

**SUNDAY SCHOOL PICNIC JUNE 9:** everyone is invited to the SS Potluck Picnic following church next Sunday. Please bring a main dish and either a dessert or salad to share.

**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.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets Thursday Evenings, 7-9 PM in the Good Shepherd Room. CR is a safe place to share hurts, habits and hang-ups.

**STEWARDSHIP** Received (June 1—Present): \$793,243.67  
Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$794,736.80  
(Reminder: If you give online, please place an **I Gave Online** card in the offering plate as it is passed.)

**MISSION MOMENT:** Continue to pray for Christians in Sri Lanka where Pastor Cedric and Sharlini Rodrigo lead Wesleyan ministries. Pray for their safe travels to USA and Houghton for the upcoming wedding June 15 of son , Shehan Rodrigo, to Stephanie Feliz, both 2019 Houghton grads.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – We pray for the Christian minority in India in the wake of the landside election victory of BJP party and its hardline Hindu nationalistic policies. In many places Christians face harassment and discrimination. May they find encouragement and grace in these days.

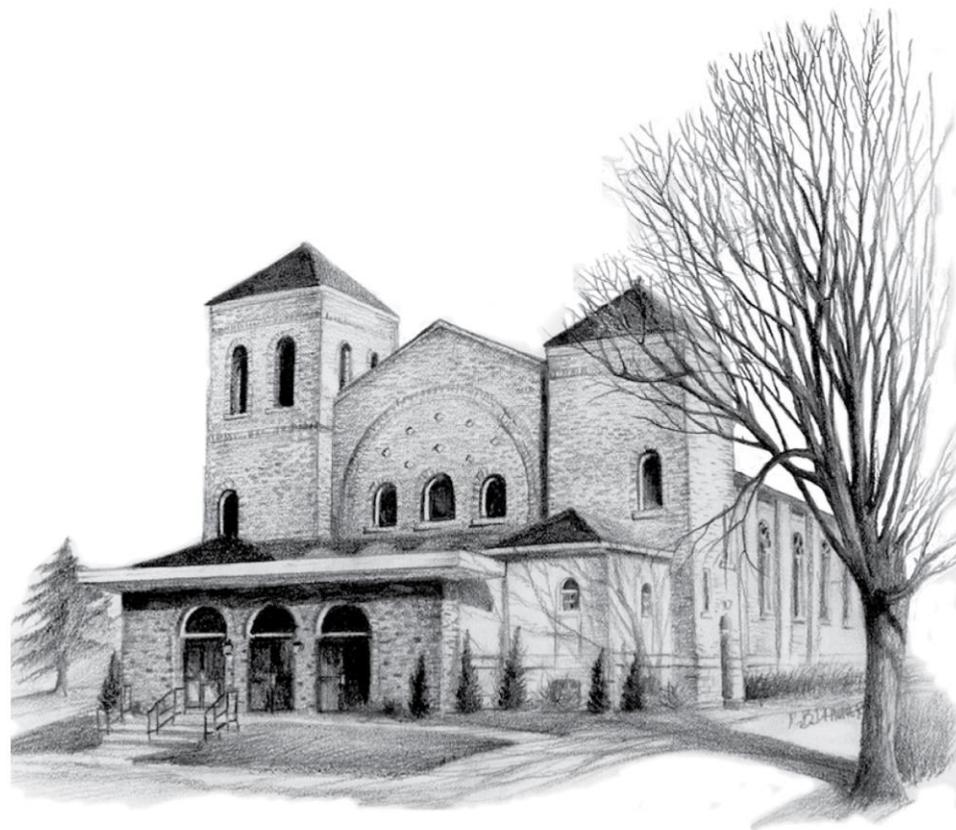
**PRAYER CONCERNS:** **PRAYER CONCERNS:** for Dave Buteyn and his family at the death of his mother and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Paulette Schierer, Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Joe Coleson (Sarah Derck's father), Reuben Samuels, Ruby Schierer Williams, Phyllis Osgood, Debbie Alderman Wilson, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Sheryl O'Brien, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, 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; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for Angola Wesleyan Church (Pastor Mike Trippett).

#### **SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE**

June 2 – June 30..... Worship – 8:30 and 11:00 /Sunday School – 9:45  
(through June 16)  
July 7 – August 11..... .Worship – 10:00 / No Sunday School  
August 18 – September 1.. Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /No Sunday School  
September 8..... Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /Sunday School – 9:40



*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 Pastor*

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP                      JUNE 2, 2019

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

Prelude: *Variations on "How Great Thou Art"* .....Michael Burkhardt

\*Call to Worship (from Romans 5)

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand.

***And we boast in the hope of the glory of God.***

Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope.

***And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us.***

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 457        ***My Hope is in the Lord***

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:        *Thanks be to God!***

\****Doxology***

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *How Love Wins* .....Bernie Herms, Nicole Nordeman  
Austen Kewin, soloist

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, you love us, but we are often hesitant to love you. You call, but we are often hesitant to listen. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We subtly ignore evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who has promised that if we confess our sins, he will indeed forgive us our sins. 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.*

New Testament Reading: Ephesians 2:13-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:        *Thanks be to God!***

\*Hymn 392        ***Rock of Ages! Cleft for Me***

Sermon:            **Love Wins – the Power of Peace**  
Pastor Paul Shea

The Lord's Supper        ***Arise, My Soul, Arise***  
***Before the Throne***

\*Hymn 273        ***And Can it Be?***

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Fugue, Op. 7* .....Maurice Duruflé

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\*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Jessica Romance

Acolyte: Wesley Stevick

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**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 offering for Children's Church: they meet in room 116 in the Christian Education Building. **NOTE:** We have set up two computer check-in stations in the lower foyer of the sanctuary so anyone can check in for Children's Church before church starts or at the beginning of the service.

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

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**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** As we gather today, our hearts are full of gratitude to God for his innumerable blessings. We see his hand in the sun and moon, in the greening of trees and in the budding of flower. We experience his abundant grace in family and friends, in creating and sustaining, in life and love. May God open our eyes this morning to see him and our hearts to trust him.

**TONIGHT AT 5:00** you are invited to a fellowship time of ice cream and connections. This come-and-go hour is an opportunity to connect with friends and to make new acquaintances. You don't need to bring anything: the church is providing drinks and ice cream.

**TOMORROW, Monday, June 3 at 7:00 p.m.** we welcome the Independent Presbyterian Church Senior High Choir from Nashville, TN, for their concert in the church sanctuary.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Laurie Smalley preaches in our worship services at 8:30 and 11:00.