



*Houghton*  
WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly  
serving others*

April 6, 2021

Dear Houghton Church Friends,

What a glorious weekend of worship! Though it was cold last Thursday, the Maundy Thursday service was inspiring and the Journey to the Cross was a powerful reminder of what Jesus endures for us and the whole world. Easter Sunday was marvelous. We loved seeing so many of you both indoors and outdoors.

Here is some information for this week.

### **Worship Information**

- The sanctuary will be open for worship during the 10:00 streaming service. We are finding that reservations are helpful to planning. You may make a reservation here or by contacting the church office ([office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org) / 585-567-2264).
- If you are unable to make a reservation for the indoor service, please contact the church office ([office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org))/585-567-2264 to make sure that the service is full and not a glitch in the system.
- We have space set up in the Community Room to watch on a large screen, singing and sharing with others.
- Outdoor worship will continue Sunday mornings at 11:15 in the church parking lot. Reservations are not necessary for the outdoor service.

**Easter Flowers:** If you donated Easter flowers in honor or memory of someone, please feel free to come to the church and pick up a flower. We are happy for you to leave them at the church for the coming weeks, but we also want you to feel free to take your flower home as well.

**SMZ (Sunday Morning Zoom)** SMZ resumes this week 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Don Little leads a study on 2 Peter 1:3-11. "...keeping from being ineffective and unproductive in our knowledge of Christ." (v.8) Contact Pastor Paul [paulshea@hwchurch.org](mailto:paulshea@hwchurch.org) or the church office for the Zoom Link

**HWC Kids:** Everyone is invited to join the HWC Kids Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/HWChurchkids> to see what our children's ministry is up to, receive weekly lesson information, find encouragement and resources for families, and participate in discussions and polls (coming soon!!)

### **Youth Group News**

- Midweek check in - Wed at 1:15pm
- Sunday morning zoom Sunday School - 9am - 2 Peter!
- This week, April 11, we are starting our 30 Hour Famine series.
  - JR High YG - 3-4pm
  - Sr. High YG - 5-6pm
- The 30-hour famine will take place on May 7-8.
- Please contact Pastor Jon if you need zoom links for any event or if you have other questions.

**Small Group Fellowship:** Are you missing interaction with others around the Word during the pandemic? Some groups are meeting via Zoom and plans are percolating for more venues in the weeks ahead. Discipleship and accountability take as few as two or three partners. Pastor Paul urges you to contact him ([paulshea@hwchurch.org](mailto:paulshea@hwchurch.org)) to discuss resources if you are meeting or wish to meet with others as we travel through the “bleak mid-winter!”

### Church Finances

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

**Budget Needed:** \$ 693,659.12 / **Budget Received:** \$ \$692,952.45

- 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.

### Streaming Information

- Send your comments, ideas or words of gratitude about the streaming to [streaming@hwchurch.org](mailto: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 HELP 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](mailto: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