

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes addresses laws and freedom: *Good Boys and Girls Follow the Rules ... Or Do They?* (Romans 6:15-18).

PRAYER VIGIL: Plans are in the works for our annual three-week, 24/7 prayer vigil. It starts November 3. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

SHOP BACK-TO-SCHOOL SALES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOXES: Please drop off items (scissors, crayons, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, markers, pencil sharpeners, and pencil pouches) in boxes located in the CE Foyer, church foyer and around the church. Questions? Contact Jessica Romance at jessics.r.mullen@gmail.com. Packing Party Nov. 2 from 10-11:30.

PRAYER GROUP – Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Room 9 below the sanctuary.

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): \$ 224,708.29
 Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 247,480.48

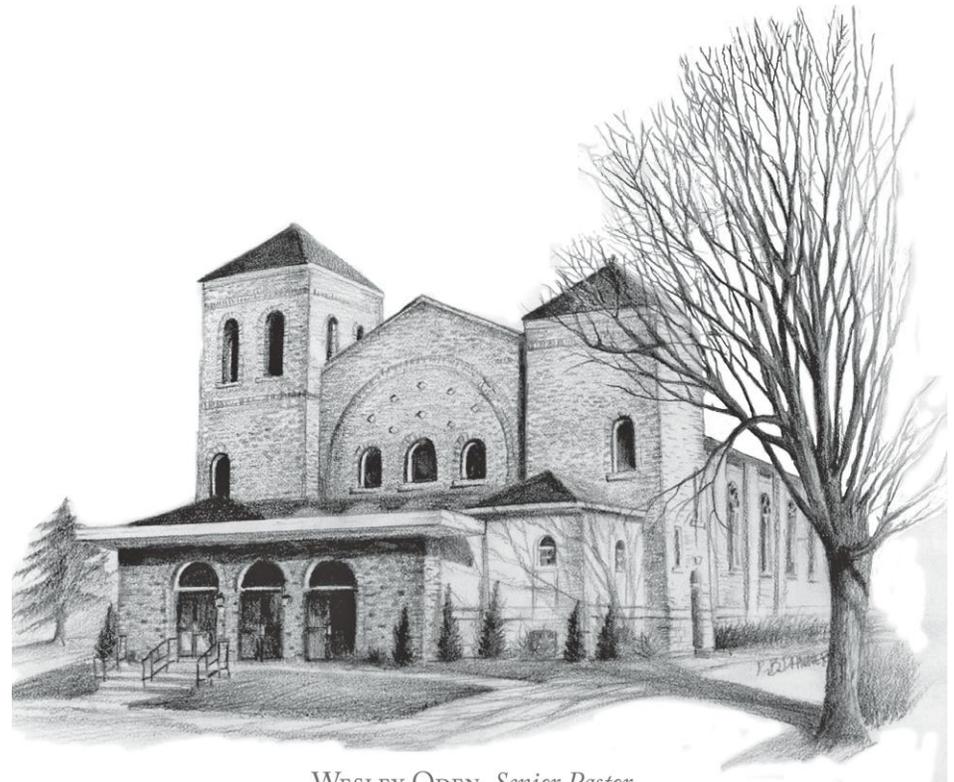
MISSION MOMENT - God has given this church the privilege of partnering with various tasks making God's Word available in local languages. We pray for our "team" with Wycliffe Bible Translators in addition to Leah Doty – Joel and Barb Trudell, Rod and Ellen Casali, John and Sylvia Christensen, and Steve and Margie Doty.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Once peaceful Burkino Faso in W. Africa has turned into a hotbed of extremism. It's reported that nearly 200 churches have reportedly closed doors rather than face the threat of violence. We pray for Christians in this region of W. Africa. (Prayercast.)

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family of Dave Stanley (Carol Stonemetz's brother) at the death of his wife and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: John Smith (Shelley Noyes' father), Robert Stalker, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Paulette Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Elijah Perry, Reuben Samuels, 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, 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 Forestville Wesleyan Church (Pastor Bruce Ellis).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 22, 2019

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

Prelude: *Hymn Prelude on "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"* ..Craig Phillips

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 104)

Praise the Lord, my soul. Lord our God, you are very great; you are clothed with splendor and majesty.

The Lord wraps himself in light as with a garment; he stretches out the heavens like a tent and lays the beams of his upper chambers on their waters.

He makes the clouds his chariot and rides on the wings of the wind.

He makes winds his messengers, flames of fire his servants.

I will sing to the Lord all my life;

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

May our meditation be pleasing to him, as we rejoice in the Lord.

Praise the Lord, my soul.

Praise the Lord!

*Invocation

*Hymn 3 ***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Children’s Ministries

Anthem: *How Can I Keep from Singing?*arr. B. Eric Nelson

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6: 1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*arr. Jon Spong

Prayer of Confession

Gracious Lord, far too often we are more interested in conflict than in peace. We fight to get our own way. We wrestle for recognition. We argue in order to prove that we are right. We are often more concerned with winning than with loving. Our attitude creates conflict, tension and much pain. Heavenly Father, forgive us. Give us a new vision of the Prince of Peace. Open our hearts to the Holy Spirit that makes us more interested in compassion and grace than in perfection and judgment. We ask this in confidence, knowing that You hear us and that You forgive us through the mercy of Christ. 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 Response

*New Testament Reading: Matthew 22: 34-40

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 97

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners

(children dismissed for Children’s Church)

Sermon:

Should God’s People Be Ambidextrous?

Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 197

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Trumpet Voluntary in E-flat*David Johnson

*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Emily Allen

Acolyte: Joseph Derck

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: Preschool Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon: they meet in room 116 in the Christian Education Building. There are **KID’S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the bookshelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men’s restroom.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist proclaims: “Blessed is the one who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands” (112:1). We are here today because we want to delight in God whose commands are given out of His heart of love. We pray that you experience the joy of God as we worship together.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Pastor Wes is hosting a membership class this Wednesday, September 25, 6:30 – 9:00pm in the Margaret Wynn Conference Room (in the church office complex). If you are interested in joining the Houghton Wesleyan Church or in knowing more about what it means to be a member of this church, you are invited to attend the class.

SMALL GROUPS CONTINUE. Those seeking a Small Group, please contact paulshea@hwchurch.org

KOINONIA MEETS TONIGHT, 7 PM IN WESLEY CHAPEL