

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 2, 2020

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

Prelude: Hymn Prelude on *Rhosymedre* .....Ralph Vaughan Williams

\*Call to Worship (from Hebrews 4)

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

***For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin.***

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence,  
***So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.***

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 97 ***Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners***

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *How Great Thou Art* .....arr. Dan Forrest

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 19:1-6

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

\*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Scars* .....Hein & McConnel

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue far too often lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor, nation against nation, even disciple against disciple. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us through the promise of Christ. In his name, set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord’s Prayer** (debts/debtors)

*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: Acts 1:1-11

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

\*Hymn 357 ***Be Thou My Vision***

Sermon: **What is Our Role in the World?**  
Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn 426 ***Open My Eyes, that I May See***

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: Processional on "Lift High the Cross" .....Donald Busarow

\*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Ken Bates

Acolyte: Wesley Stevick

*The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Robert Lux Frenya born to Sahara and Keegan on January 15, 2020.*

**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 Ed 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.** The 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm describes God as the shepherd of his people. Jesus declares that he is the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. As we gather today, we remember that God promises to care for all that he has made and in response, we worship him.

**TONIGHT:** *Koinonia* meets in Wesley Chapel at 5 p.m. Small Groups meet.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: SPECIAL MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES.**

**“Our Mission – In Word and Deed.”**

- **Worship Services** 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 with Steve and Margie Doty of Wycliffe Bible Translators, Asia.
- **Global Missions Fair** 9:30 – 10:55 in Community Room with Dan Irvine of World Hope (10:00-10:35) on Canaan Project, Haiti. Also “Meet and Greet” (9:30 -10:00... 10:35-10:55) ) with six agencies. Refreshments served. (See insert for details)

**THIS WEDNESDAY IS KIDS' CLUB MISSIONS NIGHT:** Missionaries and the Kids' Club Team join in introducing our children to missions service at this Wednesday's 6 p.m. club meeting. Jesus' message of sharing the gospel, international snacks, games, and the Canaan School friendship bracelet project mark the evening.

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

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY IN HOUGHTON** meets on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room. Celebrate Recovery is a safe place to share hurts, habits and hang-ups. **Paul Rankin, son-in-law of Steve and Cathy Morley will be sharing his testimony on February 13th.** Paul grew up in an abusive home and has found healing through the CR ministry. Please come and bring a friend!

**STEWARDSHIP** Received (June 1—Present): \$ 518,789.76  
Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 541,363.55

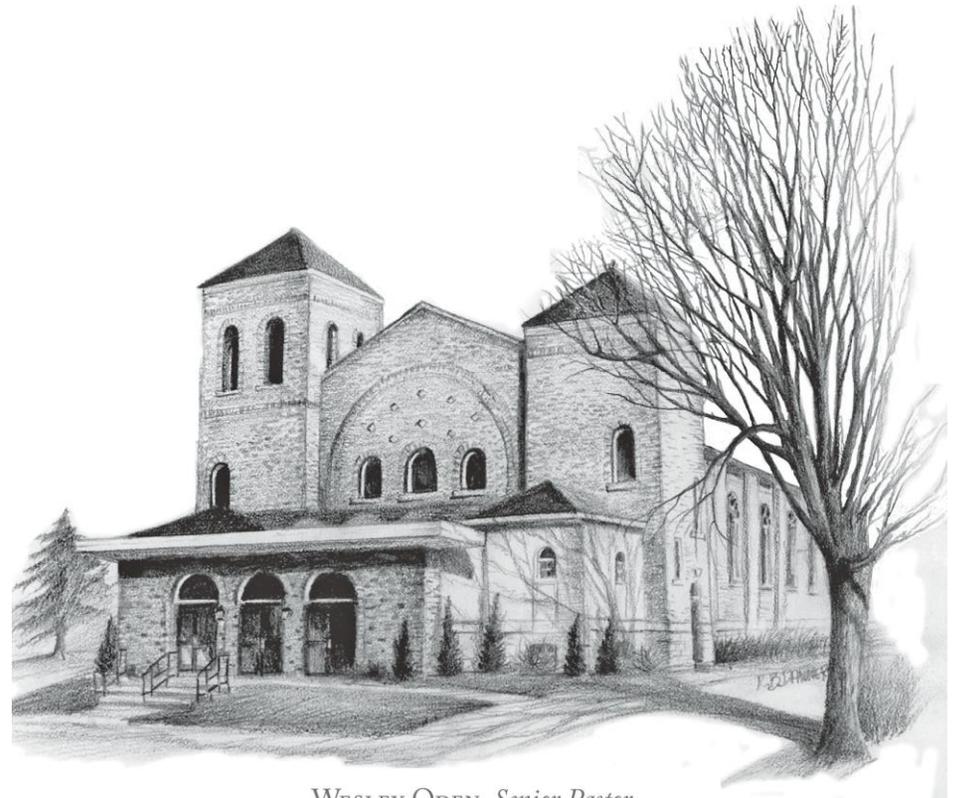
**LIVE STREAMING:** All of our worship services are live streamed through the church website and through streaming devices (AppleTV, Roku, etc.). If you use Roku, you will need to find the services on our new Roku app. Search for Houghton Wesleyan Church. Our new app will enable easier access.

**PRAYER ROOM:** the prayer room is available every day, 7:00am – 9:00pm (holidays excluded). You may reserve the prayer room online ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) or by contacting the church office. Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for Joe Breton and his family at the death of his stepfather and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Karen Szymanski, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Paulette Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, 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 Caneadea United Methodist Church (Pastor Craig Buelow).



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

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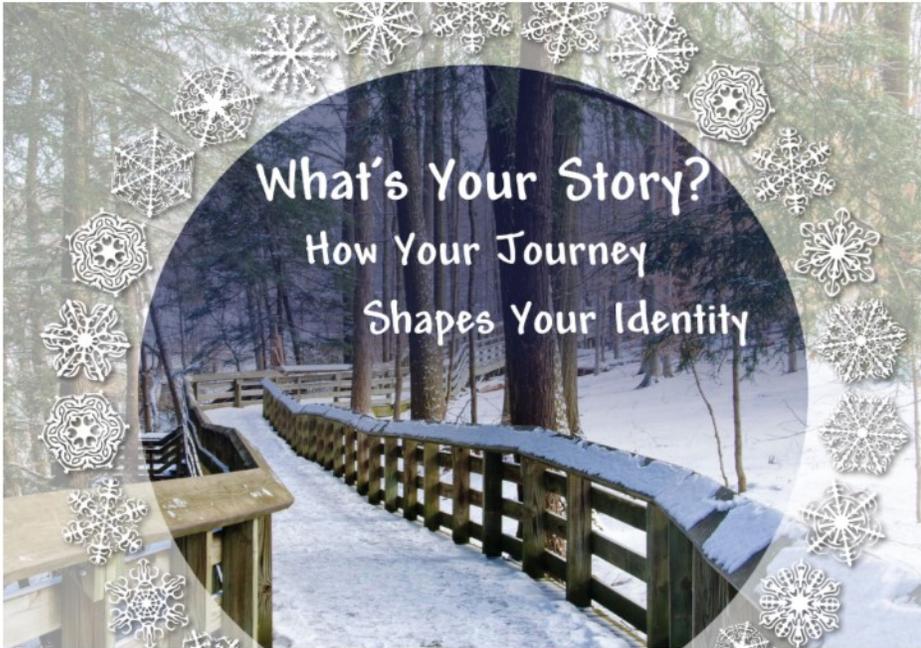
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# WOMEN'S GATHERING



**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!**

# GLOBAL MISSION SUNDAY- FEBRUARY 9

## OUR MISSIONS



**WORD & DEED**

### WORSHIP SERVICES

8:20, 9:40, 11:00 a.m.

Hear from Steve & Margie Doty  
SIL/Wycliffe Missionary Teachers  
and Leaders in S.E. Asia



### GLOBAL MISSIONS FAIR

9:30-10:55 a.m. in the Community Room & Gym



10 a.m. Updates on World Hope and  
Canaan School & Children Projects  
By Dan Irvine, Director of Strategic  
Engagement, World Hope International

### Refreshments and “Meet and Greet” our missionaries

– 9:30-10:00, 10:25-10:55 a.m. on the lower level (gym)

- \* Wycliffe Bible Translators, Asia
- \* ELIC, Morocco
- \* TEN3, Africa
- \* Lillas Trotter Center
- \* World Hope International, Haiti
- \* Urban Advocacy, Buffalo