

**Peace**

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 8, 2019

8:20 MORNING WORSHIP

***Song of Adoration***

Lighting of the Advent Candle

***Worship through Song***

***Offering***

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3:1-12

***Song***

(children dismissed)

**Voices in the Wilderness**

Rev. Dr. Michael Walters

***Song***

9:40 MORNING WORSHIP

***Song of Adoration***

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***Worship through Song***

***Offering***

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Matthew 3: 1-12

**Voices in the Wilderness**

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***Song***

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Scripture Reader: Calvin Schierer

Acolyte: Caleb Hilsher

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Scripture Reader: Jeff Babbitt

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*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, Jeff Babbitt, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;  
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard;  
Dan Zambrano, cello; Elisabeth Harris, bass; Kylie Tomaselli, drums

*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:** Preschool children ages 2-5 will be dismissed for Children's Church during the song before the sermon in the 8:20 service; Children's Church meets in the Christian Ed building in Rm 116. **Jr. Church** meets in the Primary Assembly Room on the 2nd floor of the Christian Education Building.

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.** Advent is a bittersweet time: it's a time of hopeful anticipation for what God is going to do and a time of painful waiting for God to do what He has promised. Today, we are reminded that the promises of old are still true and that the presence of God with us is still real.

**GUEST PREACHER.** We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. J. Michael Walters today. Dr. Walters was the Senior Pastor of this church for 13 years and taught at Houghton College for 20 years.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the Third Sunday of Advent. Join us for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

**TONIGHT:** *Koinonia meets in the Recital Hall (7:00 p.m.)*

**WEEKLY ADVENT DEVOTIONALS** are available in the sanctuary foyer. Please take as many as you need. There are also **Children's Advent Activities** in the Children's Corner of the foyer.

**MISSION MOMENT** – Jim and Karen Szymanski largely promote the work of TEN3 by speaking in churches in North America and by prayer ministry. We pray for their work on behalf of believers in Africa, and especially as Karen back surgery this week. TEN3 uses computers, education and other means to lift communities and spread the Gospel in Africa.

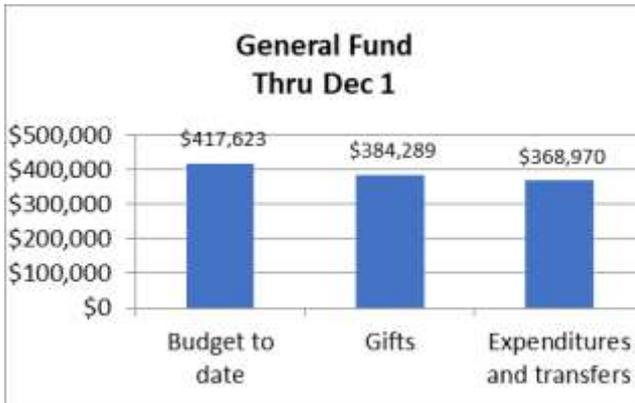


# STEWARDSHIP *A Life of Generosity*

Thanksgiving is a time to reflect on God's grace to us as a body and as individuals. We have much to be thankful for. Everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We are free to give because our Heavenly Father freely gives. One way God uses us to bless others is through our giving to the church.

Among many other things, our giving to Houghton Wesleyan Church helps young people know about God's love and promises through the children and youth ministries; the Food Pantry provides nourishing food for families in need; the music ministry team helps us worship with relevant songs and beautiful music; and the missions ministry provides ongoing support and encouragement for missionaries.

Thank you for enabling all these things through your faithful support. Let them give thanks to the Lord for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men, for he satisfies the thirsty and fills the hungry with good things." Psalm 107: 8-9 (NIV).



REMINDER: All Gifts for Calendar Year 2019 need to be:

- Given in church on December 30 or delivered to the church office by the 31st
- Mailed with a postmark date of December 31st or earlier
- Given on-line by 2:00 pm on December 31st in order to ensure a transaction date in 2019

# CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING 2019

## Canaan, Haiti School Project

Goal \$20,000

### Classroom Completion and Solar Power

WHERE: Canaan is a sprawling city 20 miles from Port-au-Prince, Haiti.

Almost all residents' former homes and belongings were destroyed in the devastating 2010 earthquake. The Wesleyan Church has a strong presence and a school in a section of Canaan with over 5,000 people.

WHAT: World Hope International and the WNY District Wesleyan Churches and friends have committed to long term development of school, community center, water and power, and Child Sponsorship projects. Houghton Wesleyan is excited to join this effort this Christmas.

HOW: Our gifts will help complete much needed classrooms and upgrade solar power supply. Hundreds of children attend our Wesleyan school under the local church's leadership.



HWC and friends may give to the Christmas Eve Offering:

- ◆ **By check through December 24th with note, “Haiti Christmas Offering” on memo**
- ◆ One-time December 24th Offering by cash or check or
- ◆ **Online Giving at [www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org) “Haiti Christmas Offering”**



## Live Nativity at Kids Club Family Christmas Party & Dinner December 11, 5:45 - 7:15

The December 11th Kids' Club starts at 5:45 for our Family Celebration. Parents are asked to bring a dozen cookies or another holiday snack to complement our pizza supper. Kids, we hope to see you and your families there for songs, crafts, and our living nativity.



*Next Sunday-*



## *Carol Sing and Cookie Reception*

December 15 at 5:00 p.m.  
Bring your instruments.

Bring a plate of cookies to share (leave them in the church kitchen) before joining voices in celebrating our annual Carol Sing in the sanctuary.

## **HWC College Ministries Christmas Caroling December 15th**



The College Ministry Committee invites you to join us at 2:00pm in the Community Room on December 15<sup>th</sup> for an afternoon of Christmas Caroling throughout the community and at the Nursing Home. Hot chocolate and homemade cookies by Noah Weuthrich will be served afterward in Room 105 across from the church Library. All are invited! The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!



The Flower Committee Welcomes Your Christmas Poinsettias to help beautify the sanctuary for Christmas. We have purchased a number of poinsettias which you may purchase for \$12.00 each or you may bring your own on December 14. If you care to purchase one, please leave \$12.00 with Patty Stalker in the church office and fill out a reservation form indicating your preferences. If you wish to honor a loved one, please leave information with Patty by December 17.



### Jr. Church COAT DRIVE

Once again, Jr. Church is accepting donations of winter coats, hats, and gloves for a local charity through the month of December! If you have items to donate, please drop them by either Emily and Ann's office, the primary assembly room, or the box in the CE foyer. Thanks!



## SUNDAY SCHEDULE FOR THE HOLIDAYS

**December 15** Worship Services 8:20 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
(Final Sunday School classes until January 12)

**2:00 p.m.** Community & Nursing Home Christmas Caroling with College students; gather in the Community Room and ends in Room 105 for hot chocolate and homemade cookies by Noah Weuthrich. All are invited.

**5:00 p.m.** Carol Sing/Cookie Reception (Bring your instruments)

**December 22, 29 & January 5:** Worship Service at 10:00 a.m. (no Sunday School)

**January 12** Worship Services: 8:20 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Small Groups resume meeting

## CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICES DECEMBER 24

5:00 p.m. Includes a special time for children

7:00 p.m. Candles, carols, and the reading of the Christmas story