

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Our worship continues to be centered in the resurrection of Jesus Christ—the cornerstone of our faith. As resurrection people we celebrate the victory that is ours in Christ and we offer our lives in gratitude for his love and mercy.

IN-PERSON PROTOCOLS: In order to protect everyone who is attending in person this morning, please note the information on the Protocols Card, including that masks are required to be worn throughout the service. Thank you for your acts of love for each other.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is Ascension Sunday. Pastor Wes will preach about the ascension of Jesus (Acts 1). Join us for worship online and in person at 10:00 a.m. and outdoors at 11:15 a.m.

STAYING CONNECTED: During this unusual time, we want to stay as connected to you as possible. Pastor Wes is sending out a weekly letter on Tuesdays and video on Thursdays. Both are distributed through email and text and may be accessed on the church website (hwchurch.org) and Facebook pages. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to do so, please send your contact information to office@hwchurch.org.

SMZ SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM, 9:00 a.m. - 9:50 a.m. next Sunday. Continued study of the Holy Spirit in the NT. Join with others by using the following link <https://zoom.us/j/93689062279> and contacting the church office for a passcode.

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$756,719.04 / Budget Received: \$748,628.41

THE FAMILY ROOM IS OPEN FOR USE! Your children are ALWAYS welcome in the sanctuary but this cozy space across from the prayer room is available for parents or guardians to take a child who needs food, a clean diaper, or space to wiggle and play. A TV for streaming the service is also available.

HWC KIDS:

Our May **Sunday School** series, "Legacy", continues this Sunday! There is a legacy waiting for every kid everywhere. The legacy has been handed down like a valuable family heirloom and this month you'll get to tell kids about what that legacy is! The Holy Spirit is the legacy that Jesus gives to every person who believes. The Holy Spirit is for everyone and helps us so much. The Holy spirit helps us know God, love everyone, do God's work, and makes us a part of God's family.

HWC Kids, you're invited back to "**Children's Church!**" We are now offering a modified children's church for children in preschool through 6th grade. During Pastor Wes' sermon, we will be meeting in the community room for crafts, activities, games, and/or a brief lesson. If the weather is nice, we will plan on being outside in the side lawn or on the playground. We can't wait to see you there!! Covid protocols will be in place, including sanitizing, masks, and social distancing as well as our normal safety and security precautions. Parents, please drop your child/ren off during the song before the sermon in order to check them in and receive your pick-up tag.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY - resumes meeting on May 20 at 7 pm.

MISSION MOMENT - Transformational Education Network (TEN3) founder, Dr. Anthony Petrillo is praying for the way to open for him to speak in W. Africa where the work began. Let us join and pray for clear sailing!

PERSECUTED CHURCH - The estimated 400,000 underground Christians in N. Korea are certainly among the almost half the nation's people who face starvation according to recent news. Even the government has admitted in rare frankness the gravity of the crisis. We pray for Christ's light to shine in the midst of suffering.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Carlos Gildemeister, Orah Andalora (Terry Sweet's mother), Peter Luckey, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Karen Gaerte, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Amy Ortiz (Luke Ogden's sister), Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, Wendy Ott, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Cindy Lastoria, Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Elijah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, 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; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the St. John's Episcopal Church, Wellsville (Pastor Carol Stewart).

Outdoor Worship Service – Sixth Sunday of Easter – May 9, 2021 at 11:15am

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

O How Good it Is; Is He Worthy; Goodness of God

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:10-24

When Timothy comes, see to it that he has nothing to fear while he is with you, for he is carrying on the work of the Lord, just as I am. No one, then, should treat him with contempt. Send him on his way in peace so that he may return to me. I am expecting him along with the brothers. Now about our brother Apollos: I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers. He was quite unwilling to go now, but he will go when he has the opportunity. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong. Do everything in love. You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the Lord's people. I urge you, brothers and sisters, to submit to such people and to everyone who joins in the work and labors at it. I was glad when Stephanas, Fortunatus and Achaicus arrived, because they have supplied what was lacking from you. For they refreshed my spirit and yours also. Such men deserve recognition. The churches in the province of Asia send you greetings. Aquila and Priscilla^[a] greet you warmly in the Lord, and so does the church that meets at their house. All the brothers and sisters here send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss. I, Paul, write this greeting in my own hand. If anyone does not love the Lord, let that person be cursed! Come, Lord! The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you. My love to all of you in Christ Jesus. Amen

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

Sermon: **Make Room for the Master**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Lord, I Need You*

Benediction

Scripture: Mike Cox

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda & Mike Cox, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Oh How Good It Is

Oh how good it is when the family of God
Dwells together in spirit in faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace, of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence here among us

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees the Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people**

Oh how good it is on this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength, the afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing of belonging

Chorus

Oh how good it is to embrace His command
To prefer one another, forgive as He forgives
When we live as one, we all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father and the Spirit

Chorus

Is He Worthy

Do you feel the world is broken? We do.
Do you feel the shadows deepen? We do.
But do you know that all the dark
Won't stop the light from getting through?
We do.
Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
We do.

Is all creation groaning? It is.
Is a new creation coming? It is.
Is the glory of the Lord
To be the light within our midst? It is.
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? It is.

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave**

**He is David's Root
And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy of this? He is**

Does the Father truly love us? He does.
Does the Spirit move among us? He does.
And does Jesus our Messiah
Hold forever those He loves? He does.
Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
He does.

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal
and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave
He is David's Root**

**And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe
every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
To God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this? He is! He is!
Is He worthy? Is He worthy? He is! He is!
He is worthy! He is worthy! He is!**

Goodness of God

I love You Lord, Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

**All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God**

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night You are close like no other

I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Chorus

Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

Chorus

Lord I Need You

Lord I come I confess
Bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart
You're the one that guides my heart

**Lord I need You oh I need You
Ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense my righteousness
Oh God how I need You**

Where sin runs deep Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me
Where You are Lord I am free
Holiness is Christ in me

Chorus

So teach my song to rise to You
When temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus You're my hope and stay

Chorus



Living Generously at HWC

You have before you the 2021-2022 Community Financial Plan. You will notice that the plan includes a slight increase from last year. The Elders believe that this plan is a balance of both prudence and faith. Your generosity has been an encouragement this year and we anticipate God's generosity to us in the year ahead.

2021-2022 HWC COMMUNITY FINANCIAL PLAN

	2020-21 Budget	2021-22 Budget	\$ Increase	% of Total Budget
Missions				
Local Outreach	\$ 18,700	\$ 21,700	\$ 3,000	2.6%
Global Outreach	\$ 129,242	\$ 132,242	\$ 3,000	15.8%
Total Missions	\$ 147,942	\$ 153,942	\$ 6,000	18.4%
Ministries				
College Ministry	\$ 14,164	\$ 14,357	\$ 193	1.7%
Youth Ministry	\$ 78,877	\$ 79,505	\$ 627	9.5%
Assimilation/Congregational Care Ministry	\$ 69,705	\$ 70,826	\$ 1,121	8.5%
Discipleship Ministry	\$ 13,866	\$ 14,064	\$ 198	1.7%
Children's Ministry	\$ 45,846	\$ 46,451	\$ 605	5.6%
Worship Services & Music Ministry	\$ 86,035	\$ 87,325	\$ 1,289	10.4%
Total Ministries	\$ 308,494	\$ 312,527	\$ 4,033	37.4%
Physical Plant				
Building Operations & Maintenance	\$ 125,860	\$ 127,331	\$ 1,471	15.2%
Capital Improvements/Contingency	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	2.4%
Total Physical Plant	\$ 145,860	\$ 147,331	\$ 1,471	17.6%
Administration and Church Office				
Church Office	\$ 69,395	\$ 70,193	\$ 798	8.4%
Administration & General/Contingency	\$ 79,404	\$ 81,226	\$ 1,822	9.7%
Total Administration and Church Office	\$ 148,799	\$ 151,419	\$ 2,620	18.1%
Denominational and District Support	\$ 70,485	\$ 71,235	\$ 750	8.5%
Total Budgeted Expenditures	\$ 821,579	\$ 836,454	\$ 14,875	100.0%

HIGHLIGHTS

► Salaries and Benefits

- 2% salary increases for pastors and other staff members.
- Total salaries and benefits are 50.5% of the budget and are allocated among the categories above.

► Missions

- Local Outreach - Increase for Feed the Need program at Belfast School
- Global Outreach - 2% Increases for supported missionaries
- Global Outreach - Szymanskis moved to regular support

► Other · Various other lines adjusted to reflect actual costs (utilities, insurance, fees, etc.)

► Bottom line: The overall increase is \$14,875 or 1.8%.

Thank you for your continued support of Houghton Wesleyan Church as an act of faith and gratitude for all of God's blessings. If you have questions or comments related to the Community Financial Plan, please contact David Mercer or Pastor Wes.