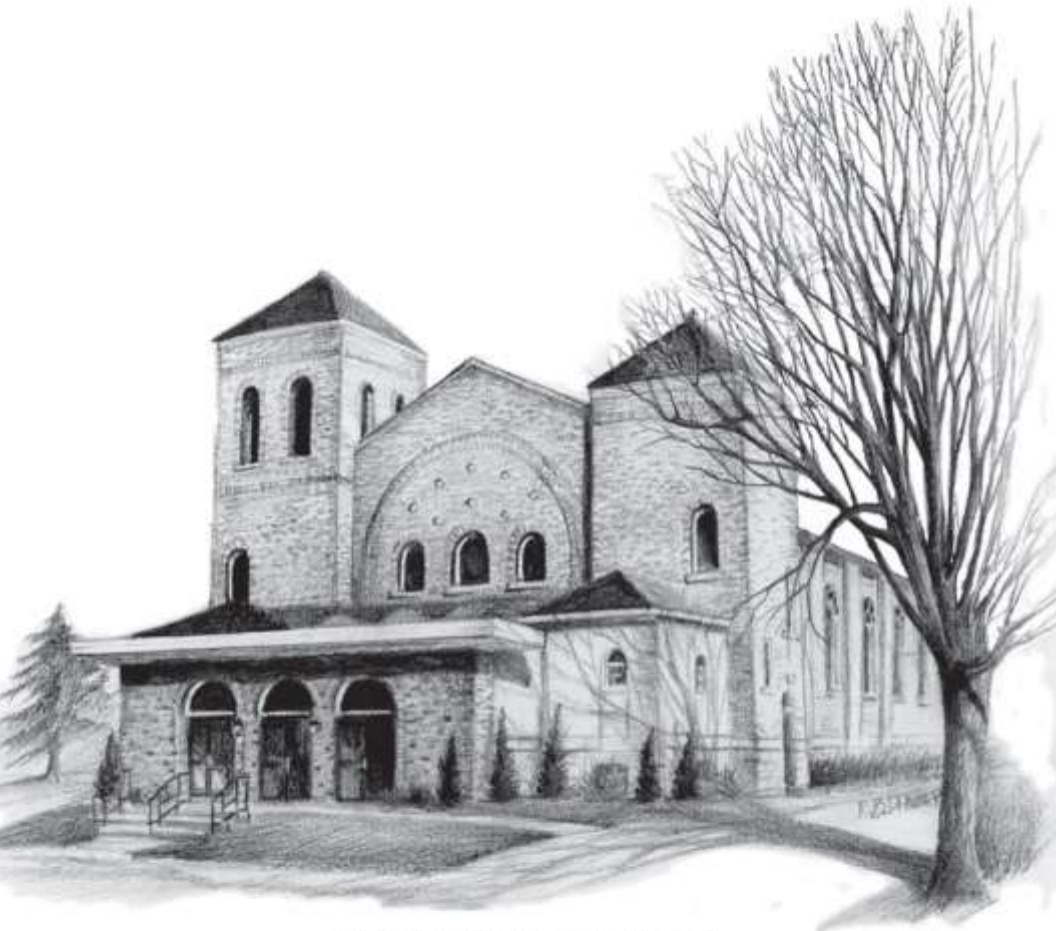
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others



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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 29, 2021
11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Fugue in C major*, BWV 545 (J. S. Bach)

Welcome

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 18: ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: Ann McNeill

Songs of Adoration: ***Thrive; Is He Worthy?***

Prayer of Confession

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness and fill us with your joy and love through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 72
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Hymn 74: ***Beautiful Savior***

Sermon: **The Privilege of Influencing the World**
Pastor Wes Oden

Closing Song: ***Your Great Name***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Scripture Reader: Pastor Paul Shea

Music Ministry Team:
Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Grace Deitrick, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Welcome to the Houghton Wesleyan Church. We join our hearts and minds, even if from a distance, to worship God. In our worship, we remember that he loves us, that he is for us, and that his desires for us are far greater than we could ever imagine. As we embark on a new academic year, we gather asking God's Spirit to work in us and to transform us by His grace.

There is no Children's Church this week. Children are invited to worship with their families!

Next Sunday Morning: Pastor Wes begins a series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Throughout the Sundays this fall, we will be thinking about how some partially true ideas can lead us to away from God's wonderful designs for us. Next week's sermon is from Nehemiah 8 addressing The Myth that Makes Us Oppressive. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:45 a.m. and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School begins next week for all ages at 9:45 a.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's weekly letter and weekly video chat, please contact the church office and we will update your information.

Adult Sunday School next week. Two or three groups will commence next week. It will be helpful for those attending to make suggestions and even offer leadership as we move into a new phase of fellowship and discipleship. Make sure to welcome students as part of our church family.

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

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Stewardship

Budget Needed: $192,612.48 / **Budget Received:** $175,068.16

Mission Moment - In spite of repeated lockdowns and much ministry through Zoom, God is working mightily in Sri Lanka through Cedric and Sharlini Rodrigo and other workers. A new urban church plant project in a suburb of Colombo means that Wesleyans minister in the three main languages of Sri Lanka – Sinhala, Tamily. And English. Pray for Cedric as he mentors widely spread out pastors and workers.

Persecuted Church –Our thoughts continue towards Christians in Afghanistan and the many coping with the rapid changes and dangers in that country. We pray specifically for clearance and safety for students accepted for both Houghton College and Academy. Reports tell of known and expected trials, and even death for Christians in that land.

Prayer Concerns: for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Jessica Bogdan, Denise Zambrano, 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 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 Watermark Wesleyan Church, Hamburg (Pastor Paul Gartley).

For more information about church activities, please visit our website: www.hwchurch.org or email us at info@hwchurch.org.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Houghton Wesleyan offers a variety of ways for you to get involved in ministry in a way that best fits you.

Check the boxes for all the ministries you would like to be part of.

- ☐ CHILDREN
- ☐ YOUTH
- ☐ COLLEGE
- ☐ MUSIC
- ☐ TECHNOLOGY
- ☐ GREETERS/USHERS
- ☐ COFFEE
- ☐ MEALS ON WHEELS
- ☐ DISCIPLESHIP
  (Sunday School, Small Groups, Bible Study, etc.)

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone: _____

Nursery Volunteer Sign-up

School Year Months: October 1--April 30

Children are never too young to begin experiencing the love of God and sensing that they are a part of the body of Christ. The nursery ministry is an effort to care for the physical needs of children and to provide a place where children are appreciated as part of Christ's body.

Please complete the following survey if you are able to help in the nursery. We will gladly use you as a volunteer if:

1) you are willing to go through an application/screening process;
2) you are willing to attend required training meetings; and
3) you attend HWC regularly.

Thank you for your part in this ministry of love for Christ and the little ones. He has entrusted to us. The completed survey can be sent intracampus to the church office or put in the offering plate as soon as possible. Thanks.

There must be two adult (18 or older) volunteers for each service. You may be a third volunteer if you are 14-17 years old. You may accompany <u>your</u> parent(s) if you are under 14. Please indicate your age if you are under 18.

Please completely fill out the information below:

1. Name_____18 or older _____ Age if under 18____
2. Address/CPO Box #_____
   Phone number _____
   Email address_____
3. During the school months (October 1-April 30) I would be willing to work:

_____every week	_____8:45 service
_____every other week	_____9:45 Sunday School
_____once each month	_____11:00 service
_____other_____	

4. Dates I will **not** be available from October 1--April 30 (college and academy students will not be scheduled during class breaks):

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Perhaps you are not sure of your schedule. Please don't hesitate to sign up anyway. It is easy to switch with someone else should you find that you are unavailable when you are scheduled.