

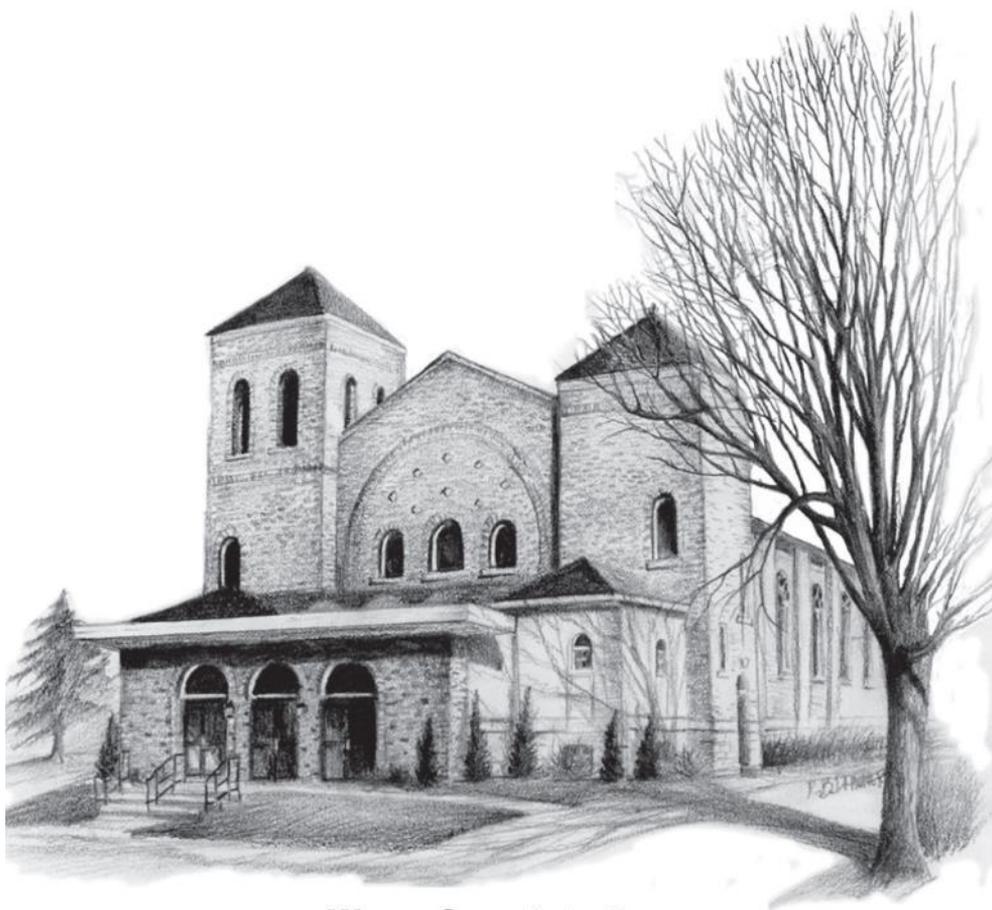


# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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# SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 16, 2022

11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: *Nun bitten wir den heiligen Geist* (BuxWV 208) D. Buxtehude

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 273: *And Can it Be?*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *Be Thou My Vision* (arr. Dan Forrest)

Children's Sermon: *Taste and See*

Celebration of Ministry: Royal Family Kids Camp

Songs of Adoration: *Open Up the Heavens; Death Was Arrested*

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

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

Hymn 423: *May the Mind of Christ My Savior*

Sermon: **The Joy of Generous Forgiveness**

Priceless Parables: The Joy of Living Generously, II

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *By Our Love*

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon    Acolyte: Zoey Clem    Scripture Reader: Ethan Carr

Music Ministry Team:

Bekah Scharf; vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; AC Taylor, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Worship is both a privilege and a responsibility. We rejoice that the Almighty God inhabits the praise and worship of his people. We also feel the weight of worship as an act of surrender to God and his kingdom purposes. As we worship today from wherever we are, may the privilege and responsibility of worship lead us to give glory to God in this time and in every time.

**TODAY IS SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY:** The Wesleyan Church supports the sanctity of life and those who choose to trust God despite difficulties. The third Sunday of every January is a time to take a stand for human life. The sanctity of life should motivate us to combat all forms of evil and injustice that are perpetuated against human life.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we will gather for worship outdoors at 8:45 a.m. (we will communicate if the weather causes us to move indoors) and indoors/streaming at 11:00 a.m. Pastor Wes will preach about *The Vocation of Generosity* from Luke 16.

**KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL** resumed today. If you didn't join us in person at 9:45 you may access the digital materials any time. This week in Sunday School, kids experience the story of Jesus changing the water into wine to learn that Jesus gives us a taste of God's power.

**STEWARDSHIP Budget Needed: \$513,633.28/ Budget Received: \$489,061.41**

**CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING:** We give thanks to God and to all who gave generously to our Christmas Eve offering. At this time, we have received \$26,834.00! This will cover the cost of the Oxygen Generation Plant for the LaGonave Hospital in Haiti.

**MISSIONARY MOMENT:** Stacia, in Eastern Europe, serves with a dedicated and newly doubled team expanding their vision out to 5 new cities in the next five years. Stacia continues language acquisition and on-line seminary studies to minister more effectively. Let us uphold her and the others in these challenging early stages evangelism and church planting.

**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH:** Inter-religious intolerance happens in large and small scale. Some evangelical Christians were recently detained In Oaxaca Mexican state over refusal to participate in local cultural/religious celebrations. It's easy to imagine that all around the world Christians face small scale trials as well as major oppression. We pray for grassroots believers to have courage and bear the cross courageously and graciously.

**BANDING TOGETHER BOOKLETS AND GROUPS**—Groups are moving into the new year with renewed desire to study and apply the Word of God and pray for one another. New booklets are available and new groups may begin. Those seeking this kind of discipleship or other small-groups are encouraged to contact Pastor Paul.

**VPS STONE SOUP DINNER:** Come pick up some warm soup for supper on a winter evening while supporting Valley Preschool through this donation dinner.

Date – Friday, January 28, 2022

Time – 5:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Place – Houghton Wesleyan Church

(north side of the C.E. Building under the outdoor “overhang”)

Food – Stone Soup (beef soup or vegetable soup)

Take-out or delivery!

To order ahead, please contact Casda Danner

at [casdadanner@hwchurch.org](mailto:casdadanner@hwchurch.org) or order online at <https://tinyurl.com/vpsstonesoup>. Consider ordering extra to be put in the food pantry.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family and friends of Eila Shea who died last Sunday and for the family and friends of Wendy Ott who died this week (Visitation, Friday, 2-4pm and 6-8pm, Church Community Room; Service, Saturday, 11:00 a.m., Church Sanctuary) and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Patty Plaza (Alejandra Koch’s sister), 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 Elijah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor’s cousin), Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; for all effected by the coronavirus, for refugees, for peace amid threats of war; for the Northern KonXions United Methodist Church, Caneadea (Pastor Craig Buelow).