



Listen Up

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong. Do not be quick with your mouth, do not be hasty in your heart to utter anything before God. God is in heaven and you are on earth, so let your words be few. As a dream comes when there are many cares, so the speech of a fool when there are many words.

(Ecclesiastes 5:1-3, NIV)

In the past 25 years or so, controversies and divisions about worship have been at the forefront of churches all over the world. Arguments have arisen about styles of worship and music. Parishioners and clergy have disagreed about the purpose of worship and about the most effective and spiritual means of worship. Theologians and pastors have written hundreds of books and thousands of articles in an attempt to figure out the right answer to the dilemma of worship.

Questions and discussions and misunderstandings about worship are nothing new. The scriptures give evidence that worship is misunderstood as far back as the fourth chapter of Genesis and continues through the patriarchs, the nation of Israel and in the life of the first century church.

In the fifth chapter of Ecclesiastes, the preacher also has something to say about worship. In this book that explores the uncertainties and frustrations of life, the writer makes a revolutionary statement about worship. He tells his readers that as we go to the place of worship, let our focus be on listening rather than doing, on hearing God rather than talking to God. I am coming to the conclusion that of all the advice we may hear or read about worship, nothing is more important and more transformational than thinking of worship as primarily listening to God.

This is transformational because it tells us that the center of worship is God not us. It reminds us that worship is not primarily what I want but what God wants. This mindset moves us from self-centeredness to humble submission, which is the heart of the Gospel, Jesus Christ.

Thinking of worship as listening, focusing on God is not easy for us because it is not natural for us. We like to control. We like knowing all that is going to happen. We like to feel that we are gaining something from worship. The scriptures tell us that worship is not about what we gain; it's about God. If we gain something, then praise God. But genuine worship is attention turned to God whether we gain what we want or not.

Let me encourage you to come to worship as I am sensing God calling me to come to worship: listening to God. To come thinking less about me and my desires and my fulfillment in order to give my full attention to God and His desires and His purpose. Together, may our prayer be: *Lord, help me to listen.*

In Christ,

Pastor Wes

We pray for the family and friends of Carol Montanye.

Carol died Monday, July 27, in her home. Family and Friends may gather from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday at the Kopley-Williams Funeral Home, 21 North Genesee St., Fillmore. Funeral services will be held on Sunday, August 2, at 2:00 p.m. in the Houghton Wesleyan Church with Rev. Jon Cole officiating. Burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in Houghton. Memorials, if desired, may be made to Houghton Academy or Gideons International.

CHURCH FAMILY ALBUM REMINDER

Sign up for your FREE 8" x 10" portrait and Church Family Album before August 20, either in the church foyer before and after services on Sundays or online [HERE](#).

FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

YOU'RE INVITED...

One of the great privileges we have as a congregation is the opportunity to impact the lives of Houghton College students. As a church we want to let our students know how much we value them, and we want to help them connect with us in meaningful ways. We also want to affirm and support those at the college who work with students.

One of the first things we are doing toward that end is hosting a carry-in dinner for all of the Houghton College Student Life office, including all of this year's RAs and all the athletes who are returning early for preseason training – over a hundred students.

On Sunday evening, **August 23, at 5:00 PM**, we invite you to help us connect with and support these students and the Student Life staff with an **all-church carry-in meal in the Community Room**. We envision this as a time to fellowship with one another, to encourage and support one another, and to hear from a few students what God is doing in their lives.

We will also use this time to welcome and introduce those who are new to our church. If you know a family or an individual who is new to our congregation, we would love to have you invite them and plan to introduce them at this event.

Here are the details:

WHEN:	Sunday evening, August 23 rd , at 5:00 PM
WHERE:	HWC Community Room
WHO'S INVITED:	Everyone – we hope you'll come support our students!
PROGRAM:	Students sharing about their mission trips...
WHAT TO BRING:	Any two of the following: salad, casserole, dessert The church is providing the meat and tableware.

If you have any questions or for more information, please contact me at the church office or by e-mail at [tleach@hwchurch.org](mailto:tlead@hwchurch.org). I truly hope you will mark this event on your calendar and plan to attend. We would love for you to join us in welcoming those who are new to our church family, and in affirming and supporting our athletes, student leaders, and the Student Life office staff as we all prepare for another year of ministry on campus!

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Todd



CLEW: Christian Life Emphasis Week is September 6-9.

Dr. Joy Moore, who serves as Associate Dean for Lifelong Learning at the *Duke University Divinity School* in Durham, North Carolina, is our speaker. Please be in prayer now that God will use her and that these days will lead students and community members into a deeper relationship with Christ. If you are interested in hosting Dr. Moore for a meal, please contact the church office.

SAVE THE DATES:

- ❑ **July 29- Cuba Lake Tubing Trip** -Cost \$5; leave church at noon and return about 7:30. **Registration deadline is July 24**
- ❑ **August 2-5, KINGDOM BOUND 2009** - Commuting each evening; three-evening pass is \$75; leave the church at 4 p.m. **Registration deadline July 22.**
- ❑ **August 27: Rochester Red Wings Baseball, 5 p.m. to ?** The Houghton Wesleyan Kids' Choir will be singing at this game. Let's support our kids and have some fun at the ballpark. Cost \$5.50. **Registration deadline is August 14.**



Fall Women's Gathering

Plans are underway for our fall gathering, Please watch for upcoming details about this special event.

Fall Ministry Opportunities

We invite you to prayerfully consider involving yourself in one of the many ministries of our church. It is always exciting to be a part of God's work. We have a number of opportunities for service in our children's ministries. We look forward to talking with you about these opportunities and the best fit for you and the gifts God has given you. Please contact any of the ministry leaders or Pastor Cindy for more information about the following children's ministries:

Sunday School - Robin Pawling

Jr. Church- Tracey Howe

Nursery - Jan Schilke

8:20 Children's Church - Kathy Bogdan & Mary Anne Majoros

11:00 Children's Church - Karry Beardsley & Bitsy Mayhle

AWANA Puggles & Cubbies -

Girls' AWANA Club - Heather Hannan & Kerri Lord

Boys' AWANA Club - Emily & Brandon Hoffman, Stephanie & Chad Wittenrich

September 6 is Sunday School Promotion Sunday. On this Sunday, children will move to their Sunday School Class.

NOTE to Church Family:

Campbell's Food label insignias (not whole labels) are still being collected and mailed to Hephzibah Children's Home in Georgia. A box is on the shelf in the Christian Education Building foyer. Help us help these precious children. NOTE: the only labels Hephzibah collects are the **Campbell labels**. They do not use Betty Crocker points, or Box Tops for Education.



WHAT? Mini-Missions Conference--just for you!

- Story with resident missionary, Mr. Jim Szymanski
- Light lunch too.

WHO? All current WKFM children grades 1-5
plus all incoming 1st graders

WHEN? Saturday, August 22, 9:30 to 12:30

WHERE? Community Room at Houghton Wesleyan Church

WHY? Fun with missions--and each other!

*Bring one item made in a foreign country (except China) to share.

HOW? R.S.V.P. to Mrs. Beth Beardsley (567-8117)

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: The pastors are planning a Membership Class in September. If you would like to attend the class or would like more information about the class or about membership, please contact the church office.



Congratulations to Rob Campbell and Joanne Rohe who joined their lives in marriage, July 11 in Buffalo. We add our congratulations to parents, **Bruce and Denise Campbell** and **Ron and Vivian Rohe**.

THE LIBRARY CORNER



Mark Mittelberg with Lee Strobel has written The Unexpected Adventure, a six-week devotional designed to inspire individual Christians, as well as congregations, to enter the excitement of sharing Christ. Mittelberg gave an example of a time he felt led to speak to an atheist friend. He said the friend is still unsaved, but a few weeks later he received a call from a man who told him he had been hired to lay tile on the office floor when Mark was speaking with this friend. The man, who had been laid off his regular job and was working on the tile only a short time, heard the Gospel and was saved. A local author we would like to mention is Dr. J. Michael Walters. His book is called Can't wait for Sunday. Leonard Sweet of George Fox University in his comment about the book

writes, "Here you will find theologically informed, win-win strategies for building a dynamic worship environment that honors God and addresses post modern culture." Mike dedicates his book to the congregation of the Houghton Church "where love of worship both inspired me and, more importantly, transformed my life." Sherwood Pictures is a movie-making ministry of a church in Georgia. Our library has copies of 3 DVDs the ministry has produced: Flywheel, Facing Giants and Fireproof. For the children we have I Dig Dirt (DVD) and a number of VHSs including Hermie by Max Lucado, High Noon in the Bathroom and Reading with Blue (from Blue's Clues). The Library Committee has voted to allow a 3 week rather than a 2 week lending period for books.

Please check your shelves for items on this list of missing and overdue books: 400 Questions and Answers, Live from Brentwood High, Last Light, Jesus Rides into Jerusalem, The Story of Easter, Celebration of Discipline, Finder's Fee, Halos, Help, Forgiven, The Task of Adam, Postcard, The Crossroad, The New Little Fuzzy Green Worm, Rosa Takes a Chance, Prairie Dog Town, Green Eggs & Ham, Michal, The Birds-Our Teachers, and Little Red Riding Hood.

preschool news



Valley PreSchool *a quality early childhood education program*

We welcome Casda Danner as our Director for 2009-2010!

Applications are still being accepted for the fall. Classes meet from 9:00 to 11:45 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from September to May. Stop by the VPS Bulletin Board or in the church office 567-2264. Thank you to Sally Retz for her wonderful leadership as director of VPS the past few years. We will miss Sally and her family as they are moving out of the area.

We need YOU to make our Church Family Album complete!

Portrait sessions will take place at church on:

August 25 – 27

September 11 – 12 and 14- 15

There is no sitting fee and each family will receive a FREE color 8x10 portrait and church directory for participating at no cost to our church.



We will be partnering with Lifetouch Church Directories and Portraits to help us create a Church Family Album which will help us connect familiar faces to names.

In your session you will:

- . Be professionally photographed
- . Be able to view your portraits immediately
- . Have an opportunity to purchase additional portraits – they make great gifts!

Two easy ways to sign-up!

- You can sign up before and after Sunday service in August.
- Online now at: www.hwchurch.org anytime

We are looking forward to seeing you in our directory! Watch for the **Portrait Sitting Guide** with tips on how to prepare for your session. *Make this a fun time – be creative! Bring your pet to include in the portrait; if you're musically inclined, bring your instrument; if you have a hobby, why not bring your favorite prop!* **We ask that you allow up to an hour** during which time you will check in, be photographed and select your portraits.

Questions, contact: **Kirsten Jeffers 808-2831**

You are invited to a
Come-and-Go Shower
for
Peter Bates and Joanna Stanton
on
Sunday, August 23, 2009
2:00 to 4:00 p.m.
at the home of Tom and Jane Miner
9829 Seymour St., Village of Houghton

Hostesses:
Beth Beardsley, Judi Mayhle, and Jane Miner
Registries:
Cutco, Macy's, and Target



LAY SHEPHERDS

Lay Shepherds share in the responsibility of offering and coordinating caregiving for those who have special needs within our congregation and neighborhoods. Lay Shepherds work closely with the Pastoral staff and provide support to families in times of crisis or transition. They arrange for carry-in meals during times of illness and are involved in home visitation. Lay Shepherds coordinate occasional informal neighborhood fellowship events and each Lay Shepherding group hosts one church-wide fellowship event each year. Every regular attendee at Houghton Church is placed under the care of a Lay Shepherd according to geographic location:

Belfast/Caneadea/Friendship/Rushford:

*Rob & Ann McNeill & family (437-5151); Italo & Cassandra Riquelme (322-0710)

Campus Heights:

*Dan & Kathy Moore (567-8625); Jan Schilke (567-4889)

Centerville Road:

*Ralph & Marilyn Kerr (567-2695); Marilyn Hiler (567-8966)

Fancher Heights:

*Dan and Shelley Noyes (207-4031); Betty Lou Pollock (567-4688)

Fillmore/Nunda:

*Connie Smith (567-4266); Paulette Schierer (567-2709)

Luckey/Meadow Lane:

*Peter & Nancy Luckey (207-4022); Karen Gaerte (567-8522)

North & South River Road:

*Kevin & Cindy Austin (808-8204)

North River Road Assistant: Dave & Eileen Lewis (567-8036)

South River Road Assistant: Terry Ayers (567-8716)

Park/Forest:

*Jane Buteyn (567-8520)

Seymour/ Thayer Street:

*Bruce & Kathie Brenneman (567-2577)

*Doug & Phyllis Gaerte (567-2788)

Tucker Hill:

*Anthony & Nancy Petrillo (567-8402)

*Denotes Primary Lay Shepherd. Contact this person first (whenever possible) regarding needs within that group.

Lay Shepherd Coordinator: Connie Smith (567-4266) csmith4266@yahoo.com

COMMUNITY NEWS

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME!

On Thursday, August 27, the Children's Choir will be singing "God Bless America" during the 7th inning stretch at the Rochester Redwings baseball game.

For this special performance, all children who have completed Kindergarten through sixth grade are invited to come and sing with us! Please contact Mrs. Roorbach if you are interested in participating!

We hope family and friends can come and support the choir and enjoy a fun evening at the ballpark. Tickets are only \$5.50. The Redwings will be playing the Leigh Valley Iron Pigs at 7:05 pm. To purchase your tickets please contact Krista Roorbach (567-4515/ cell # 716-225-2073/ kristajoy75@yahoo.com) by August 17. NOTE: checks payable to Krista Roorbach with "tickets" on the memo line may be left at the church office.

WANTED: Your Candid Photos

From recent church events to put in the Church Family Album. Send digital photos to Shelley at shelley.noyes@gamil.com or send hard copies to 9751 Fancher Heights, Houghton NY 14744. For more information, call Shelley at 585-207-4031.

Piano and Violin Lessons: My credentials include a Bachelor's Degree in String Music and experience as a music teacher in Korea (three years) and in the U.S. I enjoy teaching privately. If anyone wishes for lessons, my e-mail address is YoonHee_violinist@yahoo.com, and my phone number is 567-4759.

Peter W. Roeske
New Home Construction
(585) 689-0368

The New Address for the Roorbach Family is
9603 Route 19 in Houghton.
Their phone number is unchanged.

For Rent: upstairs apartment, 7 minute walk from campus; 1 Large Bedroom, Living Room, Bath, Kitchen, Hall/ Study, Partially Furnished, Private Entrance and Deck. No pets. No Laundry. Renter provides phone service. \$700/month includes utilities. YoonHee_violinist@yahoo.com

BEARDSLEY BLACKTOP SEALING

- Three years experience
- Free Estimates
- Driveways and Parking Lots
- Call Matt Beardsley at (585) 305-0751

FOR SALE: Dining room set including solid maple drop leaf table with 2 leaves (will seat 12), six chairs and hutch. Please call Alice Fletcher 571-451-6697.

For Sale: Thanksgiving Week Timeshare at Condominium in Orlando, Florida,

with two bedrooms/two baths and large living room. Create a carefree, family holiday tradition.

YoonHee_violinist@yahoo.com



Sunday School Teachers Needed

Sunday School Personnel Needed Fall 2009 -Spring 2010

(___?___ Indicates a ministry opportunity and/or prayer request)

Toddlers – Karen Liddick and ___?___

Two-Year-Olds – Doug & Judi Mayhle

Three-Year-Olds – Rose Jones and ___?___

Four-Year-Olds - ___?___ and ___?___

Kindergarten – Kathy Moore and Devon Martin

1st Grade – Emily VanEenwyk and Jenny Huyett

2nd Grade – Karl & Jill Schmidt

3rd Grade – Brian Presher and Aaron Martin

4th Grade – Lauren Haggerty and ___?___

5th Grade – Ed & Tracy Taylor

6th Grade – Harold Blew and Calvin & Paulette Schierer

Please prayerfully consider involving yourself in this important ministry.

Thank you,

Robin Pawling, Sunday School Superintendent

FOR SALE:

two 4' x 5' double pane, insulated glass windows

one 1 1/2' x 5' double pane, insulated glass window

Call (585) 610-3976 (cell phone) or (585) 365-2158

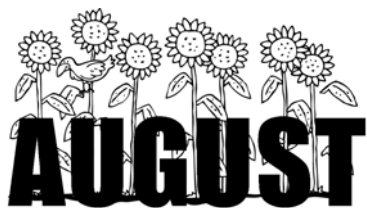
For sale:

Twin bookcase headboard. Handmade. \$35.00. Call Carol Stonemetz at 567-4292.

FREE LOAN CLOSET

The following items are available in the medical equipment closet: walkers, canes, bedside commodes, raised toilet seats, crutches, metal bed rails, bath seats, bed pans, walker with wheels and seat, tub side safety bars. Contact the church office (567-2264) or Sandy Blake (567-8735).

SUNDAYS in



August 2 (10:00 am)

a.m. Pastor Jon Cole

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

August 9 (8:20 am and 11:00 am, 6:00 pm, No Sunday School)

a.m. *Do You Hate Your Family?* (Luke 14:25-35)

p.m. Prayer Gathering

August 16 (8:20 am and 11:00 am, 6:00 pm, No Sunday School)

a.m. *Remember that We Are Servants* (Luke 17:1-10)

p.m. John & Tricia Fraser

August 23 (8:20 am and 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, No Sunday School)

a.m. Pastor Todd Leach

p.m. Carry-in Welcome Reception

August 30 (8:20 am and 11:00 am, 6:00 pm, No Sunday School)

a.m. *What Is Growing in Your Faith?* (Luke 13:10-21)

p.m. Jim Harden, CompassCare

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