

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY  
10:00 MORNING WORSHIP JANUARY 7, 2018

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

Prelude: *As With Gladness Men of Old*  
Settings by Malcolm Archer and Robin Dinda

\*Call to Worship (from Psalm 29)  
Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
***Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.***  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory of God's name,  
***Worship the Lord in holy array.***  
The voice of the Lord is upon the water,  
***The God of Glory thunders, the Lord upon many waters.***  
The voice of the Lord is powerful,  
***The voice of the Lord is full of majesty,***  
***Let us praise the name of the Lord***

\*Hymn 3 ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Ministry Spotlight: Children's Sunday School - Jamie Potter & Jess Wartinger

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 1:1-5  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*We Sing in Adoration: ***My Hope is in You, Lord Forever***

**\*Doxology**

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Prelude on "Puer nobis nascitur"* .....Robin Dinda  
(for hymn text, please see #60 in the hymnal)

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer**  
*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.*

Our Response to Prayer: ***Show Us Christ***

\*New Testament Reading: Mark 1:1-11  
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

\*Song of Preparation: ***The Light of the World***

Sermon: **Fiat Lux!**  
Rev. Dr. Michael Walters

\*Hymn 490 ***Christ is the World's True Light***

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Prelude in Classic Style* ..... Gordon Young

\*Please stand if able  
Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Pastor Cindy Oden  
Acolyte: Layton Sanasith

Music Ministry Team:

Robin Pawling, Hannah Roeske, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;  
Sarah Gurley, piano & vocals; Barb Raymond, bass; Dan Wartinger, cajón

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

**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.

**Children's Church:** Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church: 2 and 3 year olds meet in room 116; 4-5 year olds in room 115 in the Christian Education Building.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The season of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of God in Christ to the whole world. This season of the Church year is also a time to remember God's calling on the Church to bear witness to Christ. As we worship this morning, may God open our eyes to His call on us and His plan for the world.

**KID'S CLUB** starts again on Wednesday Jan 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. Over the next few weeks, Pastor Wes will lead us to think about some of the questions Jesus asks. Next week's sermon (Mark 6) focuses on Jesus' question to the disciples: *How Much Bread Do You Have?*

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES** Begins next Sunday (9:40-10:40 a.m.). See the bulletin insert for Adult Sunday School options.

**WOMEN'S PRAYER & BIBLE STUDIES BEGIN MEETING THIS WEEK:**

- Wednesday, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room (Hebrews)
- Friday, 9-10:45 a.m. in the Primary Assembly Room; childcare provided

## YOUTH

Sunday, January 14:

- For Sunday School - "Go-to-SS-with-Your-Parents" Day!
- Youth Ministry staff to meet in the youth room at 9:40.
- Life Groups - Nerf War! Bring your favorite Nerf shooter (and one for a friend!).

**MISSION MOMENT** – This month two more church families embark on short term mission ministries: Mark and Terry Sweet depart Thursday with work teams in Haiti and Honduras. Dr. Calvin and Paulette Schierer return mid-month with the 40th annual Dental/Medical Team ministry to southern Haiti. We pray for health, safety and effective service.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – The Christian Association of Nigeria reports ongoing violence against predominantly Christian villages and on churches in the Plateau State (middle belt region). Nine were killed in a recent ambush. Pray for the government to crack-down on the crimes and for Christian witness and courage in the midst of these trials.

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

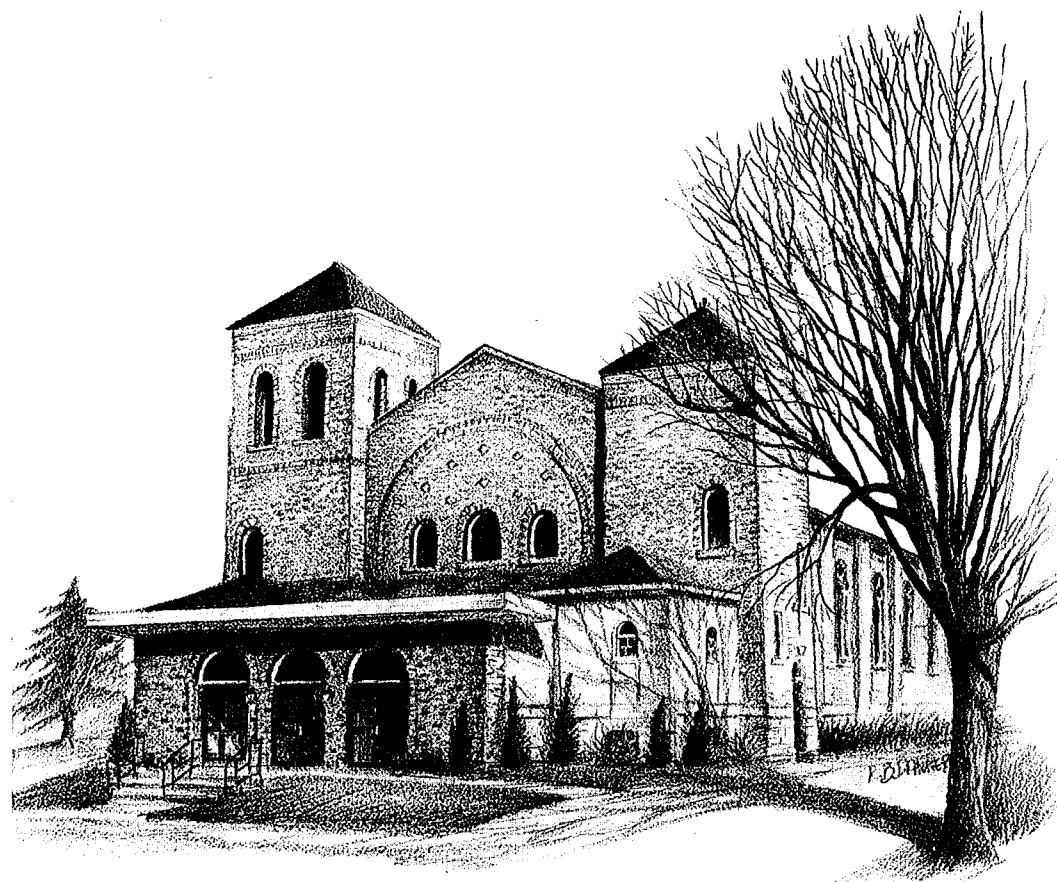
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, Jayne Swanson, Louise Prinsell, Hudson Hess, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Ellis Brotzman, Chuck Barrett (Wendy Ott's brother), Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepien, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Ella Woolsey, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Dick Gould, 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 Caneadea United Methodist Church (Pastor Lawrence Russell).

*For more information about church activities, and to read Pastor Wes's weekly blog, visit our website: [www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org).*



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wholeheartedly serving others*



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PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

LAURIE SMALLEY, *Children's Ministry Director*



**January 14 we resume Adult Sunday School classes.**

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

## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTIONS

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**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 9:45am for Mission Guest presentations!*

## 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
<b>Sundays:</b> 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	M. Woolsey 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> .
<b>Mondays:</b> 6:30 pm	B. Hutton home	M. Jordan 585-567-4642	Group Discussion TBD.
<b>Tuesdays:</b> 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.
<b>Wednesdays:</b> 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.