

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 11, 2020
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Prelude in G major*, BWV 541 (J. S. Bach)

Welcome

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.

Opening Prayer

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

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Heidi Miller

Songs of Adoration: ***This is Amazing Grace; Living Hope; Goodness of God***

Time of Prayer

Please feel free sit, stand, or kneel as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

Scripture Reading: Mark 10:13-16

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Hymn of Preparation 538: ***Tell Me the Stories of Jesus***

Sermon: **Are They That Important?**

~ Joy in the Journey Sermon Series ~

Pastor Wes Oden

Song of Response: ***More Like You***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Pastor Jon Cole

Music Ministry Team:

Linette Taylor, guitar & vocals; Collin Zehr, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;

Samuel Jenkins, keyboard & vocals; Alison Young Reusser, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We worship today because Christ who was dead is risen and all who believe in Him have life in Him. May God help us worship today so that we may go forth to live in His grace and power every day.

KOINONIA MEETS IN THE SANCTUARY AT 7PM TONIGHT. Reservations are required; [sign up here for 1 or 2 people](#) or [here for 3-to-5 people](#).

YOUTH GROUP TODAY: Jr. High 3 to 4:30 pm and Sr. High 5 to 6:30 pm. Weather back up is the Community Room.

STEWARDSHIP: Budget Needed: \$283,769.64

Budget Received: \$259,991.89

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: This year's prayer event looks different from years past. We are creating A Place of Prayer outside of the church with stations, questions and benches to sit and encounter God. There are also prayer materials for children. Prayer times are from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. in 30-minute segments. The prayer event begins Sunday, October 18 at 5:00 p.m. We will be meeting in the church parking lot at 4:30 for a brief opening event. You may sign up anytime online or contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org or 567-2264).

THURSDAY EVENING, 6:30PM: You are invited to the church sanctuary for a Service of Scripture, Silence and Prayer. Jeanie Little leads this time of contemplation. Please make a reservation to attend either on the church website or by calling the church office (585-567-2264).

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets Thursday evening in the Community Room from 7 to 8 pm for a testimony.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to join us for streaming worship at 10:00 and outdoor worship at 11:15. Pastor Wes will preach about *A Sign that's Not for You* and our response, *What a Nuisance!* from Romans 8. Reservations are needed for both outdoor and indoor worship (including overflow streaming on the large screen in the gym), which may be done on the church website or by calling the church office (585-567-2264).

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE: Families, friends, and community members are invited to a Service of Remembrance for the children in our Church family who left us too soon, from the unborn and just born to adult children. Please join us at the church on Thursday, October 22, 6:30 p.m. for a time of song, Scripture, and memorial as we honor our children and their families. All are welcome. This celebration of life and acknowledgment of loss and grief is a part of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Reservations for this event can be made on the church website or by calling the church office.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD comes in several forms this year! Giving by packing a physical box is the first. Pre-printed shoeboxes are now available under the community room foyer overhang. Second, is packing an online box. Last, is giving financial support for shipping or sponsorship of The Greatest Journey discipleship class through our church website link. Go to online giving and choose Operation Christmas Child.

HARVEST TREAT BAG DRIVE-THROUGH INVITATION: Saturday, October 31, 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. You are invited to come to the church parking lot to receive a bag filled with treats. The Pastoral Staff will be dressed-up to give out the treat bags and to greet you as you drive through the parking lot. Children and youth are invited to dress-up as well or to decorate your vehicle.

HARVEST TREAT BAG DRIVE-THROUGH DONATIONS: Donations of candy, individual, pre-packaged pretzels, goldfish crackers, and gummy fruit snacks are great appreciated for filling the treat bags for the Harvest Drive-Through. Please drop your donation off in the container inside the door at the church office or you make bring them on Sunday mornings.

MISSION MOMENT – We're grateful for our member, Jaclyn Algier, to be with us in Houghton while on active home assignment with ELIC, whom she has served with for four years as a schoolteacher in N. Africa and elsewhere. She is currently finishing a MEd in Teaching English as a Second Language While here she serves HWC in various ministries but formally teaches four courses at Houghton Academy and is Assistant Volleyball coach at the College. Thanks for serving Jesus and know we pray for you, Jackie.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Persecution comes in all shapes. Imagine adopting a beautiful child, loving and parenting for 18 months and then the government taking the child away because you were not raising her in the right faith. It happened over repeated appeals recently to an Iranian Christian couple. Pray for them and others facing pain and loss for Christ's sake. (Open Doors USA, September)

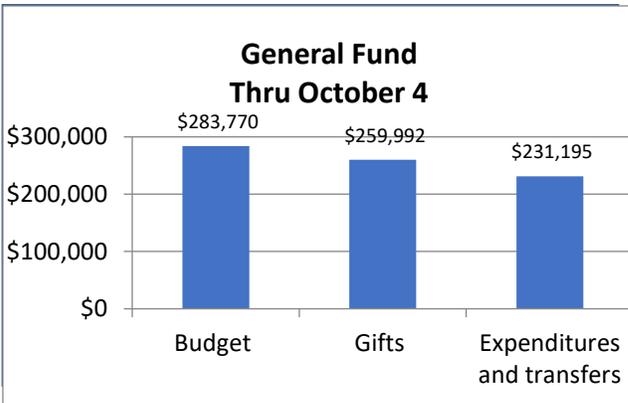
PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family of Norman Parks who died this week, for Debbie Young and her family at the death of her brother, Dick Fero this week, for family and friends of Bob Whiting who died last week and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Calvin Schierer, Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Paulette Schierer, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Karen Szymanski, Cindy Lastoria, Leonard Watson, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Ruby Schierer Williams, Jeshu, Kurtis and Elijah 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 all effected by the coronavirus—grieving, ill, healthcare professionals, the workforce at risk and leaders; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters, including Beirut, Lebanon; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government and for upcoming election; for the logistics and safety of faculty, staff and students at all of our area public schools as well as Houghton College and Houghton Academy; for the First Day Baptist Church, Richburg (Pastor Larry Allen).

For more information about church activities, visit our website: www.hwchurch.org.

STEWARDSHIP—A Life of Generosity

The Bible says in 2 Corinthians 8:7, “Just as you excel in everything...see that you also excel in this grace of giving.”

As we seek to live a life of generosity, we may discover that the Lord will draw a new line in the sand for each of us to cross over in order to live even more generously and to experience Him more fully. Every step of the way, God calls us to consider the resources He has placed in our hands. Then, He invites us to release them for His work and to trust Him to be our provider. At each invitation, we may find ourselves fearful to let go wanting to hold on to what we have instead of trusting God with our needs. As our faith and trust in God increases, God will begin to show himself as our provider in unique and creative ways.



We have all seen examples of people and institutions who honor God in their giving and as a result, experience God’s blessings in a variety of ways. Since the Bible clearly teaches that God owns EVERYTHING, He can be very creative in how He goes about providing for our needs.

Thank you for investing your time, talent and treasure that we might be the church God intends us to be. If you have any questions about the financial plan or church finances, please don’t hesitate to contact one of the church Elders, Treasurer David Mercer or Pastor Wes.

“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