

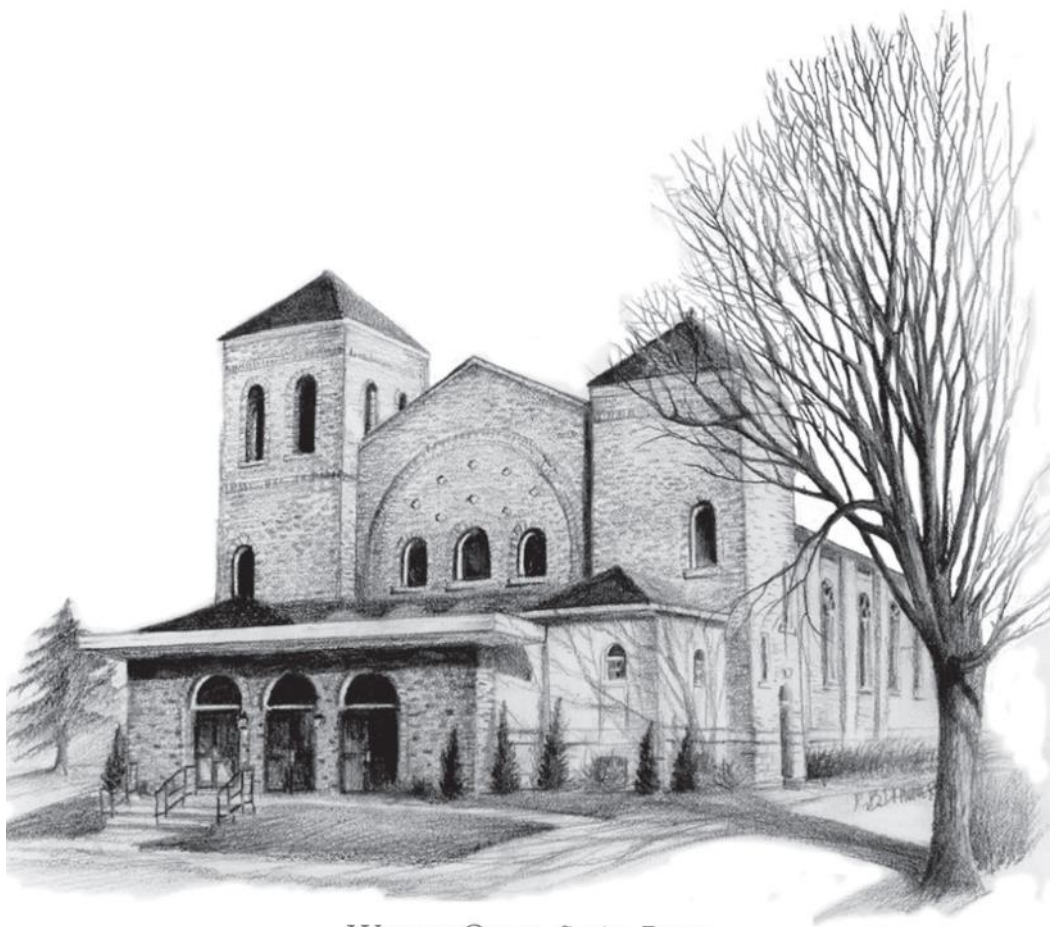


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WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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# PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 10, 2022

11:00 SERVICE

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Prelude: Hymn Preludes (Michael Burkhardt)

“My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, Lord” (Kingsfold)  
Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”” (Ellacombe)

Welcome & Call to Worship

As the time came for Him to be taken up into heaven,  
Jesus resolutely set out for Jerusalem.

***As He went along, people spread their cloaks on the road,  
while others cut up branches from the trees and spread them on the road.***

When He came near the place where the road goes down to the Mount of Olives,  
the whole crowd of disciples began joyfully to praise God in loud voices  
for all the miracles they had seen:

***“Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!”***

The crowds that went ahead of Him and those that followed shouted,  
***“Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the  
Lord! Hosanna in the highest!”***

Hymn of Praise 146: ***All Glory, Laud, and Honor***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Youth

Children’s Sermon: *Palm Sunday—Jesus is King*

Songs of Adoration: ***Hosanna; Is He Worthy?; Seek Ye First***

Time of Prayer

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

Anthem: *What Wondrous Love is This?* (arr. Eric Nelson)

Scripture Reading: John 11: 32-40; Luke 19: 37-42; Hebrews 5: 7-10

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

Hymn 101: ***Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee***

Sermon: **Grief and Glory. Triumph and Tears**

Pastor Paul Shea

Song: ***Knowing You***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Zoey Clem

Scripture Reader: Sarah Derck

Music Ministry Team:

Rachael McVeigh, Ethan Carr, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;  
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Hannah Lindo, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** On this day when we celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem amid the cheers and adulation of the crowd, we are reminded that by the end of the week he will be jeered and nailed to a cross. As we worship God with our songs and words, with our mouths and ears, with our hearts and minds, let us open ourselves to our loving Father.

**MAUNDY THURSDAY:** Join in the church sanctuary this Thursday at 6:30 as we commemorate, through scripture, song, communion, the stripping of the church and Tenebrae, the last night of Jesus's life. We plan to stream this service as well.

### **GOOD FRIDAY**

**ORGAN PROGRAM IS INDOOR AND STREAMED AT 2:00 P.M.**

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus! We will gather for outdoor worship at 8:45 (music, scripture, and sermon) and indoor/streaming worship (music, scripture and sermon) at 11:00. At 9:45, you are invited to a fellowship time outdoors. (We invite you to bring a dozen muffins or donuts to be shared during the fellowship time following the 8:45 service.) In addition, at 10:20 we will gather in the sanctuary for a service of baptism.

### **HWC KIDS EVENTS;**

- ◆ No Wednesday Kids' Club this week.
- ◆ There is no Children's Church or Sunday School on Easter Sunday
- ◆ There is Nursery available on Easter Sunday for babies infant through two-years-old.

### **YOUTH GROUP**

**TODAY, 6-8PM** *Never Give Up—How Hope Changes Everything*  
*No Youth Breakfast this week.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** 30 Hour Famine-May 6-7

### **THE CHURCH WELCOMES YOUR EASTER LILIES FOR EASTER SUNDAY.**

We have purchased a number of lilies which you may purchase for \$15.00 each or you may bring your own lily to drop off at the church office by Good Friday, April 15th. If you would like to purchase one or more lilies, you may use the online giving option, mail a check to the church office (indicate Easter lilies), or drop-off payment at the church office. If you wish to purchase in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email Patty (pattystalker@hwchurch.org) or call Patty (567-2264) with your information by Monday, April 11. Thank you.

**SHORT TERM MISSION APPLICATIONS** - Application forms for assistance to fund short term ministries this summer or beyond are due April 15. The form may be found on the church's website at <https://hwchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/01/ShorttermMissionApplicationGeneral.pdf> or picked up at the church office and returned to Pastor Paul Shea by the 15th.

**MISSION MOMENT** – Drs. Romy and Linda Caringal reported this week on their final months of preparation for ministry to Cambodia as area team leaders and continued training of medical personnel across Asia. What a privilege to be part of their prayer and support team. May others be led to join.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Amidst the church leaders who bravely have stayed amidst the carnage, the Academic Dean of the Slavic Evangelical Seminary in Kyiv, Vitaliy Vinogradov, was slain in the Bucha slaughter. We pray for Christians mourning such losses.

### **STEWARDSHIP**

**Budget Needed:** \$706,246.76 / **Budget Received:** \$673,724.75

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Mim Case, Bob Czuppa (TJ Gildemeister's father), Grace Taylor, Ann Irving (Ann McNeill's mother), Jennifer Brown, 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, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Elijah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; for all affected by the coronavirus, for refugees throughout the world, for protection, wisdom and peace for the people and leaders of Ukraine; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained by the police since December 26; for all affected by the coronavirus—grieving, ill, healthcare professionals, the workforce at risk and leaders; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the Wellsville Full Gospel Church (Pastor David Williams).

### **HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Thursday, April 14 (Maundy Thursday)

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service (Indoor/Streaming)

Friday, April 15 (Good Friday)

2:00 p.m. Organ Meditation

Sunday, April 17 (Easter)

8:45 a.m. Outdoor Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Fellowship Time: Coffee, Baked Goods and Donuts (Outdoors)

10:20 a.m. Baptism Service

11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Service

## STEWARDSHIP—A Life of Generosity

*“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!” (2 Corinthians 9:15)*

Trustees Update – April 2022

Houghton Wesleyan Church is blessed to worship and gather in a beautiful, historic, nearly 100-years-old property and we do so by the generous gifts of our congregation. While it is easy to recognize noteworthy people (our custodian and assistant custodian) and projects such as the outdoor stage, new playground equipment, better parking lot lighting, an official welcome desk, family room, and more, much of what we do as a Church would not happen without all of the unseen and less glamorous necessities. Your recent gifts to the Church have enabled the Trustees to:

- Pay the salaries of the custodian and assistant custodian
- Buy kitchen, bathroom, and cleaning supplies
- Keep the lights, heat, and water on
- Make needed repairs to the roof
- Fix the windowsills in the sanctuary
- Pay for snowplowing as well as a new snowblower and mower
- Mulch, plant flowers, and spread gravel as needed
- Pay for garbage and recycling
- Ensure safety by subscribing to a monthly fire alarm service
- Maintain AEDs in both buildings
- Make it possible to have the Church van with insurance, gasoline, and repairs
- Print and mail all publications
- Buy office supplies and equipment
- Make building upgrades such as painting and flooring
- Replace tables and chairs as needed

All of these “minor” expenses allow all of our programs to run smoothly and our facility to be a welcoming place to worship. With your continued support, the Trustees look forward to exciting upcoming projects to include updating the church signage inside and out, modernizing classrooms, and making extensive renovations to the basement area. We look forward to continued stewardship of all that the Lord has provided.

