

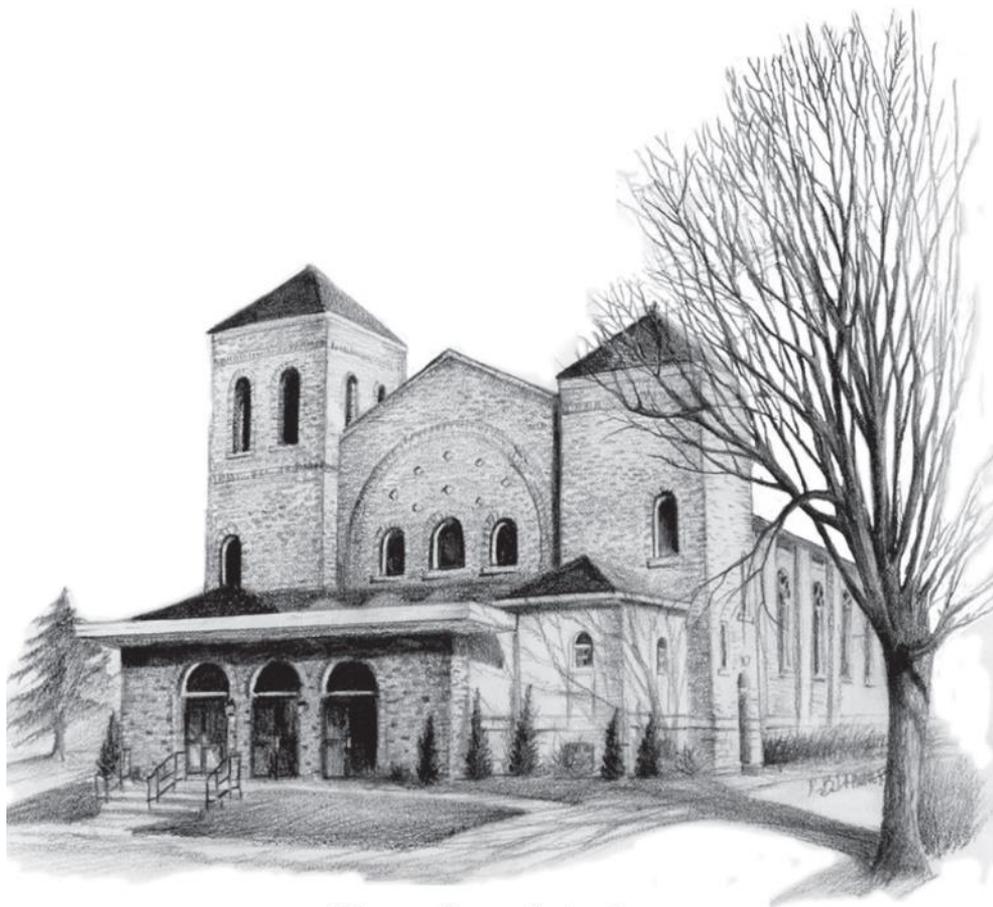


# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Director of Children's Ministries*

ANN MCNEILL, *Director of Children's Ministries*

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

JANUARY 2, 2022

11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: Trumpet Tune in D major (D. Johnson)

Welcome

Call to Worship

Then a voice came from the throne, saying:

***“Praise our God, all you his servants, you who fear him,  
both great and small!”***

Then I heard what sounded like a great multitude,  
like the roar of rushing waters and like loud peals of thunder, shouting:

***“Hallelujah! For our Lord God Almighty reigns.  
Let us rejoice and be glad and give him glory!”***

Hymn of Praise 46: ***Rejoice, the Lord is King***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children’s Sermon

Songs of Adoration: ***Living Hope; As the Deer***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:12-21

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

Song: ***Speak, O Lord***

Sermon: **Press On for the Prize with Joy!**

Pastor Paul Shea

Closing Hymn 101: ***Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee***

Benediction

Postlude: Prelude in Classic Style (G. Young)

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Organist: Judy Congdon   Acolyte: Junie Babbitt   Scripture Reader: Ann McNeill

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, Jeff Babbitt; vocals; Dan Wartinger, guitar & vocals

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The season of Christmas continues through today. As we worship Emmanuel, God with us, may our hearts be continually ready to receive him, surrender to him and follow him.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we will gather for worship outdoors at 8:45 a.m. and indoors/streaming at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Wes will preach about *The Return on Our Investment* from Matthew 13:34-35.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED** for the holidays on January 3.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP** meets at 6:30 p.m. in Room 105

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING:** We give thanks to God and to all who gave generously to our Christmas Eve offering. As of this time, we have received over \$22,000. If you have not given and would like to, please send your gift to the church or use the online giving option.

**WOMEN'S WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** resumes January 5.

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** resumes meeting January 6.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL** is paused until January 16.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$465,480.16 / **Budget Received:** \$418,407.31

**MISSIONARY MOMENT:** Martin and Sheri Hegeman report that Sahel Academy in Niamey, Niger is relocating from rented buildings to new property this month. We pray for complete funding and all the adjustments and work pending. Thankfully God provided SIMair travel as a way for Martin's family to join Ben and Christine in neighboring Benin for much need rest and family time together.

**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH:** 2021 taught us that everyday worldwide 13 Christians are killed for their faith, 12 churches are attacked, and 12 Christians are unjustly arrested or imprisoned, and another 5 abducted. Extremist attacks mushroomed throughout Sub-Saharan Africa from Nigeria and Cameroon to Burkino Faso, Mali and Beyond. We pray for God to protect and encourage His people in 2022.  
(See *Christianitytoday.com*)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- No Children's Church or Sunday School this week. Children's Church resumes on January 9 and Sunday School resumes on January 16th. See you then!
- A new year, new month, and new series: A Day at the Museum. Here's what GROW has to say: Museums have the unique ability to transform learning! Instead of merely reading words on a page, we can experience them through all of our senses! A Day at the Museum is a series all about helping kids interact with the stories of Jesus and connecting them to God. Jesus' life and early ministry helps all of us experience (see, hear . . . even taste!) and follow God in new, tangible, and real ways. This week, kids experience the story of John the Baptist preparing the way for Jesus and learn that we can see God through Jesus.
- Wednesday Kids' Club resumes meeting January 19 at 6:30 p.m.. Parents who would like to enroll their children are asked to email Ann McNeill so preparation can begin for the children who will attend. We will continue to explore the pivotal events in the Bible through the Jesus Storybook Bible, rejoicing in the great rescue that Our Savior accomplished for us!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Wendy Ott, Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley's step-father), Howard Berry (Donnie Stockin's brother), Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter's brother), Sith Sanasith (Souly's brother), Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Lenore Paige, Gary Heil (Janet Stegen's brother), Amy Ortiz (Luke Ogden's sister), Sarah Gurley, Grace Taylor, 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), 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 Lynne Perry recovering from a recent house fire and for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; for all effected by the coronavirus, for a safe end for the missionaries kidnapped in Haiti, for refugees, for peace amid threats of war; for the Northern KonXions United Methodist Church, Fillmore (Pastor Craig Buelow).