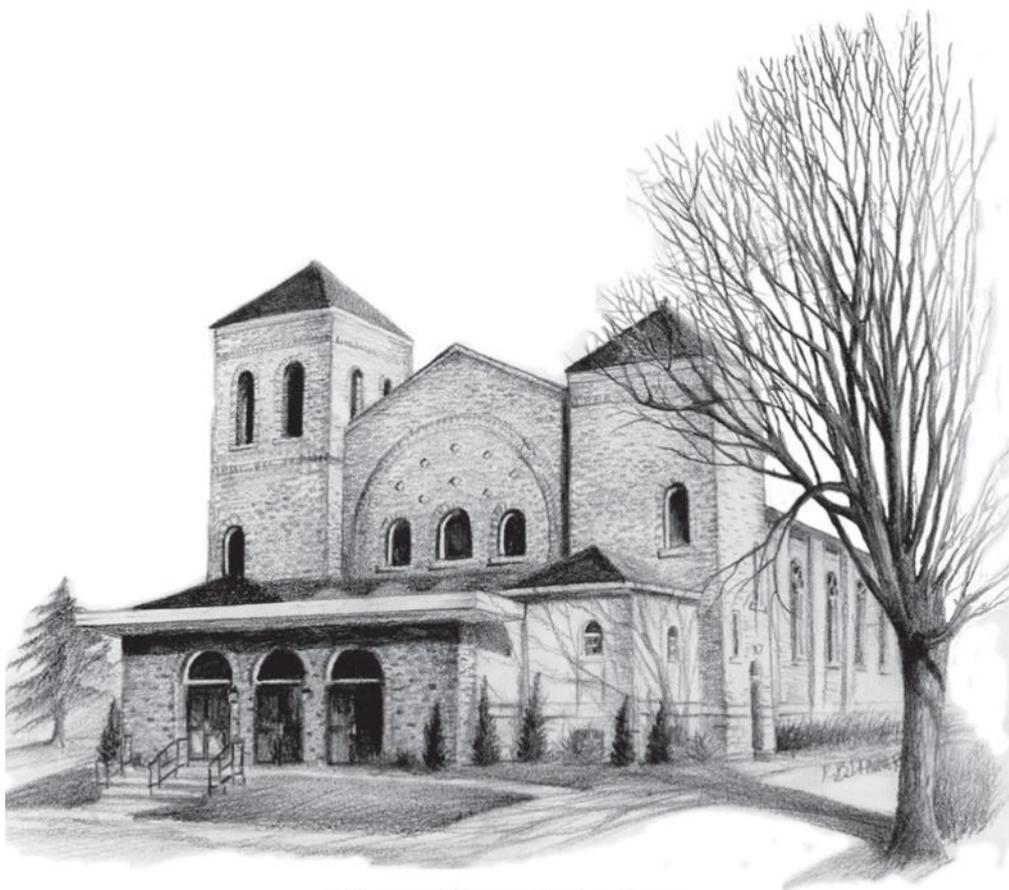




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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
11:00AM MAY 8, 2022

Prelude: *Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE (Vaughan Williams)*

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise 288: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *O How Amiable are Thy Dwellings (Vaughan Williams)*

Children's Sermon: Filled With The Spirit

Songs of Adoration: *Christ is Risen; Who You Say I Am*

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: John 21:15-25

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

Hymn 287: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

Do You See Yourself the Way Jesus Does?

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Sons and Daughters*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Violet Bates Scripture Reader: Gudy Stevenson

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals,
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

The rose on the pulpit is in celebration of the birth of Natasha Sandra Lee Babbitt,
born April 22nd to parents Brock and Sarah and big sister, Belle.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. As the Easter season continues, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of our resurrection as well. On this day when we celebrate God's gift of human relationships, we give thanks for mothers and family, recognizing that all of our human relationships are rooted in our relationship as children of our heavenly Father.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes continues through John 21, focusing on verses 18-25 asking the question, *What's Your Focus for Life and Death?* Join us for indoor worship at 8:45 and indoor/streaming worship at 11:00. Sunday School is at 9:45.

8:45 SERVICE SURVEY: The pastoral staff is interested in your input related to decision about meeting outdoors vs. indoors. Use this link ... <https://forms.gle/hqVCLhVS2hHJQAjf7> ..to complete your survey. Thank you.

ELECTION BALLOT: The Nominating Committee has completed the ballot for this year's elections. Sample ballots are posted around the church. Online voting will begin May 16 and in-person voting will take Sunday morning, May 22. If you would like a mail-in ballot, contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org).

COMMUNITY FINANCIAL PLAN: The Elders are submitting for members approval the 2022-2023 Community Financial Plan. Copies are available today. You may also access the CFP on the church website.

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) or 585-567-2264.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$770,449.92 / **Budget Received:** \$728,875.74

HWC Kids: Sunday School: This week, kids hear about when Peter healed a woman named Tabitha. **THE BIG IDEA:** We can share the stories of God's miracles. **THE BIBLE:** Acts 9:36-43; Psalm 77:11-14

INTERESTED IN JOINING OUR HWC KIDS TEAM? We've got a spot for you to join our faith-filled fun whether it's at the front of the classroom or behind-the-scenes. There is a spot for you! A description of the open roles is available in this month's Highlights or the display in the CE building. Email kidsmin@hwchurch.org for more details.

MISSION MOMENT – We pray for James and Donna Zoller who depart for Egypt this week with a group from Kingswood College in Canada. They will take greetings from HWC for the 100th anniversary missed a year ago and to the new Badr City church outside Cairo, visit other churches and explore our church's future partnerships in Egypt..

GLOBAL CHURCH – Report from Cedric Rodrigo in Sri Lanka: Christians suffer along with the entire nation due to systemic corruption that has triggered unrest, protests and arrests. Yet spiritual awakening and new opportunities to serve the suffering and spread the Gospel increase. Recently 17 young people were baptized. We rejoice and pray.

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 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 and is now on house arrest; for Angelica United Methodist Church (Pastor Stephen Crowell, Sr.).