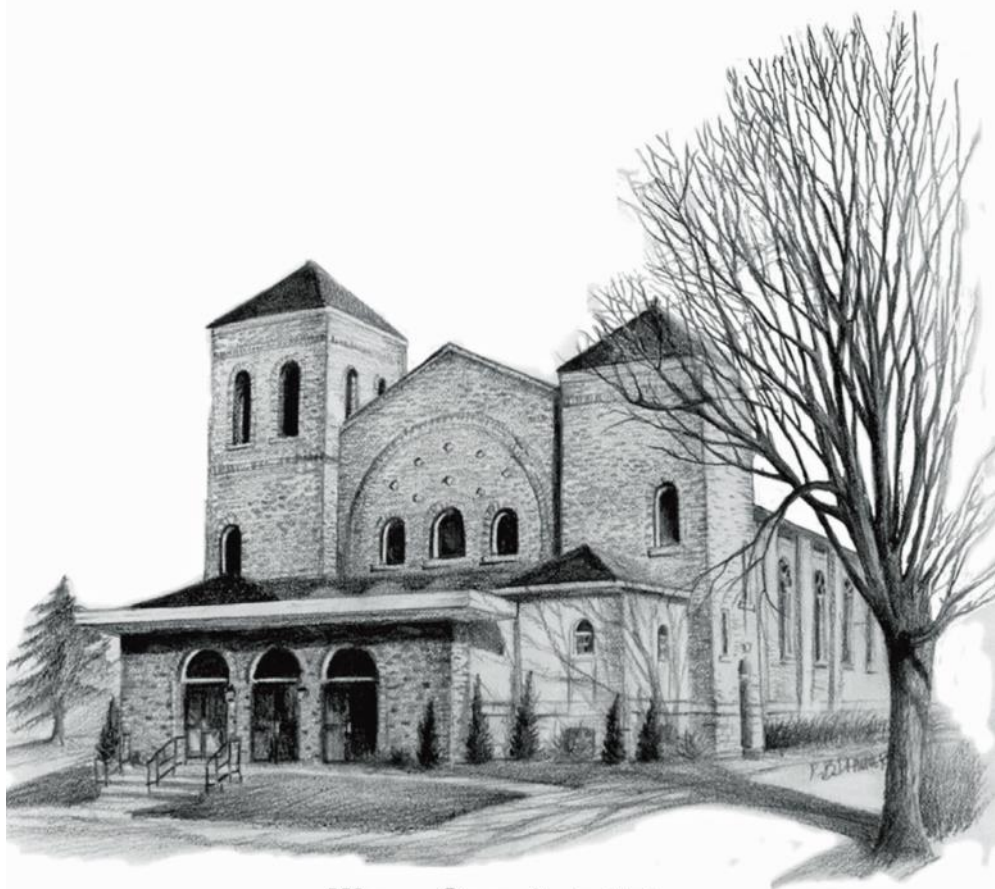




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Director of Children's Ministries*

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
AUGUST 7, 2022
11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *When Morning Gilds the Skies* (Joseph Barnby, arr. John Innes)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 18: ***Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: ***Wonder-full Worship***

Songs of Adoration:

***Song of My Heart; My Worth is Not in What I Own;
Children of the Heavenly Father***

Prayer of Confession

Most Gracious and Loving Father, we cannot hide or deny our sin any longer. Our self-centered attitudes, decisions, and behavior cause more hurt and pain than we are often willing to admit. We hear your children's cries for help but do not respond. We feel the burden of sin all around us, yet we give minimal time and energy to others. We doubt your unconditional love for us and your everlasting desire for us. Father, forgive us. Turn us from self-focus to Christ-focus. Open our eyes to see and hear your passionate yearning for us.

Let us experience your forgiving and restoring grace
and lead us in the way everlasting through the power of Your Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 8

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

Meditation: *His Eye is on the Sparrow* (arr. Mark Hayes)

Luke Ogden, tenor

Sermon: ***Taking God Seriously***

Pastor Paul Shea

Song: ***How Great Thou Art***

Benediction

Organist: Carolyn Kindley Acolyte: Grayson Cox Scripture Reader: Debbie Young

Music Ministry Team:

Rachel Onivogui, Luke Ogden, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Alison Young Reusser, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist exclaims, “Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!” We come to worship today to offer to God our praise. May God fill our hearts and lives with his glorious presence.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Jon Cole will preach.

HWC KIDS:

- August series - "Wonder-full": From the Northern Lights to the Great Barrier Reef, our world is full of so many incredible wonders! In this four-week series, we'll explore the natural wonders of the world while learning from the book of Psalms about how all of God's creation is evidence of how wonderful our Creator is! Each week, we'll invite kids to worship because of all the “wonder-full” things God has done by putting their hope in God, asking for God's help, remembering what God has done, and living for God!
- Kids learn from this week's psalm that worship can look like waiting in hope. **THE BIG IDEA:** We can worship by putting our hope in God. **THE BIBLE:** Psalm 33:12–22; Hebrews 11:1–3
- August memory verse: "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." — Psalm 139:14 (NIV)
- Reminder: Turn in your application for Valley Preschool today! Email casdadanner@hwchurch.org for questions.

STEWARDSHIP:

Budget Needed: \$144,459.36 / **Budget Received:** \$111,374.38

WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP—Meets weekly in Room 105 across from the church Library from 6:30 to 7:30 P.M.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY: Are you struggling with hurts, hang-ups, and "not so good" habits? Good news...you are not alone! Celebrate Recovery is a safe and confidential place to share with others, who also struggle with life's challenges. We'd love to have you join us in the Good Shepherd Room on Thursday evenings at 7pm. See you there!

ICE CREAM KICKOFF & LAWN GAMES August 21, 3:30 to 5 p.m.

MISSION MOMENT – In the midst of a highly successful team ministry in Eastern Europe, our supported worker, Stacia, has had to return suddenly to USA for a necessary medical procedure, completed last week. We pray for her recovery and a speedy return to follow-up many contacts.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Afghanistan has return to the top of the World Watch List - the 50 most dangerous countries for Christians to live. (Open Doors) In fact our brothers and sisters there have had to go completely underground — it is completely impossible to openly live out their Faith in public. We pray.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family and friends of Phil Main, Marilyn's husband, who died Wednesday and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Kathy Breuer, Scarlett Gildemeister, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Kim Pegula, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, Jennifer Brown, 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, Emily Crikelair; for all dealing with tragedies and disasters including the recent shootings in Buffalo 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 Dalton United Methodist Church (Pastor Lauren Turner).

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<https://www.facebook.com/HoughtonWesleyanChurch>

TRAVELING? Our 11:00 a.m. service is streamed and archived:

<https://venue.streamspot.com/98dc70a7> or Facebook