



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others*

May 4, 2021

Dear Houghton Church Friends,

Here is some information for this week.

Worship Information

- The sanctuary will be open for worship during the 10:00 streaming service. Reservations help us plan and confirm that you will have a seat when you attend. You may make a reservation [HERE](#) or by contacting the church office (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)/585-567-2264 to make sure that the service is full and not a glitch in the system.
- We have set up space 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.

Church Survey: In the next week or so, you will receive a survey to help us better understand how to minister to all of us most effectively. Thank you in advance for helping us.

SMZ (Sunday Morning Zoom): SMZ continues this week 9:00 a.m. – 9:50 a.m. Dr. Anthony Petrillo will share about the ministry of TEN3. Here is the [ZOOM LINK](#) (passcode also required; contact Pastor Paul Shea (paulshea@hwchurch.org), text (585-610-6883), call (585-567-2264) or email the church (office@hwchurch.org) for the Zoom Passcode. Everyone is welcome.

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.

Youth Group News

- Midweek check in - Wed at 1:15pm
- Sunday morning zoom Sunday School - 9am - Joel
- This week, we continue our 30 Hour Famine series.
 - JR High YG - 3-4pm
 - Sr. High YG - 5-6pm
- The 30-hour famine is this weekend: www.30hourfamine.org/team/HFWChurchYouth
- Please contact Pastor Jon if you need zoom links for any event or if you have other questions.

President Mullen Farewell Reception: You are cordially invited to a Farewell Reception honoring President Shirley Mullen and Dr. Paul Mills, Friday, May 14, 2021 in the Larder Courtyard (Inclement Weather Location: Van Dyk Lounge, Reinhold Campus Center), 1:00 pm -5:45 pm. To select a 45-minute timeslot to greet President Mullen and Dr. Mills, please register at [THIS LINK](#) and indicate your preferred attendance time. Registration is limited to 100 individuals per timeslot to allow for appropriate social distancing. Please register by May 7, 2021. If you are unable to join us for this on-campus event, please join us for a virtual farewell on Thursday, May 13 at 7:00 pm by visiting the [LINK](#).

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

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

- As you can see, God has blessed us through your generosity! Thank you. 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.
- 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 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, 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