required!



*Let's raise some money for the 30 Hour Famine!  
You CAN make a difference!*

**Parents!** This week is volunteer appreciation week! Please help us to thank the faithful volunteers who serve, love, and mentor our young people! Send them a note, shake their hand, bake them a cookie! Thanks for noticing their work! - Pastor Jon

*Seniors!  
Send Us Your Photos!*



- May 30 is our Senior Recognition Service! Please get a Senior picture and a baby picture to Pastor Jon by **May 9th!**