

June 28, 2022

Dear Houghton Church Friends,

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

### **Sunday Worship Schedule**

8:45 a.m. – Outdoor Worship (feel free to bring your own lawn chair)

11:00 a.m. – Indoor/Streaming Worship

**Sunday Morning Sermon:** This Sunday, we welcome the Rev. Dr. Jon Case as our guest preacher. Dr. Case is Professor of Theology at Houghton College.

**Odens on Vacation:** Pastors Wes and Cindy are on vacation this week. While they are gone, we will publish a weekly letter but Pastor Wes will not be sending out a weekly video.

**The church offices are closed Monday** to observe the July 4 holiday.

### **HWC Kids:**

- In July, we learn about so many incredible humans — past and present — who have changed the world using their influence, their voice, their dreams, and their passion. Kids might find it hard to relate to these dreamers, though, and ask themselves, “Can God use me for something that grand?” In *Up In The Air*, kids will learn through the stories of Elisha that we can dream big with God, have faith in God, count on God’s promises, ask God for what we need, and be used by God. The sky isn’t the limit anymore . . . not with God’s promises at work in our lives! This week, kids imagine what it was like when Elijah was taken up to heaven. **THE BIG IDEA:** I can dream big with God. **THE BIBLE:** II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 66:1-9
- **Nursery**, for ages infant up to 3, and **Children's Church**, ages preschool - 1st grade, is available during the 8:45am service during the summer. Digital curriculum will continue to be available for all other families every Friday.
- **Summer Storytime:** Join us every Wednesday morning in July for story time at the Church library from 9:00-9:30ish. Open to all HWC Kids, but geared toward preschool and early elementary. See you there!
- **Bikes on the Quad:** Join us on the Houghton College Quad on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm for “Bikes on the Quad!” It is an informal time for fellowship while the kids ride the quad. (We are not limited to bikes! Bring baseballs and gloves, soccer balls, Frisbees, sidewalk chalk, yard games etc). We look forward to seeing you there!

### **YOUTH**

- **Service projects - July 12 and Aug 9**  
Deadline to sign up – July 6 and Aug 2 respectively  
No cost  
Meet at the church at 9am  
Details to follow

- **Camping trip to the ADK's - July 26-30**

Deadline to sign up is July 6

Cost is \$150; camping/hiking equipment provided

Hiking, Canoeing, camping on and around Cranberry lake

*This trip will have limited space!*

Meet late afternoon, July 25, to get equipment and pack the vans

July 26<sup>th</sup> – 8am -Drive to Cranberry Lake, Hike/canoe to the first campsite;

27<sup>th</sup> – 29 – camping, hiking, canoeing.

July 30<sup>th</sup> – Return home

- To sign up for any event, just email Pastor Jon by the event deadline and let him know who will be attending. You will receive a confirmation email with any additional details and permission slip (if needed). Call, text or email with questions! [JonCole@HWChurch.org](mailto:JonCole@HWChurch.org)

## Lost and Found

- Coats, sweaters, toys, books, glasses and other items have been collected in the foyer outside the Community Room. All unclaimed items will be donated to a local charity on July 8.

**Refresh Retreat & Family Camp is July 17 through 22. See [refreshathoughton.com](http://refreshathoughton.com)**

## Church Finances

- Here are the giving totals for the fiscal year (June 2022 – May 2023).

**Budget Needed: \$64,204.16 / Budget Received: \$55,667.26**

- Our church fiscal year began June 1. We are praying that God will not only bless us as individual followers of Jesus but out of that blessing, our giving will reflect our trust and worship of God.
- 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 Jon