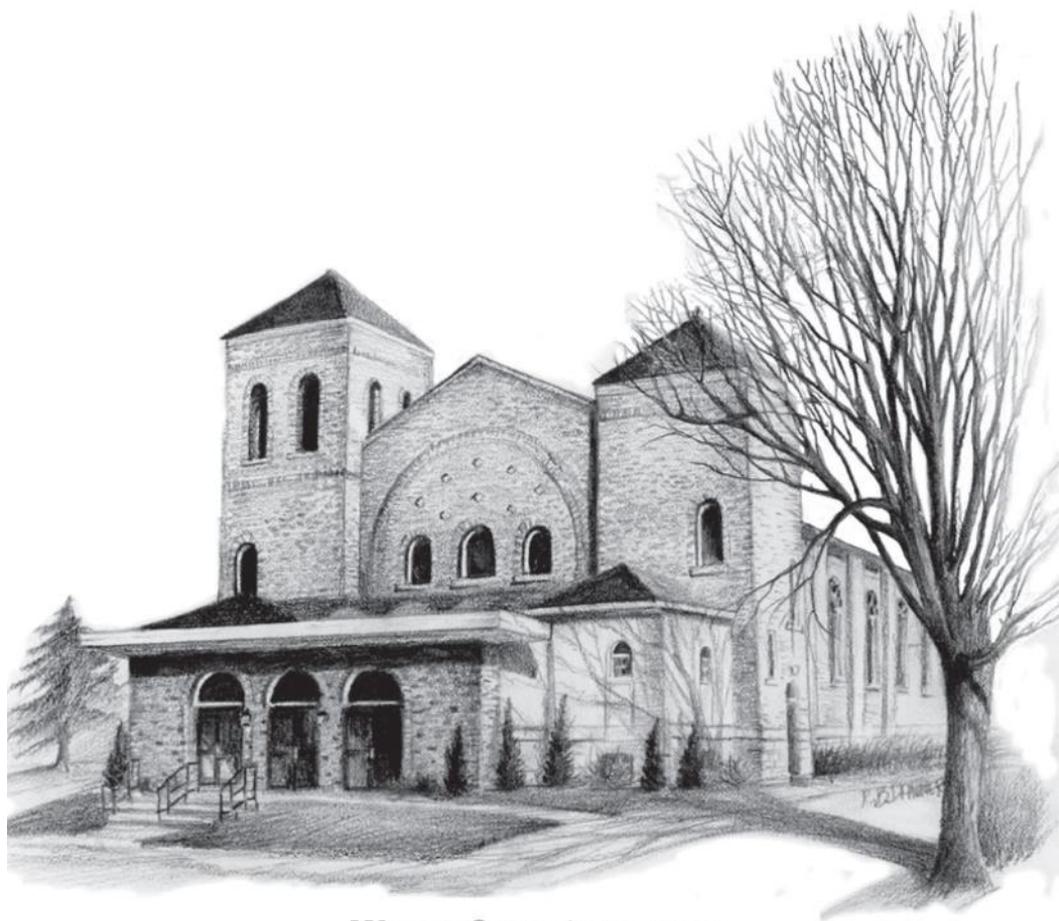




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *Just as I Am, Without One Plea* (arr. Dale Wood)
Tune: WOODWORTH by William Bradbury

Welcome

Hymn of Praise: ***Come, All Christians, Be Committed*** (on screen)

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon

Celebration of Ministry: Youth

Songs of Adoration: ***Ever Be; The Same Power***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

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

Hymn 346: ***A Charge to Keep I Have***
(Tune of Hymn 476; some alternate lyrics on screen)

Sermon: **The Risk of Generosity**
Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Find Us Faithful***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Avery Chapman Scripture Reader: Ken Bates

Music Ministry Team:

Jadyn Mucher; vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Life in the midst of winter can be difficult. The cold and snow, the mundane of gray skies and the demands of life can overwhelm us. To our time, the Psalmist declares: “I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart; I will tell of all the marvelous things you have done. I will be filled with joy because of you. I will sing praises to your name, O Most High” (9:1-2). We keep coming together each week to remember who God is and to open our eyes to his presence and grace in our lives and in our world. May our worship today be this for all of us.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we welcome the Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings as our guest preacher. Houghton Wesleyan is part of a community of Wesleyan churches throughout Western New York. Dr. Jennings is the superintendent who oversees the 36 churches in this district. 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 that Jesus wants us to love our enemies. **THE BIG IDEA:** Our enemies help us learn to love. **THE BIBLE:** Luke 6:27-38; I John 4:7-21

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 know so we can get enough craft supplies together for your kids. Bible trivia question: How long did the Israelites wait for Moses to come down from his meeting with God on Mt. Sinai?

MISSION MOMENT – Many missionaries are connected to students and ministries via the tools of technology – Steve and Margie Doty, John and Sylvia Christensen, Romy and Linda Caringal and Don Little are translating and training in far away places via internet. We pray for perseverance and success in fulfilling their call to serve Christ and others. (Obtain your new Global Missions Directory for details.)

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We need reminders that families and congregations suffer severe difficulties for the sake of Christ. There is specific news of a pastor in China who has been detained by police since December 26. We pray for authorities, for congregation, for family members – for God to change hearts, offer comfort, and get glory in this situation.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$593,888.48/ **Budget Received:** \$571,065.61

Weekly events:

- **Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study** meets from 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room
- **Wednesday Prayer Group** meets from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in Room 105
- **Thursday Evenings Celebrate Recovery** meets from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Good Shepherd Room

Prayer Concerns: 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 Wiscoy Baptist Church (Pastor Patrick Bennett).