

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP  
FEBRUARY 28, 2010

Prelude: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* .....Pachelbel

\*Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who has done great things.

*We rejoice in our God, who made a way  
through the desert of this world.*

Let us worship God, who has caused streams of mercy  
to flow in the wasteland.

*We are the people God formed through Christ;  
we worship Him, and we rejoice!*

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

*We praise God for the grace that has saved us.  
Alleluia! We rejoice!*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 103 *I Will Sing the Wondrous Story*

Passing the Peace

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

Life of the Church

Prayer of Confession

**Dear Heavenly Father, it is difficult for us to admit, but we must acknowledge our struggle to live as You have called us to live. Though You have created us in love, we have often chosen paths of hate and vengeance. Though You have sent Your Son to redeem us, we have often turned to fleeting experiences of self-promotion. Though You have offered us freedom from the bondage of sin, we have too often chosen the way of self that keeps us chained to all that defeats us. Father, in Your unlimited grace, give us strength to turn from self-centeredness to self-sacrifice, from the need to control to a willingness to surrender, from a spirit of greed to a spirit that overflows in generosity, from perceiving life as wrapped around ourselves to understanding true life as only in You. For Your gracious mercy and tender love, we give You thanks as we seek the forgiveness You have promised to all who repent and believe. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9 (page 178)

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: *Let Us Draw Near to God* .....Mark Hijleh

New Testament Reading: Colossians 3: 18-21 (page 1167)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 152 *O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done?*

Sermon: **Loving Those Who Are Closest to Us**  
Pastor Wesley Oden

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.*

\*Hymn 336 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

\*Benediction

\*Choral Benediction: *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* .....Rutter

\*Postlude: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul* .....Linker

\*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Ashley Aran

Acolyte: Brianna Austin

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.** The love of God in Christ that culminates on the cross is for us. We are loved by God and we are called to be people who love, beginning with those who are closest to us.

Whatever the shape of your family, God calls you to a life of loving prayer for them. As we understand more of God's love today, may God fill our hearts with love for those who are closest to us.

**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. **KOINONIA** does not meet.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30** Pastor Todd leads the sanctuary prayer group. AWANA Puggles & Cubbies, Girls' and Boys' AWANA Clubs meet.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the Third Sunday in Lent. Gathering for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00, Pastor Wes will lead us in thinking of the call to Reject an iPod Faith (Ephesians 4).

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

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** Nominating Committee, Monday, 3:15  
Mission Committee, Wednesday, 7:45 PM, Room 105

**EASTER BAPTISM:** If you are interested in being baptized at the 7:45 a.m.  
Resurrection Service on Easter morning, April 4, please contact Pastor Wes.

**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**.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Pastor Wes is offering a membership class this Tuesday,  
March 2 at 6:30 PM. 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 or Pastor  
Wes know if you intend to attend or if you have questions about the class or  
membership.

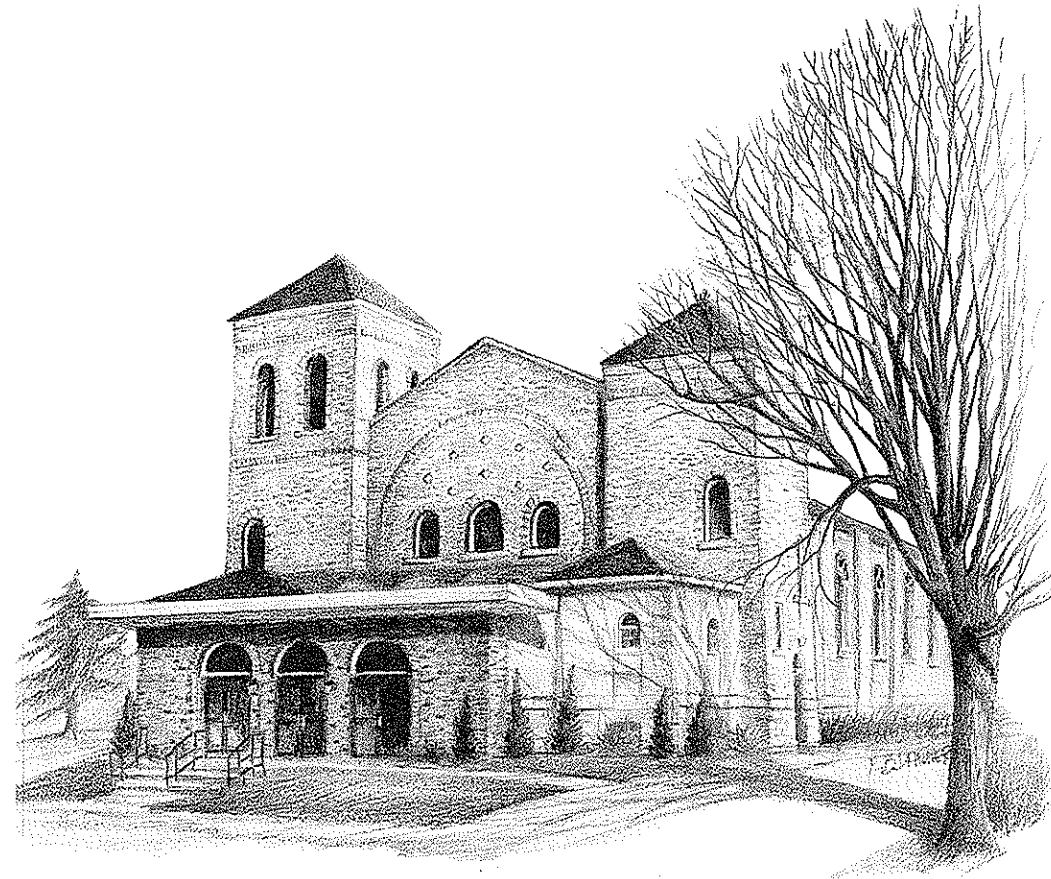
**HAITI RELIEF:** If you are interested in assisting the rescue and relief work in  
Haiti we are encouraging gifts to be given to either Global Partners  
([www.wesleyan.org/gp](http://www.wesleyan.org/gp)) or World Hope ([www.worldhope.org](http://www.worldhope.org)). In addition,  
World Hope is organizing 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.whirecovery-support.org](http://www.whirecovery-support.org).

<b>NEWS FOR INVESTORS</b>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 10,781	\$ 492,821
Budget Needed	\$ 13,612	\$ 516,266
Difference +/-	—\$ 2,830	—\$ 24,435

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for those among us who have experienced a recent death;  
for people with health concerns: Vangie Grant, Clarence Wagonblott (Audra  
Beardsley's father), Jenna Koppen, Steve Castor, 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.



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*

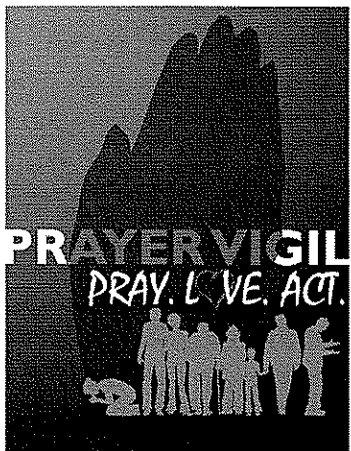


WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*  
TODD LEACH, *Assistant Pastor*  
JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*  
CINDY ODEN, *Discipleship Pastor*  
AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*  
LAURIE SMALLEY, *Volunteer Pastor for Outreach*

# Pray. Love. Act.

## 40 Days of Loving Prayer

### February 17 – April 4



The prayer vigil is now 10 days old and God is at work. The theme of this prayer vigil, *Pray. Love. Act.*, challenges us to pray and to allow God to use our prayers as a means of moving us to loving action. You may reserve an hour today in the upper sanctuary foyer or the Christian Education Building foyer, anytime on the prayer website ([hwcpayerroom.wordpress.com](http://hwcpayerroom.wordpress.com)) or contact the church office (567-2264). You may also follow Pastor Wes on *Twitter*

([www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden](http://www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden)) and respond to his weekly blogs and leave prayer concerns and praises on the prayer website.

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

February 17-27: Loving Prayer for Ourselves

February 28 – March 6: Loving Prayer for Our Family

March 7-13: Loving Prayer for Our Church

March 14-20: Loving Prayer for Our Neighbor

March 21-27: Loving Prayer for the Global Church

March 28 – April 4: Loving Prayer for the World in Need

*Please note that a few elements of the prayer room are changing with each week's theme.*

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 or Christian Education building foyer today. The devotional is also available on the prayer website ([hwcpayerroom.wordpress.com](http://hwcpayerroom.wordpress.com)).

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The vases of sand are a reminder that though we pray as individuals, this prayer vigil is a corporate event. Our prayers together please God and encourage all of us. If you have not yet added a cupful of sand to one of the vases, we encourage you to do so following the worship service.

### YOUTH NEWS

- Sun Junior and Senior High SS classes meet as normal today except that there are no 11am classes!  
HSM – 6pm at Thomas Rhett's house on Park Drive
- Tues Prayer Breakfast - 7:00am Community Room;
- Wed MSM – 6:30pm The "Purity Code" finishes with "The Heart!"

### YOUTH HAITI RELIEF FUNDRAISER

Thank you for your generous support of the youth fundraiser during the Feb 7th missions Sunday. With your help we raised \$716.42 (way more than we dreamed was possible!) which will be donated to World Hope International. It was a wonderful experience. Thank you for helping us to make a difference.

### UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spring Fling at Houghton college March 26<sup>th</sup> - \$35 – Mark your calendars now!

**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 ([dmayhle@hotmail.com](mailto:dmayhle@hotmail.com) or 567-8241) or contact the church office (567-2264).

**Short Term Mission Applications** for Financial Assistance are available in the folder outside the church office. Please return before Monday, March 29.