



Dear Houghton Church Friends,

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

Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45 a.m. – Outdoor (Based on the predicted weather, we may well be indoors again this week. As we get closer to the weekend, we will communicate the decision)

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School continues this week with classes for all ages

11:00 a.m. – Indoor/Streaming Worship

This Sunday, the Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings, the District Superintendent of the WNY Wesleyan churches will be preaching.

Ash Wednesday

Next Wednesday, March 2, is Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent. We will gather in the church sanctuary for an Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm. The service will also be streamed.

HWC Kids:

- **Sunday School & Children's Church: This week, kids learn who Jesus is through the transfiguration. THE BIG IDEA: Jesus is with us even though we can't see him. THE BIBLE: Luke 9:28-36; Romans 8:31-39**
- **Lent begins March 2nd! Watch your mailboxes in the next few days for our "count-up-to-Easter" family activity meant to guide your family through the Lent and Easter season.**
- **Parents, we need your amazing ideas! We're dreaming about what next year could look like for HWCKids and we would love your input. How can we help you? What do your kids want? What are we doing well and what could we do better? If you are interested in being a part of a parent focus group and joining a one-time, impactful discussion in mid-March please email Emily at hwckids@hwchurch.org.**

Church Finances

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

Budget Needed: \$609,939.52 / Budget Received: \$581,944.62

- Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Thank you for your prayers as the Stewardship Committee and Elders begins the process of creating a 2022-2023 budget proposal.
- 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.

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