



March 1, 2022

Dear Houghton Church Friends,

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

Please Pray for Pastor Wes

- Early on Monday morning, Pastor Wes went to the ER following a difficult night. After testing, they diagnosed him with internal bleeding from multiple ulcers. He has been admitted to OGH while doctors attempt to control the bleeding and begin treatment. Please pray for wisdom for the doctors and for rest, healing and strength for Pastors Wes and Cindy.

Sunday Worship Schedule

- 8:45 a.m. – Outdoor (Based on the predicted weather, we plan to be outdoors this weekend.)
- 9:45 a.m. – Sunday School continues this week with classes for all ages
- 11:00 a.m. – Indoor/Streaming Worship

Ash Wednesday

Tomorrow, 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 6:30 pm. The service will also be streamed.

HWC Kids:

- This month in Sunday School: Page-turners are exciting books, the kind you don't want to put down, the kind you would stay up extra late to read. Books are exciting when we can find ourselves in the stories and imagine being a part of the adventure. This month we are going to look at some of the page-turning stories of the Bible. Each of these stories has something valuable to teach us about our patient and powerful God who prepares us to fight temptation and celebrates us, the heroes in our own real-life adventures
- Sunday School: This week, kids hear the exciting story of Jesus resisting temptation. THE BIG IDEA: God prepares us to fight temptation. THE BIBLE: Luke 4:1-13; Psalm 91:9-16
- Join us in memorizing this month's Scripture: II Thessalonians 3:3 (NIV) - But the Lord is faithful and He will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one.
- 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: \$625,990.56 / Budget Received: \$590,642.87
- 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 Jon