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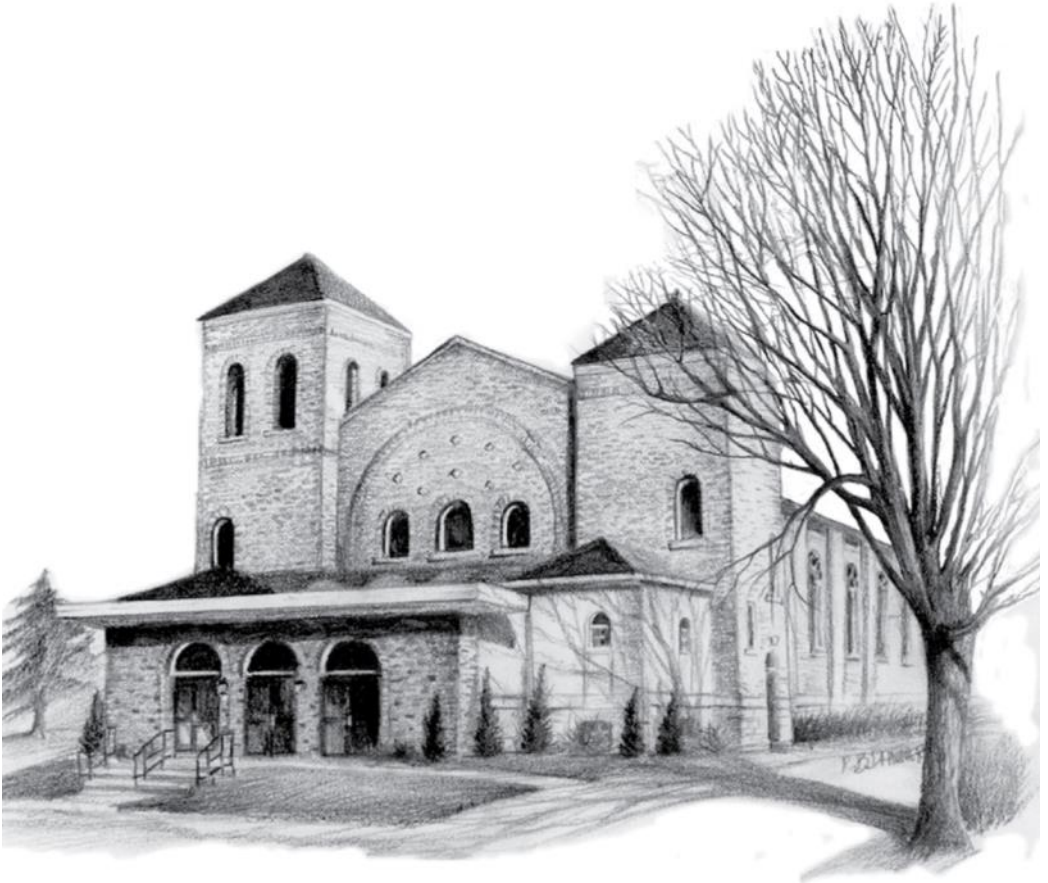
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others



Wesley Oden, *Senior Pastor*

Jon Cole, *Youth Pastor*

David Huizenga, *Discipleship and College Pastor*

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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

11:00 Service

Prelude: Voluntary on *Rosedale* (R. Lind)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Hymn of Praise 26: ***All Creatures of Our God and King***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: ***Waterfalls***

Songs of Adoration: ***Thrive; A Thousand Hallelujahs***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 25-27 (selected verses)

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

Hymn 287: ***Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!***

Sermon: **The Holy Life of Celebration**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion:

Oh How Good it Is; Goodness of God

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Amelia Esh Scripture Reader: Emily Spateholts

Music Ministry Team:

Emily Quick, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals; Jill Jordan, violin;

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

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We join our hearts and minds, even if from a distance to worship God. In our worship, we remember that he loves us, that he is for us, and that his desires for us are far greater than we could ever imagine. As we embark on a new academic year, we gather asking God's Spirit to work in us and to transform us by His grace.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes begins a four-week sermon series on Noah. This strange story raises all sorts of questions about God, the world and God's people. Next week's sermon is from Genesis 6:1-14, God Creates People to Live in Peace. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00 a.m.

CONNECTING: If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes's weekly letter and brief weekly video chat, please contact the church office (567-2264/office@hwchurch.org) and we will update your information.

KOINONIA begins tonight at 7:00 p.m. in Wesley Chapel.

HWC KIDS:

- This week in KidsMin, kids learn from this week's psalm that worship is all about how we live for God. BIG IDEA: We can worship by living for God. BIBLE: Psalm 112
- 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
- **HWC Kids Connect** (formerly "Sunday School") begins on Sunday, September 11th. More information will be coming soon!

MISSION MOMENT – We remember The Wesleyan Hospital and Nursing University on LaGonave island in Haiti. While the country remains in social and civil crisis on the mainland, services and studies continue with many challenges. We pray for medical, educational and support staff along with the people of Haiti.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We continue to pray for churches in embattled Ukraine. A Baptist seminary leader reports up to 400 churches damaged or destroyed and flocks scattered. Beyond buildings, most needful is reestablishing and restoring pastoral leadership.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $192,612.48 / Budget Received: $159,040.28

MEETING THIS WEEK

- Wednesday Prayer Group, Room 105, 6:30 - 7:30 pm
- Celebrate Recovery, Good Shepherd Room, Thursday, 7-8:30 pm

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY will begin on Wednesday, September 14 at 9:30-10:45 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room (under the sanctuary). This first session will be a time of getting acquainted, introducing the study and having a time of prayer. We will be studying II Timothy, using Melanie Newton's easy to follow study guide. Since we don't have a permanent leader, each member will participate in facilitating sessions throughout the year. If you are interested, please come join us.

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 17th, beginning at 9:00 a.m.** for food, fun, fellowship, and inspiration. You don't want to miss it!

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 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 United Church of Friendship (Pastor Kirk Kirsh).

Nursery Volunteer Sign-up

School Year Months: October 1--April 30

Children are never too young to begin experiencing the love of God and sensing that they are a part of the body of Christ. The nursery ministry is an effort to care for the physical needs of children and to provide a place where children are appreciated as part of Christ's body.

Please complete the following survey if you are able to help in the nursery. We will gladly use you as a volunteer if:

1) you are willing to go through an application/screening process;
2) you are willing to attend required training meetings; and
3) you attend HWC regularly.

Thank you for your part in this ministry of love for Christ and the little ones. He has entrusted to us. The completed survey can be sent intracampus to the church office or put in the offering plate as soon as possible. Thanks.

There must be two adult (18 or older) volunteers for each service. You may be a third volunteer if you are 14-17 years old. You may accompany <u>your</u> parent(s) if you are under 14. Please indicate your age if you are under 18.

Please completely fill out the information below:

1. Name_____18 or older _____ Age if under 18____
2. Address/CPO Box #_____
   Phone number _____
   Email address_____
3. During the school months (October 1-April 30) I would be willing to work:

_____every week	_____8:30 service
_____every other week	_____9:45 Discipleship Hour
_____once each month	_____11:00 service
_____other_____	

4. Dates I will **not** be available from October 1--April 30 (college and academy students will not be scheduled during class breaks):

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Perhaps you are not sure of your schedule. Please don't hesitate to sign up anyway. It is easy to switch with someone else should you find that you are unavailable when you are scheduled.