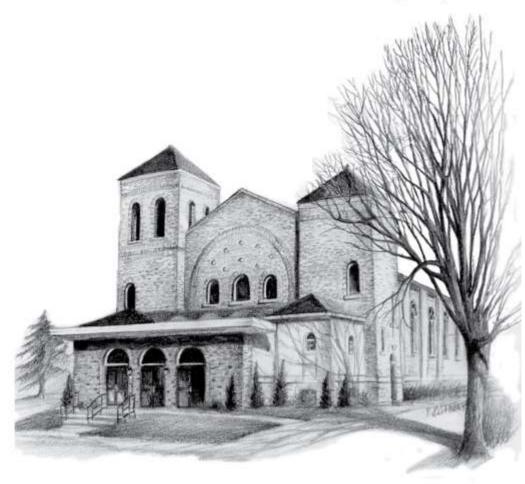


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# SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY FEBRUARY 24, 2019

8:20 MORNING WORSHIP

9:40 MORNING WORSHIP

#### Worship through Song

Celebration of Ministry: **Poverty Simulation** 

## Offering

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 11: 37-54 Following the scripture reading, children will be dismissed for Children's Church and Junior Church

### Song

Do Jesus' Expectations Amaze Us? Pastor Wes Oden

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Scripture Reader: Angela Babbitt

Acolyte: Caleb Hilsher

Scripture Reader: Austen Kewin Acolyte: Avalon Taylor

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:

Abby Aguirre, Lauren Grifoni, vocals; Jon Brennan, guitar; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Bekah Brennan, keyboard; Rachel Schaarschmidt, violin; Elisabeth Harris, bass; Evan Logee, percussion

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 in the 8:20 service, 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**. The season of Epiphany helps us gain a clearer understanding of who Jesus is and why he comes. Jesus' teaching and interaction with the religious leaders of Israel is integral to our vision of him. Out of these encounters, our eyes are opened to his heart and to the central elements of his calling upon his disciples. May God give open our eyes and our hearts today as we worship Jesus.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Wes' sermon focuses our attention on not just how amazing Jesus is but where our sense of amazement leads us. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.

**POVERTY SIMULATION** – Sign Up ASAP for March 12 or 13, 6:30 pm. Register online: www.hopeinternational.org/simulation or contact Austen Kewin.

**HWC COMMUNICATIONS SURVEY:** Thanks to the more than 130 people who completed the survey to help us improve our communication at HWC. We would love to hear from more of you, particularly Houghton College and Houghton Academy students. The purpose of the survey is to serve you better by uncovering the methods of communication that are working and those that need to be improved. The survey should take less than 10 minutes and is completely anonymous. Use this link to do the survey online: <a href="https://houghton.formstack.com/forms/hwc\_survey">https://houghton.formstack.com/forms/hwc\_survey</a>. Paper surveys are available in the church office.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Received (June 1—Present): \$574,117.82 / Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$580,769.20

**PRAYER GROUP** — Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Room 9 below the sanctuary a growing number gather for prayer for the community and church. All are invited to join each Wednesday evening.

**SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET:** You may access the Sunday sermon on the church website (<u>www.hwchurch.org</u>) or on iTunes (<u>www.itunes.com</u>). The services are available on iTunes by late Sunday afternoon and on our website by late Monday morning.

**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.

**MEMBERSHIP CLASS:** Pastor Wes is organizing a membership class in March. If you are interested in becoming a member or knowing more about membership, this class is for you. If you are interested in knowing more about who we are as the Houghton Church, this class is for you. If you are already a member but would like a review, this class is for you. Please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org) if you are interested in attending.

**MISSION MOMENT** — Pray for Alan and Cheri Shea and family in final preparations for March 14 return to the ELWA radio and major SIM hospital campuses in Liberia. Pray for family health and Alan working here and once there, on all power, water, technical matters and radio studio completion.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Pray for Nigeria in a time of uncertainty with the delay of national elections compounded by terrorist group activities. Weekly reports filter out of killings and atrocities towards Christians —most recently a pastor killed and his family kidnapped in northern Nigeria.

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