

# THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 13, 2019

## 8:20 MORNING WORSHIP

### *Worship through Song*

Celebration of Ministry:  
Sunday School

### *Offering*

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 2:41-52

*Following the scripture reading, children  
will be dismissed for Children's Church  
and Junior Church*

### *Song*

**The Boy Who Amazes Everyone**  
Pastor Wes Oden

### *Song*

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Scripture Reader: Matt Webb  
Acolyte: Lydia Schilke

## 9:40 MORNING WORSHIP

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Scripture Reader: Austen Kewin  
Acolyte: Zoe Beardsley

*The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of James Stanton Bates on October 24,  
2018 to Joanna and Peter and sisters Violet and Cora.*

*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, Josh Ellis, vocals; Ken Huang, guitar & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard;

Meghan Taylor, cello; Dan Wartinger, bass; Kylie Tomaselli, 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:** Following the scripture reading children ages 2-5 will be dismissed for Children's Church which meets in the Christian Ed building in Room 116.

**JUNIOR CHURCH** (Kinder-3rd Grade) meets today (8:20) .

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.

**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 you open your mind and heart to Christ that we will see and hear clearly God's design for us.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. Next week's sermon (Mark 1:21-28) calls us to think about how amazing Jesus is—what he teaches and what he does.

**SMALL GROUPS BEGIN THIS WEEK.** Anyone interested in starting or joining a Small Group fellowship are encouraged to contact Pastor Paul for information. [paulshea@hwchurch.org](mailto:paulshea@hwchurch.org).

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets from 7 to 9 pm on Thursday nights in the Good Shepherd Room (lower level of the church). Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to find community and freedom from the issues that are controlling our lives.

**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/prayer-room/](http://www.hwchurch.org/prayer-room/)) or by contacting the church office. Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

Received (June 1—Present): \$498,499.29 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$489,068.80

**MISSION MOMENT** – We pray for Steve and Ruth Strand who bear weighty responsibilities in Buffalo -- Ruth as Director of Spiritual Care at Jericho Road Community Health Center, Steve as Acting Administrator and teacher at Houghton College Buffalo. They constantly reach out to urban churches and neighbors with hearts filled with Christ's love.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – It is not unusual that two young adult women, Nadeen and Fatima, in southern Morocco have been forced to keep their faith secret while they still live with their families. They meet secretly but fellowship with a local house church is even out of the question. Pray for safety, Christian growth, and for their families to find Jesus.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Evelyn Heil, Jean-Louis Roederer, Eileen Spear, Sheryl O'Brien, Roselyn Danner, Gwen Mercer, Bethie Liddick, Bill Getty, Bev Rhett, Nancy Cole, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Florence Teuber, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Eila Shea, Peter Lingenfelter, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Dan Gurley, Paul Johnson; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the Christian Temple First Congregational Church, Wellsville (Pastor Michael Friday).



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

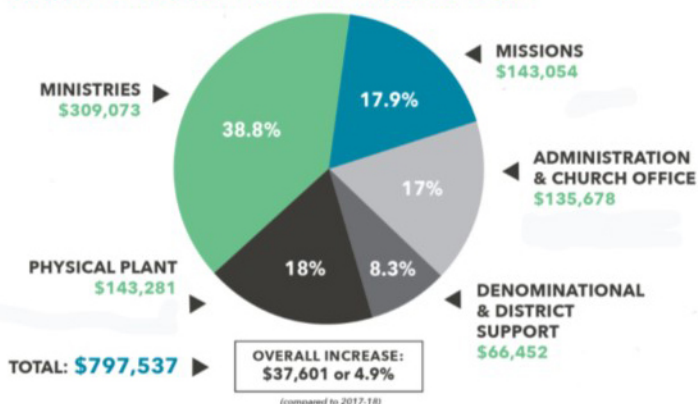
PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

LAURIE SMALLEY, *Children's Ministry Director*

# STEWARDSHIP

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



The start of a New Year is a time of new beginnings as we think back on the past year and look for opportunities to do things better in the coming year. How can we be better stewards of what God has entrusted to our care – resources like time, energy, and money?

God's extravagant generosity to us comes in the form of Grace – freely given to all. We respond to this grace with thankfulness and gratitude. Because God's grace is an "indefinable gift," one would expect our expressions of gratitude would be radical in return – coming from the very core of who we are. Simply put, stewardship is a spiritual discipline rooted in our relationship with God.

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

