

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP NOVEMBER 17, 2019

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

Prelude: *There is a Happy Land*George Shearing

*Call to Worship

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life."

Jesus also said to the people, and He says to us even today, "You are the light of the world."

"A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

*Invocation

*Hymn 357 *Be Thou My Vision*

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 52: 4-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Thy Strong Word*Paul Manz

Prayer of Confession

O God, your being is love and all your works toward us are mercy. Forgive us when we stray from our confession of faith into thinking that you are like the gods of this world, who demand destructive sacrifices in exchange for your favor. Cleanse us from the injustice that goes hand in hand with idolatry. Illuminate our minds with knowledge of who You are, acknowledging you as the Source, the Giver, whose attitude toward us is one abounding in unflinching generosity and steadfast love. In the name of Jesus Christ, who trusted you through death to new life, 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: *By Our Love*

New Testament Reading: Romans 12: 9-18

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Hymn 367 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Sermon: **What Does It Mean to Witness for Jesus?**
Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 363 *Let My Life Speak for Thee, Dear Lord*

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Dorian Toccata*J. S. Bach

*Please stand if able

Organist: Nicholas Liddick

Worship Leader: Pastor Paul Shea

Acolyte: Ellie Brubaker

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 the Nursery (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. As we gather together in worship today, we praise God for who he is and we give thanks to God for all that he has done for us and for this world. May our worship enable us to open our hearts and lives to all that he desires to say to us and do in us.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Elders, Tuesday, 7:00 pm

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: We are now two weeks into our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil. Times are available for you to reserve in the prayer room, which may be done online anytime (www.hwchurch.org) or in either the sanctuary or CE building foyers this morning. Call the church office if you need assistance (567-2264). Security personnel are available at the church (Midnight – 4:00am). During the night hours please enter the front doors that face Route 19.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes concludes the fall sermon series of Tension to Tapestry. Next week's sermon, *Living Between Now and Not Yet* is from Jeremiah 29 and 1 Corinthians 15. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

ROLLAND FLETCHER VISITATION & MEMORIAL SERVICE: Visitation: Thursday, November 21, 9:00-11:00 am here at the church followed by the Memorial Service at 11:00 am. We will be streaming the service.

FOOD PANTRY: Our annual food collection will take place next Sunday morning, **November 24**. Please bring items for the food pantry to church that morning. During this past year, we have helped 248 people in 93 families. Donated food items or monetary contributions are gratefully accepted.

MISSION MOMENT – How can we keep up with our missionaries? News from our partners in the field is available each month in the *Missionary Mailbag* available via email (contact the Church Office to be added) or in the church/CE foyers Also, the monthly *Missionary Spotlight* insert reports on two of our mission workers -- today Georges and Romy and Linda. Pray!

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: Lebanon's current political upheaval reminds us to pray for Christians in that more tolerant nation. Christians have opportunity to witness in word and deed to their majority Muslim neighbors, and the million Syrian and Palestinian refugees. Pray that they will stay and meet the task by the Spirit's power. (prayercast.com)

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

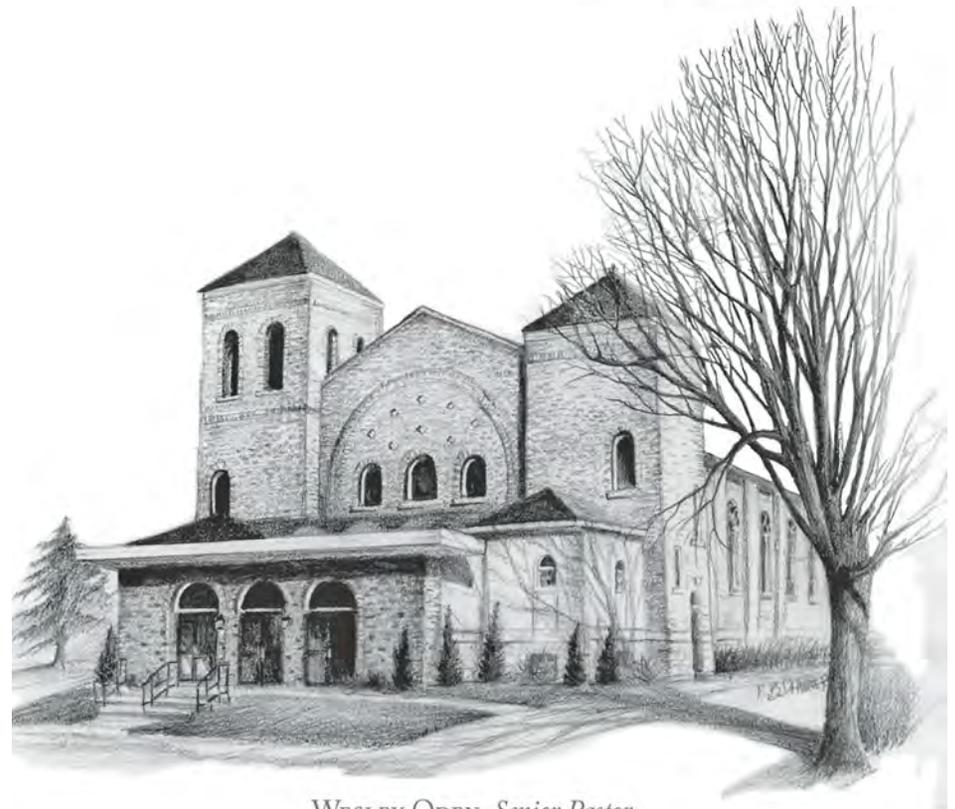
CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets Thursdays from 7-9 pm in the Good Shepherd Room beneath the sanctuary.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1—Present): \$ 341,135.32
 Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 371,220.72

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: James Bates, Diane Emmons, Chris Stewart, Karen Szymanski, Phyllis Osgood, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Jerry Isaman (Joe Breton's step-father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Paulette Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah 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 Wesleyan Church of Orchard Park (Pastor Dan Jones).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

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THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 24

On Sunday, November 24, we will collect food for the Food Pantry at all three services.

While we accept food donations of all kinds, due to space limitations and to help us run the pantry more efficiently, please limit your donations to the items on the following list when shopping.

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| -Pasta | -Spaghetti sauce* | -Macaroni & cheese | -Canned tuna |
| -Canned chicken | -Ramen noodles | -Baked beans | -Canned chili |
| -Canned beef stew | -Soup | -Boxed rice | -Cereal |
| -Boxed oatmeal packets | -Canned fruit* | -Canned vegetables | -Peanut butter* |
| -Jelly or jam* | -Jarred applesauce | -Syrup* | -Granola bars |
| -Boxed pancake mix | -Canned pasta (Spaghettios, Ravioli) | | -Boxed potato mixes |
| -Helpers (Hamburger, Tuna, Chicken) | | -Fruit juices/juice boxes | |
| -Snacks (cookies, crackers, jello, pudding, fruit snacks) | | -Shampoo, soap, deodorant, personal toiletries | |

*An item with an asterisks denotes a traditionally high need item.

**Due to health and safety concerns, we do not accept opened items or home-baked goods.

***We can also use your recycled plastic shopping bags if you would like to donate them.

NOTE: Monetary Donations (checks to Houghton Wesleyan Church with "FOOD PANTRY" on the Memo Line or online giving to the Food Pantry) provide fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, eggs, cheese, and milk, as well as emergency groceries for families in our community. The Food Pantry has a refrigerator and a freezer to store items.

NOTE: Perishable Pantry Donations may be brought to the church office throughout the year. Thank you for your continued donations!

Chris & Melissa George

With Global Partners, in Australia

November 2019

Who, Where, What

Pastor, disciplers and church planters in Western Australia with Global Partners. Chris and Melissa work to serve the young (but growing) church in Perth and take advantage of many opportunities to shine the light of Jesus in this secular setting. They aim to build a growing,

self-contained district of healthy churches in Western Australia.



Prayer & Praise

~ Praise for new believers and disciples through community outreach, children/youth programs and camps.

~ Pray for a growing number of inroads into the community. For youth activities. For growing local leadership in the church. For adequate prayer and financial support.