



LOVING OUR CHILDREN LIKE JESUS

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Don't push these children away. Don't ever get between them and me. These children are at the very center of life in the kingdom.

(Mark 10:14, NIV / The Message)

Every time we dedicate a child to God, we are reminded that the child is nurtured by a triangle of grace and love. The foundational base of the triangle is God whose commitment to little ones is explicit in Scripture. One vertical side of this triangle is the commitment of parents and family who declare that they will do everything in their power to lead their child to God, His Word and His Church. The other vertical side of this triangle of nurture is the church: we commit ourselves to be a godly witness through the years of this child's life. It's an awesome privilege and responsibility to which we pledge ourselves as a congregation. But sometimes fulfilling our pledge can be a struggle.

Mark tells of a day when parents are bringing little children to Jesus and Jesus is welcoming the children with open arms. Jesus loves children and these parents are doing their part to help their children experience Jesus. But the disciples, the leaders of Jesus' entourage, aren't so helpful. The disciples rebuke the parents and the children, shooing them away from Jesus. But Jesus is indignant: He rebukes the disciples and welcomes the little ones into his arms.

You have to wonder why the disciples would send the children away. More than likely, they send the children away because the disciples don't think children are all that important. It seems as though the disciples see children as a hindrance to the ministry of Jesus. In their eyes, children are less important than adults and Jesus is far more concerned about ministry to adults than to children. But they are wrong—dead wrong. Jesus makes it very clear that children are of highest value to Him, which is precisely why children are valuable to us.

Jesus wants His disciples on that day and His disciples in our day to realize that loving and caring for children is not peripheral to His kingdom; it is essential—and that our ministry to, with and for children is eternal ministry. We might not see the results of it immediately, but when we love and nurture children for Christ, God is working in eternal ways.

Therefore, in light of the eternal nature of ministry with children, I invite you to experience the joy of involvement in our summer ministry with children and youth. You will find the experience challenging (what of value isn't?) and you will find the experience invigorating. But either way, you will find your own life nurtured as you reach out to those who are obviously so important to Jesus.

Please contact Pastor Cindy or Pastor Jon for more information about how you can be a presence for Christ in the life of a child or a teenager. Thank you in advance for your assistance.

In Christ,

Pastor Wes

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE	
June 7.....	8:30 am / 11:00 am / 6:00 pm
June 14.....	8:30 am / 11:00 am / 6:00 pm
June 21.....	8:30 am / 11:00 am
June 28.....	10:00 am
July 5.....	10:00 am
July 12.....	10:00 am
July 19.....	10:00 am
July 26.....	10:00 am
August 2.....	10:00 am
August 9.....	8:20 am / 11:00 am / 6:00 pm
August 16.....	8:20 am / 11:00 am / 6:00 pm
August 23.....	8:20 am / 11:00 am / 6:00 pm
August 30.....	8:20 am / 11:00 am / 6:00 pm

Sundays in June	
June 7 (8:30 and 11:00 am, 6:00 pm)	a.m. <i>Youth Service</i> p.m. Testimony and Sharing by Ron & Gail Trail
June 14 (8:30 and 11:00 am)	a.m. Pastor Todd Leach p.m. Kisar Celebration
June 21 (8:30 and 11:00 am, 6:00 pm)	a.m. Pastor Laurie Smalley NO EVENING ACTIVITIES (Father's Day)
June 28 (10:00 am)	a.m. Pastor Todd Leach NO EVENING ACTIVITIES (Summer Sabbath)

FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

We have completed another good year of college ministries. I want to thank those of you who volunteered your time and energies and opened your homes to make these ministries possible. We couldn't have done it without you.

Are you interested in ministering to college students? We would love to have you involved. Here is an overview of our college ministries:

LOGOS Bible Studies: This next year, we will be coordinating at least four LOGOS groups, with potential for more. These groups meet weekly for Bible study in the homes of church members. This fall, the groups will be studying the book of Revelation.

Koinonia: Koinonia is a student-led praise and worship ministry that meets every Sunday night during the school year in Wesley Chapel.

Nursing Home Ministry: Each week during the school year a group of students goes to Absolut at Houghton to minister to the residents there. This ministry includes Communion services twice a semester, regularly scheduled fun activities, and plenty of time for one-on-one interaction and fellowship with the residents.

Prayer Partner Ministry: This ministry brings together community members from our congregation with college students who attend our church for the purpose of praying with and for one another. It's a great ministry of support and encouragement for all involved.

TOTAL RECALL Sermon Discussion Group: This ministry meets every other week to discuss the Sunday morning sermon in a small group context. It provides a great opportunity to discuss how God's Word applies to our lives in practical ways.

Student Hospitality Sunday: Once a year, usually in September, we invite members of the church to host one or more college students for a meal in their home. It's a wonderful ministry to help our new and returning college students feel connected with our church family and community.

Care Packages: Once a semester we send care packages to those college-age young adults from our community who have gone away to college or the military. We do this as a simple gesture of love and as a reminder that they are not forgotten.

There are a number of ways you could be involved in college ministries. If you are interested in assisting with any of these ministries to college students, or if you have an idea for ministry not listed here, please let me know. I would love to talk with you. Most of all, thank you for your prayers for these ministries. It is both an incredible privilege and an awesome responsibility to help shape and direct the lives of our students.

In His Love,

Pastor Todd

Congratulations Heather, Jeremy, Clayton, and Sophia Templeton.

Brooklynn Mae was born May 19, weighed 7 lb. 5.8 oz. and was 20 inches long.

Congratulations to Kaylan Reynolds and John Buteyn who were joined in marriage on May 23. Added congratulations to parents, Rich and Sheri Reynolds and Dave and Jane Buteyn.

We extend our condolences to **Carol Getty** at the death of her mother, **Nina VanBuskirk**, who died April 27.

Our sympathy goes to **Calvin and Paulette Schierer and their family** at the death of Calvin's mother **Theola** who died May 19.

YOUTH GROUP IN JUNE:

June 3 "Millions" revisited! 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.
June 10 End of the year Party - Details TBA

PRAYER BREAKFAST Tuesday mornings June 2 & 9 at 7:00 a.m. in the community room!

EVENT INFO:

6/7/09 - Youth Service

Sunday Morning June 7 our church worship services at 8:30 and 11:00am will be led by the youth.

Youth Committee Meeting – June 13 - 8am – noon. This month our meeting will be our annual staff retreat. Meet in the Youth room.

SAVE THE DATES:

July 7 - Darien Lake – Meet at the church at 9am and return around midnight after the laser light show. All day at Darien lake for \$25! Includes: transportation, ticket to the park, hotdog lunch AND a ride back to Houghton! Deadline for registration is June 30. Permission slip available on the website or outside of Pastor Jon's office.

July 25- PowerFest at the Fillmore Youth Center. Events happening all day. See the Summer Newsletter for Details.



Pastors Wes and Cindy's 25th
wedding anniversary is June 16.

Their children are hosting a party in the Community Room
on Saturday, June 20. The party will be
from 2-4, with a brief program starting at 2:15.

At our monthly meeting in September 2008, the Discipleship Committee discussed August Sunday School and the problems it entails. The confusion about which class elementary kids should attend (the 4th grade class they have been attending or the 5th grade class that they are now eligible for at school) is one minor problem. Another minor problem, especially true last summer, is the limited options for adult classes since many of those classes choose to wait until September to begin for the year. **But the most important issue is the difficulty finding teachers and assistants for the children's classes throughout the month of August; on any particular Sunday, many families are not here for various reasons.** After discussing these issues and possible approaches to these problems, the committee decided to recommend to the Board of Elders that we not have Sunday School during the month of August in 2009. **The Board supported this recommendation. Therefore, after Summer Sabbath this year, Sunday School will not begin again until Promotion Sunday, September 6.**

The Discipleship Committee and the Board of Elders

W.K.F.M. Corner

Did you know that our program for this year ends on **JUNE 21**? Don't miss our study of "Hephzibah Ministries" in Macon, Georgia. Boys, girls, babies, and toddlers live here and are cared for by loving adults.

Our offering will go to the babies and moms at Hephzibah. The money will help buy car seats, strollers, baby outfits, etc. If anyone would like to bring something "new" for a baby or toddler, that is welcome too. We will mail any items brought in.



NEWS: Save **SATURDAY MORNING, AUGUST 22** for a **WKFM Mini-missions Conference** for Kids (grades 1-5). Details will be coming! **FUN! FOOD!**

Wesleyan District Kids' Camp

The Really Amazing Race

Camp Mission Meadows on Chautauqua Lake, 5201 Route 430, Dewittville, NY

Open to all children in grades 3-6 (Campers must have completed grades 3-6).

Cost - \$170 per camper (\$150 early bird discount with deposit postmarked before July 1). Each additional camper from the same family is \$125 if postmarked before July 1 or \$150 thereafter.

Please note that a \$50 deposit per child is due with registration no later than July 18.

Please pick up a brochure/registration form about our Western New York Wesleyan District Kids' Camp in the church or Christian Education foyer to learn more about Camp Cherith of Western New York.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY SCHOOL: With college students leaving for the summer as well as many people away for vacation, we have openings for Sunday School teachers and assistant teachers as well as occasional substitute teachers at various age levels during the summer months. To learn more about some of these ministry opportunities, please contact Sunday School superintendent, Robin Pawling (567-8496), Assistant Sunday School Superintendent, Betsy Webb (567-4619), or Pastor Cindy (567-2264).

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: With college students leaving for the summer we have openings for Children's Church teachers and assistant teachers as well as occasional substitute teachers for children ages 2-5 during the 8:30 and 11:00 worship services in June and August, as well as during the 10:00 worship service during the summer Sabbath. To learn more about these ministry opportunities, please contact one of the Children's Church Ministry Leaders: Mary Anne Majoros (567-2653), Kathy Bogdan (365-8359), Bitsy Mayhle (567-8241), Karry Beardsley (567-4631), or Pastor Cindy (567-2264).

Thank you for prayerfully considering involving yourself in one of these important ministries to our children.

CAMP CHERITH OF WESTERN NEW YORK is a Christ-centered, Bible-based outdoor program. They teach Christian values and life-skills. Their unique program promotes a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in every aspect of daily life. Campers grow spiritually, socially, and emotionally in a safe and nurturing environment:

Girls' Resident Camp - June 28-August 1

Boys' Resident Camp - June 28-July 11

and more!

Please pick-up one of the Camp Cherith brochures in the church or Christian Education foyers or visit their website, www.campcherithwny.org to learn more about all of the various camps and options available this summer.

Valley PreSchool *a quality early childhood education program*

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.

THE LIBRARY CORNER



Susan Wojciechowski was the featured speaker at the recent Church and Synagogue Librarians meeting in Rochester, NY. She shared how she felt God had directed the writing of a recent book. Every time she started to change something, she felt checked. Thus, she sent it to her publishers unchanged. The publishers felt the same way and did not make any changes either. The book, The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey, and the DVD are now available in our library.

Another DVD that is available is Faith Like Potatoes. Angus Buchan moved to South Africa and was warned by other farmers that El Nino was coming. That meant that there would be little rain for the crops. However, Buchan felt God wanted him to plant potatoes, and he did. His crop was bountiful. We also have

A Farmer's Year, a devotional book by Angus Buchan.

For children we have Precious Moments Prayers for Boys & Girls by Debbie Butcher Wiersma, The Rag Baby by Karyn Henley, and 47 Beavers on the Big Blue Sea by Philip Visser.

There are three new books for young adults: Watch in the Woods by Robert Liparulo, Isle of Fire by Wayne Batson, and Unseen by T. L. Hines.

A recent gift to the library is Billy Graham, God's Ambassador. It is a beautiful coffee table size book of photos by Russ Busby.

CHILDCARE VOLUNTEERS & CRAFT DONATIONS NEEDED

LDi is a group which provides two days of orientation for new teaching staff going to China. This takes place at Houghton College, just prior to the general Pre-Field Orientation (PFO) held annually for personnel who are beginning overseas ministries in various countries.

Needed are volunteers who would be caregivers for 25-30 children of new staff families for the 2 1/1 days of New Staff Orientation on June 19-21. Volunteers are needed, who would be willing to do this based on the following details:

- **Who:** Anyone or any church group within driving distance of Houghton, N.Y. Eight or ten individuals would probably be needed to care for 25-30 children ages 0-14 years, with three of those caring for the babies.
- **What:** Responsibilities would include planning and executing a child care schedule (songs, games, crafts, etc.) for new staff children for 5 sessions (Friday morning, Friday afternoon, Saturday morning, Saturday afternoon, and a short session Sunday morning).
- **When:** June 19-21. The group would need to arrive by Thursday evening, June 18th.
- **Where:** Houghton College, Houghton, N.Y.

If you know of anyone from a church within the area who may be interested in volunteering in this capacity, please contact Val Atkins at v.atkins@ldius.org Housing and food for volunteers would be paid for by LDi. Travel, time, and crafts/toys/resources used would be the responsibility of the volunteers. If you have or know of anyone who has toys or craft resources, but cannot volunteer, please also contact Val Atkins. Thank you.

Lecture given by Dr. Ben Witherington III, author of *What Have they Done to Jesus?*, Professor of New Testament for Doctoral Studies at Asbury Theological Seminary, and considered to be one of the top evangelical scholars in the world; **free of charge and open to the public**, on Monday, June 22, 7:30pm at the Center for the Arts Recital Hall on Houghton College Campus.

For more information, 585-567-9460; gts@houghton.edu. Sponsored by the Department of Religion, Philosophy and Graduate Theological Studies at Houghton College.

OUR FAMILY in MINISTRY

Hudson and Lucy Hess, FLO missionaries to Haiti, are retiring and have just returned to Houghton. As a way to assist them and express our appreciation for their years of service, we are doing a *pounding* for them. "Pounding" comes from a tradition of community members providing a pound of non-perishable foods for retiring missionaries or those on sabbatical. Baskets for canned and dry goods food items will be available in the foyers of both the sanctuary and the Community Room, as well as the church office. Let's show our love and appreciation to the Hesses for their service to Christ by showering them with these tangible gifts of love.

**Men & Women of the Community
are invited to a Wedding Shower
for JoAnne Rohe & Rob Campbell
on June 13**

between 2:00-4:00 p.m.

at the Houghton Wesleyan Church Community Room

**JoAnne & Rob are registered
at Bed, Bath, and Beyond and Target.**



Come-and-Go Wedding Shower

June 6— 9:30-11:30 a.m.

in the church Community Room

for Vara Whiting and Aaron Morley who will be married August 15, 2009

They are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond, and at Macy's.

Home color preferences are earth tones.

Committee: Beth Beardsley, Kathy Reitnour, Ruth Boon, Martha Whiting, Terri Ayers

THANK YOU

from the family of DAVID ALEXANDER

We are very grateful to our church community for your many acts of love, prayers, and remembrances following the death of David, a beloved husband and father. Our whole family has been blessed by your kindness and support during this difficult time.

With much appreciation,

Isobel Alexander & Ginny Halberg

Wingate Memorial Summer Carillon Recital Series 2009

Davis Memorial Carillon, Alfred University,
free admission; rain or shine, the show will go on
7 to 8 pm Tuesdays in July

July 7: Todd Fair, University Carillonneur
U of Denver Lamont School of Music
Denver, CO

July 14: Dennis Curry
Kirk in the Hills Presbyterian Church
Bloomfield Hills, MI

July 21: Laura Ellis
U of Florida School of Music
Gainesville, FL

July 28: Jeremy Chesman
Missouri State
Springfield, MO

HOUGHTON AREA SENIOR CITIZENS

June 11, 12:15 p.m. at Mariposa

Food Guide for Potluck Dinners - Please bring your table service and the dish designated by the initial of your last name: **A-F, Casserole** **G-O, Salad** **P-Z, Dessert**

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HOUSE PAINTING & POWER WASHING: If you are interested in having your house painted, house power washed, or deck stained, contact Phil Merrill at 567-8809 (H) or 567-8115/8500 (Academy).

WANTED: Double or queen size bed and treadmill or exercise bike: <mailto:cindy.austin@houghton.edu>

ATTENTION, HOUGHTON PARENTS,
in need of an experienced BABYSITTER?
Call Nell Davis to set up an appointment.
Experience as a Babysitter, Nanny, Camp Counselor, Tutor, and more.
To set up an appointment or interview, please call (585) 610-9428.

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Graduations 2009



<u>Houghton Academy</u>	Baccalaureate Graduation	Friday, June 5 – 7:30 p.m. Saturday, June 6 – 10:00 a.m.
<u>Fillmore:</u>	Baccalaureate Graduation	Sunday, June 21 – 7:00 p.m. Friday, June 26 – 7:00 p.m.
<u>Belfast:</u>	Graduation	Friday, June 26 - 7:00 p.m.
<u>Cuba Rushford:</u>	Graduation	Saturday, June 27 - 11:00 a.m.

ADOPT-A-HIGHWAY 2

The Houghton College Creation Care Task Force will sponsor the second Adopt-a-highway clean up of NYS Rt. 19 through Houghton. We will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, with a rain date of Saturday, July 25. You must register in advance to participate. Please send email to andrew.cahill@houghton.edu Registration is limited to the first 10 people- no children please. Refreshments, safety gear and training provided. Plan to be done by 11 a.m. at the latest.

COMMUNITY PAGE

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/ kristajoy75@yahoo.com).

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

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

YoonHee_violinist@yahoo.com

HAPPY 90TH BIRTHDAY TO MARION SMITH!
Marion's Birthday is May 30; you are invited to send a card
to her at 10058 Dutch Hill Road, Fillmore NY 14735

GREEN ACRES LAWN CARE
567-4515

THE ANGELICA SWEETSHOP AT THE CAMPUS STORE is on break until the fall semester begins. In the meantime the bakery would be delighted to deliver to campus once a week by advance order. If you place an order with them, baked goods will be delivered to the Campus Store where they can be picked up and paid for. Orders must be placed by Tuesday afternoon for Thursday afternoon delivery — no minimum order required. And if there is a special request for another day, they can certainly accommodate. Please contact Angelica Sweetshop at info@angelicasweetshop.com or call 585-466-7070. Visit the Angelica Sweetshop at www.angelicasweetshop.com

**FOR SALE: 27 ft. SunLine Travel Trailer and
1999 Silverado Truck with Extended Cab;
Truck & Trailer: \$10,000; Trailer only: \$6,000
-M. W. Kellogg (585) 567-2156**

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. YoonHee_violinist@yahoo.com

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