

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 14, 2018

8:20 MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Worship through Song

Offering

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:30-44

Song

How Much Bread Do You Have?

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Scripture Reader: Kim Pool
Acolyte: Claire Schilke

*Please feel free to use the altar as your place of prayer
as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.*

If kneeling is difficult for you, please use the red chairs or stand by the altar rail.

Music Ministry Team:

Natalie Kyvik, Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Jeff Boon, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard;
Dan Zambrano, cello; Dan Wartinger, bass; Dustin Woodard, drums

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the church foyer for ages 3-12.

9:40 MORNING WORSHIP

Pre-Service Worship

Worship through Song

(Offertory)

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Mark 6: 30-44

How Much Bread Do You Have?

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Scripture Reader: Shelley Noyes
Acolyte: Julia Winkens & Ellie Brubaker

NURSERY: We provide a fully staffed nursery for infants up to two years of age. The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building and is available during services.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church for both services: they meet in room 116 in the Christian Education Building.

JUNIOR CHURCH (Kinder-3rd Grade) does not meet today - please enjoy the Communion Service with your family.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God invites us into His presence because He loves us and cares for us and desires relationship with us. As the church of Jesus Christ in this place, we ask ourselves what it means for us to be the church. As we worship, may we open our minds and hearts to Christ that we will see and hear clearly God's loving purposes for us.

HOLY COMMUNION: We practice open communion in the Wesleyan Church: all who come in faith of Christ's redeeming power are welcome. As the ushers release your row, come to the front, tear off a piece of bread, dip it into the cup, eat it, then return to your seat by the outside aisle. Feel free to remain at the altar rail in prayer. If you prefer to be served in your seat, inform the usher; we have trays of bread and cups to serve you. Pastor Wes has cups of juice and gluten-free wafers at the communion table. If you desire the grace of God in your life, enabling you to love God with all of your being and to love others through the Spirit in you, you are invited to receive the bread and cup of God's grace in Christ for the sins of the whole world.

TONIGHT Small groups resume. A group meets at the church at 5:30.

KID'S CLUB starts again on Wednesday, January 17th at 6 pm. You can find the Kid's Club schedule for the spring on the church website and our HW Kid's Facebook page. We can still use one or two more assistants for the spring.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. Next week's sermon (Mark 8) ponders Jesus' question: *Can You See Anything Now?*

NEXT SUNDAY WKFM MEETS during the Sunday School Hour (9:40-10:40) for grades 1-5 to learn about Puerto Rico. Margarita Cooley and Phil Stockin will be presenting.

PRAYER ROOM: the prayer room is available every day, 7:00am – 9:00pm (holidays excluded). You may reserve the prayer room online (www.hwchurch.org) or by contacting the church office. Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation.

ALL WOMEN Join us for our Winter Gathering: "Finding the Gifts in the Messiness of Your Life" on Saturday, February 3 from 9 am to 11 am in the Community Room. Spend the morning together with other women, enjoying breakfast, worship time, and inspiring moments, hearing how God brings us gifts, even in the challenging times of our lives. No need to sign up, just come and enjoy the morning with us. Child-care provided.

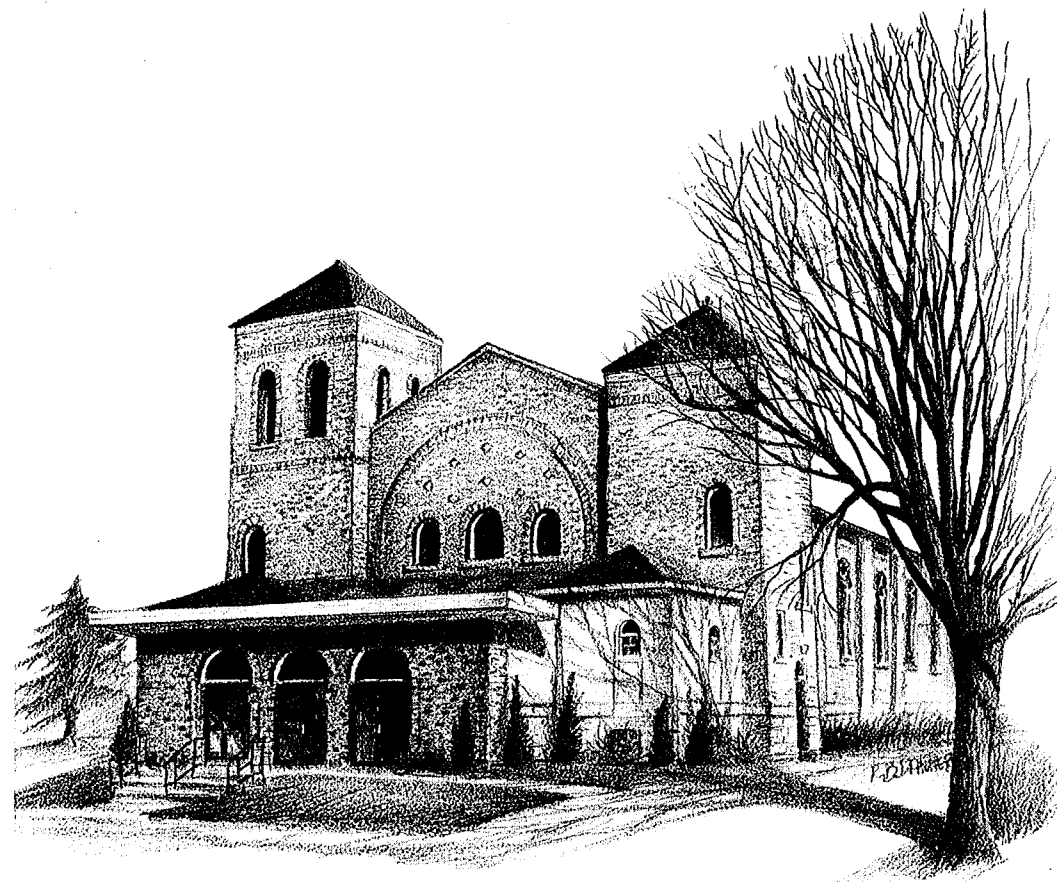
HISTORICAL BOOKS: At the celebration of Houghton Wesleyan's sesquicentennial in 2002, we published a history book of our church. Since much has changed and transpired over the past 15 years, we have updated and published a revised edition of the 2002 edition. This 24-page book provides a brief overview of our denomination and a longer history of the Houghton congregation. If you have been around for a while, you will connect with many of the articles and pictures. If you are relatively new to the church, this book will familiarize you with the colorful history of this town and this church. The books are available in the church office or in the sanctuary foyer. The books are free, but donations would help to defray the printing costs.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, Jayne Swanson, Louise Prinsell, Hudson Hess, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Ellis Brotzman, Chuck Barrett (Wendy Ott's brother), Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepien, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Ella Woolsey, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for healing and unity in our nation; and for Bellville Wesleyan Church (Pastor Rob Grimes).

For more information about church activities, and to read Pastor Wes's weekly blog, visit our website: www.hwchurch.org.



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

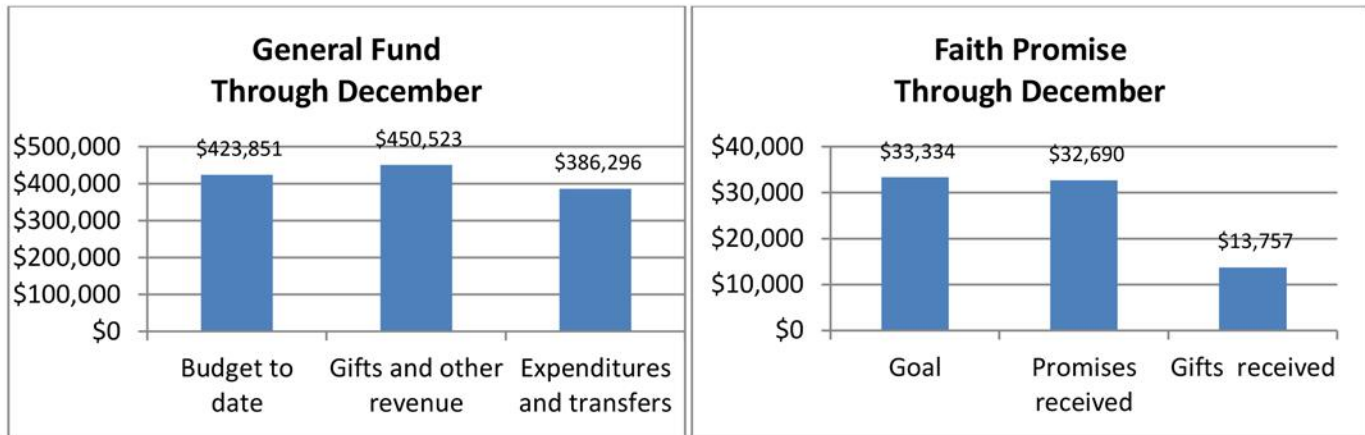
LAURIE SMALLEY, *Children's Ministry Director*

STEWARDSHIP

January is a time of new beginnings. It's a time to evaluate our lives—our priorities, our attitudes, our resources. It's a time to think about stewardship. It's a time to honestly evaluate the way we steward our time, our energy, our resources, our money. It's also a time to remember that all we have is from God and to remember that we are accountable to him for what we do with what he has given us.

Reflecting back on 2017 and looking forward to a new year, how might you take a step of stewardship faith? Is there a way in which you might more consistently serve? Do you have gifts lying dormant that might fit perfectly with a current need? Is it possible that you are spending an inordinate amount of mental and emotional energy holding a grudge or nursing a hurt from which God is calling you to the freedom of forgiveness? Is God prompting you to be more generous with your money, gifts and time toward his kingdom?

May you find freedom and joy in the discipline and obedience of generosity.



NEW YEAR...NEW GROWTH! Consider joining with others in **SMALL GROUPS**

to deepen fellowship and Body Life, and strengthen discipleship. **Groups begin the week of JANUARY 14.**

Please contact leaders for more information since space is limited in most.

Time	Place	Leaders	Info
Sundays: 11:00 am	D. Gurley home	JL Miller 585-567-9691	Video & discussion. Child care provided.
5:30 pm	HWC Room 105	Wartingers 585-330-4628	N.T. Wright, <i>Surprised by Hope</i> . For young families, childcare provided.
5:30 pm	D. Mayhle home	Doug Mayhle 585-567-8241	Discussion (TBD) followed by shared light supper.
5:30 pm	P. Shea home	Paul Shea 585-567-4597	Inductive study of Bible book TBD
6:30 pm	J. Leax home	Deborah Young 585-567-8066	D. Willard, <i>The Allure of Gentleness</i> .
Mondays: 6:30 pm	B. Hutton home	M. Jordan 585-567-4642	Group Discussion TBD.
Tuesdays: 6:30 pm Every other week	HWC Room 105	L. Dashnau 585-437-2134	Gary Thomas, <i>Cherished</i> . For married couples. No childcare provided.
Wednesdays: 6:30 pm	J. Fink Home	J. Fink 814-558-6285	F. Chan, <i>Crazy Love</i> . For Young Couples, limited space
6:00-7:15 January 31-March 7 only	HWC Room 10/or TBD	M. Walters 585-567-8411	"Spiritual Cardiology." For new Believers or those "stuck" in their walk with God.



January 14 we resume Adult Sunday School classes.

All are welcome to find a class that fits your interest!

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

Here are the five options for 9:40-10:40 a.m.

- When Moms Pray, Room 7
- II Timothy Exposition, Paul Young, Room 9
- Book: N.T. Wright, *Surprised by Hope*, Michael Jordan, Room 10
- Book: Brady Boyd, *Speak Life-Restoring Healthy Communications in How you Think, Talk, and Pray*, Jason Mucher, C.E. Room 105
- Kaleidoscope Topics and Guests, David Daugherty/Peter Luckey, C.E. Community Room

Note:

On February 4 & 11 all adult class meet in the Community Room at 9:40 am for Mission Guest presentations!