

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others*

November 2, 2021

Dear Houghton Church Friends,

Here is some information for this week. **New items are highlighted.**

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45 a.m. – Outdoor (If the weather—lightning or torrential rain—prevents us meeting outdoors, we will move into the sanctuary). Coffee is available before and after the outdoor service.

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School (Children, Youth and Adults)

11:00 a.m. – Indoor/Streaming Blended Worship

Sunday Morning: This Sunday, I continue a series of sermons that focus on some of the myths that all of us are tempted to believe. This week's sermon turns our attention to our understanding of hell and *The Myth that Makes Us Empty* (Ecclesiastes 9).

Adult Sunday School: This Sunday, Nov.7, we welcome Cory and Kris Thede, our missionaries to Haiti (Agriculture, Public Health, and Church work). They will bring fresh news on Haiti and their work as well. Don't miss the opportunity for pictures and details at 9:45 a.m. in the Community Room.

Daylight Saving Time Ends: This Saturday night turn your clocks back one hour.

Memorial Service for Bob Brown will be held at the church this Saturday, 11:00 a.m.

HWC Kids:

- We're serving up an exciting series this month! Here's what GROW has to say about Plate It: "Kids love to be in the kitchen. They may even love helping prepare something delicious! Having a plan or a recipe usually helps, too. Just like having a plan in the kitchen helps the meal we hope to enjoy, the stories of the Old Testament prophets are like a cookbook that helped people prepare for the Savior that God would send one day. Even though there's no exact recipe, kids will find that they can prepare themselves for a loving relationship with God when they 1) trust God, 2) talk to God, 3) listen to God, and 4) leave the results to God."
- Join us in memorizing this month's verse: Ephesian 2:10 - For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.
- Thank you to everyone who donated and participated in this year's Harvest Drive-through!"

Outdoor Service Set Up: If you are interested in being on a rotating outdoor service set up/take down schedule, please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org / 567-2264).

Church Choir: The Church Choir is back! Come and join us as we meet and sing twice a month this semester. If you've never sung with us before, come and check it out! Contact Amanda Cox (amandacox@hwchurch.org) for details!

Operation Christmas Child: November 14th through 22nd is Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Nation-wide Shoebox Collection Week. Folks may pack gift boxes online or in one's own shoe box. Families may also donate individual items or \$9 sponsorships for boxes that the Academy students will pack this week. The collection site for our church is in the foyer of the Christian education building. [Here is our church link to Build a Shoebox online.](#) Your final day to bring your packed shoeboxes to the church is November 20th at noon. Thank you for helping to spread the gospel to children and families around the world this Christmas.

Church Finances

- Here are the giving totals for the fiscal year (June 2021 – May 2022).

Budget Needed: \$353,122.88 / **Budget Received:** \$315,025.03

- The weekly bulletin contains up to date financial information. For financial gifts, we encourage you to use [online giving](#) or to mail your check to the church (P.O. Box 127, Houghton, NY 14744).
- If you would like to see any church financial information, contact the church office.

Streaming Information

- Send your comments, ideas, or words of gratitude about the streaming to streaming@hwchurch.org.

Resources

- Even though life is moving toward a level of normalcy, we recognize that ongoing and acute needs are still prevalent. Our pastors and church family are here for you. On the [COVID-19 section](#) of the church website, you will see three buttons: [Get Help](#), [Give Help](#) and [Let's Talk](#). This is an easy way to let us know how we might engage with you. Do not hesitate to use those, to call the church, or to call one of the pastors if any of those buttons reflect what you would like to communicate with us.
- If you use YouTube, subscribe to our [Houghton Wesleyan Church YouTube Channel](#)..

If you have questions, concerns, or needs, do not hesitate to contact us (585-567-2264, office@hwchurch.org, or any of us individually). If you have needs in the coming weeks, please let us know.

You continue to be in our prayers. We pray God's grace and comfort upon you.

Blessings,
Pastor Wes