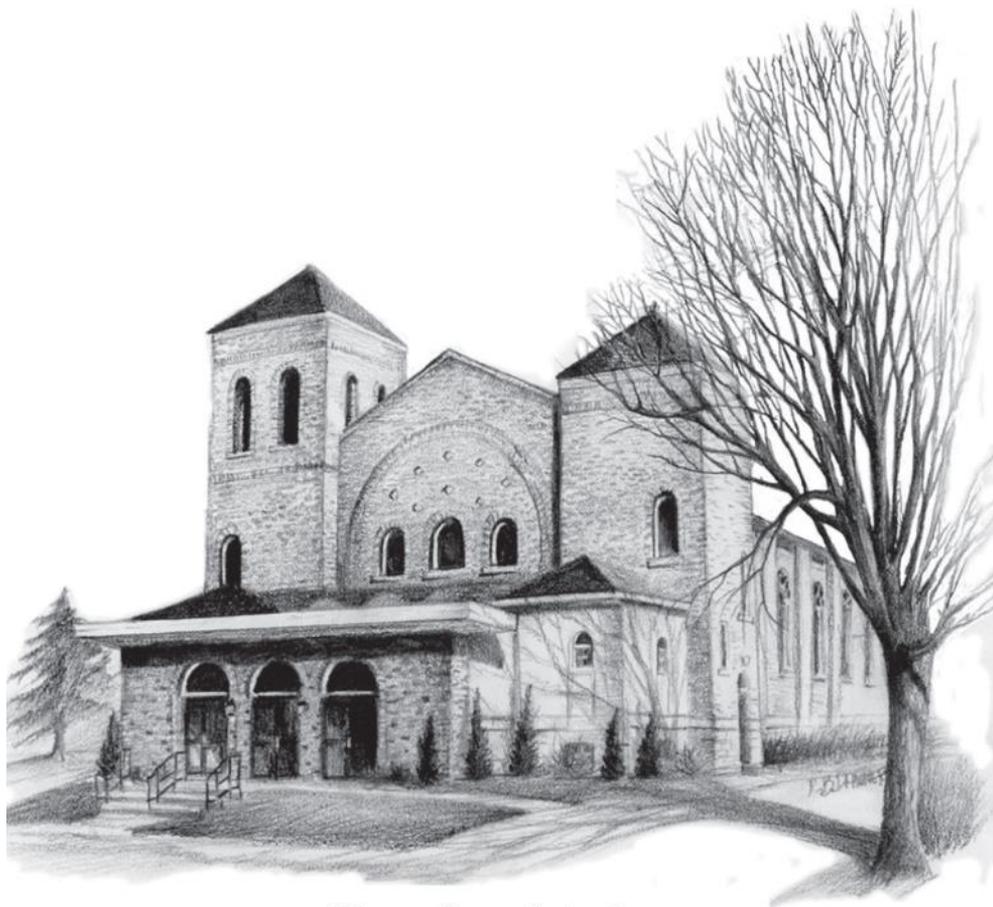




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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 9, 2022

11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 75: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon

Songs of Adoration:

Lion and the Lamb; What a Beautiful Name; Seek Ye First

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:44-46

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

Hymn 74: *Beautiful Savior*

Sermon: **The Joy of Generous Investment**

Priceless Parables: The Joy of Living Generously, I
Pastor Wes Oden

Prayer of Confession

God of Mercy, we begin this New Year with a passion to know you.

Forgive us that in the past year the noise of our world too often made us deaf to your words of love. Forgive us when in the past year we allowed the busyness of our lives to minimize our thoughts of your life-giving grace. Forgive us that in the past year the attraction of what we might possess too often turned our attention away from the gift of joy you offer us. Today, help us to hear your words of pardon that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and will fill us with an ever-growing joy in surrendering all that we are to you. Amen.

Communion

Song: *Knowing You*

Benediction

Acolyte: Lily Sisson

Scripture Reader: Emily Spateholts

Music Ministry Team:

JadyN Mucher, Evie Cox; vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jan Schilke, keyboard; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The season of Epiphany celebrates the revelation of God in Christ to the whole world. This season of the Church year is also a time to remember God's calling on the Church to bear witness to Christ. As we worship this morning, may God open our eyes to His call on us and His plan for the world.

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 *Generous Forgiveness* from Matthew 18:23-35.

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

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets Thursday Evenings at 7:00 p.m. A place to confidentially share with others who also struggle with life's hurts, habits, and hang ups.

SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes next Sunday (January 16).

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$497,582.24/ **Budget Received:** \$473,702.60

MISSIONARY MOMENT: Located in nearly 30 countries, Ambassador Football offers camps, clinics, prison ministry, men's and women's teams, international tours and major event ministries at World Cup and Olympic games. Children's Bible videos and curriculum are expanding their outreach. Pray for this ministry and Jonathan Ortlip and others visiting HWC in February.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: The Bible reveals God's precious truth to millions in printed and oral formats around the world. We pray for translators, distributors, broadcasters, even in places officially closed to open Gospel witness. May God protect those reading and sharing the Bible in difficult places.

BANDING TOGETHER BOOKLETS AND GROUPS—As we enter the new year, a fresh supply of Banding Together journal booklets are available. New groups of 3-5 men and women are welcomed. Contact Pastor Paul for books and/or information at paulshea@hwchurch.org

KIDS CLUB resumes meeting January 19 at 6:30 p.m. Parents can enroll their children by emailing AnnMcNeill@hwchurch.org 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 the Sardina family at the death of Zeke this week and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Patty Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), 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 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 Oramel Community Church (Pastor Charlie Little).