

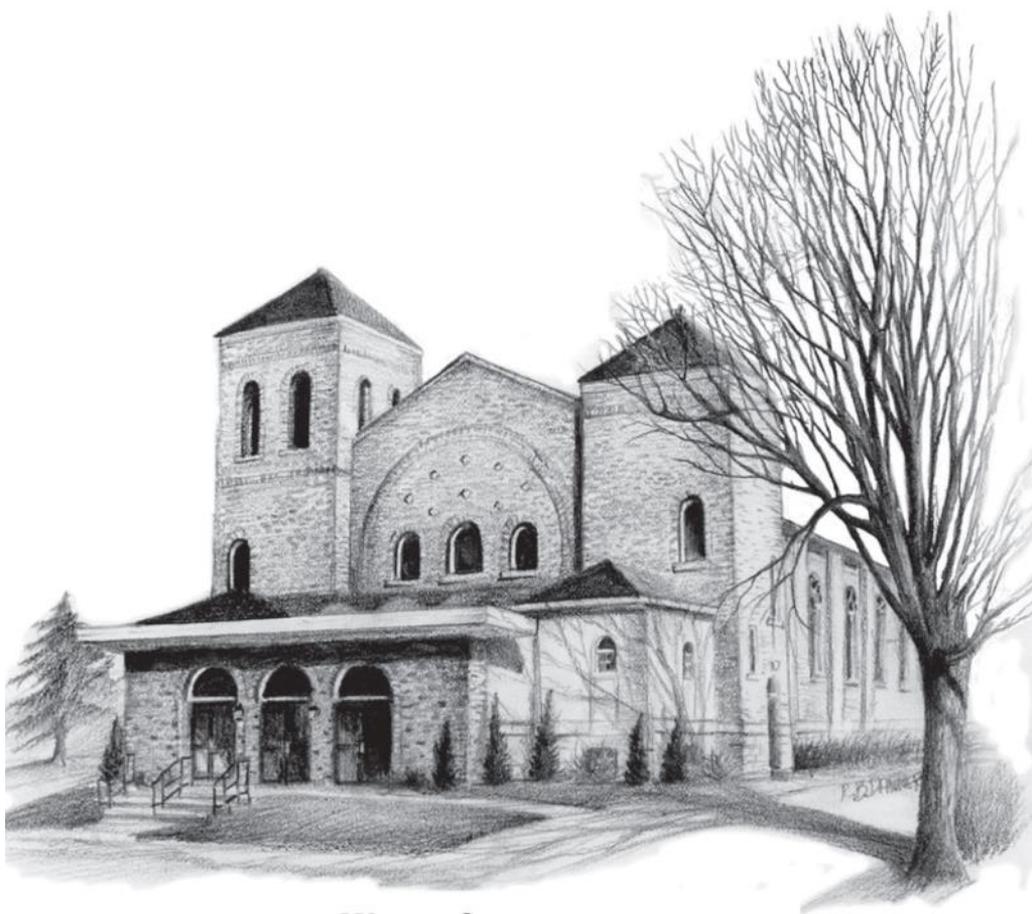


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WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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# SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 13, 2022

11:00 STREAMING SERVICE

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Prelude: Voluntary on *Land of Rest* (Robert Lind)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

***Jesus also said to the people, and He says to us even today,***

***"You are the light of the world."***

"A Town built on a hill cannot be hidden.

Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl.

Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house.

***"In the same way, let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."***

Hymn of Praise 80: ***Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Choir Anthem: *Let All the World* (Muro)

Celebration of Ministry: Global Missions

Children's Sermon

Songs of Adoration: ***Si tuvieras fé; He Reigns; Jalali Yesu***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-20

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

Hymn 491: ***Make Us, O God, a Church that Shares***

Sermon: **Ambassadors for Christ**

Jon Ortlip

Song: ***Facing a Task Unfinished***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon    Acolyte: Owen Chapman    Scripture Reader: Gudy Stevenson

Music Ministry Team:

Mark Aziz; vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;

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

*The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Wren Pauline Wartinger  
on January 19, 2022 to parents Dan and Jess and big siblings  
Adalyn, Elliot, Isaac, Oakley, Upton, and Yukon.*

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** To be a follower of Christ is to care about the world—the world far beyond us and the world near to us. On this Missions Convention weekend, may God give us a renewed sense of his compassion and grace for the whole world.

**TODAY** we are privileged to hear from Jon Ortlip, the founder and Global Executive Director of Ambassadors Football. We look forward to hearing the word that God has placed on his heart.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Wes preaches from Matthew 25:14-30 about the *Joyful Risk of Generosity*. 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

**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, kids learn what Jesus had to say about blessings and woes in the Beatitudes. Join us at 9:45 or anytime virtually! **THE BIG IDEA:** Our struggles bring us closer to Jesus. **THE BIBLE:** Luke 6:17-26; Jeremiah 17:5-10

**KIDS' CLUB:** God's great rescue continues as our topic for Kids' Club this Wednesday night at 6:30. We welcome children who have yet to come this year, so come on out! Please let [annmcneill@hwchurch.org](mailto:annmcneill@hwchurch.org) know so we can get enough craft supplies together for your kids. Bible trivia question: What kind of shoes did Moses remove in God's Presence?

**MISSION MOMENT** – As we focus Ambassadors Football today, we pray for God's blessings on the many using sports as an instrument for sharing the Good News. We pray for Houghton College athletic teams to be able to resume mission trips -- grateful for their impact in places like Russia, Czech Republic, Nicaragua and beyond in the past and future.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Doors open and close in our constantly changing world. We praise God for this season of blessing for the church in Egypt and our opportunity to share in it. Today we also pray for the troubled nation of Ukraine and ask God for peace and a bright witness for the Gospel by many believers there.

#### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$577,837.44/ **Budget Received:** \$555,297.09

**Prayer Concerns:** for Donnie Stockin and her family at the death of her brother, Howard Berry, who died this week; for Alejandra Koch and her family at the death of her sister, Patty Plaza, who died this week and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Walter Schilke (Stephan's father), Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley's step-father), 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 Eliyah 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 affected by the coronavirus, for refugees, for peace amid threats of war; for the Rushford Baptist Church (Pastor Michael Welch).

## Global Missions Outreach

Houghton Wesleyan Church has been committed to God's global outreach for over one hundred years, supported in the Annual Community Financial Plan by faithful tithes and offerings. Today \$132,242 (16%) of regular church income goes to global missions. The largest portion of these funds (80%) directly assist 35 partner missionaries in nineteen ministries around the world.

You can learn about and pray for these people by using the annual *Global Mission Partner Directory* with a page on each missionary; catch the monthly *Missionary Mailbag* in church foyers (or receive it online by contacting Donna Zoller); check out the picture bulletin board in the CE building; or adopt some to personally connect with. Every week the church prays for this extended global mission family and yearly has a special Sunday to focus on global mission. These folks are Jesus' hands and feet and our representatives in in all corners of the world.

HWC regularly supports groups including Compass Care pregnancy service, Jericho Road Community Health Center, Rochester Youth Association, Wesleyan Native Ministries, the Jesus Film Partnership, World Hope International, Wesleyan Native Ministries, Liliias Trotter Center, and many short-term outreaches including the recent TEN3 trip with Petrillos to Tanzania. Last Fall the Global Missions Committee channeled special funds for Haiti earthquake relief.

The recent Christmas Offering of \$25,000 for the oxygen plant at LaGonave Wesleyan Hospital in Haiti illustrates special above-budget ways HWC responds to global needs. Your Global Mission Committee prayerfully prioritizes and responds to what God is doing around the world. What a privilege for HWC to generously give of time, talent and treasure in global Kingdom work. Thanks to all.

- Global Mission Committee.

*“Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous.  
And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God.”*

2 Cor. 9:11 NLT

