

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 23, 2021

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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.

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 to 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 annmneill@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 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 Angola Wesleyan Church (Pastor Mike Trippett).

**Outdoor Worship Service
Pentecost Sunday
May 23, 2021 at 11:15am**

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration:

Love Divine, all Loves Excelling; Song of My Heart; Holy Spirit, You are Welcome

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Selections from Acts 1-2

On one occasion, while he was eating with them, (Jesus) gave them this command: “Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” ... When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them... Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say. These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It’s only nine in the morning! No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel:

“In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people.”

When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, “Brothers, what shall we do?”

Peter replied, “Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call.”

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

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

Pastor Paul Shea

Song: *Holy Spirit*

Benediction

Scripture Reader: Doug Gaerte

Music Ministry Team:

Amanda Cox & Mila Lima, vocals; Pablo Lima, guitar & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón