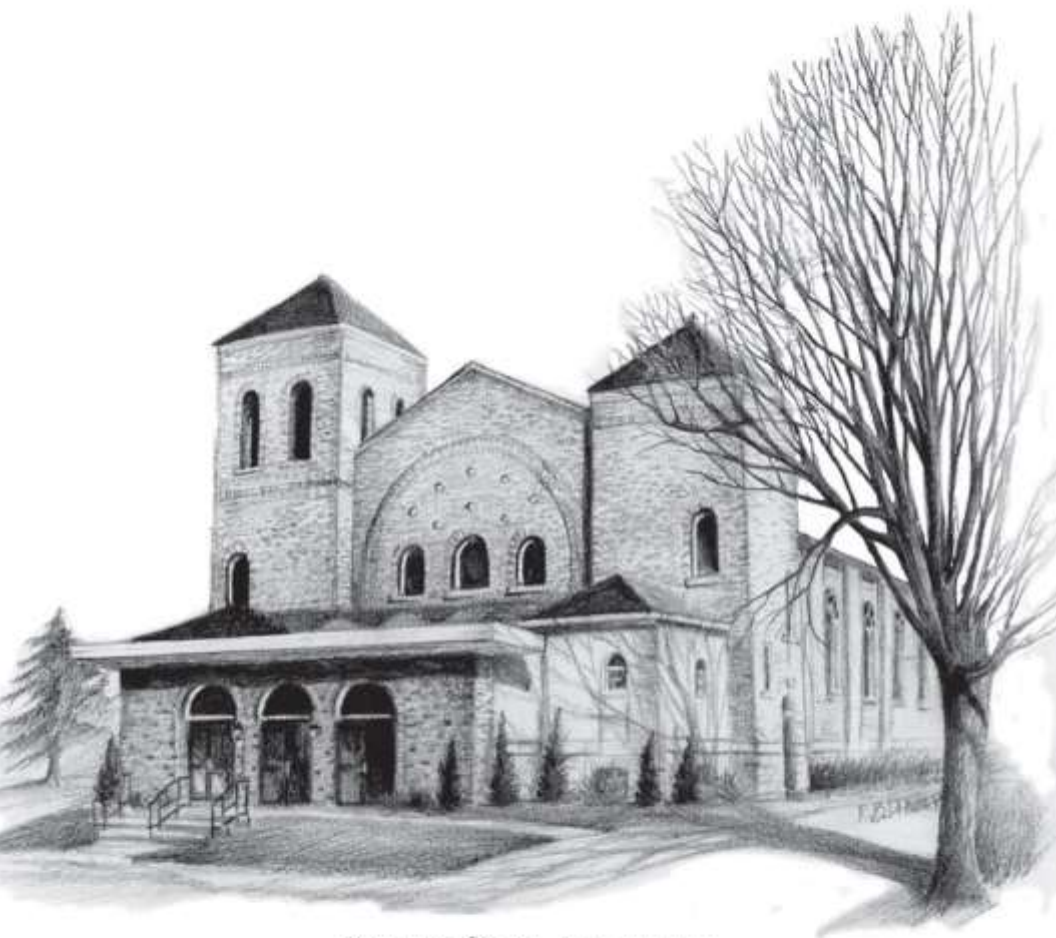




# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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# SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 9, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *Paeon (Hymn of Praise)* by Robert Lau

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 273: ***And Can it Be?***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Sara Massey

Songs of Adoration: ***O How Good it Is; Is He Worthy; Goodness of God***

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, open our eyes to the truth of our frailty and fallibility. Give us courage to admit when we are wrong and courage to seek forgiveness from those who have been hurt by our sinful ways. Forgive our stubbornness, our arrogance and our apathy toward others. Fill us with the grace and truth of Your Holy Spirit that we might think, see and act more like Christ from whom we experience forgiveness and through whom we pray. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 16:10-24

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

Hymn: ***Take My Life and Let it Be*** (Tune of Hymn 87)

Sermon: **Make Room For the Master**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Lord, I Need You***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: The Knapp Family

Music Ministry Team:

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

**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](http://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](mailto: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 Eliyah 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).



*Time.  
Talent.  
Treasure.*

## 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
<b>Missions</b>				
Local Outreach	\$ 18,700	\$ 21,700	\$ 3,000	2.6%
Global Outreach	\$ 129,242	\$ 132,242	\$ 3,000	15.8%
<b>Total Missions</b>	<b>\$ 147,942</b>	<b>\$ 153,942</b>	<b>\$ 6,000</b>	<b>18.4%</b>
<b>Ministries</b>				
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%
<b>Total Ministries</b>	<b>\$ 308,494</b>	<b>\$ 312,527</b>	<b>\$ 4,033</b>	<b>37.4%</b>
<b>Physical Plant</b>				
Building Operations & Maintenance	\$ 125,860	\$ 127,331	\$ 1,471	15.2%
Capital Improvements/Contingency	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ -	2.4%
<b>Total Physical Plant</b>	<b>\$ 145,860</b>	<b>\$ 147,331</b>	<b>\$ 1,471</b>	<b>17.6%</b>
<b>Administration and Church Office</b>				
Church Office	\$ 69,395	\$ 70,193	\$ 798	8.4%
Administration & General/Contingency	\$ 79,404	\$ 81,226	\$ 1,822	9.7%
<b>Total Administration and Church Office</b>	<b>\$ 148,799</b>	<b>\$ 151,419</b>	<b>\$ 2,620</b>	<b>18.1%</b>
<b>Denominational and District Support</b>	<b>\$ 70,485</b>	<b>\$ 71,235</b>	<b>\$ 750</b>	<b>8.5%</b>
<b>Total Budgeted Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 821,579</b>	<b>\$ 836,454</b>	<b>\$ 14,875</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

### 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.*