

**KIDS' CLUB:** To children who do not regularly attend Kids' Club on Wednesday nights - Join us on March 25th at 6 p.m. for the Buddy Keith Memorial Races. To race a sailboat (Pre-K - 2nd) or a veggie car (3rd-6th graders) please email [annmcneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmcneill@hwchurch.org) by March 11th so she may order kits.

**EASTER BAPTISM:** If you are interested in being baptized at the 7:45 a.m. Resurrection Service on Easter morning, April 12, please contact Pastor Wes. He will be hosting a preparatory class for all who are interested.

**SHORT TERM MISSION APPLICATIONS:** People seeking financial assistance for late Spring or Summer short term missions ministry must apply to the **Mission Committee by March 20**. Application Forms are available at the church office (585-567-2264) or online at <https://hwchurch.org/global-outreach/>

**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): \$ 583,596.21  
Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$ 603,233.67

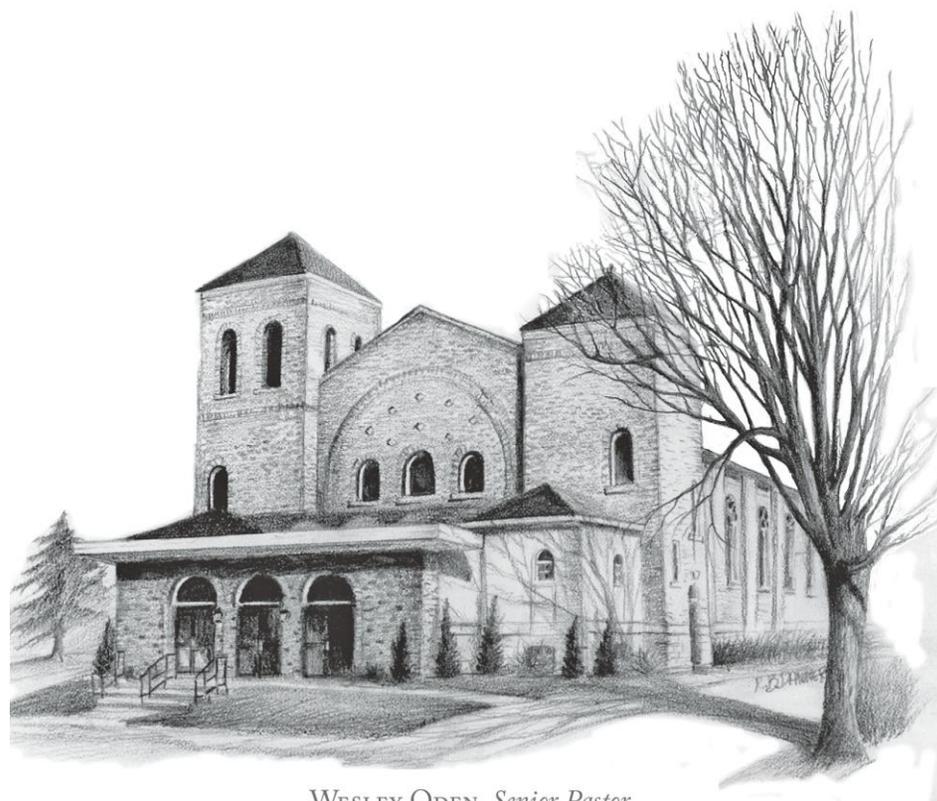
**MISSION MOMENT** – The Wesleyan Standard Churches of Egypt celebrates their 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary in May. We are grateful to God for His faithfulness to our brothers and sisters in that land. Pray as preparations are made, for Christ to be lifted up in it all, and for some from HWC preparing to join the events.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – A Tajikistan Pastor recently released from prison says, “Your prayers helped us to stand strong, through all these difficulties, and to be transformed into the nature of our Heavenly Lord! Thank you from all my heart! Glory to God!” Keep praying for persecuted believers.

**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 Centerville United Methodist Church (Pastor Robert Schooley).



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP MARCH 1, 2020

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

Prelude: *Prelude on "Rosedale"*.....Robert Lind

\*Call to Worship (from Colossians 3)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

***Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.***

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

***Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.***

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

***And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.***

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 288 ***Arise, My Soul, Arise***

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 43

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

\*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Prelude on "Jesu, meine Freude"*.....J. S. Bach

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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.*

\*New Testament Reading: Luke 22:1-6, 47-53

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

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

\*Hymn 270 ***Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness***

Sermon: **When Jesus Isn't What We Want**  
Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper

\*Hymn 273 ***And Can it Be?***

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Paeon*.....Robert Lau

\*Please stand if able  
Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Pastor Jon Cole  
Acolyte: Brendan Stevick

**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.** The season of Lent is designed by the ancient church fathers as a means of reminding Christ's disciples that the passion, suffering and death of Christ are central to our faith. Though this is a solemn season in which we contemplate our sin, it is also a season to give thanks that Jesus goes to the cross to be our Redeemer and the Redeemer of all people and to call us to be image-bearers of his redemption for others.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is the Second Sunday in Lent. Pastor Wes, thinking this Lenten season about Interactions with Jesus, leads us to ponder: *When We Have Power* (John 18:1-14). We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.

**TIME CHANGE:** Just a reminder that we turn our clocks ahead next Sunday. Families with young children - do you want to get out the door more easily on the day we turn our clocks forward? Join in our "**Wear Your Jammies to Church Day.**" Children may roll out of bed and come as they are (shoes required though!). We will even have breakfast items for our Children's Church and Jr. Church kids. Let's enjoy a calmer morning on Sunday, March 8th, as we move into Daylight Savings Time.

**SAVE THE DATE!** College Ministry sponsored potluck on March 15<sup>th</sup> after the 11:00 service. All are invited!