

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

### 8:20 MORNING WORSHIP

Welcome

#### *Worship through Song*

Ministry Spotlight: Valley Preschool

#### *Offering*

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27: 47-56

#### *Song*

**The Cross Casts a Shadow  
On Our Lives**  
Pastor Wes Oden

#### *Song*

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Scripture Reader: Angela Babbitt  
Acolyte: Sadie Miller

### 9:40 MORNING WORSHIP

#### *Pre-Service Worship*

#### *Worship through Song*

Time of Prayer

Ministry Spotlight: Valley Preschool

Scripture Reading: Matthew 27: 47-56

**The Cross Casts a Shadow  
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#### *Song* (Offering)

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Scripture Reader: Pastor Laurie Smalley  
Acolyte: Jordan Speta

*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:

Michaella Aliperti, Alana Brubaker, vocals; Ethan Yung, guitar;  
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Sarah Gurley, keyboard & vocals;  
Dan Zambrano, cello; Dan Wartinger, bass; Dustin Woodard, drums

*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 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) is dismissed during the 8:20 service during the song before the sermon.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The season of Lent is a time for reflection and action as we ponder the death of Jesus. These 40 days lead us through the deserts and valleys of life and through the peaks and joys of life. On this fourth Sunday in Lent, we remember that depths of God's love for us in Christ. May our worship help us to focus on our need and on his grace.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the Fifth Sunday in Lent. Pastor Wes's sermon *The Cross Casts a Shadow on Our Curiosity about Jesus* is from Matthew 27. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.

**FUNERAL AND VISITATION:** The funeral service for Kay Lindley is Saturday, March 17, at 10:00 a.m. at the church. Visitation will take place on Friday evening at Kopler-Williams Funeral Home in Fillmore from 6—8 p.m. and at the church for an hour on Saturday prior to the funeral service.

**THE ANNUAL BUDDY KEITH MEMORIAL GRAND PRIX BOAT AND CAR RACE** is on March 21st! Everyone is welcome to come and watch! Bring along some snacks to share and come cheer on the Kindergartners through second graders as they sail their boats and the Third through sixth graders as they race their cars!

**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 the next couple of weeks.

The Flower Committee **WELCOMES EASTER PLANTS** to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. If you would like to honor a loved one, please give the information to Patty Stalker in the church office by Monday, March 26, and please leave your plant at the church by Good Friday, March 30. The flower committee will be purchasing lilies for \$15 if you would like one.

Pick up your copy of the March *Missionary Mailbag* at the sanctuary and C.E. building foyers.

**LIVE STREAMING:** All of our worship services are live streamed through the church website and through streaming devices (AppleTV, Roku, etc.). If you use Roku, you will need to find the services on our new Roku app. Search for Houghton Wesleyan Church. Our new app will enable easier access.

**MISSIONARY MOMENT** – Our church continues to support many national teams on several continents traveling to villages and towns to show local language editions of the Jesus Film. The Easter season is an especially effective time to tell the Good News story. Join in prayer for a large harvest of new Christ-followers.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Jesus said, “Whoever does God’s will is my brother and sister and mother.” (Mark 3). Thinking of our diverse and widespread Family—the Body of Christ—we embrace all who worship Jesus as Savior and Lord and pray especially for those suffering persecution and hardship this day.

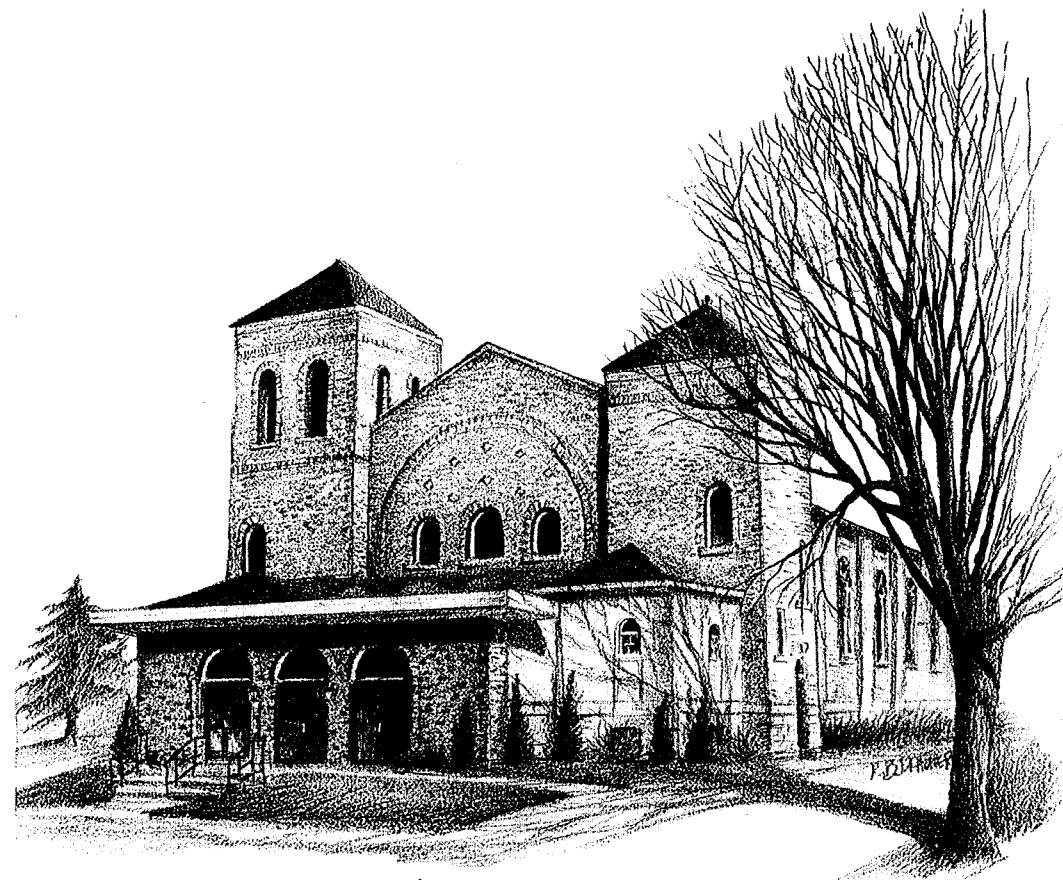
**PASTOR WES’S BLOG:** Pastor Wes posts a new blog most Wednesdays. You may subscribe on the church website ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) in order to receive an email each week when the blog is posted.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for Mike Jordan and his family at the death of his grandmother Kay Lindley this week, and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Michelle Russell, 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 Free Methodist Church (Pastor Calvin Smith).

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



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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