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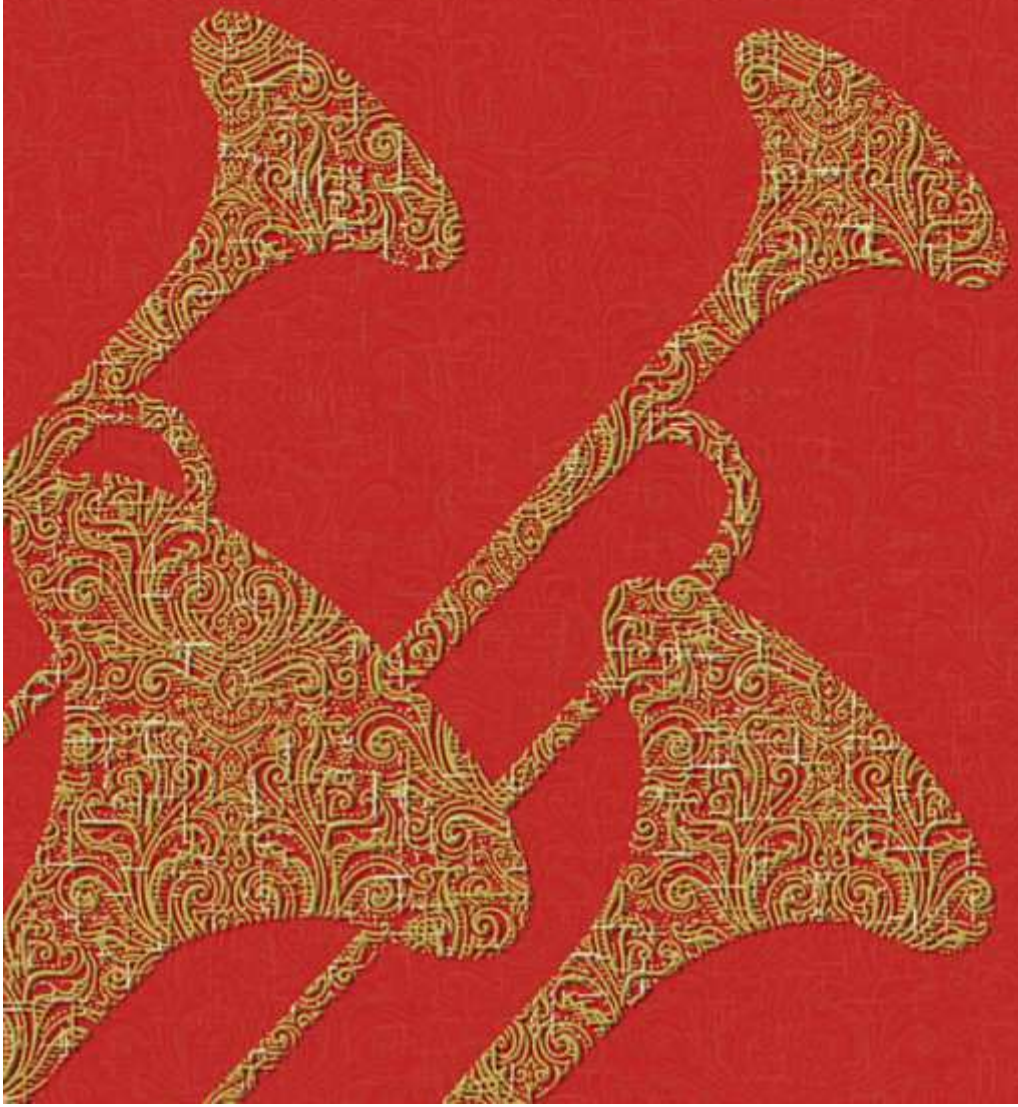


Third Sunday of Advent

December 15, 2019

8:20 Morning Worship

Song of Adoration

Lighting of the Advent Candle:
The Breton Family

Worship through Song

Offering

Time of Prayer

Celebration of Ministry:
Christmas Eve Offering

Scripture Reading:
Matthew 11:2-11

Song
(children dismissed)

What You Hear and See
Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan

Song

Scripture Reader: Don Little
Acolyte: Grace Jordan

9:40 Morning Worship

Song of Adoration

Lighting of the Advent Candle:
The Tanner Family

Worship through Song

Celebration of Ministry:
Christmas Eve Offering

Offering

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading:
Matthew 11:2-11

What You Hear and See
Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan

Song

Scripture Reader: Ethan Carr
Acolyte: Jovie Silbert

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:

Bekah Scharf, Ethan Bast, Collin Zehr, vocals; Jacob Dean, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard;
Meghan Taylor, cello; Dan Wartinger, 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. On this third Sunday of Advent we find ourselves in the middle of December—looking back and looking forward, pondering what has taken place and wondering what is yet to come. As we prepare for the celebration of Christ's coming, let's ask for open hearts and minds to Christ who is the Living Word.

GUEST PREACHER. We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Michael Jordan today. Dr. Jordan is Dean of the Chapel at Houghton College.

TONIGHT AT 5:00 Christmas Carol Sing in the sanctuary. Bring your instruments and bring a plate of cookies to share (leave them in the church kitchen) before joining voices in celebrating our annual Carol sing.

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.

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

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather at 10:00 to celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent.

PASTORS' CHRISTMAS GIFT - Please give your contributions to one of the Elder representatives, David Mercer or Matthew Webb, or leave it with Patty Stalker in the church office by December 22. Gifts can also be made online. (Please remember that your gift is tax-deductible, but taxable for those who receive it.)

MISSION MOMENT: We praise God for the decades of HWC partnership with God's work in Haiti – Ortlips, Emmetts, Thedes, LaGonave Hospital, Dental/Medical annual mission trip, youth group child sponsorship, last winter's roof project, other short term trips over the years, and more. May God bless the Canaan Village partnership and our Christmas Offering this month for His glory!

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: In the Democratic Rep. of Congo, Christians are simply caught up in the ongoing attacks of Muslim extremist groups on the whole area. In the last month over half the 87 men, women and children killed were Christians. Pray for local pastors, who as community leaders attempt to bring God's hope, comfort and courage in this troubled land.

STEWARDSHIP
Received (June 1—Present): $ 402,998.86
Budgeted (June 1—Present): $ 433,090.84

REMINDER: All Gifts for Calendar Year 2019 need to be:
- Given in church on December 29 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

HOLIDAY SERVICES

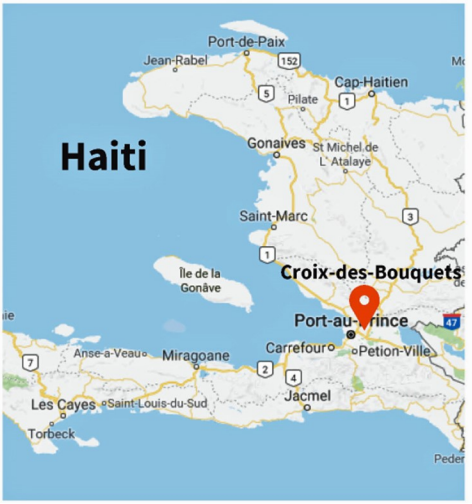
Sunday, December 22	10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Tuesday, December 24	5:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (special time for children)
	7:00 p.m. – Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 29	10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Sunday, January 5	10:00 a.m. – Worship Service
Sunday, January 12	8:20 a.m., 9:40 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services Small Groups resume.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family of Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother) and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Diane Emmons, Chris Stewart, Karen Szymanski, 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, 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 Resurgence City Church, Buffalo (Pastor Elijah Shamenda).

CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING 2019

Canaan, Haiti School Project Goal: $20,000

Classroom Completion and Solar Power



WHERE: Canaan is in the sprawling city of Croix-des-Bouquets, 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.

(left) Pastor Lea Dominique & husband

HWC and friends may give to the Christmas Eve Offering:

- **By check through December 31st with note, "Haiti Christmas Offering" on memo**
- **One-time December 24th Offering by cash or check or**
- **Online Giving at www.hwchurch.org "Haiti Christmas Offering"**