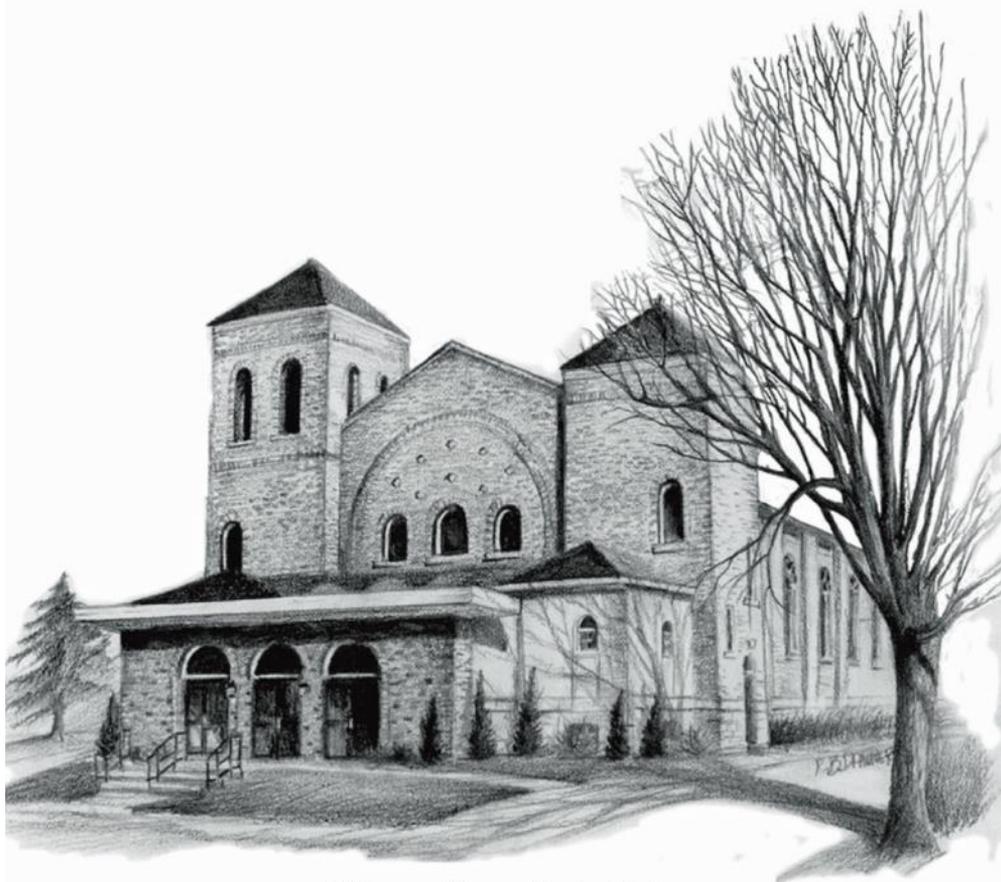




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 14, 2022

11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: Hymn Prelude on MUNICH (J. Congdon)
“O Word of God Incarnate”

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise 75: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: *Mountains*

Songs of Adoration:

Christ our Hope in Life and Death; 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: Mark 6:30-52

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

Hymn 74: *Beautiful Savior*

Sermon: **Jesus Feeds the 5,000**

Pastor Jon Cole

Song: *Is He Worthy?*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Violet Bates Scripture Reader: Sharon McGarvey

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, Evie Cox, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;

Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Each week we face the ups and downs of human living. We worship this morning to proclaim that the Lord is God and that we worship him as our King.

NEXT SUNDAY TIME CHANGE: In preparation for the resumption of Sunday School in a few weeks, the early worship will begin at 8:30 next week. This change will enable time to connect between the service and the Sunday Discipleship hour and at the same time provide a full hour for Sunday Discipleship.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes will continue in Leviticus, focusing on chapter 16: The Holy Life of Grace.

ICE CREAM KICKOFF & LAWN GAMES AUGUST 21, 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Please join us for ice cream and fellowship on the north side of the church. The church will provide ice cream and toppings. This is an opportunity to reconnect with others and to welcome Houghton University students who are on campus early. Please use the south side of the church to enter and park as the north side will be blocked off for the event. We invite you to bring lawn chairs or a blanket if you want. Thank you.

CONNECTING: We are continually updating email addresses and phone numbers for texting so that everyone who desires to do so receives information from the church. If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes's weekly letter and weekly video chat, please contact the church office and we will update your information.

HWC KIDS:

- Kids learn from this week's psalm that worship includes asking God for help. **THE BIG IDEA:** We can worship by asking for God's help. **THE BIBLE:** Psalm 80:8–19; Hebrews 12:1–2
- 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)
- Calendar reminder: Sunday School starts in one month on September 11th!

MISSION MOMENT – We've been following some of our supported global workers on the move. Today we lift in prayer John and Sylvia Christensen who moved from Houghton to Post Falls, Idaho last month. They have many adjustments to make as they continue Scripture distance consultations in Indonesia and other ministries.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – 2022 has been a traumatic year for Christians especially in the Middle Belt region of Nigeria — over 4000 believers have lost lives and over 2000 abducted for faith related reasons. It is hard for us to fathom these numbers, but our prayers are important for God to sustain the church in the midst of this kind of suffering.

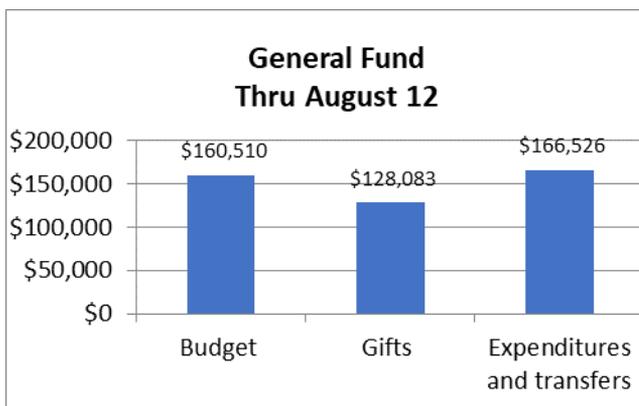
PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Kathy Breuer, Scarlett Guildemeister, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Kim Pegula, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, Jennifer Brown, Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Don Yeddo (Paul Rowley's step-father), Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter's 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 Friendship Church of God in Christ.

Stewardship – A Life of Generosity

It was because of Covid that we started meeting for corporate worship outdoors. At first, it was the only way we could meet together. Now, it's one of our two options. Throughout this summer, we regularly find 200-300 people in the church parking lot for 8:45 worship.

We have come a long way from our original outdoor gatherings. We now have a permanent stage designed and built by men from our congregation. Last summer Adirondack chairs were donated. And every Sunday, sound equipment is set up along with more chairs and tables for hot drinks, bulletins and offering boxes.

We might forget that much of what has made outdoor worship accessible, positive and manageable is the result of your generosity. Your gifts enabled us to purchase the materials for the stage. Your gifts enable us to purchase hot drink items. Your gifts enable us to have designated sound equipment that doesn't have to be carried and reset indoors each week.



But it's not just money. The men who built the stage did so voluntarily. The sound equipment is brought out and set up voluntarily. The people who do set up and prepare the hot drinks come early as a ministry. And many stay a little bit longer afterward to lend a hand putting things back. We are especially grateful to the

Genesee Rapids baseball team who have come out each week this summer and given time and energy to help prepare for our gathering.

So, thank you for being good stewards of what God has given you. Your monetary generosity as well as your volunteer generosity makes all the difference.

The Stewardship Committee