



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others*

April 12, 2022

Dear Houghton Church Friends,

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

Sunday Worship Schedule (Easter)

8:45 a.m. – **Indoor** (Due to forecasted weather, we will be indoors this week; coffee will be available during the fellowship time only).

9:45 a.m. – Fellowship Time (Please bring a dozen muffins or donuts to share)

10:20 a.m. – Baptism Service (Sanctuary/Streaming)

11:00 a.m. – Indoor/Streaming Worship

Maundy Thursday: You are invited to gather this Thursday at 6:30 in the church sanctuary for our annual Maundy Thursday Service. This service, which commemorates the last night of Jesus's life, includes song, scripture and a brief sermon as well as the historic practice of stripping the church and concludes with the darkness of Tenebrae. The service will also be streamed through the regular channels.

Good Friday: Due to a variety of circumstances, we will NOT be hosting The Journey to the Cross this year. We do, however, invite you to attend (either in person or through streaming) a Good Friday organ program presented by our church organist, Judy Congdon at 2:00pm.

Easter Fellowship Time: We invite you to bring a dozen muffins or donuts to be shared during the fellowship time following the 8:45 service on Easter morning. Bring to the church kitchen on Saturday afternoon or bring them Sunday morning.

HWC Kids:

- HWC Kids, celebrate Easter with your families. No Children's Church or Sunday School this week. Watch your emails for the virtual lesson. This week, kids remember the time when Jesus came back to life. THE BIG IDEA: Did you know Jesus is alive? THE BIBLE: Luke 24:1-12; Romans 6:8-11
- Nursery will be available Easter Sunday (8:45 and 11:00 services) for ages infant through 2 years.
- Thank you to all who came to and helped with the Easter Miracle Morning event on Saturday. We had a GREAT time and celebrated the amazing gift that God has given us - eternal life!

Church Finances

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

Budget Needed: \$722,296.80 / **Budget Received:** \$686,068.74

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- Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Thank you for your prayers as the Stewardship Committee and Elders begin 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