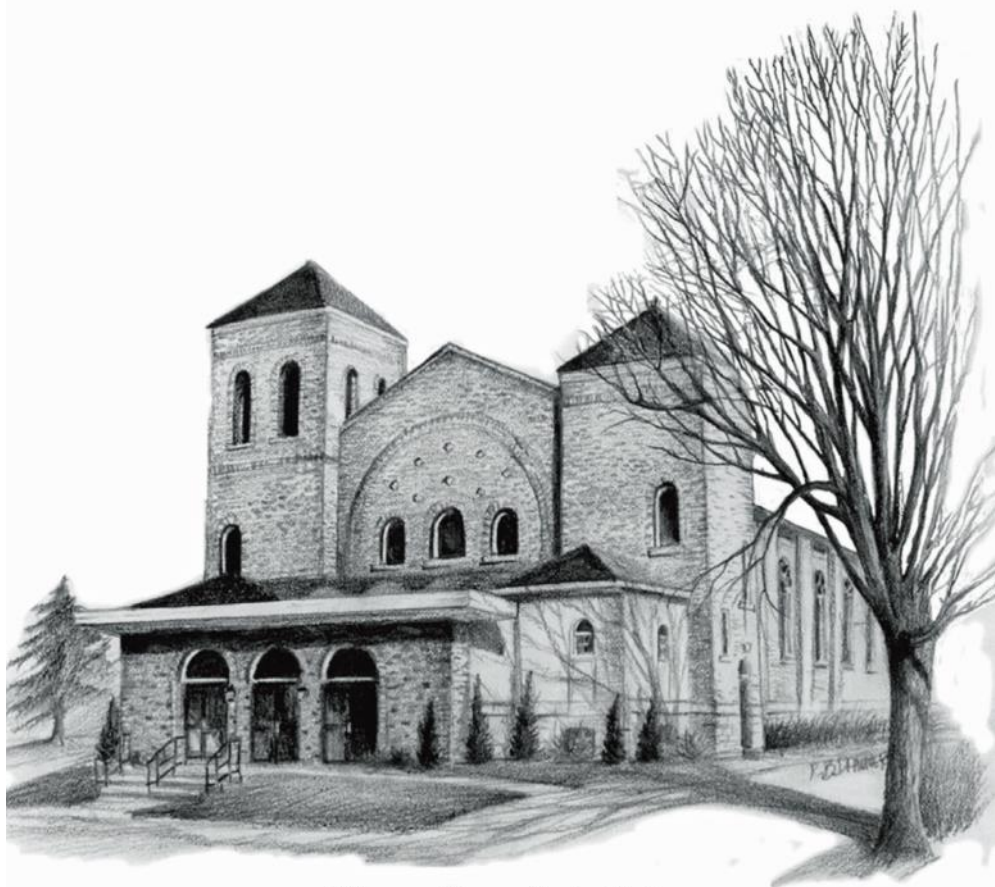




# Houghton

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*

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
AUGUST 21, 2022  
11:00 SERVICE

Prelude:

Partita on Showalter (J. Spong) “Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 273: *And Can it Be*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children’s Sermon: Reminders

Songs of Adoration: *This is Amazing Grace; Champion; Faithful*

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 16 (selected verses)

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

Hymn 86: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

Sermon: **The Holy Life of Grace**

Pastor Wes Oden

Prayer of Confession

(back)

Song: *Kyrie Eleison*

Benediction

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Organist: Judy Congdon    Acolyte: Zoey Clem    Scripture Reader: Pastor Cindy Oden

Music Ministry Team:

Lydia Schilke, Rachel Onivogui, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;

Jan Schilke, keyboard; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Nico Seddio, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Every Sunday is a time for remembering all that God has done and to celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection. May God open our eyes, our ears, our minds and our hearts to him.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes preaches from Leviticus 25-27 about *The Holy Life of Reconciliation*. We will gather for outdoor worship at 8:30 and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00.

**ICE CREAM KICKOFF:** You are invited to an ice cream gathering today from 3:30-4:30 on the north side of the church. Please use the south driveway to enter and park. You may park on the south side or the back parking lot. We invite you to bring lawn chairs or blankets, if you like. Thank you and we look forward to seeing you on Sunday afternoon.

**CONNECTING:** We are in the process of updating email addresses and phone numbers for texting so that everyone who desires 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.

**FALL SERVICE TIMES:**

8:30 a.m.	Outdoor Worship
9:45 a.m.	Discipleship Hour (September 11)
11:00 a.m.	Indoor/Streaming Worship

**KOINONIA** begins next Sunday at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Chapel.

**HWC KIDS:** This week in Kids Min, kids learn from this week's psalm that a big part of worship is remembering God's faithfulness. **BIG IDEA:** We can worship by remembering what God has done. **BIBLE:** Psalm 103:1-8 The 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)

**MISSION MOMENT** – Ben and Christine Hegeman, from our church and community are in their 12<sup>th</sup> month with 4 remaining in a final tour of duty on the same Bible School campus in Benin, W. Africa where they've served since 1990 training church leaders in the Baatonu tribal region. We pray for the close to 1000 SIM-related churches and outreach to Muslims. The jihadist crisis looms but God is Lord of all.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Myanmar is a nation where Wesleyan Churches face persecution, especially since recent political upheaval. Close to 50 Wesleyan churches are active as a result of a revival movement in the early 1990s. We pray for pastors, leaders and members to remain strong in the faith.

**ALL WOMEN**-plan to join us for a fall women's gathering titled, "A Life of Love and Purpose," featuring our own Carolyn Miller. **Join us on Saturday, September 17<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** for food, fun, fellowship, and inspiration. You don't want to miss it!

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** f**PRAYER CONCERNS:** 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 Elijah 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 Trinity Church of Nunda (Pastor Ron Duttweiler).

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Holy and merciful God, like the Israelites of old, we come into your presence, and we confess our sin. Too often, we have rebelled against you. We have loved your gifts—money, power, pleasure, accomplishments, status—more than you. We have been more inclined to self-interest than to your truth. We have not loved one another as we love ourselves. We have used our words to cause pain. We have been quarrelsome, jealous, divisive, envious and self-serving. We have harbored and nurtured sinful thoughts—bitterness, lust, anger, resentment. We have coveted what is not ours. We have ignored those who are hurting. We have shamed and vilified those with whom we disagree. We have wandered from your ways, wasted your gifts, forgotten your love. And worst of all, in our pride and self-protection, we have pretended that our sins are trivial. O God, forgive us and fill us with hope even as we claim the promises you yourself have made to us:

*For as far as the east is from the west, so far have I removed your sins from you.*

*Come now, let us reason together: Though your sins are like scarlet, I will make them white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, I will make them as white as wool.*

*If you confess your sins, I am faithful and just to forgive you your sins and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness.*

Through your mercy and grace, we give you thanks that you forgive us our sins. As people forgiven, help us to live in your light, and to walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.