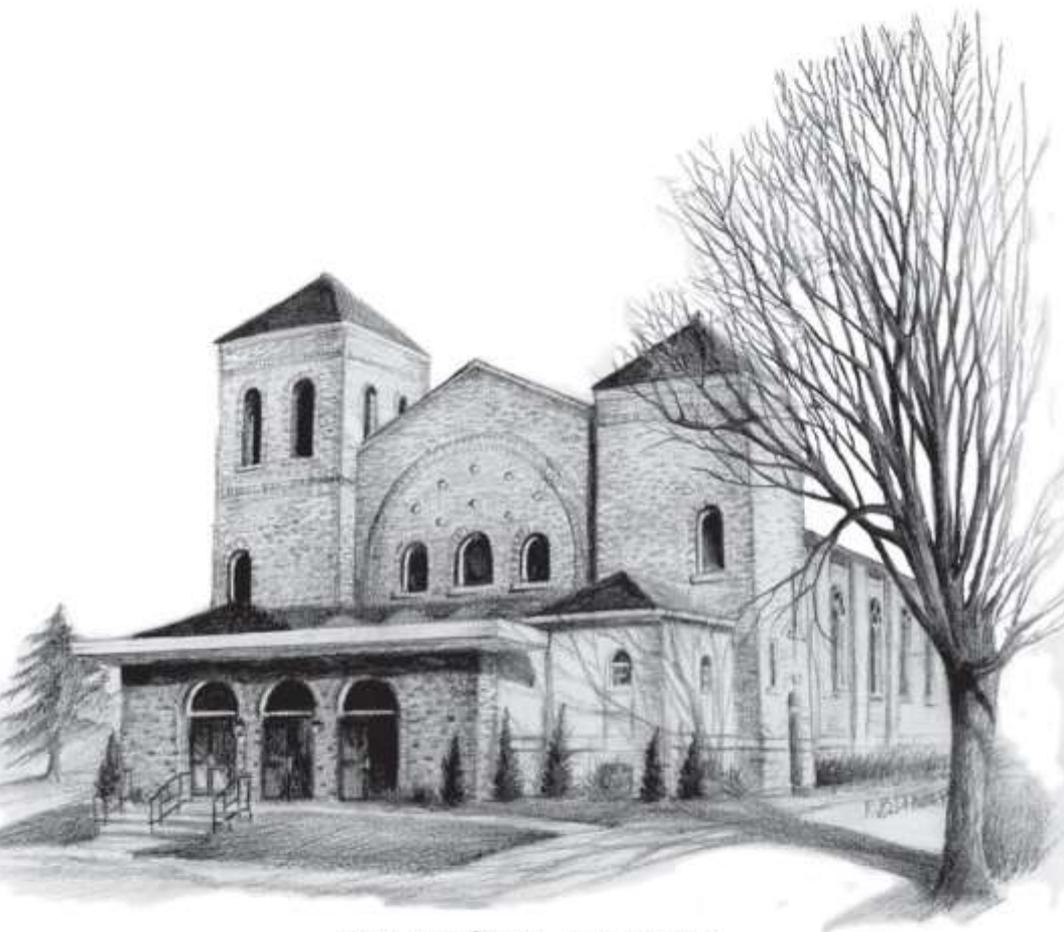




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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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PENTECOST SUNDAY

MAY 23, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Variations on "Veni Creator"* (Maurice Durufle)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 335: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Ann McNeill

Songs of Adoration:

Song of My Heart; Holy Spirit, You are Welcome; I Love You, Lord

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we often fail in our calling to be Your holy people, a people set apart for Your divine purposes. We are often more cynical than hopeful. We are moved more by private ambition than by justice for those who need it most. We doubt your goodness and cling to our own.

**We too often try to live in our own power
rather than in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

**Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in Your image,
reminding us that though our sins are as scarlet,
in your grace, they are made white as snow. Amen.**

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Selections from Acts 1-2

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

Hymn 197: *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

Sermon: **The Church's Birthday Present**

Pastor Paul Shea

Song: *Holy Spirit*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Heidi Huizenga

Music Ministry Team:

Mila Lima, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Pablo Lima, guitar & vocals;
Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this Pentecost Sunday, when we celebrate the Holy Spirit's presence and power on the disciples and the birth of the Church, we worship God whose blessings are unending. We pray that God's Spirit will come upon us once again that we may be the Church he has called us to be.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING our church youth group will lead us in worship. Join us for worship online and in person at 10:00 a.m. and outdoors at 11:15 a.m.

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.

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.

SUNDAY MORNING ZOOM NEXT SUNDAY: Sunday Morning Zoom at 9:00am SMZ - Dr. Paul Young leads another Bible study in the last Sunday Morning Zoom.

CHURCH SURVEY: Please add your voice to a congregational survey which you can access on the church website. The survey will be functional through the end of today.

ELECTION BALLOT & COMMUNITY FINANCIAL PLAN: The proposed Community Financial Plan and the Election Ballot is available for your vote on the church website or by paper ballot, which are available in the foyer indoors and on the entry tables outdoors. The election will continue through the end of today.

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 Paul's 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.

KIDS' CLUB YEAR-END CELEBRATION -Let's celebrate Kids' Club with a fishing party at the McNeill's place in Rushford on Wednesday, May 26th at 6 p.m. Bring your family and your fishing gear if you have any - we have a couple poles too. We'll grill and play outdoors concluding our year of knowing Jesus better. RSVP to Miss Ann by Tuesday, the 25th at annmcneill@hwchurch.org. Hope to see you there!

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$788,249.00 / Budget Received: \$787,182.34

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Midweek check in - Wed at 1:15pm

Zoom Sunday School at 9am this week - Colossians

This week, we continue our 30 Hour Famine series.

JR High YG - 3-4pm / Sr. High YG - 5-6pm

30-hour famine update - Thank you so much for your generosity and support; we raised a total of \$2377.00!

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.

MISSION MOMENT - Today we are invited to join Wesleyans around the globe in prayer for the Holy Spirit to empower the church anew to evangelize and disciple believers. See *Together: Filled and Sent* at www.wesleyan.org.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - We pray for believers in Turkey where following Christ in the land of the Apostles John and Paul remains under close scrutiny and restrictions in our day.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Denise Zambrano, Carlos Gildemeister, 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 Angola Wesleyan Church (Pastor Mike Trippett).