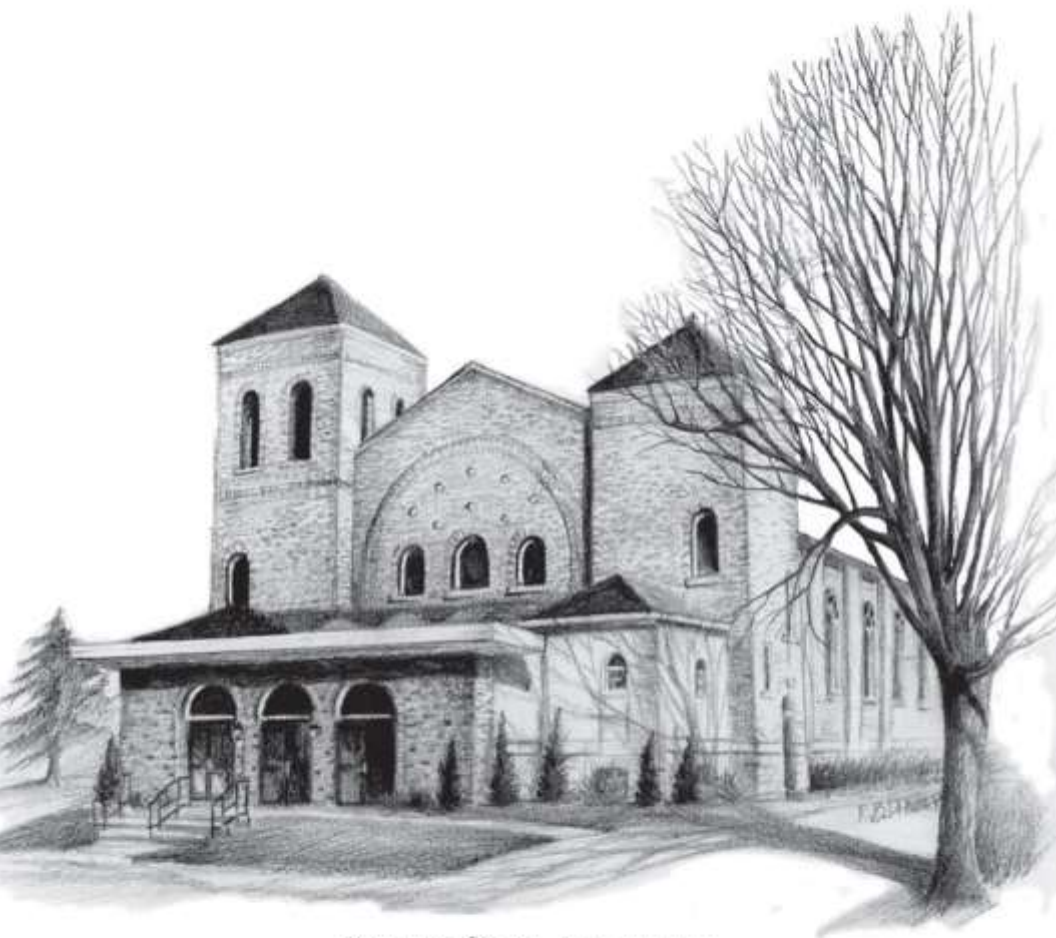




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 13, 2021
10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: How Great Thou Art (Michael Burkhardt)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 1: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: *Oh How Good It Is; Kyrie Eleison*

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Genesis 33:1-11

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

Hymn 472: *Christ from Whom all Blessings Flow*

Sermon: Forgetting the Hatchet

Dr. Ken Schenck

Song: *Let us Consider*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Laura Sisson

Music Ministry Team:

Mila Lima, Jeff Babbitt, Mike Cox, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Pablo Lima, guitar

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Gideon Laurence Roorbach, born on April 14, 2021, to Susie and Andrew and older brothers Christian and Matthias.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Worship is a privilege that allows us to acknowledge the glory of God, to hear God speak into our community, to commit ourselves to one another in love, and to affirm that God is our loving, merciful heavenly Father. In our worship today, may God help us turn our attention to Him with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength.

THIS MORNING WE WELCOME THE REV. DR. KEN SCHENCK TO OUR PULPIT. Ken is Vice President for Planning and Innovation at Houghton College.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Cindy Oden will be preaching. We gather for worship online and indoors at 10:00 a.m. and outdoors at 11:15 a.m.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS WEEK! Children can join us in the Community Room during the sermon.

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.

IN-PERSON PROTOCOLS: In order to protect everyone who is attending in person this morning, please note the information on the Protocols Card. Masks are only required when moving from your seat or when singing. Thank you for your acts of love for each other.

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.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets Thursday Evenings at 7 PM in the Primary Assembly Room.

HWC Children's Ministries is excited to team with Fillmore Wesleyan Church as they host VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL June 28 - July 1. To sign your children up or volunteer, Email emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org or annmcneill@hwchurch.org to sign your children up and/or to volunteer to help. We need group leaders to assist small groups of children as they participate in the Bible story, science, and crafts stations, and possibly a Games Leader. The evenings run from 6:00-8:30.

STEWARDSHIP BUDGET NEEDED: \$16,121.65 / BUDGET RECEIVED: \$10,835.40

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Midweek check in - Wed at 1:15pm

Final Youth ZOOM Sunday School is at 9 am next week: James

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP: We are thrilled to report that this year's RFKC at Camp Asbury is a "go"! It is scheduled for July 11-16. 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." Since 1995, the local Houghton RFKC has served over 400 campers, with each of these campers returning for an average of 4 summers. 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 members along with writing a short note to that person (the note being provided) which will be passed along to him or her at the start of camp.

MISSION MOMENT - We are touring and praying for Wesleyan Churches world-wide – today's focus: **The Ibero-America Regional Conference** of 500 churches and preaching points, over 30,000 members, and 17 Bible schools in Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, Peru, Puerto Rico, Spain and Venezuela. Praise God for their energetic proclamation for the Good News locally and cross culturally to Africa and Europe in spite of many challenges.

THE GLOBAL CHURCH - Christians and others are facing growing terror from jihadis roaming the Sahel regions of Africa. Last weekend Burkina Faso suffered the country's worst attack in years when armed men killed 160 Solhan villagers and burned property. We pray for world leaders to take action against these attacks and for Christians to remain strong in their faith.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Willis Beardsley, Denise Zambrano, Carlos Gildemeister, Peter Luckey, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Karen Gaerte, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Amy Ortiz (Luke Oden'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 affected 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 First Wesleyan Church, Bradford, PA (Pastor Terri Niver).

STEWARDSHIP- A Life of Generosity *“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand,”* 1 Chronicles 29:14.

Everything we have belongs to God. We are only stewards. It's important to recognize this truth in every area of our lives. Take a moment right now and thank the Lord for the many blessings He has provided.

No matter how young or old we are, our lives belong to the Lord and everything we own, love and cherish are His. The apostle Paul urged the church in Rome to view their bodies as living sacrifices and present them to God. “Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God- this is your true and proper worship,” Romans 12:1.

Where are you currently serving or sacrificing? Are you stepping out in faith and obedience to where He calls you to serve? We can't forget that our time and our efforts belong to the Lord. Where are you investing your time right now? As you think of where the Lord may use you, consider some of areas of ministry open now and in the future at HWC.

Current Needs

- Volunteers for the Tech Team (specifically at the 10am service)
- Children’s Church helpers

Future Needs

- Sunday School Teachers (various ages)
- Sunday School Teacher Assistants (various ages)
- Greeters
- Ushers
- Lay Shepherds
- Service Projects

Feel free to contact the church office if you are interested in serving HWC in this way!

Even before our finances or our service, our Father desires our unreserved devotion to Him. This is the most important thing. Consecrated hearts and lives are the starting place. It is amazing to see the Lord work in the lives of his followers when we embrace this core value and are on fire for the Lord willing to do any and all He asks of us. We need to live as laying everything at the altar for Christ. After all, everything we have belongs to Him.