

PENTECOST SUNDAY  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP  
MAY 31, 2009

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*As the prelude begins, let us observe silence as we prayerfully anticipate this hour of corporate worship of Almighty God.*

Prelude: Prelude: Chorale Variations on "Veni Creator" Maurice Durufel  
*This piece is based on a 9<sup>th</sup>-century Latin hymn for Pentecost:  
"Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.  
Enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight."*

\*Call to Worship

The God of rushing wind and fire dwells here in our presence  
in this hour and every hour.

***Glory be to God, who strengthens us and blesses all people with peace.***

God, who called all the world into being, calls forth new life in us today.

***Glory be to God, in whose creative purpose  
we are claimed and empowered.***

God, whose Spirit unites all people in a common language of love,  
confirms His gifts in us as we gather here.

***Glory be to God, who created light in which  
we can walk in confident expectation.***

\*Invocation

\*Hymn ***God's Holy Spirit Came*** (see insert)

Life of the Church

Prayer for High School Graduates

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 52:1-9 (page 563)

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: *Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist.....*Dieterich Buxtehude  
*This ornamented chorale is based on a hymn by Martin Luther, a  
prayer to God the Holy Spirit.*

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

New Testament Reading: Revelation 3:14-22 (page 1217)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

\*Hymn 197 ***Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart***

Sermon: **Have Done with Compromise**  
Pastor Cindy Oden

\*Hymn 267 ***Jesus, My Strength, My Hope***

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in C* .....David Johnson

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\*Please stand if able  
Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Pastor Wesley Oden  
Acolyte: Ally 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.** Today we commemorate and celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, the day on which the disciples are filled with the Holy Spirit and through God's grace and power, thousands become followers of Jesus Christ. May God give us grace and power to be the church of Jesus Christ, filled with the Holy Spirit, bearing witness to God's abundance grace and power in our lives and in our world.

**FELLOWSHIP REGISTERS** are located at the outside end of each pew. Please take a moment to add your name to the list then pass it to the person next to you. **If you are at the end of the row, please tear off the sheet for your row and place it in the offering plate when it is passed.** Thank you.

**TONIGHT AT 6:30:** Graduate Recognition Service at Fillmore Wesleyan Church with a reception to follow.

**WEDNESDAY AT 6:30 P.M.** the prayer group will meet in the Youth Room (directly below the sanctuary) for prayer.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** you are invited to worship at 8:30 or 11:00. Our youth group will be leading us in worship.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** Library Committee, 4 p.m. (Library)  
Trustees, Thursday, 6:30 p.m. (Room 105)

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING** please join us to hear a brief testimony of God's healing from Fran Jackson and a report from Ron and Gail Trail on their work in one of the world's current hot spots.

**MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES** - in the upcoming months we have many ministry opportunities in our Sunday School and Children's Church ministries. Please fill out one of the blue volunteer sign-up forms which are available in the church and Christian Education foyers. Then you may give the form to one of the pastors, an usher, or drop it off at the church office. Thank you.

**YOUTH NEWS**

Tuesday – Prayer breakfast 7 a.m. Community Room  
 Wednesday – Youth Group

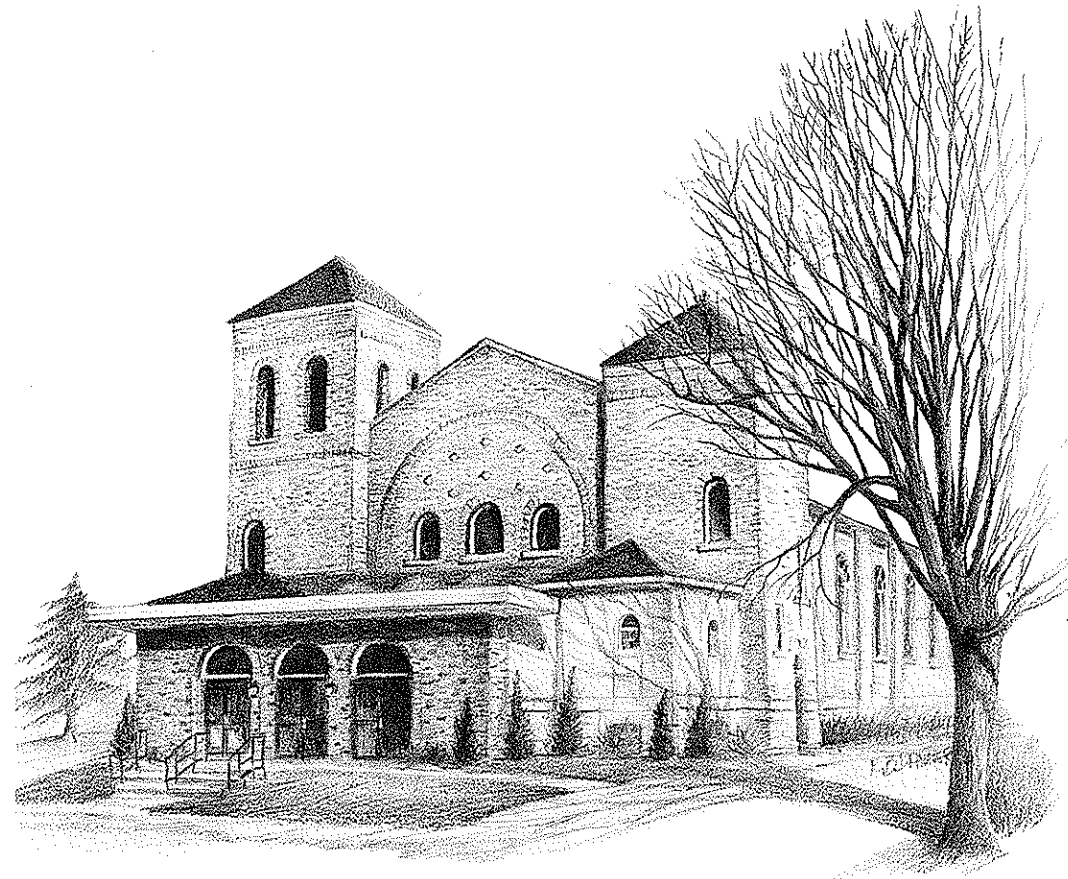
**OUR FAMILY IN MINISTRY** highlights **Hudson and Lucy Hess**, who have served with FLO as missionaries to Haiti for many years. Hudson and Lucy are now retiring from mission service and remaining in the United States. As a way to assist them as they readjust here in Houghton, and as a way to show our appreciation for their years of service in Haiti, we are doing a *pounding* for them. 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. Please join us in showing our love and appreciation to the Hesses for their service to Christ by showering them with these tangible gifts of love.

<b>NEWS FOR INVESTORS</b>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 8,804	\$ 678,886
Budget Needed	\$ 13,354	\$ 694,408
Difference +/-	— \$ 4,550	— \$ 15,522

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for those among us and all connected to us who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Lucy Hess, Marie Martin (Troy's Mother), Meredith Kellogg, Phyllis Osgood, Rolland Fletcher, Al Smith, John Johnson (Sharon Johnson's father), Isobel Alexander, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, Richard Schmidt (Karl's father), and Louis Case (Jon Case's father); for people who are need of employment; for our local, county, state and national leaders; and for the leaders of the nations of the world.



*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*