

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP
FEBRUARY 14, 2010

Prelude: *Have Mercy Upon Me, O Lord*Bach

*Call to Worship

God makes the sun to rise and set;
He causes summer and winter to come and go.
He is faithful from generation to generation.
God helps plants grow and flowers bloom;
He gives us food to eat, places to live, and people to love us.
He is faithful from generation to generation.
God is always with us; He keeps His promises to us.
He is faithful from generation to generation.
Let us praise our faithful God.
Alleluia, Amen!

*Invocation

*Hymn 65 *This is My Father's World*

Passing the Peace

God's peace be with you.
And also with you.

Life of the Church

Anthem: *Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*Wood

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 100 (page 593)

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: *O Master, Let me Walk with Thee*Thallander

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: Mark 5:1-20 (page 994)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Hymn 384

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

Sermon:

Dangerous Prayer
Pastor Wesley Oden

*Hymn 374

O For a Faith that Will Not Shrink

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Fantasia in G Minor*Bach

*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Josiah Snelgrove

Acolyte: Allie Stevick

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. On this day when we are conditioned to think about love, we come to this place of worship to remember that all love is centered in and grows out of God's love for us in Christ Jesus. God's love for us in Christ is the reason we worship, the reason we sing, the reason we pray, the reason we love. God's love for us in Christ is the motivation for the upcoming prayer vigil. God's love for us in Christ gives us courage to pray prayers that are full of faith, hope, and love—prayers that stretch us to the level of being considered dangerous. Are we ready to pray these kinds of prayers?

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; Koinonia will be held in Wesley Chapel from 7 to 8 PM.

PRAYER SERVICE: A Service of Word and Prayer meets on Tuesdays at 5:00 pm in the Paine Prayer Chapel (lower level of Wesley Chapel).

AWANA CLUBS: Due to the midwinter recess and February break, AWANA Puggles & Cubbies, Girls' & Boys' AWANA Clubs will NOT meet this Wednesday (2/17) or next Wednesday (2/24). They will resume their regular schedule on Wednesday, March 3, at 6:30 p.m.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. The first Sunday of our Lenten Prayer Vigil, Pastor Wes will preach from 1 John 4:10 and Matthew 22:34-35, asking the question, "Do You Love What You See in the Mirror?"

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING small groups continue meeting.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Sunday, February 28th, is a break weekend at the college. In order to fill the gaps for our regular college student teachers, we need ten volunteers for our children's Sunday School classes. Please consider the joy of working with our children on this break Sunday. If you are interested in helping, please contact Robin Pawling (567-8496), Betsy Webb (567-4619), or Cindy Oden (567-2264). Thank you.



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*

NEWS FOR INVESTORS	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 12,018	\$ 466,127
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,612</u>	<u>\$ 490,032</u>
Difference +/-	— \$ 1,594	— \$ 23,905

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Board of Elders, Monday, 6:30 pm, Room 105

YOUTH NEWS

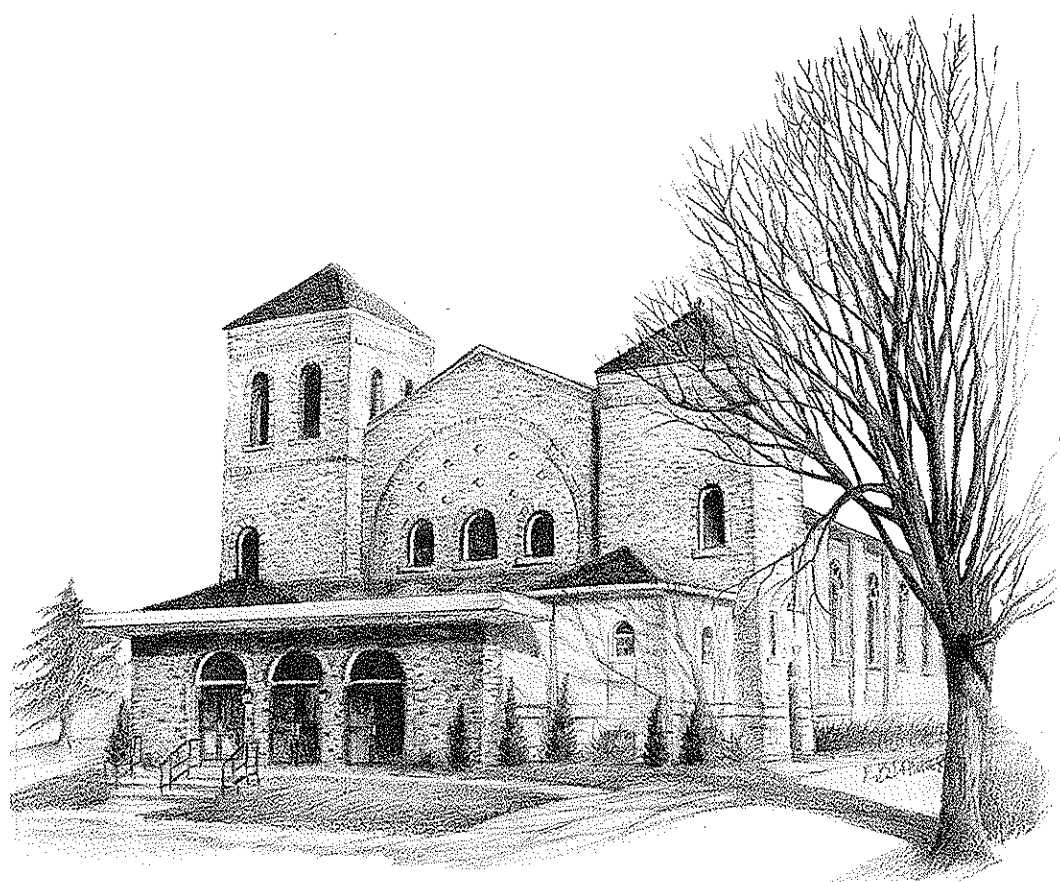
Sun 14- Regular Sunday School today – 9:45am;
 HSM – 6pm at Thomas Rhett's house on Park Drive
 No Prayer breakfast or MSM this week! Happy Break week!
 Friday Star Wars Extravaganza! This event will begin at 6:30 pm and go until
 Sat. at 8:00 am. We will watch **all six Star Wars episodes** in chronological
 order! *If you can*, bring \$2 and a two liter bottle of your favorite soda!

The youth group **HAITI RELIEF BAKED GOODS** table received more than \$700.00 last week! Thanks for giving! Please continue to pray for those affected by the earthquake in Haiti!

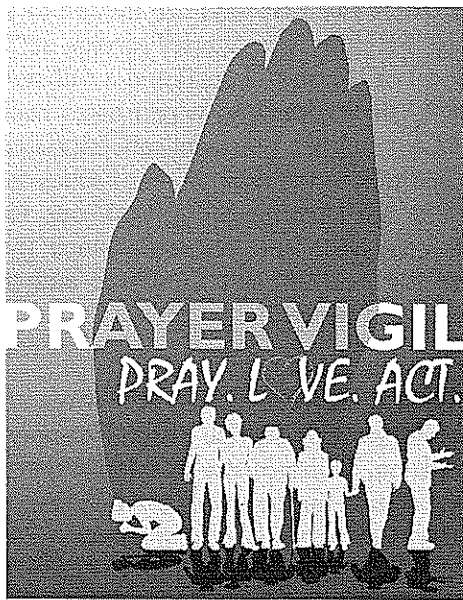
SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET: You may access the Sunday sermon on the church website (www.hwchurch.org) or on iTunes (www.itunes.com).

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

PRAYER CONCERNS: for families who have experienced a recent death; for people with health concerns: Clarence Wagonblott (Audra Beardsley's father), Jenna Koppen, Steve Castor, Jean Reigles, Crystal Blake, Don Scholla (Sheri Reynolds's father), Bonnie MacBeth, Meredith Kellogg, Al Smith, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, 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, famine and war, and for the prayer vigil through which God would challenge us to be people of prayer.



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*



40 Days of Loving Prayer

The Lord blessed us during our three-week prayer vigil last fall; we are anticipating God to bless us again as we embark on another prayer vigil during the season of Lent (February 17 – April 4). The theme of this prayer vigil, *Pray. Love. Act.*, will challenge us to pray and to allow God to use our prayers as a means of moving us to loving action. Sign-ups are now open for the first week of the vigil. You may reserve an hour today in the lower foyer of the sanctuary or the CE Building foyer, go online yourself to sign-up anytime (hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com) or by contacting the church office (567-2264). You may also follow Pastor Wes on *Twitter* (www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden) and respond to his weekly blogs and leave prayer concerns and praises on the prayer website (www.hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com). Thank you in advance for your prayers and support of this exciting time in our church.

Each week of prayer vigil we are encouraging you to focus your prayers and love on different persons.

- Week of February 21: Loving Prayer for Ourselves
- Week of February 28: Loving Prayer for Our Family
- Week of March 7: Loving Prayer for Our Church
- Week of March 14: Loving Prayer for Our Neighbor
- Week of March 21: Loving Prayer for the Global Church
- Week of March 28: Loving Prayer for the World in Need

We have prepared daily devotional, *40 Days of Loving Prayer* based on Thomas Carruth's *40 Days of Love*. You may pick up a copy in the sanctuary foyer today. The devotional is also available on the prayer website (hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com).

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES: You are invited to two Ash Wednesday services this Wednesday, February 17: A brief service at 7:30 am in the Paine Prayer Chapel (lower level of Wesley Chapel) and a full service at 6:30 pm here in our church sanctuary. Ash Wednesday, which dates back to the 8th century, marks the beginning of Lent and is a powerful reflection upon our sin that made the cross necessary. In addition to the imposition of ashes and Holy Communion (elements of the morning and evening gatherings), our service will mark the beginning of our Lenten Prayer Vigil. We will launch the vigil with a vivid corporate expression of our commitment to prayer and to prayer within the community of this gathering of people.

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. We plan to initiate this ministry next Sunday, February 21 in conjunction with our prayer vigil. If you would like to be part of the Sunday Morning Prayer team, please contact Doug or Judi Mayhle (567-8241 or dmayhle@hotmail.com) or contact the church office (567-2264 or info@hwchurch.org).

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Pastor Wes will be offering a membership class on the evening of Tuesday, March 2. If you are interested in joining the Houghton Wesleyan Church or in knowing more about the church, you are urged to attend this class. The class will meet on one night for about 3 hours and will cover the history of our church, what we believe, the core elements of our mission and vision, and how you can help make this church what God intends for us to be. If you are already a member and would like the opportunity to think through some of these things again, you also are invited to attend. Please let the church office (567-2264 or info@hwchurch.org) or Pastor Wes (woden@hwchurch.org) know if you intend to attend or if you have questions about the class or membership.

HAITI RELIEF: If you are interested in assisting the rescue and relief work in Haiti we are encouraging gifts to be given to either Global Partners (www.wesleyan.org/gp) or World Hope (www.worldhope.org). In addition, World Hope is organizing relief teams. If you are interested in applying to be part of a team or if you would like more information about the teams, go to: www.whirecoverysupport.org. Thank you to all who last week gave so generously to the work of Global Partners and World Hope in Haiti. We received

Offering	\$4,664.20
Youth Fundraiser	\$ 716.42
TOTAL	\$5,380.62