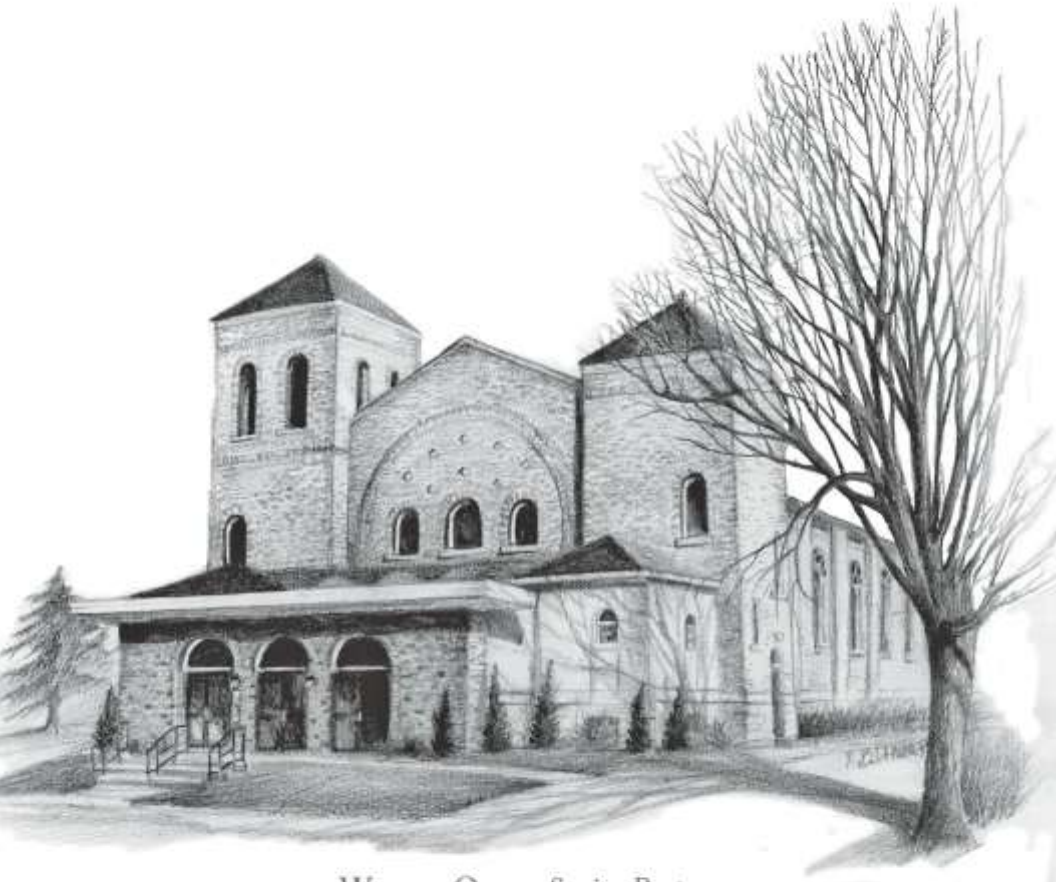
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others



Wesley Oden, *Senior Pastor*
Jon Cole, *Youth Pastor*
Cindy Oden, *Assistant Pastor*
Paul Shea, *Assistant Pastor*
Amanda Cox, *Music and Worship Director*
Emily Spateholts, *Director of Children's Ministry*
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Seventh Sunday after Christmas

Missions Sunday

February 9, 2020

8:20 Morning Worship

Worship through Song

Greeting

Offering

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Acts 14:8-18

Song (children released)

The Power of God's Word
Steve and Margie Doty

Song

Scripture Reader: Mike Jordan
Acolyte: Nate Esh

9:40 Morning Worship

Worship through Song

Offering

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Acts 14:8-18

Greeting

The Power of God's Word
Steve and Margie Doty

Song

Scripture Reader: Kayli Clapper
Acolyte: Duncan Raymond

Music Ministry Team:
Bella Goss, Austen Kewin, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard;
Jill Jordan, violin; Dan Wartinger, bass; Kylie Tomaselli, drums

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.

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 during the 8:20 service.

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. To be a follower of Christ is to care about the world—the world far beyond us and the world near to us. On this Missions Convention weekend, may God give us a renewed sense of his compassion and grace for the whole world. Today we welcome Steve and Margie Doty from Wycliffe Bible Translators, Asia.

TODAY: 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 (coffee & donuts)
    - 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.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes will share about *Jesus, the Great Physician.* The staff and elders will be available for prayers of healing about whatever is a struggle in your life. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.

MISSION MOMENT – TEN3 needs used working PC laptops for education in Africa. They will be totally cleaned off before preparing them for Africa so you will not have to worry about any security concerns. Be sure to save any files you need before donating them. Please bring your laptops to the church and include a note with your name, address and email, so we can record where these donations came from. TEN3 accepts PC Laptop donations year round.

Persecuted Church – Last Sunday it is estimated that 5 million people participated in prayer walks in 28 of Nigeria's 36 states, concluding a three-day fast in efforts to bring an end to countless killings and persecution of Christians. We join to pray that the government will restore security and that God will bring peace and be glorified.

Tonight: Koinonia meets in Wesley Chapel at 7 p.m. Small Groups meet.

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): $ 533,278.50
Budgeted (June 1—Present): $ 556,831.08

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) or by contacting the church office. Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation.

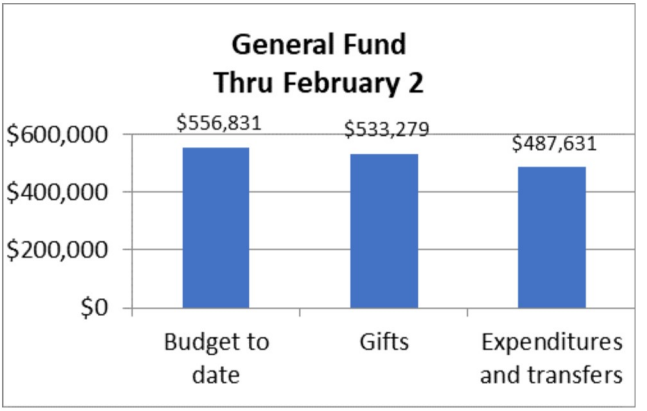
Prayer Concerns: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Karen Szymanski, Phyllis Osgood, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Paulette Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, The 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, 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 Belleville Wesleyan Church, Caneadea (Pastor Rob Grimes).

STEWARDSHIP – A Life of Generosity

Why is giving important?
Giving shows God is Lord of our lives. It demonstrates that we understand that everything we own and everything we have comes from God. So, when we give, we simply offer him a small portion of the abundance he has already given to us. Giving is an expression of our thankfulness and praise to God and comes from a heart of worship.

We are blessed when we give. God wants us to give because he knows we will be blessed when we give generously to him and to others. Giving is a paradoxical kingdom principle – it brings more blessing to the giver than to the recipient. The blessing is not necessarily material possessions, but the greater blessing of experiencing the greater gift of a deeper awareness of Christ's presence in our lives.

At HWC, we focus on missions during the month of February. Did you know that 18 percent of the overall annual budget expenditures directly supports missions? This includes funding for a variety of local and inter-national ministries along with commitments to specific individuals, couples, and missionary families. That means that 18 cents of every dollar you contribute to the church supports mission work like that of Chris and Melissa George and their family who recently returned to the unchurched country of Australia. And Celebrate Recovery, a local Christ-centered program that helps people struggling with hurt, pain or addiction of any kind.

Living generously begins in gratitude to God which radiates out to others. Just as he blesses us out of his loving kindness, we also bless. A generous heart will be rewarded by blessing others.

"Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God." 2 Cor. 9:11 NLT.