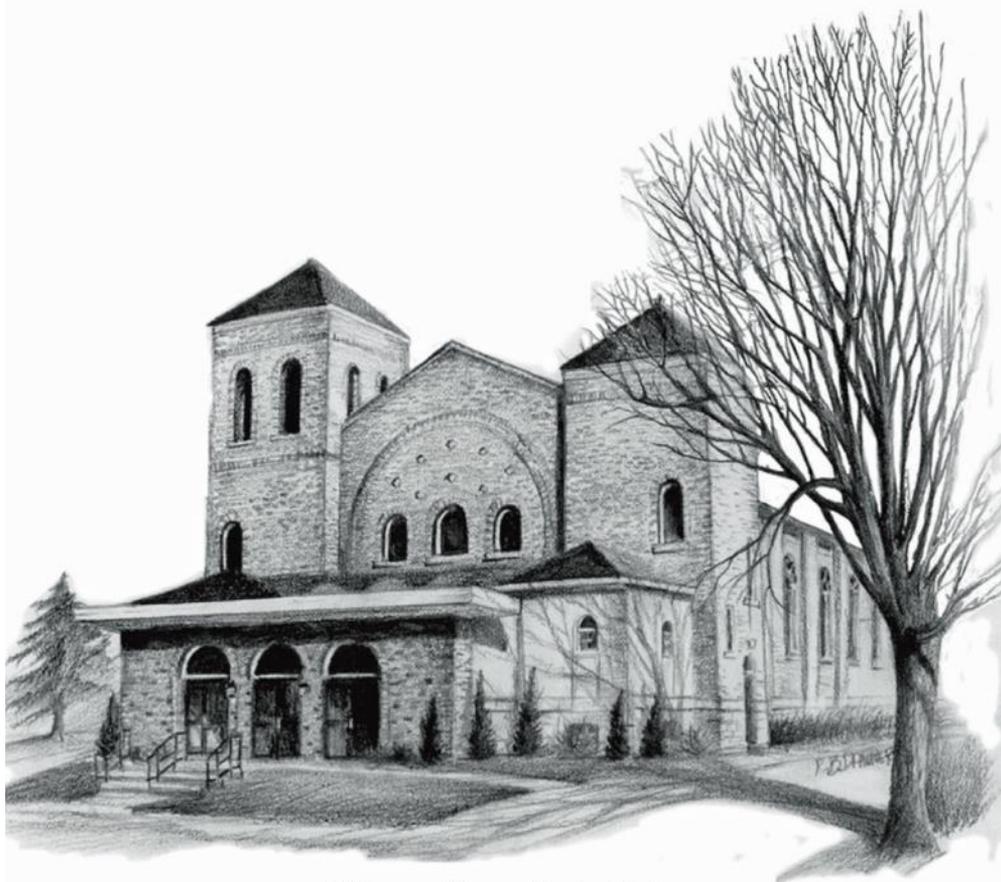




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost

July 3, 2022

11:00am

Prelude: *Prelude in F major* (Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel)

Welcome & Call to Worship (from Colossians 3)

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

***Bear with each other and forgive one another
if any of you has a grievance against someone.***

Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

And over all these virtues put on love,
which binds them all together in perfect unity.

***Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.***

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one
another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit,
singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

***And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name
of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.***

Hymn of Praise 63: ***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: ***Dream Big***

Songs of Adoration: ***Sons and Daughters; What a Beautiful Name***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Philippians 4: 1-7

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

Hymn 423: ***May the Mind of Christ My Savior***

Sermon: **Gentleness in an Age of Rage**

Dr. Jon Case

Hymn 262: ***By Our Love***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Jordan Speta

Scripture Reader: Margarita Cooley

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, Mark Zachary, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;

Betsy Webb, keyboard and vocals; Hannah Schell, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We worship today as a means of acknowledging God's greatness and to ask for His grace to be at work in our lives. As we worship, may the assurance of God's presence fill your heart and soul.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Jon Case as our guest preacher. Dr. Case is Professor of Theology at Houghton College.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes will preach from Leviticus 8-10, 21-22 and *The Holy Life of Reconciliation*.

The church offices will be closed tomorrow for 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!

STEWARDSHIP

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

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: July 17-22 on the Houghton College Campus. Visit refreshathoughton.com for information and registration.

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 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 – 8am -Drive to Cranberry Lake, Hike/canoe to the first campsite;

July 27 – 29 – camping, hiking, canoeing; July 30 – 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

MISSION MOMENT – We are a week away from the start of this year's Royal Family Kids Camp for 52 children. Nearly 100 volunteer staff are praying and preparing. We too join to ask God to be present in the lives of campers and staff, as well as provide safety and all the needs as He sees fit culminating the week of July 10.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We celebrate the birth of our nation and the freedom to worship God in our daily lives. And while we pray for issues where Christ is rejected or ignored in our nation, today we pray for Christians such those in N. Korea, who can only worship and serve Him in private or secret.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Kim Pegula, Gus Prinsell, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, 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 including the recent shootings in Buffalo, Laguna Woods, California, Uvalde, Texas and other places; for refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained by the police since December 26; for Friendship United Methodist Church, (Pastor Rebecca Worth).