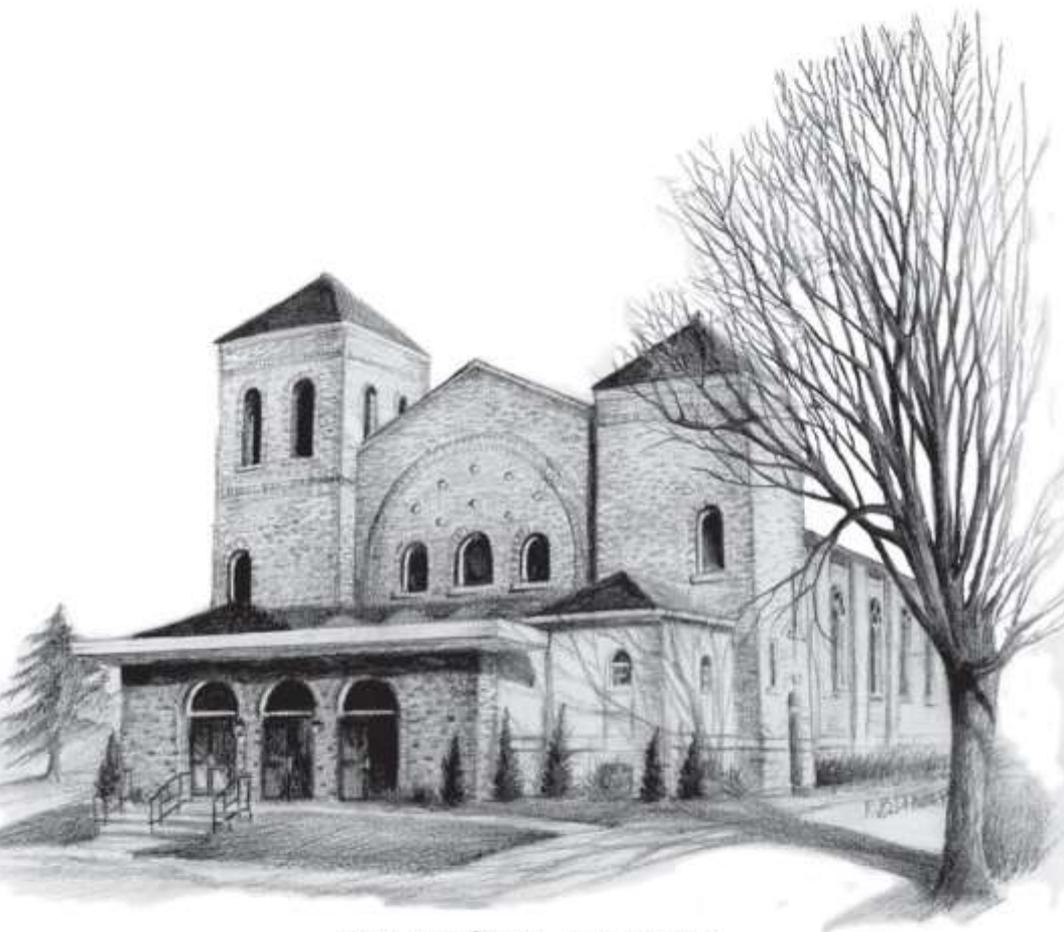




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 4, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Prelude and Fugue in G minor*, BWV 558 (J.S. Bach)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 273: *And Can it Be?*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: *Light of the World; Champion*

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, fill us with a desire to want you to change what we are, and to direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Philippians 2:5-13

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

Hymn 510: *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

Sermon: **The Freedom of Loss**

Rev. David Huizenga

Song: ***Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Josie Adenuga

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;

Caleb Hilsher, guitar; Jan Schilke, keyboard; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We worship today as a means of acknowledging God's greatness and to ask for His grace to be at work in our lives. As we worship, may the assurance of God's presence fill your heart and soul.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. David Huizenga as our guest preacher. David teaches Christian Studies and is Discipleship Coordinator at Houghton Academy.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes will preach from Esther 2:21-3:11, asking *Where Is God When We Are Overwhelmed?*

CHILDREN'S CHURCH THIS WEEK! Children can join us in the Primary Assembly 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.

MONDAY CHURCH OFFICES WILL BE CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAY.

BAPTISM AND DEDICATIONS: In light of the vaccination progress and the low positivity rate, we are ready to resume baptisms and dedications. If you or someone in your family is interested in being baptized or in having your children dedicated, please let me know.

VALLEY PRESCHOOL APPLICATIONS are available at the VPS Bulletin Board, in the church office, and online at <https://hwchurch.org/2021-22-vps-application-fillable/>

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." 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 11-16. We still need prayer partners. Anyone interested in being a prayer partner should contact Larie.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 (the note being provided); please return the note by July 5. The note will be passed along to him or her at the start of camp. Thank you in advance for considering serving in this capacity.

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 will not be meeting for the next four weeks. Hope to see both new and old faces again in August!

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$64,486.60/ **Budget Received:** \$57,801.60

MISSION OPPORTUNITY – Anyone interested in serving on the Global Missions Committee of HWC with exciting opportunities to focus plans and channel generous giving on behalf of this congregation, please contact Pastor Paul or other GMC members.

MISSION MOMENT - How important are our eyes?! Two of our global workers – Chris George in far-away Perth Australia, and John Christensen, Wycliffe member here in Houghton – have undergone critical and delicate eye procedures in recent days. Let’s pray for good recoveries for these two representing us in reaching out with the Good News on the other side of the globe.

PERSECUTED CHURCH - Two churches were bombed just prior to opening last Sunday, June 27, in Beni, Democratic Republic of Congo. The Islamic rebel group, ADF is believed behind the attack. Pray for courage for believers in this troubled region.

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 Latoria, 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 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 East Leon Wesleyan Church (Pastor Karen Cleveland).