
Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost

October 13, 2019

8:20 Morning Worship

Worship through Song

Celebration of Ministry

Offering

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading:

Romans 13: 1-7; Mark 11: 15-18

Song

(children dismissed)

The Challenging Tension of Authority

Pastor Wes Oden

Song

Scripture Reader: Austen Kewin

Acolyte: Campbell Mucher

9:40 Morning Worship

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Romans 13: 1-7; Mark 11: 15-18

Celebration of Ministry

The Challenging Tension of Authority

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Song

Scripture Reader: Alison Young Reusser

Acolyte: Talon Bramer

*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:

Danielle Ferris, Ethan Bast, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Grace Deitrick, keyboard & vocals;
Meghan Taylor, cello; Elisabeth Harris, bass; Kylie Tomaselli, drums



Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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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 & JR. CHURCH: Preschool children ages 2-5 will be dismissed for Children's Church and children grades K-3 will be dismissed for Jr. Church during the song before the sermon in the 8:20 service; Children's Church meets in the Christian Education building in Rm 116 and Jr. Church on the second floor of the CE building in the Primary Assembly room.

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 apostle Paul writes, "So now there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus" (Romans 8:1). As we gather here may we embrace the freedom that God has bestowed on us. Let us come together as one body, that we may exercise this freedom and use it to cultivate a community of faith. May our worship today leave us renewed by His power and convinced of His love.

Next Sunday Morning we will gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes' sermon will focus on the idea *Praying about Pain* (Philippians 1).

Tonight KOINONIA meets at 7 p.m. in Wesley Chapel.

Small Groups Continue. Those seeking a Small Group, please contact paulshea@hwchurch.org

Prayer Vigil: Plans are in the works for our annual three-week, 24/7 prayer vigil. It starts November 3. This year's theme *Tension to Tapestry* connects us this fall's sermon and small group series. More information will be available in the coming weeks.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: We are especially looking for hygiene items like washcloths, toothbrushes, hairbrushes/combs, and hair (no soaps or toothpastes) and toys like yo-yos, balls, matchbox cars, play-doh, slinky, stuffed animals or figures. Drop off in boxes located in the CE Foyer, church foyer and around the church grounds? Contact Jessica Romance at jessics.r.mullen@gmail.com. Packing Party November 2 from 10-11:30.

Prayer group – Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Rm 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): \$ 267,025.73

Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 293,883.07

Mission Moment - Pray for several leaders of Rochester Youth Association, including Mateo Hess, currently holding Gospel campaigns in areas of Colombia, S.A. Houghton Church supports this multi-ethnic youth ministry in Rochester, NY with its ties to the churches of Colombia and Ecuador as well as outreach in the city.

Persecuted Church – Meanwhile, reports come of a rural Colombian pastor murdered in August, the fourth church leader to be killed in the last eleven months for opposition to illegal armed groups. Pray for 39-year-old Pastor Salcedo's family and the churches in that region.

Prayer Concerns: for Shelley Noyes and her family at the death of her father and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Robert Stalker, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Paul Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Jeshu, Keesha and Elijah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Debbie Alderman Wilson, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill and Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhoads, Hil 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 Lockport Wesleyan Church, (Pastor Moore).

THE SIXTH ANNUAL

HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH

**Family Harvest
Extravaganza**

OCTOBER 26 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Games
Crafts
Hay Rides*
Bounce House

Prizes
Snacks
Live Animals*
Facepainting

AND JOIN US FOR:

**Valley Preschool
Open House**



Youth Group
Pulled Pork Take-out
Fundraiser Dinner
•11:30 until sold out
•By Donation

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTREACH CELEBRATION AT NO COST

**Weather Permitting*

Donations of candy, individual, pre-packaged pretzels, and goldfish crackers are greatly appreciated. Please drop your donations off at the church office any time during office hours, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. to noon or 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. or on Sunday mornings.

Contact Emily Spateholts or Cindy Oden



We are also looking for food donations to help make the Family Harvest Extravaganza a success! If you would like to serve our community in this way, please sign up to bake a breakfast treat or shop for drinks:

<https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/CNTL3157>.

Donations can be dropped off at the church on Friday, October 25th. Please contact Susie Roorbach with any questions at susanna.roorbach12@houghton.edu or 716-374-4290 (text or call).

STEWARDSHIP *A Life of Generosity*

Houghton Wesleyan Church is blessed by faithful and generous giving from its members. In fact, this year the Elders were faced with an unusual situation – a budget surplus. The surplus from Fiscal Year 2019 was \$39,552 (\$2,948 from gifts above budget plus \$36,604 under spent budget).

The Stewardship Committee spent considerable time discussing what to do with this surplus and recommended to the Elders the following distribution, which they approved:

- \$15,000 - Outreach
 - \$6,500 Global Missions—\$341 to each of our 19 supported missionaries
 - \$6,500 Local Outreach—Benevolent Funds used to assist a variety of people, some in our church, many not;
 - \$2,000 Valley Preschool scholarships
- \$12,052 – Reserve Fund (to keep our church financially stable in the case of unexpected, emergency needs)
- \$5,000 – Other projects not included in the Financial Plan
- \$7,500 – Pulpit supply during a Sabbatical for Pastors Wes and Cindy (at some point in the future).

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 one of the church Elders or Treasurer David Mercer or Pastor Wes.

Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.

2 Cor. 9:11 NLT

