

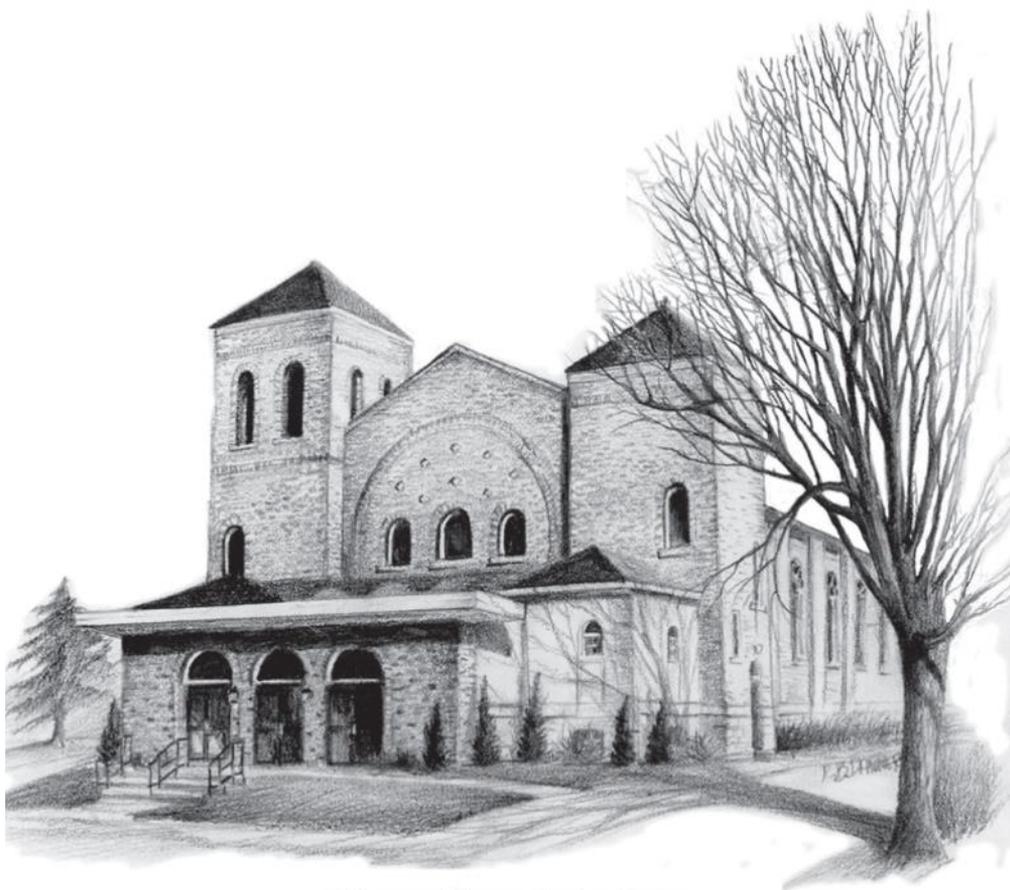


# Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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**Later Worship Service  
–Fifth Sunday of Easter –  
May 15, 2022 at 11:00am**

Prelude: *It is Well With My Soul* (arr. Craig Phillips)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 273: *And Can it Be?*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: *Everyone's Invited*

Songs of Adoration: *Thrive; He's Always Been Faithful*

Meditation: *Look What You've Done*

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, we confess to you now that we have sinned. We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them. We confess our sins as a church—hesitating to love one another, to forgive one another, to give ourselves to one another like Christ. Father, forgive us. Send the Holy Spirit upon us as you did your disciples, that he may give us power to live as you have called us to live. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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 390: *Savior, Like a Shepherd, Lead Us*

Sermon: **Do You See Yourself the Way Jesus Does?**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *The Voice of Truth*

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Lily Sisson

Scripture Reader: Tim McGarvey

Music Ministry Team:  
Kristen Sanasith, Mark Zachary, vocals;  
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals;  
Dan Zambrano, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Our worship continues to be centered in the resurrection of Jesus Christ—the cornerstone of our faith. As resurrection people we celebrate the victory that is ours in Christ and we offer our lives in gratitude for his love and mercy.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Pastor Wes concludes preaching from 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 to complete your survey: <https://forms.gle/hqVCLhVS2hHJQAJ7> 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](mailto:office@hwchurch.org)).

**COMMUNITY FINANCIAL PLAN:** The Elders are submitting for members approval the 2022-2023 Community Financial Plan. Copies are available today in the sanctuary foyer. 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](mailto:office@hwchurch.org)) or 585-567-2264.

#### STEWARDSHIP

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

#### HWC KIDS:

- **Sunday School:** This week, kids hear about what Peter learned from a vision he had. THE BIG IDEA: God can de-liver 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 and Fillmore Wesleyans's 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](mailto:kidsmin@hwchurch.org) with questions.

**MISSION MOMENT** – Kevin and Cindy Austin in Czech Republic report that the 23 Ukrainian temporary guests (six for 5 weeks) that spent time with them in their home have resettled elsewhere. We pray for the refugees from Ukraine and for the Austin’s continued ministry on a variety of fronts.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – The Cuban government has informed the family of imprisoned evangelical pastor, Lorenzo Rosales Fajardo, that he has been sentenced to 7 years in prison stemming from peaceful protests in July 2021. We pray for his family and church during these tense times.

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** Friends are invited to worship God and celebrate the life of Eila Shea on Friday May 20 at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Musical prelude and slides of art work begin 15 minutes ahead. Committal at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery immediately following the service.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: 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 first in jail and then under house arrest by the police since December 26; for St. Paul’s Lutheran Church, Angelica (Pastor Larry Hoyt).



## Join us for VBS 2022!

June 27 - 29

Possible celebration June 30 - TBD

6 - 8 pm

@ Fillmore Wesleyan Church

### Kids:

- 🍷 Ages 3 to 6<sup>th</sup> grade
- 🍷 Super awesome fun learning about God’s love with friends, games, food, crafts, music, & more!
- 🍷 Register here



### Volunteers:

- 🍷 Ages 7<sup>th</sup> grade and up
- 🍷 Major needs – Bible storyteller, small group leaders, puppeteer, crafty folks, science-y people, someone to share missions, registration folks, and decorators ahead of time!
- 🍷 To find out what’s needed or ask questions, email [beckyswebb@gmail.com](mailto:beckyswebb@gmail.com).