

January 5, 2021

Dear Houghton Church Friends,

Now a few days into the new year, life is returning to a regular routine for many of us. Here is some information related to the life of our church.

Sunday Worship

- **Streaming Worship Service 10:00 a.m.** Dr. Terry Paige will be preaching this week. As Covid cases in our church and area continue to rise, this service will remain streaming only.
- The bulletin, which includes the worship order, financial information, prayer concerns and events in the life of our church, is available each week [on the church website](#) or by contacting the church office.

January Kids' Club News

- Kids' Club starts next week. Parents may contact annmcneill@hwchurch.org to put their 5 to 12-year-olds on the roster. Everyone from Kids' Club past will receive a printed packet of Sunday school materials. With Miss Ann and the team, kids will review that Sunday's lesson, practice the verse using American Sign Language, and praise the Lord. Zoom invitations have been emailed, so if you haven't received one, let Ann know quickly. We start Wednesday, January 13th & Friday the 15th. Join us!

Youth Group News

- Hello HWC and FWC YG family, We pray that you are doing well! Due to the continued high numbers of COVID cases in the area, we are pushing the spring semester start date for youth group back to January 17th. We will continue to evaluate the situation and make a decision by Tuesday about whether or not to pause for an additional week. We miss you guys and look forward to being with you as soon as we can. Please feel free to contact Beth or [Pastor Jon](#) if you have questions or concerns. We love hearing from you!

Freezer Meals

- The Lay Shepherd leaders and Lay Shepherd groups continue to reach out to help their neighborhoods and area when someone has a baby, is ill or has surgery. This is a tremendous ministry but during these extra busy and often stress filled days, it can be difficult to help others as we desire. Because of this, we are inviting you to make a freezer meal or two when you have time, to have on hand in the church freezer. In this way, when a need arises meals are readily available. It could be a meal of soup or a casserole for one person or two people or for a family. If you would be able to help us stock up on meals for people in times of need or if you have any questions, please contact Cindy Oden (567-2024/cindyoden@hwchurch.org). Meals may be dropped off at the church office during office hours, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Please include what your freezer meal is and instructions on baking or warming it. Thank you!
- Thank you all for the many ways you are serving and helping one another! We so appreciate each one of you and all that you do.

Church Finances

- Here are the giving totals for our fiscal year (June – May) to date

Budget Needed: \$488,714.38 / **Budget Received:** \$468,137.60

- God continues to bless us through your generosity. The weekly bulletin contains up to date financial information. For financial gifts, we encourage you to use [online giving](#) or to mail your check to the church (P.O. Box 127, Houghton, NY 14744).
- If you would like to see any church financial information, contact the church office.

Community News

- HVFD Annual Christmas Tree burning:
- When: Jan 10th, 6pm
- Where: The north end of the Fire hall Parking lot
- Tree pickup available - Jan 9th between noon and 5pm
- To schedule a pickup or for other questions, contact Pastor Jon at 585-307-9950
- This event will be live-streamed on the Houghton Volunteer Fire Department Facebook page.

Streaming Information

- Send your comments, ideas or words of gratitude about the streaming to streaming@hwchurch.org.
- If you need assistance with streaming on the website or Facebook, contact Patty Stalker (585-610-6883).
- If you need assistance with streaming on a device (Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire, etc.), contact Nathan Danner (585-567-4314).

Resources

- Even though we are not together, our pastors and church family are here for you. On the [COVID-19 section](#) of the church website, you will see three buttons: [Get Help](#), [Give Help](#) and [Let's Talk](#). This is an easy way to let us know how we might engage with you. Do not hesitate to use those, to call the church, or to call one of the pastors if any of those buttons reflect what you would like to communicate with us.
- If you use YouTube, subscribe to our [Houghton Wesleyan Church YouTube Channel](#).

If you have questions, concerns, or needs, do not hesitate to contact us (585-567-2264, office@hwchurch.org, or any of us individually). If you have needs in the coming weeks, please let us know.

You continue to be in our prayers. We pray God's grace and comfort upon you.

Blessings,
Pastor Wes