

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 4, 2018

8:20 MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

Worship through Song

Offering

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Mark 15: 33-41

Song

**The Cross Casts a Shadow on
Our Limitations with God**
Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Scripture Reader: Pastor Cindy Oden
Acolyte: Caleb Hilsher

*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:

Jane Buteyn, Grace Jordan, vocals; Andrew Silbert, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard;
Naomi Christensen, violin; Barb Raymond, bass; Rob Pool, 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
(Offering)

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Mark 15: 33-41

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Acolyte: Zoe Beardsley

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. On this Third Sunday in Lent, we encounter the new and often surprising ways in which God works. The cross calls us to see and hear God in our lives in spite of who we are and what we have done. As we open our hearts in worship of God, let's ask God to help us live in openness to Him and to each other

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.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is the Fourth Sunday in Lent. During this season, we are contemplating how the shadow of the cross falls on us. Next Sunday's sermon ponders how the cross casts a shadow on our lives. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME begins next Sunday, March 11. Please turn your clocks ahead one hour.

RUSSIAN POTLUCK, MONDAY, MARCH 5 FROM 5-7 in the Community Room bring a dish-to-pass and enjoy fellowship with six wonderful teachers visiting from Russia. Questions, call Kathy Moore, 585-567-8625.

KID'S CLUB starts again on Wednesday, March 7, at 6 pm. Cars and boats for the Buddy Keith Grand Prix are available in Pastor Laurie's office for any K-6th who would like to participate.

HOUGHTON AREA SENIOR CITIZENS MEET THURSDAY, MARCH 8 in the Community Room. At 1:00 p.m. the Greatbach School of Music presents customized musical selections featuring a small percussion and vocal group.

EASTER BAPTISM: If you are interested in being baptized at the 7:45 a.m. Resurrection Service on Easter morning, April 1, please contact Pastor Wes. He will be hosting a preparatory class in mid-March.

MISSIONARY MOMENT – Western NYers, Chris and Melissa George, labor as church planters in Perth, Australia. Pray for Melissa's recovery from recent bone graft surgery, and while healing, for those to fill her ministry shoes. Pray for Chris' work load and for God to provide increased members of their support team. (See MISSIONARY MAILBAG in foyer for more missionary news.)

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Unknown to us, but seen by God, are thousands of secret Jesus-followers waiting for the right time to disclose their faith in Christ under threat of death or persecution. We pray for their growth in Christ, for exposure to the Word, for Christian fellowship, and for courage to tell others of their Savior at the right time. (See Open Doors USA for actual stories.)

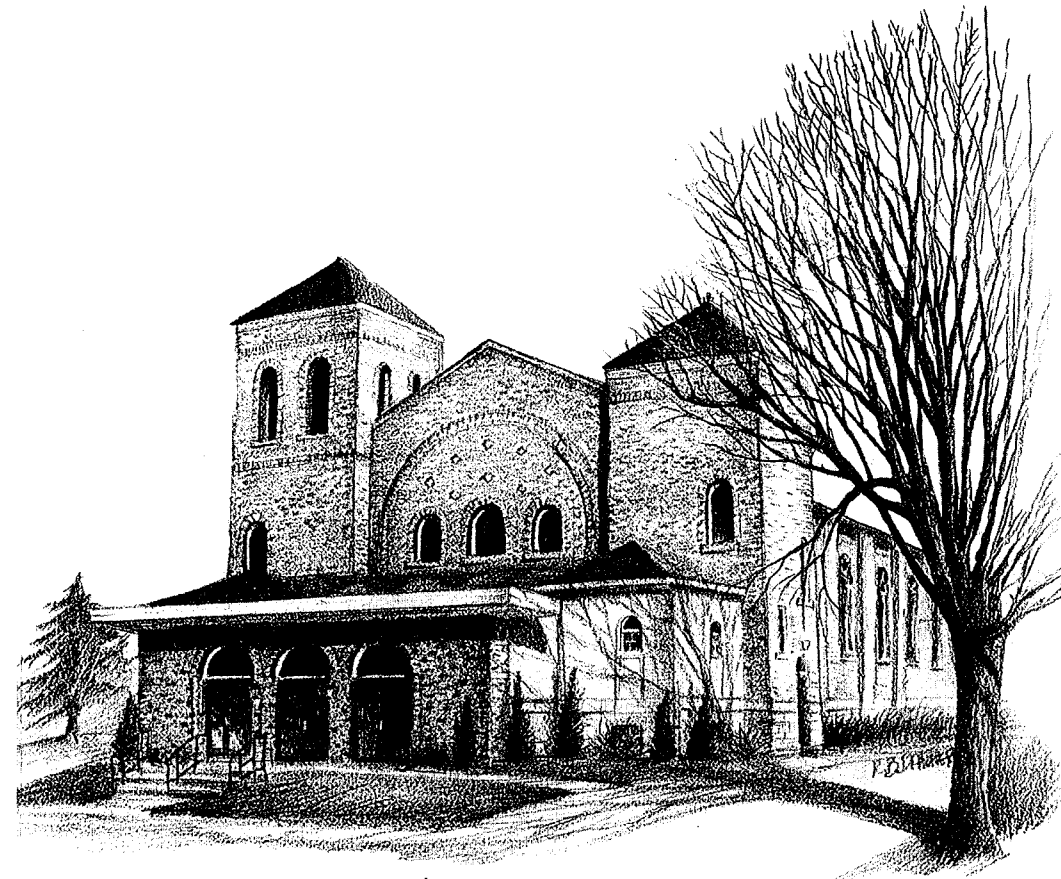
PASTOR WES'S BLOG: Pastor Wes posts a new blog most Wednesdays. You may subscribe on the church website (www.hwchurch.org) in order to receive an email each week when the blog is posted.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Skip Lord and family at the death of his mother this week and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Florence Teuber, Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Tim Nichols, Bob Brown, Louise Prinsell, Hudson Hess, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Chuck Barrett (Wendy Ott's brother), Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepian, 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 the leaders of our nation; and for Belfast First Baptist Church (Pastor Kyle Franklin).

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*

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