

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

FEBRUARY 16, 2020

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

Prelude: Prelude on *Hiding in Thee*.....Jon Spong

*Call to Worship (Psalm 23)

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life,

And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

*Invocation

*Hymn 41 ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Royal Family Kids Camp

Anthem: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*Dan Forrest

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 46

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Healing is in Your Hands*Christy Nockels

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed by you; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ who through his grace forgives us for all of our sins. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer**

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: ***Be Still, My Soul***

New Testament Reading: Acts 14: 1-10

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 386 ***O Safe to the Rock that is Higher than I***

Sermon **Faith to Be Healed**

Pastor Wes Oden

Prayer Time

*Hymn 49 ***Children of the Heavenly Father***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Allegro maestoso from Sonata II*.....Felix Mendelsson

*Please stand if able

Worship Leader: Emily Spateholts

Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Lauren Cox

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 Room 116 (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. We live in a world of great need as people of great need. We believe that God cares about our needs and the needs of our world. We also believe that God cares and is at work in our brokenness. This morning we have the opportunity to pray together about these needs. May we be filled with hope and faith as we encounter our gracious and powerful Lord.

SEDER SERVICE SIGN UPS – Beginning today you may sign up in the church and CE foyer for April 5, Palm Sunday, HWC Seder Service. 4 p.m. and 7 p.m.

NEW COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL OPTION – Starting today, 9:40 a.m. in Room 7 below the sanctuary join others in Bible Heroes series and fellowship in the Lord together.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we welcome our District Superintendent, the Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings. We come together for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK

Elders: Tuesday, 7pm

TONIGHT: *Koinonia* meets in the CFA Recital Hall 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.

STEWARDSHIP Received (June 1—Present): \$ 547,326.12
 Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 572,298.61

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.

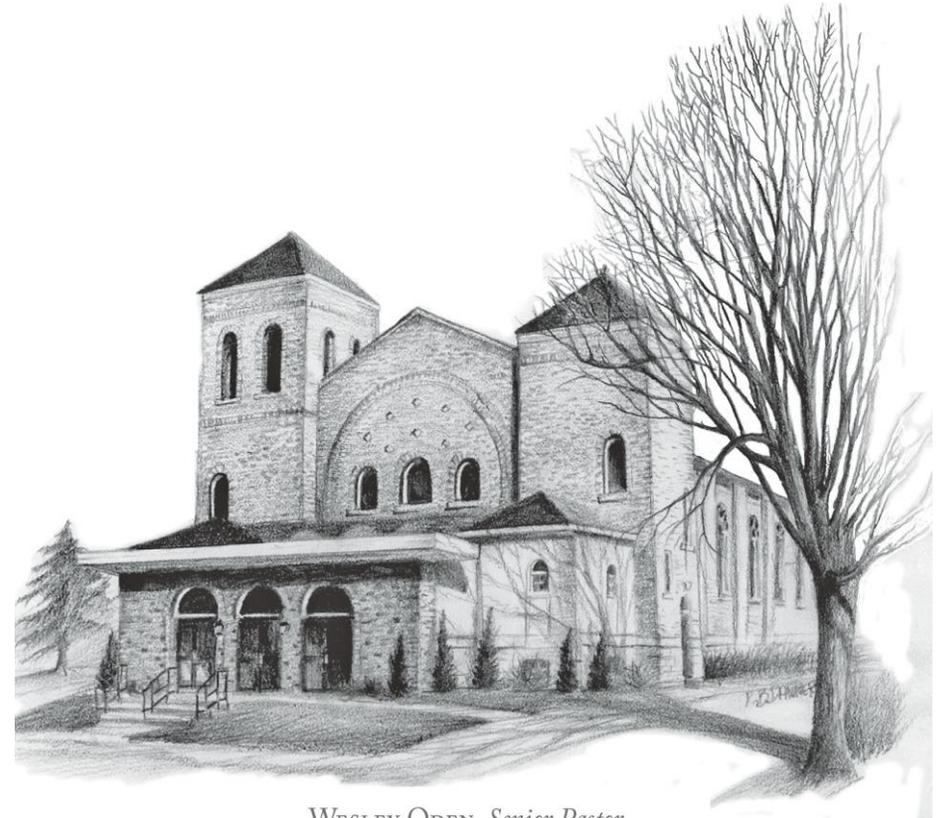
MISSION MOMENT – Kris, Cory and Fritz Thede returned to Ag and medical work in northern Haiti in January, thankful for lessening of political protests in the country. Pray for the variety of Wesleyan ministries in Haiti – churches, schools, LaGonave Hospital and the Wesleyan University School of Nursing in Haiti, agricultural work.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Many Christians remain in prisons in multiple countries, often on false charges. Pray for justice to be served, false charges dropped, and freedom restored. There are reports of recent crackdowns on believers in Iran.

PRAYER CONCERNS: 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, 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 Higgins Wesleyan Church (Pastor Bruce Smith).



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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Houghton RFKC has been “**Making Moments Matter**” for 52 boys and girls ages 6 – 12 with substantiated personal histories of neglect and abuse in Allegany and area counties since 1995!

Outcomes and Benefits

Children: Provides life changing moments where kids can just be kids. Shows a picture of family life for those who haven’t experienced it. Replaces missing elements in their lives (i.e. attention, affirmation, happiness, positive memories, “basics” such as emotional connectedness).

Community: Brings the church and state together for a noble cause. Community sees the church in a new light, as a giver and a servant. Gives care-givers a respite break

Church: Gets people involved -“out of the pew and involved.” Builds faith in the members involved. Expands the church into the community and creates a bond of shared Christ-driven purpose.

Contact nancy.murphy@houghton.edu or (585) 376-4053. Complete the RFKC application & 3 letters of reference, interview, train and serve!

On 7/5-7/10 take a one-week vacation from yourself to give 52 children the time of their lives.

Reasons for Going into Foster Care

David Carry in his November 30, 2017 article; “More Kids in Foster Care; Parental Drug Abuse a Factor”, the number of children in the U.S. foster care system has increased for the fourth year in a row, with substance abuse by parents a major factor. According to Carry the number of children placed in foster care dropped steadily from 2002 to 2012 before rising again as the opioid epidemic and other drug abuse began to worsen. The U.S. Department of Health and Human services said that drug abuse was a factor in 34% of the cases in which a child was removed from the home! While child neglect was the primary reason for foster placement, physical and sexual abuse were other primary causative factors leading to placement.

Royal Family Kids Camp by the Numbers

- # of Children Served at RFKC (in US 2019)..... 8,846
- # of Adult Volunteers at RFKC (in US 2019) 14,156
- Number of volunteer hours (in US 2019)..... 2,010,897
- Total Campers served since 1985.....136,320
- Total Volunteers serving since 1985184,301