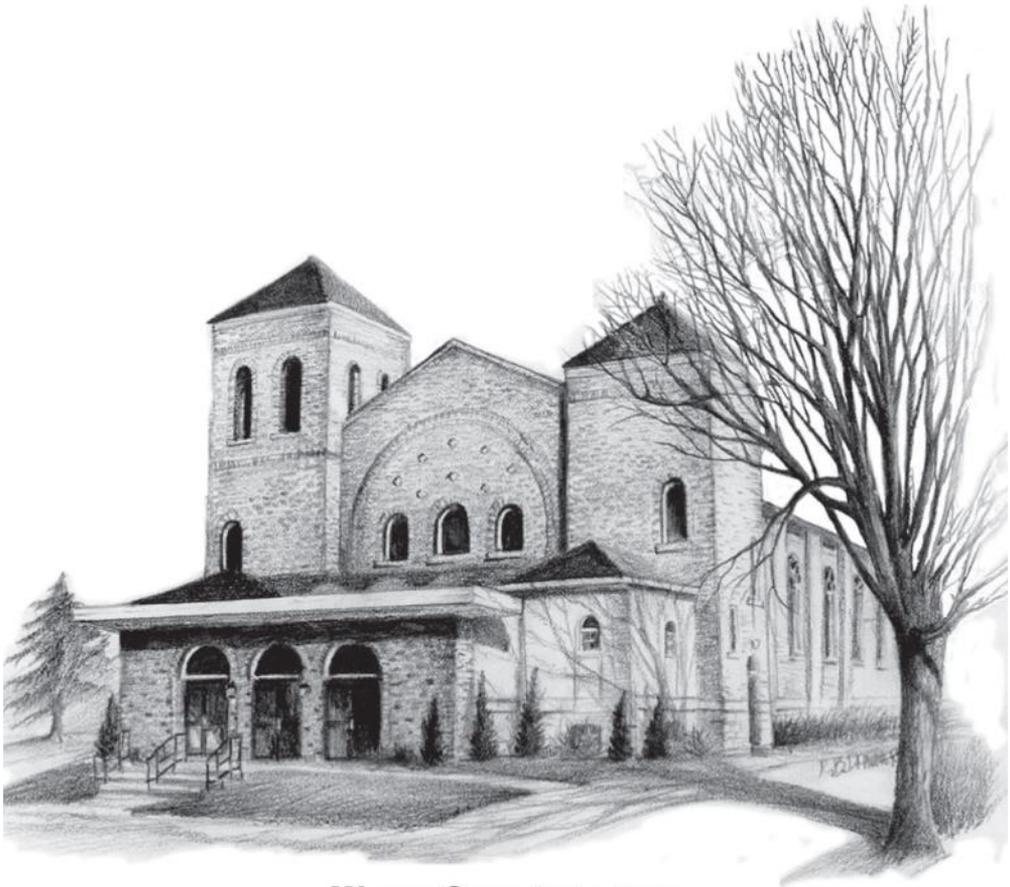




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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

JANUARY 23, 2022

11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

Prelude: *Antiphon V: How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou* (M. Dupré)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 2: ***O Worship the King***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Missions Sunday

Children's Sermon: Experience God

Songs of Adoration:

Build Your Kingdom Here; King of Kings; Graves into Gardens

Prayer of Confession

Most gracious heavenly Father, you have proven to us that you are good. You create and rule over all that is. Nevertheless, so often we allow ourselves to be overwhelmed with anxiety and fear about possessions we crave, the needs of everyday life, the present and the future. We confess that our worry is rooted in a skewed view of who you are. Forgive us for doubting your care and for doubting the truth about who you are. Fill us with faith to seek you and to trust that you are more than enough. Through Christ. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 12:13-21

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

Song: ***Build My Life***

Sermon: **The Vocation of Generosity**

Priceless Parables: The Joy of Living Generously, III

Pastor Wes Oden

Hymn 294: ***Take My Life and Let it Be*** (Tune of Hymn 87)

Benediction

Postlude: *Toccata in E minor* (J. Pachelbel)

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Indigo Knapp Scripture Reader: David Clem

Music Ministry Team:

Grace Deitrick; vocals; Linette Taylor, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Life is a maze of ups and downs, of joys and sorrows. In the midst of our lives, we live with confidence that Jesus is Lord and that this truth is the bedrock of how we live. In our worship today, may God open our eyes to the power and grace of Jesus for us and for the whole world.

SUNDAY YOUTH GROUP meets at 5:00 pm this week!

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 Joy of Generosity for Others* from Matthew 20.

KIDS SUNDAY SCHOOL continues today. If you didn't join us in person at 9:45 you may access the digital materials any time. This week in our "day at the museum", kids experience the story of Jesus teaching in the synagogue to learn that : the Bible shows us how to experience God. Join us in-person at 9:45a or virtually at any time (materials are emailed on Friday mornings).

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$529,684.32 / **Budget Received:** \$497,210.80

MISSIONARY MOMENT: Chris and Melissa George, in Australia, request urgent prayers for brothers and sisters in Tonga after the recent eruption and tsunami. There are many Wesleyan Tongans in Australia who are concerned for family members' safety, health and access to clean water. May God help those bring relief to that nation.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH: A Christian member of the Finnish Parliament, Päivi Räsänen, is facing trial this week on three charges of "hate speech" for sharing her Christian beliefs. We join in prayers that God's kingdom would be lifted up in the lives of his people and in the court decision.
(Globalreligiousfreedom.org)

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.

KIDS CLUB meets Wednesdays 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!

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 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 Harold Grant who died this week (Visitation, Friday, 5-8pm, Kopley-Williams Funeral Home; Service, Saturday, 1:00 p.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), 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 Higgins Wesleyan Church (Pastor Bruce Smith).