

May 18, 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: [We have sent out a church survey](#) to help us with future planning. Thank you in advance for your participation. The survey ends this Sunday, May 23.

Church Election: The ballot and the Community Financial Plan ballot is available on the church website and by obtaining a paper ballot from the church office. You may access the CFP [HERE](#). The elections remain open through this Sunday, May 23.

SMZ (Sunday Morning Zoom): SMZ for the 16th and 23rd will be a panel of Sarah Derck on the Old Testament, Ken Schenk on Gospels and Terrence Paige on Pauline references to the Holy Spirit. To obtain the link for this powerful introduction to God's work in the believer and the church as we come to Pentecost Sunday, 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.
- 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 24th at annmceill@hwchurch.org. Hope to see you there!

Youth Group News

- Midweek check in - Wed at 1:15pm
- Zoom Sunday School at 9am this week - 1 Thessalonians
- 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 of the youth groups 30 Hour Famine! Around 20 students participated at various times in this year's event, and we raised a total of \$2377.00!
- Please contact Pastor Jon if you need zoom links for any event or if you have other questions.

Royal Family Kids' Camp (RFKC)—Prayer Partners Needed

- The mission of Royal Family Kids is to create “positive, life-changing moments for innocent children who have been victims of neglect, abuse, and abandonment.”
- Currently there are 242 RFKCs, 214 in the US and 28 campus in six other countries. Since 1995, the local Houghton RFKC has served over 400 campers, with each of these campers returning for an average of 4 summers. We are thrilled to report that this year's RFKC at Camp Asbury is a “go”! It is scheduled for July 6-11.
- Anyone interested in being a prayer partner should contact Laurie Dashnau by email at Laurie.Dashnau@houghton.edu. The responsibilities of a prayer partner include praying for one specific camper, counselor, or staff member along with writing a short note to that person which will be passed along to them by whatever means deemed appropriate this year. Thank you in advance for considering serving in this capacity.

Church Finances

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

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

- 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

2021 Election Ballot
Houghton Wesleyan Church

Secretary

Jim Zoller

Treasurer

David Mercer

Elders (Elect 3, 3-Year Term)

Tim McGarvey

Alicia Mucher

Sally Retz

Daryl Stevenson

Donnie Stockin

A.C. Taylor

Trustees (Elect 3, 3-Year Term)

Nate Jacoby

Linda Knapp

Shelley Noyes

Andrew Roorbach

Janyce Smithley

Dan Wartinger

Nominating Committee (Elect 3)

Ken Bates

Beth Beardsley

Phyllis Gaerte

Patrick Hager

Jane Miner

Betsy Webb

Delegates to District Conference
(Elect 5)

Doyin Adenuga

Josie Adenuga

Barb Bates

Ken Bates

Bob Danner

Diane Emmons

Don Little

Jill Schmidt

Karl Schmidt

Elders (2020-2021)

Doug Gaerte (21) Dick Harter (21)

Ed Taylor (21) Dave Brubaker (22)

Don Little (22) Jan Schilke (22)

Doyin Adenuga (23) Heidi Huizenga (23)

Jill Jordan (23)

Trustees (2020-2021)

Barb Bates (21) Matt Woolsey (21)

Vali Ciobanu (22) Charlie Smith (22)

Michael Spateholts (22) Harold Blew (23)

Nathan Danner (23) Judi Mayhle (23)