



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others*

May 24, 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 our Youth Group will be leading both worship services. This is an opportunity to see God at work in our youth and to affirm them with our prayers.

Summer Worship Schedule: Here is the summer schedule for Sunday morning worship **starting June 5:**

8:45 a.m. Outdoor Worship

11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

Church Elections: Here are the results of this year's election:

Elders Secretary: Jim Zoller

Treasurer: David Mercer

Elders: Ken Bates, Jan Schilke, Paul Young

Trustees: James Mullen, Michael Spateholts

Nominating Committee: Kathie Brennehan, Doug Gaerte, Janyce Smithley

District Conference Delegates: Tim McGarvey, Carolyn Miller, Tom and Jane Miner, Paul and Debbie Young

Thank you to everyone who was willing to serve.

Community Financial Plan: The Proposed Community Financial Plan was unanimously approved.

HWC Kids:

- This week in Sunday School, kids hear about when Paul and Silas were in prison. THE BIG IDEA: God sends help. THE BIBLE: Acts 16:16–34; Psalm 97
- There will be no children's church this Sunday, the 29th. We encourage all of our HWC Kids to support our youth as they lead us in worship. One day, they will be up there too!
- Join us this summer for Family Fridays! Working our way alphabetically through our list of HWC families, every family will be invited along with 2-3 other families for a casual Friday evening of campfire, s'mores, lawn games, and conversation at Miss Emily's house. Watch your mailbox for your invite!

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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.

Church Finances

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

Budget Needed: \$802,552.00 / Budget Received: \$754,087.83

- 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.

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