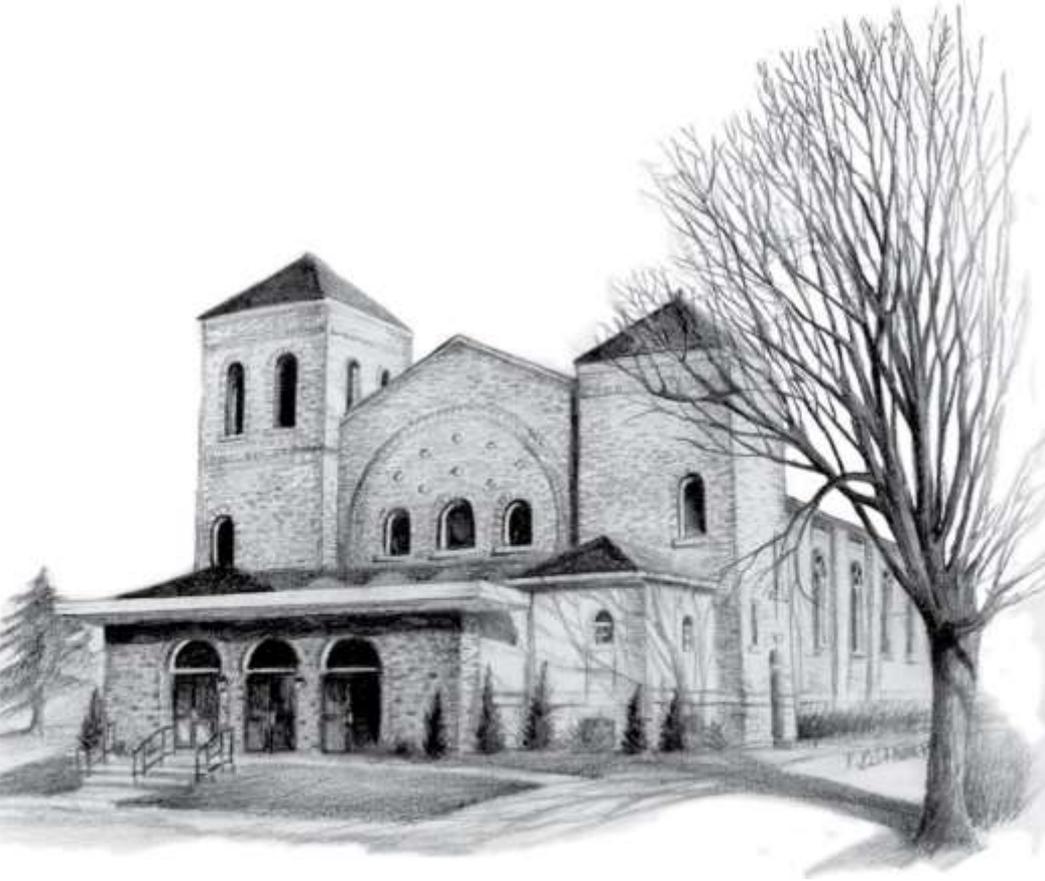




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 4, 2022

11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *It Is Well with My Soul* (arr. C. Phillips)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 43: ***Great is Thy Faithfulness***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: College Ministries

Anthem: *True Light* (Keith Hampton)
Houghton University Choir, directed by Dr. Kevin Dibble

Children's Sermon: The Prophets

Songs of Adoration: ***King of Kings; Faithful Now***

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our world with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in repentance, and to bow to one another in forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and fear which separate us.

Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together with all of our brothers and sisters in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen. —from the UMC Book of Worship

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Genesis 6:1-14

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

Anthem: *Softly and Tenderly* (arr. René Clausen)

Sermon: ***God Creates People to Live in Peace***
Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Behold Our God***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Indigo Knapp Scripture Reader: Nico Seddio

Music Ministry Team:

Evie Cox, Mike Cox, Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;
Dianna Clem, flute; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist proclaims, “The Lord is great...and he is high above all the people ...Exalt the Lord our God, and worship...for the Lord our God is holy” (Psalm 99: 2, 9). We worship today to acknowledge that God is great and holy, that we are his people and that we owe our lives to him. Through music, prayer, the reading of Scripture, and the spoken word we have an opportunity to experience the grace of God in Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes continues leading us to think about the story of Noah. Next week’s sermon is from Genesis 6-9 addressing God Designs Creation to be a Place of Peace. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming blended worship at 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour begins at 9:45 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.

ALL UNIVERSITY STUDENTS: Join us for a great time this afternoon @ 3:30 pm on the hill across from the Houghton nursing home for the BLUE FOAM Slip-and-Slide. (Never experienced blue foam fun? See pictures on the college ministry website!)

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!

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$208,663.52 / Budget Received: \$168,474.08

MISSION MOMENT – We lift up in prayer Breanna Smithley, our missionary to Bolton (greater Manchester) UK serving with TLG (Transforming Lives for Good). She teaches students struggling with trauma and other adverse childhood experiences. She is able to share the love of Jesus and connect youth to local churches.

HWC KIDS:

- **HWC Kids in September:** If you've ever gotten a little emotional during your favorite Disney or Pixar movie, you know animation is a powerful tool to not only tell big stories, but to make us feel big feelings, too! In this four-week series, we'll look at some stories of the Old Testament prophets as we explore some of those feelings. These stories will remind kids that God cares about our big feelings. With God, we can all feel secure, comforted, valued, and loved, even when our emotions tell us otherwise.
- **September memory verse:** "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him." — Romans 15:13a (NIV)
- **This week in HWC Kids:** This week, kids hear about Jeremiah and the message he received at the potter's house. **BIG IDEA:** Because of God, I can feel secure. **BIBLE:** Jeremiah 18:1–11; Psalm 139:1–14
- **Valley Preschool** still has open spots for kids ages 2-5 for this fall. VPS meets Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00-11:45am (with Tuesday/Thursday an option with enough interest). If your child is attending public school pre-k in the afternoon, you could have all day coverage! Email kidsmin@hwchurch.org for more information or to sign up today!

MEETING THIS WEEK

Wednesday Prayer Group, Room 105, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate Recovery, Good Shepherd Room, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Two weeks ago Iranian Christians Homayoun Zhavah, 63, and his wife, Sara Ahmadi, 44, were taken into custody at the dreaded Evin prison – detained with no explanation This is the latest in more than three years of legal battles over leading a house church. Zhavah suffers advanced stage Parkinson's Disease.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Terry Ayers, Mark Getzin, 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 Nunda United Methodist Church (Pastor Ann Robinson).