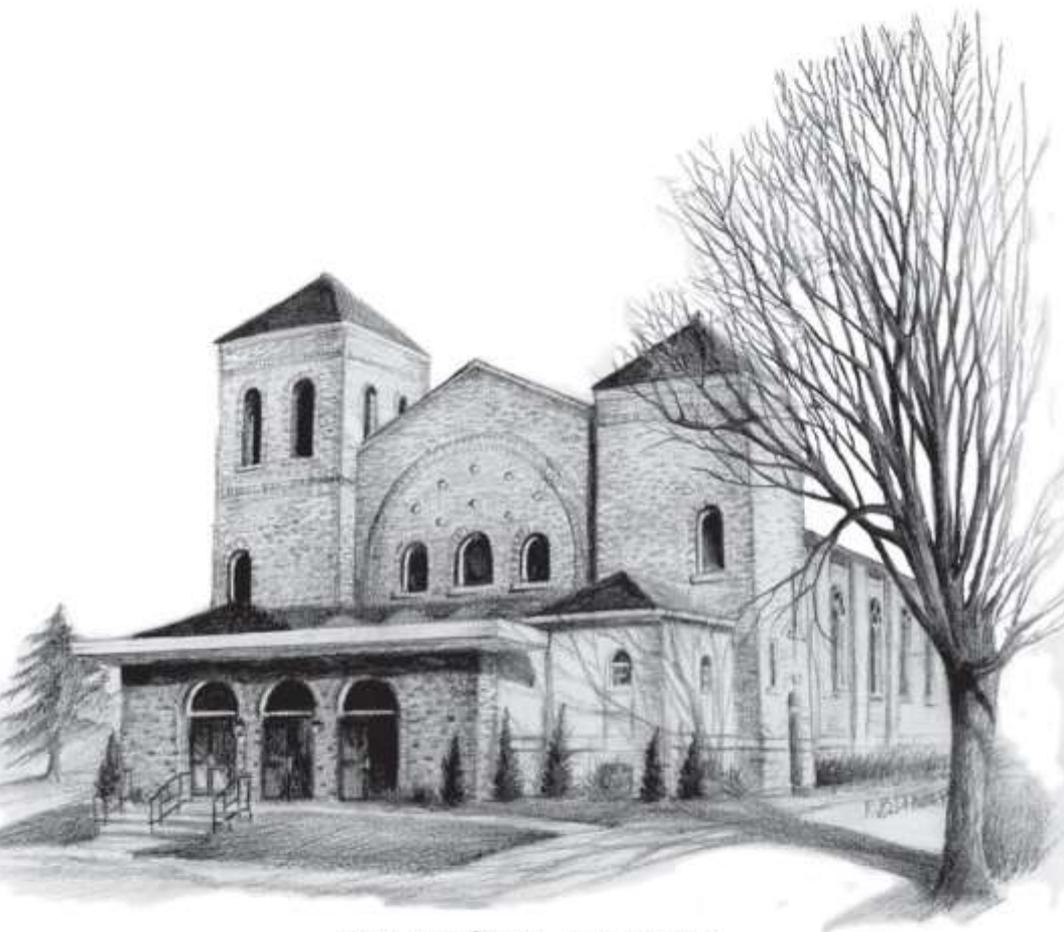




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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 22, 2021

10:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *There is a Happy Land* (arr. George Shearing)

Welcome

Call to Worship (from Psalm 62)

Truly our souls find rest in God; our salvation comes from him.

Truly he is our rock and our salvation; he is our fortress, we will never be shaken.

Yes, my soul, find rest in God; our hope comes from him.

Truly he is our rock and our salvation; he is our fortress, we will not be shaken.

Our salvation and our honor depend on God; he is our mighty rock, our refuge.

***Trust in him at all times, you people; pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.***

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 404: ***How Firm a Foundation***

Words of Greeting and Peace

We Dedicate Our Children to God: *Gideon Laurence Roorbach*

Children's Sermon

Blessing for School Children

Songs of Adoration: ***Champion; What a Beautiful Name***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Esther 7-10 (selected verses)

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

Hymn 390: ***Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us***

Sermon: **What Does God Do About Evil?**

Pastor Wes Oden

Closing Song: ***Amen (Because He Lives)***

Benediction

Organist: Nicholas Liddick

Scripture Reader: Katrina Koehler

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, Mike Cox, vocals; Ethan Bast, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH Every Sunday is a time for remembering all that God has done and to celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection. May God open our eyes, our ears, our minds and our hearts to him.

BAPTISM SERVICE AND ICE CREAM GATHERING Please join us for a baptism service today at 3:00p.m. in the church sanctuary. Following the baptism service, you are invited to an Ice cream social from 3:30-4:30 on the north side of the church. Please use the south driveway to enter and park for the baptism service and the ice cream social. You may park on the south side or the back parking lot. We invite you to come to one both of these important events in the life of our church. We do invite you to bring lawn chairs or blankets, if you like, for the ice cream social. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday afternoon.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes preaches from Psalm 72 in which we give thanks for the privilege of influencing the world . We are called to Rethink Worship. We will gather for outdoor worship at 8:45a.m. and for indoor and streaming worship at 11:00a.m.

CONNECTING We are in the process of updating email addresses and phone numbers for texting so that everyone who desires receives information from the church. If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes' weekly letter and weekly video chat, please contact the church office and we will update your information.

FALL SERVICE TIMES Starting next Sunday, our worship schedule changes. Sunday School begins September 5.

8:45 a.m. Outdoor Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School (begins September 5)

11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

HWC KIDS Mark your calendars: Sunday School begins September 5th at 9:45a.m.! We can't wait to see you! Parents, please take a few minutes to fill out the [survey](#) about Kids Min in the fall so we can get a better idea of how to allocate our resources. Sunday School team members, there will be a training for the fall at 9:45a.m. on August 29th.

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.

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/> **Valley Preschool is now accepting applications for two-year-olds (by September 1st).** Contact casdadanner@hwchurch.org with questions.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP Room 105 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY Hope to see both new and old faces again on Thursday evenings, 7:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room!

STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$176,561.44 / Budget Received: \$162,996.65

MISSION MOMENT Our hearts and prayers turn to Haiti where one Wesleyan church was completely destroyed and another severely damaged. There is no word yet on families impacted. We pray for the response with doctors and nurses and especially clean water supplies as local Christian leaders organize and respond alongside Global Partners and World Hope. May God grant strength and grace as many recover and minister to others. Lord have mercy.

PERSECUTED CHURCH We recently prayed for Christians in the minority in Afghanistan. Now we witness the trauma for that whole nation, and again we pray for believers who have cried out for courage in the midst of tangible, written threats, “We know who you are and we will find you!” May God be very real when human answers fail. Lord have mercy.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with concerns; Jessica Bogdan, Denise Zambrano, 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, Rueben 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 Forestville Wesleyan Church (Pastor Bruce Ellis).