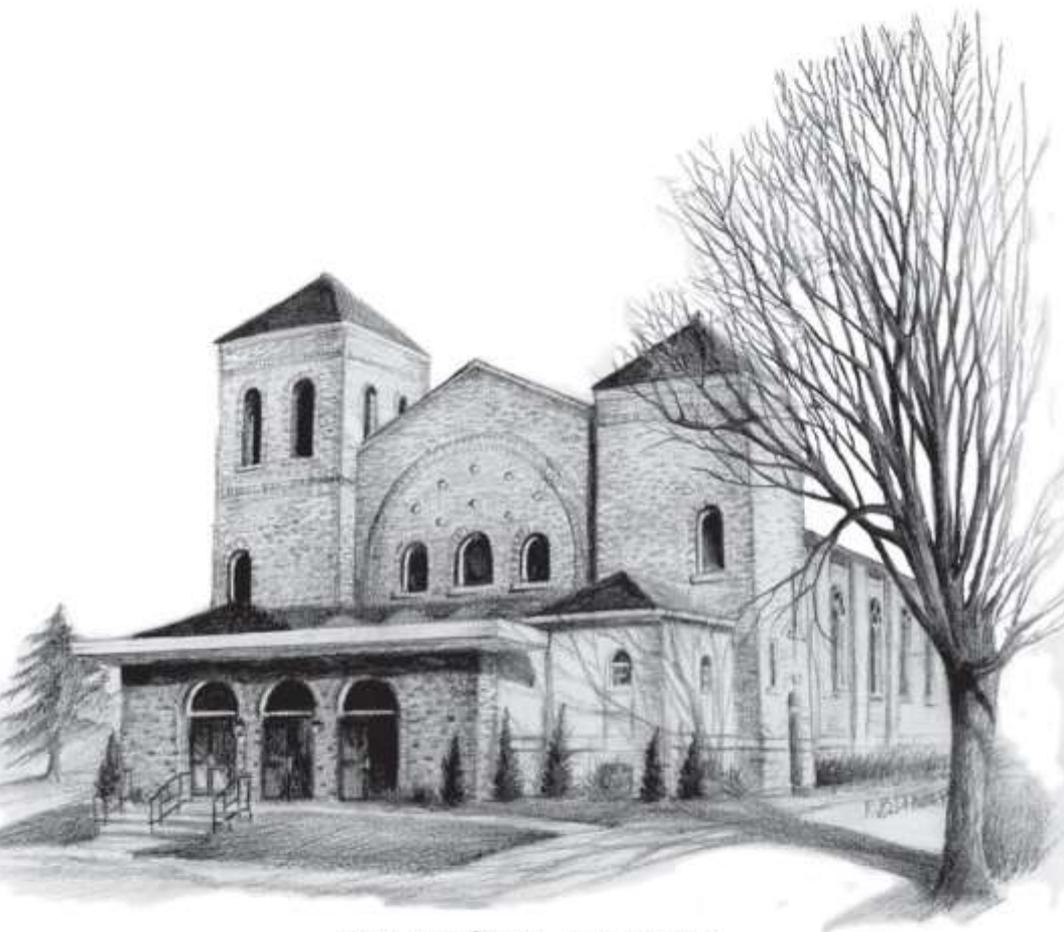




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Sonata Op. 65, No. 2: Allegro maestoso e vivace* (F. Mendelssohn)

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 97: *Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Safety Sunday

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

Songs of Adoration: *Christ is Risen; Kyrie Eleison*

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness,
our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.**

**You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways,
in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.**

**Have mercy on us, O Lord. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your
light, and walk in your ways, for the sake of 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: Matthew 12:1-8, 22-32

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

Hymn 270: *Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness*

Sermon: *The Myth that Makes Us Impossible*

Pastor Wes Oden

Closing Song: *Jesus Paid it All*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Dianna Clem

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, vocals; Ethan Bast, guitar & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist proclaims: “The Lord reigns, he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength... Your throne was established long ago; you are from all eternity” (93:1-2). We worship today to affirm the Psalmist’s proclamation—with our words and with our lives. As we worship God the Father Almighty, may His Spirit fill us with the joy of worship that we might go forth to live in the presence of His power and love.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Next week’s sermon is from Hebrews 10 addressing The Myth that Makes Us Average. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:45 a.m. and for indoor/streaming blended worship at 11:00 a.m. Sunday School for all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH: Due to low staffing, there will be no 11:00 children’s church today.

TOWELS NEEDED: If you have old towels that you would be willing to donate to the church, we could use them to clean off chairs at the outdoor service on Sundays when it rains. Drop them by the church office anytime or bring them on Sunday.

PRAYER VIGIL: For the past 11 years, we have hosted a 3-week, 24-hour prayer vigil. Because of Covid-19, last year’s vigil was moved from the Prayer Room to outdoors. This year’s event will also be outdoors and will begin September 26 and conclude October 10. We have designed prayer stations that will lead us through an hour of prayer. You may sign up for an hour time slot on the church website or by using [this link](#).

CONNECTING: We continue to update 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 and would like to, please contact the church office and we will update your information.

Register your HWCKids
for the 2021-2022 Year!



WEDNESDAY NIGHT KIDS CLUB: Join kids grades 1-6 from area churches at Houghton Wesleyan Church 6:15-7:30 starting October 6!

This year’s theme is *Great Stories of the Bible*.

Banding Together and Small Groups - Interested in discipleship this Fall? Direct questions about Banding Together Groups and Small Groups to Pastor Paul. Paulshea@hwchurch.org. More info coming Sunday the 26th.

YOUTH GROUP

- Today—September 19 - Youth group begins! We are returning to the pre-COVID time and format. YG starts at 6pm and will be finished by about 8pm. Both Junior High and Senior High students will join us for that time. We will often be outdoors if the weather is nice, but will be indoors, wearing masks, when the weather does not co-operate. Please be sure to bring a mask!

WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—9:30 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room (lower level of the sanctuary).

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY MEETS THURSDAY EVENINGS 7:00 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room or outdoors if weather permits.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$240,765.60 / **Budget Received:** \$213,479.38

MISSION MOMENT - We pray for the Fillmore Powerhouse Ministry leadership and volunteer staff as Fall programming gears up reaching local children and teens with the love of Christ.

PERSECUTED CHURCH –We pray for believers under various levels of persecution. Jesus said, “Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” We pray that all across the globe God will pour out his peace, courage, perseverance and deliverance.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Mildred Congdon (Judy's mother), 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), 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, Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave & 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 Ashwood Wesleyan Church, Lyndonville (Pastor Karen Tucker).

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