

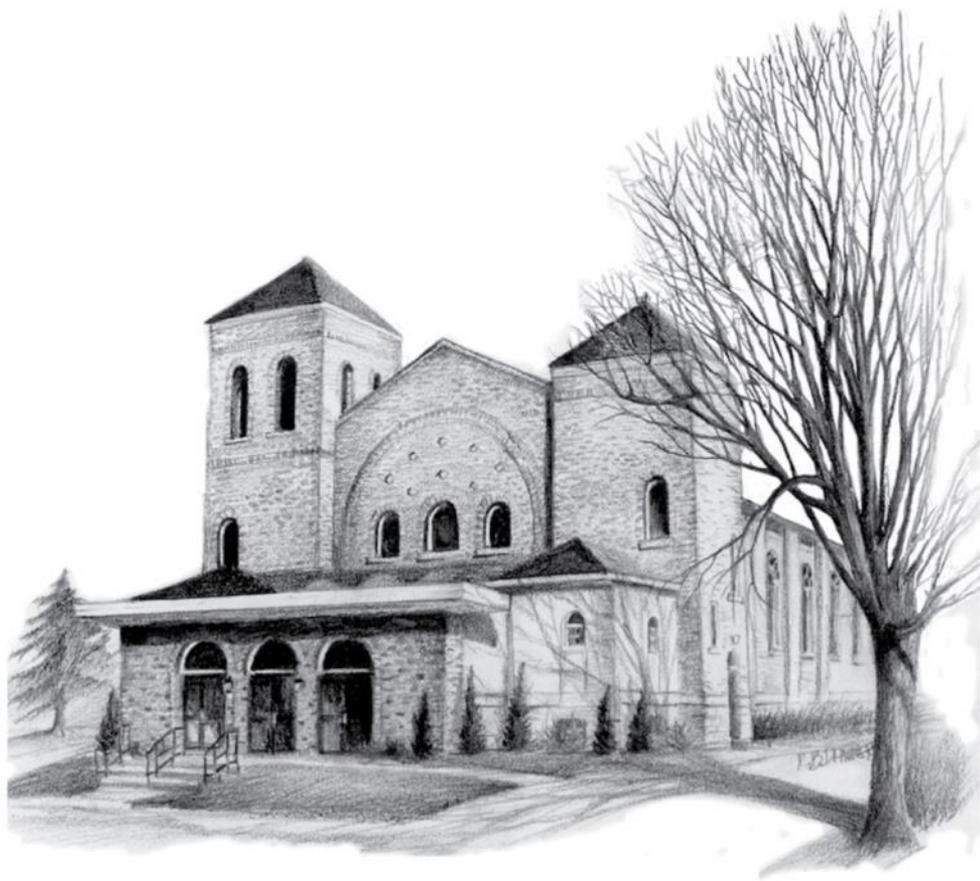


# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

Laurie Smalley, *Children's Ministry Pastor*

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER  
11:00AM                      MAY 1, 2022

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Prelude: *Chorale Preludes for Easter* (J. S. Bach)  
Christ lag in Todesbanden (BWV 625)  
Jesus Christus, unser Heiland, der den Tod überwand (BWV 626)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 179: ***Christ is Risen, Raise Your Voices***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: ***God's Messengers***

Songs of Adoration: ***Christ Our Hope in Life and Death; Resurrecting***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-14

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

Hymn 255: ***All my Life Long I Had Panted***

Sermon: **Do You Want to be Forgiven?**

Pastor Wes Oden

Prayer of Confession

**Heavenly Father, open our eyes to the truth of our frailty and fallibility. Give us courage to admit when we are wrong and courage to seek forgiveness from all who have been hurt by our sinful ways. Forgive our stubbornness, our arrogance and our apathy toward you and toward others. Fill us with the grace and truth of Your Holy Spirit to come honestly into your presence that we might believe, know and live in the promise of your forgiveness and that we might think, see and act more like Christ through whom we experience your forgiveness and through whom we pray. Amen.**

Communion: ***Kyrie Eleison; Champion***

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Anna Harrison

Scripture Reader: Ava Harrison

Music Ministry Team:

Grace Deitrick, Emily Quick, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;  
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Cody Johnson, keyboard & vocals;  
Dan Zambrano, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The Psalmist proclaims, “The LORD is king! He is robed in majesty. Indeed, the LORD is robed in majesty and armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be shaken” (93:1, NLT). We come together today to worship the Lord who is king and sovereign over all the earth through the resurrection of Christ.

**COMMUNION:** At Pastor Wes’ invitation, when you are ready, come to one of the front tables, take a piece of bread and eat it, and a cup and drink it. Gluten-free bread is available on the communion table. Please place your empty cup in the basket as you return to your seat. If you would prefer or are unable to come to the front, we are happy to serve you in your seat or to provide a prepackaged cup of bread and juice.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Wes continues through John 21, focusing on verses 15-17 asking the question, *Do You See Yourself the Way Jesus Does?* Join us for indoor worship at 8:45 and indoor/streaming worship at 11:00. Sunday School is at 9:45.

**STAYING CONNECTED:** Pastor Wes continues sending out a weekly update on Tuesday and a video meditation on Thursday. Both can be accessed through email, text or the church website and Facebook pages. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to, please contact the church office ([office@hwchurch.org](mailto:office@hwchurch.org)) or 585-567-2264.

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP MEETS 6:30 P.M. IN ROOM 105.**

**CELEBRATE RECOVERY** meets in the Good Shepherd Room on Thursday evenings from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

**THIS THURSDAY IS THE NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER.** Our Prayer Rooms, located on the lower level of the sanctuary, are always available for prayer for our nation, the world or any other concerns, with access by the side-door near the offices. Information about Allegany County gatherings may be accessed at this site: [www.facebook.com/AlleganyHopeWNY](http://www.facebook.com/AlleganyHopeWNY).

**MISSION MOMENT** – Kris and Cory Thede face hurdles including circuitous travel to avoid Port au Prince and shorter visa status when hopefully returning to Haiti in July. Wisdom is needed as Area GP missionaries meet Stateside in June. (The latest news from our missionaries is posted monthly in the *Missionary Mailbag*. Grab a copy in the foyer!)

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Fazlia\*, an Afghan school teacher and Christian, naturally had two targets on or back as Taliban took control. When her girls’ school was closed she escaped with some relatives and a few of her school girls. She now faithfully teaches them outside her country. We pray for her and so many.

## STEWARDSHIP

**Budget Needed:** \$754,398.88/ **Budget Received:** \$716,567.07

### HWC Kids:

•HWC Kids in May: How many ways can you send a message? There are so many unique ways! Special deliveries are the best but even better are the messages found in each package. This month, we are going to look at the most important message that was ever sent out and how we are meant to be the ones delivering it. Kids are God's messengers that can share the stories of God's miracles and help. Get kids involved in helping God's message go everywhere because God delivers everyone!

•May memory verse: Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

•This week in Sunday School, kids heard about when Saul met Jesus and was changed forever. THE BIG IDEA: We are God's messengers. THE BIBLE: Acts 9:1–20; I Corinthians 15:1–9

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Cindy Oden, Mim Case, 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 Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Dan Gurley, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters; for all effected 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 First Baptist Church, Angelica (Pastor David Ford).



## OUR YOUTH GROUP IS DOING WORLD VISION'S 30 HOUR FAMINE.

**WHAT:** For 30 hours, we'll skip meals to raise funds that will help feed and care for hungry children around the world.

**WHY:** Every five seconds, a child under 5 dies—and nearly half those deaths are from hunger-related causes. That's why we're taking action now!

### HOW YOU CAN HELP:

1. **Give.** Every \$40 we raise helps feed and care for a child for one month. Make checks out to World Vision and give them to the contact person below or visit our fundraising page at:

<https://30hourfamine.worldvision.org/team/HFWChurchYouth22>



or text GIVE30HF to 44888.

2. **Volunteer.** We need your help to make our Famine weekend a success! There are lots of ways to help out. See Pastor Jon for details.
3. **Pray.** Ask for God's grace over our event and our fundraising, and that we grow deeper in our love for Him while helping change hungry kids' lives.

**WHEN:** May 6-7, 2022 - **We'll be fundraising until May 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Schedule - Friday night May 6 - 5:30 - Food Pantry Drive - Students will walk around the greater Houghton Area collecting food for the HWC Food Pantry

Saturday May 7 - 8:30 am - noon - local service projects

1-4pm - Carwash at the church. Bring in your car!

5pm - Break our fast with communion and then spaghetti!

**OUR GOAL:** We're raising \$3000.00 to help feed and care for hungry youth!

**CONTACT:** Pastor Jon - JonCole@HWChurch.org