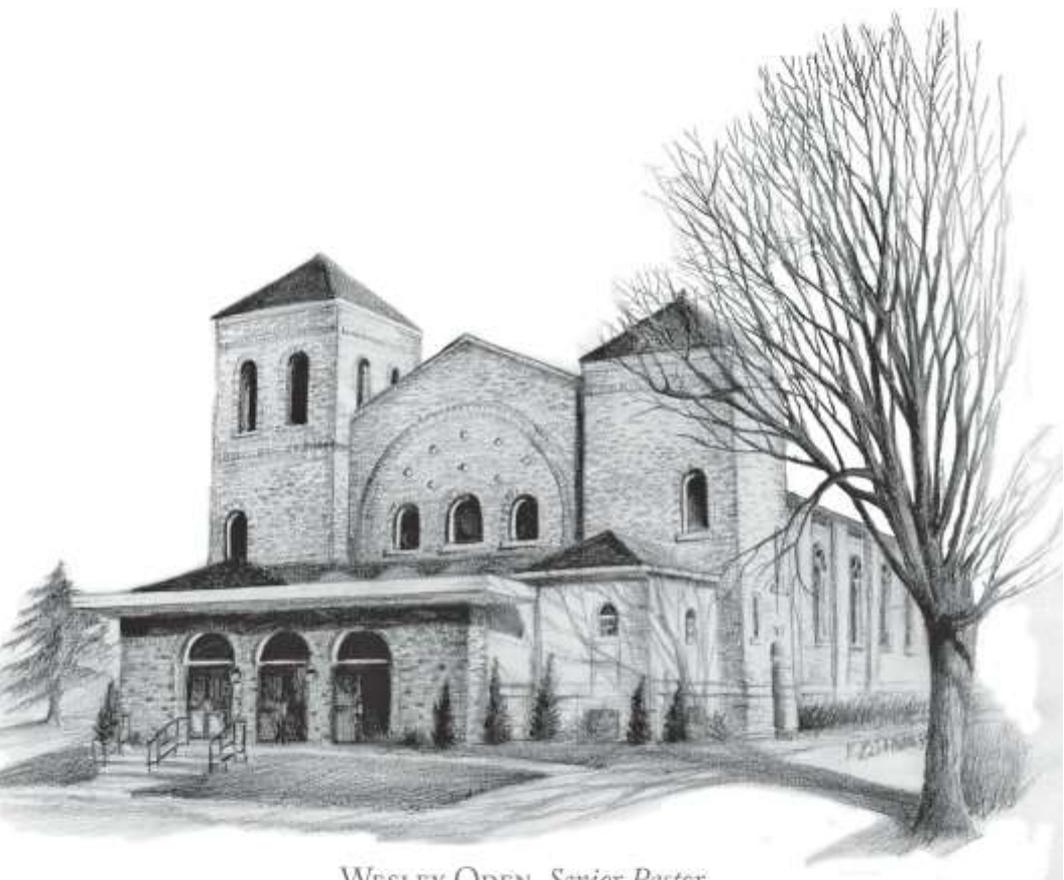




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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 12, 2020

8:20 MORNING WORSHIP

Worship through Song

Celebration of Ministry:
Chris and Melissa George

Offering

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Psalm 63

Song

(children dismissed)

What Do We Do About God?

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Scripture Reader: Pastor Cindy Oden
Acolyte: Kallan Sanasith

9:40 MORNING WORSHIP

Worship through Song

Offering

Time of Prayer

Celebration of Ministry:
Chris and Melissa George

Scripture Reading: Psalm 63

What Do We Do About God?

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Scripture Reader: Austin Kewin
Acolyte: Ryan Winkens

*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:

Kristen Sanasith, Jeff Babbitt, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Dan Zambrano, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard;
Meghan Taylor, cello; Dan Wartinger, percussion

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** does not meet today (Communion).

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 season of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of God in Christ to the whole world. This season of the Church year is also a time to remember God's calling on the Church to bear witness to Christ. As we worship this morning, may God open our eyes to His call on us and His plan for the world.

TODAY YOUTH & ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOLS: Since the Adult Sunday School classes have combined with the Kaleidoscope class, all youth and adults meet in the Community Room to hear about the ministry of Chris and Melissa George in Perth, Australia.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00. We will continue to think about what it means for us to be the church in this place. Next week's sermon (Colossians 1) asks, *What Is Our Connection to God?*

SMALL GROUPS commence this week. Contact Pastor Paul for information or to start a new group. paulshea@hwchurch.org.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 9 below the sanctuary. All are welcome to join us.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES:

- Wednesday, January 8 from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. (John's Epistles)
- Tuesday, January 14 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.
- Friday, January 17 from 9:00 to 10:45 a.m. (Colossians) Childcare

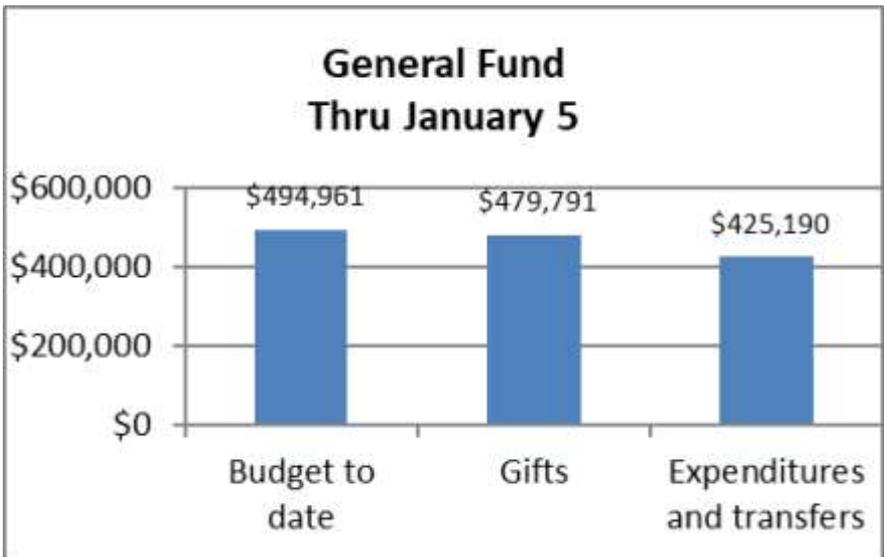
STEWARDSHIP

A Life of Generosity

“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15)

God’s radical generosity to us comes in the form of Grace – freely given to all. We respond to this grace with thankfulness and gratitude. Because God’s grace is an “indescribable gift,” one would expect our expressions of gratitude would be radical in return – coming from the very core of who we are. Simply put, stewardship is a spiritual discipline rooted in our relationship with God.

At the dawn of the New Year we can be filled with hope for what is to come as we are mindful of His many blessings in the year just past. A new year is also an opportunity to look for ways to do things better in the coming year. How can we be better stewards of what God has entrusted to our care – resources like time, energy, and money?



May you find freedom and joy in the discipline and obedience of radical generosity.

THANK YOU

**Adult Sunday School Classes & Youth combine
today in the Community Room to hear a full report from
Chris and Melissa George**

Meet the George Family

Perth, Australia



FINAL WEEK!

Once again, Jr. Church is accepting donations of winter coats, hats, and gloves for a local charity! 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.

KIDS' CLUB 2020 STARTS on JANUARY 15th

6:00 to 7:15 p.m.

January lessons and activities address being honest about how sin affects us and Jesus' power to forgive us and change our lives. The fun part of the LET'S FACE IT unit will be using our artistic talents to create fun masks for telling the Big Bible Story.

You are invited to a

Celebrate Recovery Dinner at Houghton Wesleyan Church



On Thursday, January 16th, we will be starting season 2 of Celebrate Recovery! We will begin with a dinner at 6:00 p.m. followed by a testimony by Bob & Patty Stalker and a program explaining what CR is and what we do each week. We'd love to have an opportunity to share a meal with you and allow you to experience what CR is all about!

Contact Carolyn Miller if you can join us for the evening!
(585) 748-9692 or
John-Carolyn_miller@sil.org

It's time for our third community-wide

Stone Soup Dinner

This donation dinner gives our church family, current and former Valley Pre-school families, and the greater community an opportunity to contribute to a general fund to help off-set rising tuition costs in the coming years. Ten of our nineteen students have benefited by being able to have a \$10 per month discount on tuition from the funds raised last year! Come enjoy some warm soup on a cold evening and support Valley Preschool.



Date – Friday, January 24, 2020

Time – 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Place – Houghton Wesleyan Church community room

Food – Stone Soup (beef soup or vegetable soup) and breads/rolls/dessert

Eat In or Take Out

You can contribute by donating at the dinner and/or by **providing cookies and brownies** to be our desserts for the evening. We welcome other help as well, so if you can assist in some way or if you have questions, please contact Casda Danner at 567-4314 or casdadanner@hwchurch.org.

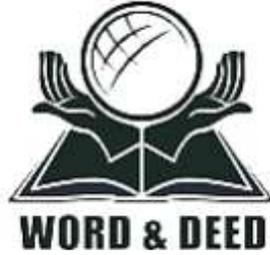
Don't Miss it!
2020 MISSIONS WEEK



*Steve and Margie Doty,
Wycliffe Bible Translators*



*Dan Irvine,
World Hope International*

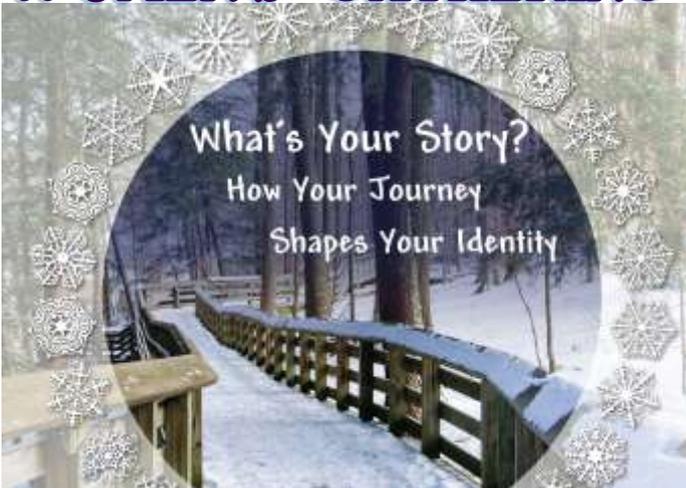


“Whatever you do, whether in Word or Deed.
Do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus...”- Col 3:17

February 5 – Kid’s Club Missions Night
6:00—7:15 p.m.

February 9 – Mission Sunday Worship Services
8:20, 9:40 & 11:00 a.m.
9:40 Sunday School
6:00 Youth

WOMEN'S GATHERING



Escape the wintry cold!

Join us for a morning of inspiration, yummy food, and fellowship on Saturday, February 8 from 9 am to 11 am in the Community Room.

Child-care provided.

No need to sign up. Just show up and enjoy!