



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly  
serving others*

May 10, 2022

Dear Houghton Church Friends,

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

### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:45 a.m. – Indoor Worship

9:45 a.m. – Sunday School

11:00 a.m. – Indoor/Streaming Worship

**Sunday Morning Sermon:** This Sunday we will continue to look at John 21, focusing on verses 15-17 and asking the question: *Do You See Yourself the Way Jesus Does?*

**Thank You:** I want to express my appreciation to Jon Cole for doing extra duty on Sunday while I was ill and to Paul Young for preaching in my absence.

**Outdoor Service Survey:** We want your input related to decisions about meeting outdoors vs. indoors at the 8:45 service. If you haven't yet completed a survey, use this [link](#) to do so.

### **Tech Team Volunteer Spots Open:**

- This is the time of the year when our ranks thin out a bit due to graduation and some moving on from Houghton. We could use two or three more to help us with this important ministry of making our worship services available to more people watching at home and around the world. Our team includes men and women, and high school age to senior citizens. You don't necessarily need to have had any experience doing this technical stuff. We can help you learn it all or even just one part of things at your own pace and we work to give you alternating weeks off so it doesn't need to tie up every Sunday.
- We are looking for help during both the 8:45 and 11:00 services.
- For further information on how to get started, send a quick text or email to Ken Bates (585-307-7573 / ken.bates@houghton.edu), or call. If you're maybe interested but not sure, we're glad to invite you to simply sit up in the balcony one Sunday and observe what all that goes on.

### **HWC Kids:**

- **Sunday School:** This week, kids hear about what Peter learned from a vision he had. **THE BIG IDEA:** God can deliver everyone. **THE BIBLE:** Acts 11:1–18; John 13:34–35
- **VBS:** Join the Food Truck Party! Ages 3 - 6th grade are invited to get "on a roll with God" during Houghton Wesleyan and Fillmore Wesleyan VBS on June 27th-29th, 6-8pm at Fillmore Wesleyan Church. Teens (7th grade+) and adults are needed as small group leaders and "shopkeepers" (people manning various booths - crafts, science, missions, memory verse, arcade). Email kidsmin@hwchurch.org with questions.

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## Church Elections

- The Nominating Committee has completed the ballot for this year's elections.
- Starting Monday, May 16, an online ballot will be available. We will send out a link through the regular channels of communication. Paper ballots will be available Sunday morning, May 22. More detailed information will be coming.
- You may access the [Ballot here](#).

**Community Financial Plan:** The Elders have proposed the Community Financial Plan for approval. The vote on the CFP will be a part of the election ballot. You may access the 2022-2023 [CFP here](#).

## Church Finances

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

**Budget Needed: \$786,500.96 / Budget Received: \$745,454.31**

- Thank you for your ongoing generosity.
- As you can see, we are drifting further behind in our giving. Thankfully, our spending is lower than anticipated, but we appreciate your prayers and support as we move into the final month of our fiscal year and as we look to the fiscal year ahead.
- 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](mailto:streaming@hwchurch.org).

If you have questions, concerns or needs, do not hesitate to contact us (585-567-2264, [office@hwchurch.org](mailto: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