

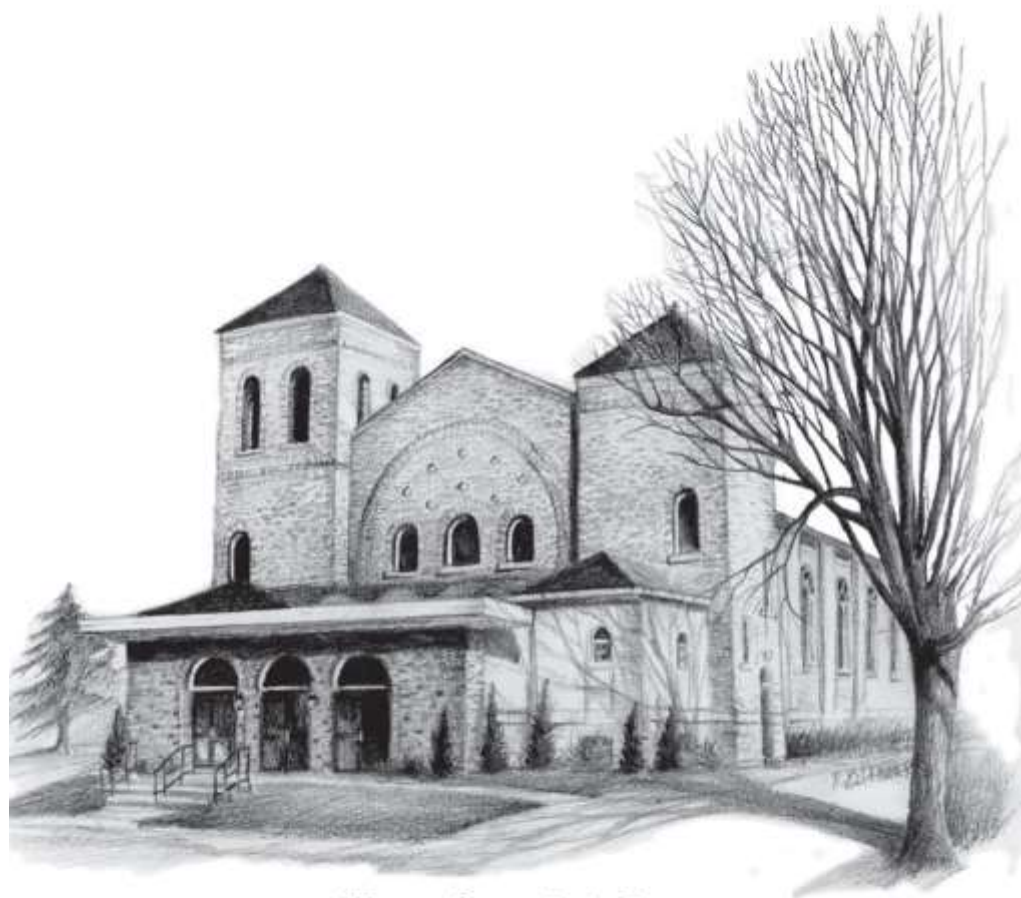


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WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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# TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 10, 2021

11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* (arr. Craig Phillips)

Welcome & Opening Prayer

Songs of Adoration: ***Desert Song; Weep with Me***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Children's Ministries

Children's Sermon: Emily Spateholts

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

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

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

Song: ***Be Still, My Soul***

Sermon: **The Myth that Makes Us Cold**

Pastor Wes Oden

Hymn 444: ***When Peace Like a River***

Benediction

Postlude: *It Is Well with My Soul* (arr. Craig Phillips)

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Scripture Reader: Sharon McGarvey

Music Ministry Team:

Marissa Brown, vocals; Linette Taylor, guitar & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Grace Deitrick, keyboard & vocals;

Dan Zambrano, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We worship today because Christ who was dead is risen and all who believe in Him have life in Him. May God help us worship today so that we may go forth to live in His grace and power every day.

**KOINONIA:** Everyone is invited to Wesley Chapel tonight at 7:00 for a time of worship led by college students. This ministry of our church is a wonderful opportunity to worship God and to support and engage with Houghton College students.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on Myths that Make Us. Next week's sermon is from Genesis 2 and 3 addressing *The Myth that Makes Us Presumptuous*. 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.

**NOTE:** The Hymnsing originally scheduled for October 14 is postponed.

**SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE:** Families, friends, and community members are invited to a Service of Remembrance for the children in our Church family who left us too soon, from the unborn and just born to adult children. Please join us at the church on Thursday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. for a time of song, Scripture, and memorial as we honor our children and their families. All are welcome. This celebration of life and acknowledgment of loss and grief is a part of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

**LECTIO DIVINA:** Thursday evening, October 28, at 6:30 p.m. you are invited to the Church sanctuary for a Service of Scripture, Silence and Prayer. Jeanie Little leads this time of contemplation. All are invited and welcome to attend.

**HARVEST TREAT BAG DRIVE-THROUGH INVITATION:** Saturday, October 30, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. You are invited to come to the church parking lot to receive a bag filled with treats. The Pastoral Staff will be dressed-up to give out the treat bags and to greet you as you drive through the parking lot. Children and youth are invited to dress-up as well or to decorate your vehicle.

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES:**

- Kids activity bags, worship bulletins, and Bibles are available at the back of the sanctuary!
- There will be no nursery and no 11:00 children's church today due to low staffing and lack of demand.
- **KIDS' CLUB KIDS' CLUB** is moving forward with plans being made to celebrate Jesus's love year-round.

**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: \$288,918.72 / Budget Received: \$261,472.59

**WE HAVE OUR VERY OWN OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD BUILD-A-SHOEBOX PAGE!** Won't you join our church & our area friends and neighbors to help us reach our 100 online box goal? Online boxes help to deliver shoebox gifts containing culturally sensitive toys and gifts to hard-to-reach areas of the world. We can still pack our own shoeboxes and drop them off at the church before November 19th, or even leave individual gift items in the church bin for Houghton Academy students to pack up during their packing party the week before. Whatever way you and your family choose to send the love of God through Christ to the world, you will be blessed. You may contact [annmceill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmceill@hwchurch.org) with questions.

Go to <https://build-a-shoebox.samaritanspurse.org/view/ca30cb59-1db2-46fb-bac2-1dd4f8bd061c> to build your online box today!

**MISSION MOMENT** - The Petrillos are not only planning and preparing for a trip to visit Tanzania in late November, but TEN3 is seeking God's provision for 60 new laptops to equip two schools for Bible centered learning. We pray for this urgent need.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Civil and religious strife in numerous countries often emerges from centuries of internal ethnic divisions. Christians are often caught up the conflicts as in Ethiopia today. We pray for protection as Christian leaders attempt to be bold and courageous peacemakers.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for Judy Congdon and her family at the death of her mother this week and for all who are grieving; for people with concerns: Sith Sanasith (Souly's brother), 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 Eliyah 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 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, particularly Afghans; for peace amid threats of war; for the Hillside Wesleyan Church, Olean (Pastor Dan Todd).

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