

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF PENTECOST  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP                      OCTOBER 21, 2018

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

Prelude: *Rejoice, the Lord is King* .....John Darwell, arr. John Innes

\*Call to Worship (Psalm 150)

↪Praise the Lord.

*Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.*

Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness.

*Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,*

*praise him with the harp and lyre,*

Praise him with timbrel and dancing, praise him with the strings and pipe,

*Praise him with the clash of cymbals,*

*praise him with resounding cymbals.*

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

*Praise the Lord!*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 2            *O Worship the King*

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Missions

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 30:1-10, 34-38

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

\*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty and merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of apathy to cloud our souls, hiding the light from our un-seeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they failed to live up to our expectations. Grant that we might know your love burning within us, the love that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love into flames of grace, truth, peace, and reconciliation. Lead us into new life through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. Amen.**

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.*

Song of Preparation:    *Speak, O Lord*

New Testament Reading: Revelation 7:9-8:5

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 434            *Our God is Love, and All His Saints*

Sermon:            **When Prayer is an Acquired Smell**

Pastor Wes Oden

\*Hymn 472            *Christ From Whom All Blessings Flow* (6 verses; on screen)

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* .....John Wyeth, arr. John Innes

\*Please stand if able

Organist: Carolyn Kindley

Worship Leader: Gudy Stevenson

Acolyte: Wesley Stevick

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.

There are **KID'S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the book shelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men's restroom.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Following the New Testament scripture reading, children ages 2-5 will be dismissed for Children's Church which meets in the Christian Ed building in Room 116.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We come to worship today because Christ who was dead is risen and all who believe have life in Him. May God help us worship today so that we may go forth to live in His grace and power every day.

**PRAYER VIGIL EVENT:** Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil begins next Sunday at 5:00 p.m. You can sign up this morning in the sanctuary and CE building foyers or anytime online ([hwchurch.org](http://hwchurch.org)) for an hour or more. Please contact the church office if you do not have internet access or are unsure about signing up online. Please note that security personnel will be on duty during from midnight to 4:00am to assist you. A brief service in anticipation of the prayer vigil will be held next Sunday at 4:30 in the sanctuary. This year's theme is *Teach Us to Pray*. The prayer room has been designed in a variety of ways to help us experience this theme through thinking about The Lord's Prayer.

**STEWARDSHIP**

Received (June 1—Present): \$308,736.14 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$305,668.00

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes's sermon, *When Prayer Is More Than We Think*, is grounded in Matthew 11:20-30. Next Sunday we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING:** Prayer Vigil Opening (4:30) / Small groups meet.

**Come to the FAMILY HARVEST EXTRAVAGANZA on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2-5PM:** No-cost neighborhood celebration. Accepting Candy Drive donations thru October 26. Please drop your donations off at the church office any time during office hours, Monday-Friday, 8am-5pm. Questions? Contact Rachel Blew at 585-610-5520.

**OUR LAUNCH DATE FOR CELEBRATE RECOVERY IS NOVEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup> FROM 7 PM TO 9 PM!** We will be meeting every Thursday evening thereafter in that time slot in Room 105. All are welcome to join us. Please contact Cathy Morley (585-567-8162 /[catmo57@hotmail.com](mailto:catmo57@hotmail.com)) for info.

**MISSION MOMENT** – Today, a Samaritan's Purse cargo plane is enroute to Monrovia, Liberia with Alan Shea, SIM missionary, a team of volunteer engineers, and generators and tons of supplies on board. We pray for God's hand in many logistical and technical hurdles in this several week special mission to restore reliable power to the critical medical and radio ministries at ELWA.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – We thank God for the recent release of Pastor Andrew Brunson from prison and house arrest in Turkey where he and his wife served Christ for over 20 years as pastor of a small congregation. We pray for their family transitions and the desire for future ministry. In spite of the hardship Brunson thanks God that now millions of Christians are praying for the people of Turkey.

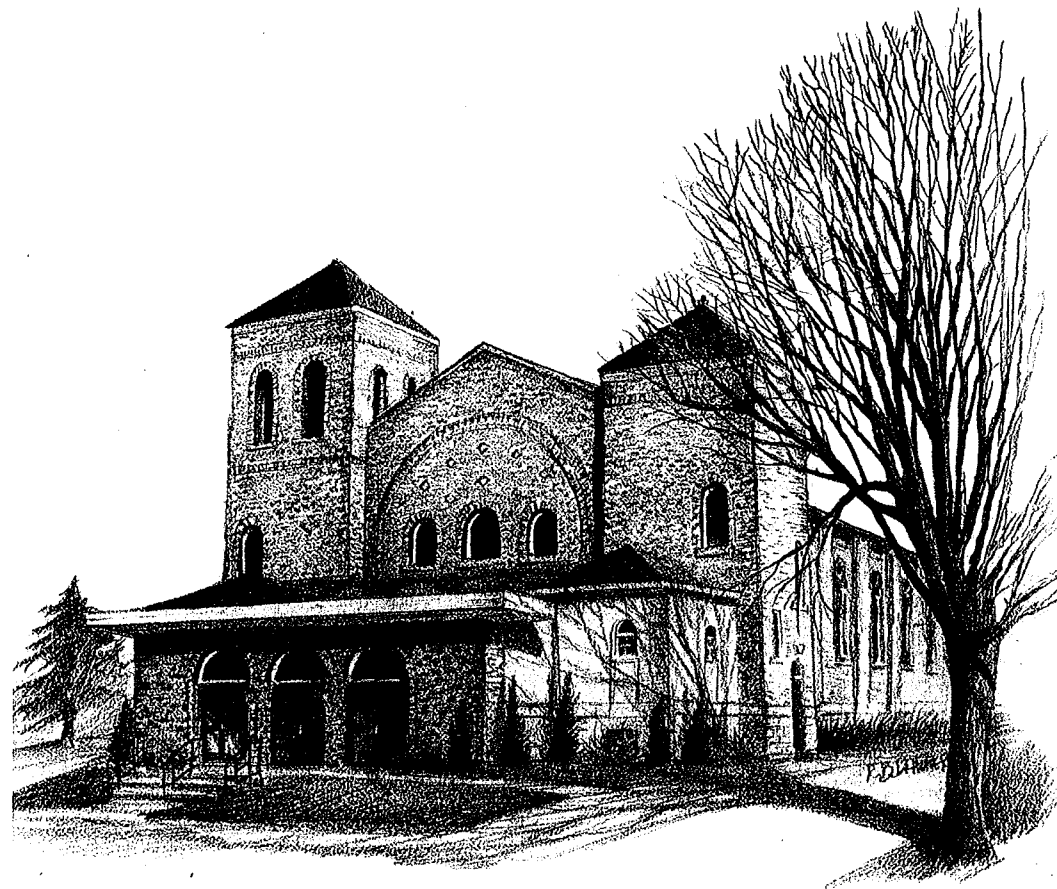
**CHURCH WEBSITE:** Please visit our church website ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) for information relating to the church and ministries. You may also access and subscribe to Pastor Wes's weekly blog which is a follow up to each Sunday's sermon.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Gwen Mercer, Bethie Liddick, Paul Johnson, Phil Main, Dan Gurley, Florence Teuber, Roselyn Danner, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Gus and Louise Prinsell, Nancy Cole, Peter Lingenfelter, Doris Essepian, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Emily Crikelair; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the Allentown United Methodist Church.



**Houghton**  
WESLEYAN CHURCH

*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*

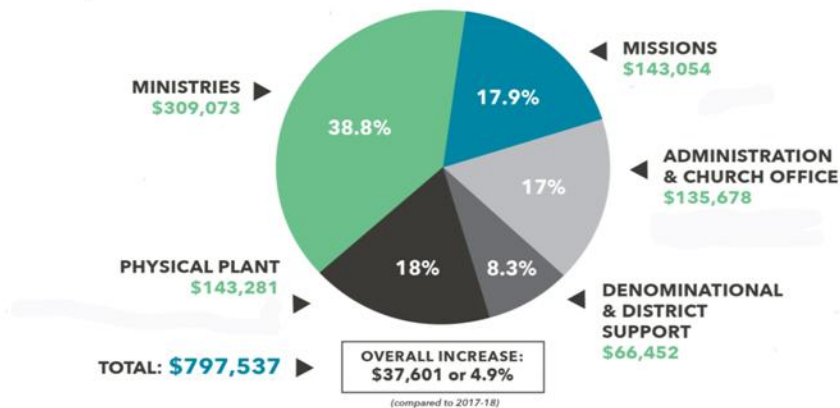
LAURIE SMALLEY, *Children's Ministry Director*

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# STEWARDSHIP

These finance updates are meant to let you know what your faithful support of Houghton Wesleyan Church accomplishes.

► **Treasure | 2018-2019 HWC COMMUNITY FINANCIAL PLAN:**



In the 2018-19 HWC Community Financial Plan 18 percent was budgeted for Physical Plant. That portion is managed by the Trustees which are elected by the congregation. Funds from that budget enabled several projects to be completed this summer that improve our facility:

- A new light fixture for the parking lot was purchased and installed.
- New carpeting in the 5th grade Sunday school room was installed and looks great.
- Railings at the side entrances have been put up and improve safety on those steps.
- A new faucet for the kitchen sink is now in place.

These repairs/improvements help keep the facility of Houghton Wesleyan Church safe, functional and comfortable for our ministries and other activities that happen in our church building.

Thank you for investing your Time, Talent and Treasure that we might be the church God intends us to be. If you have any questions about the Financial Plan or church finances, please don't hesitate to contact our Treasurer David Mercer or Pastor Wes.

