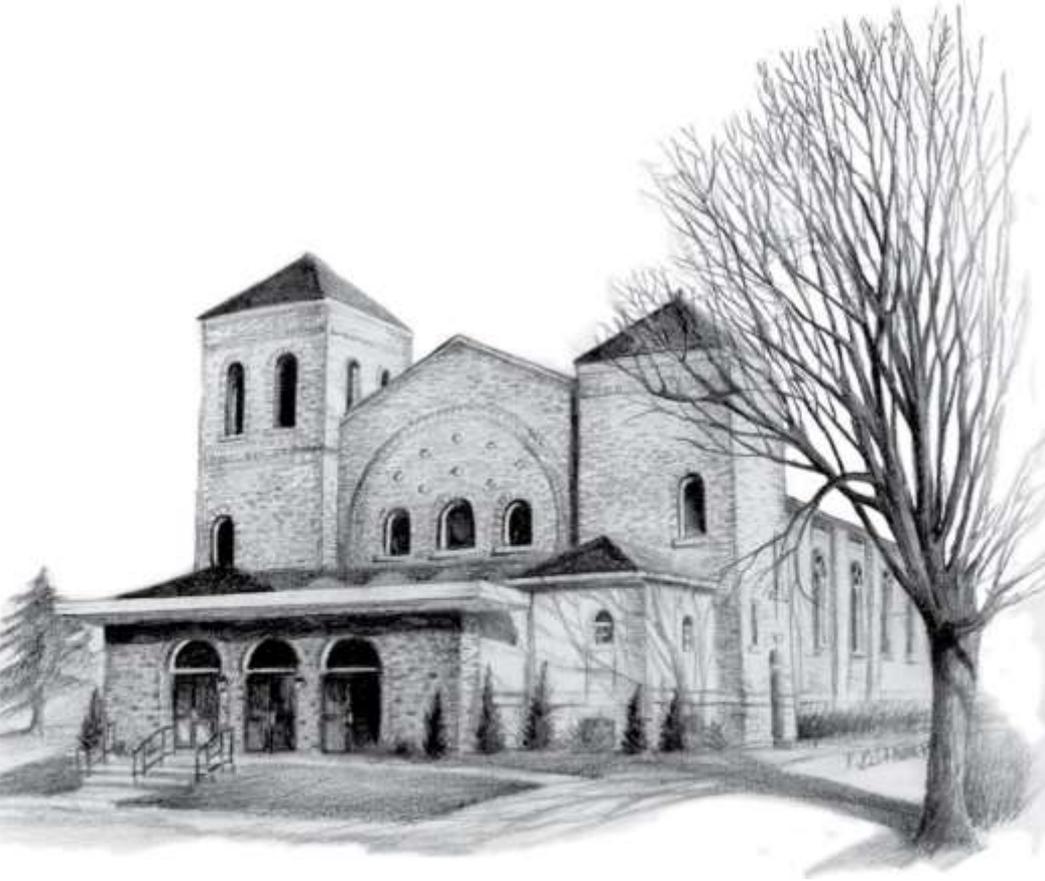




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
SEPTEMBER 25, 2022
11:00 SERVICE

Prelude

Welcome & Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who reconciles us to Himself through Christ.

We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!

Hymn of Praise 393: ***My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*** (Tune of Solid Rock)

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Leah

Children's Sermon: *Valued*

Songs of Adoration: ***This is Amazing Grace; Living Hope***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Genesis 8:15 - 9:17

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

Hymn 457: ***My Hope is in the Lord***

Sermon: **God Reveals Himself as the Active Sign of Peace**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *God Put a Rainbow in the Sky* (Mahalia Jackson)

Benediction

Organist: Jennifer Ross Acolyte: Zoey Clem Scripture Reader: Heidi Huizenga

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, Emily Quick, vocals; Josh Armstrong, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Dan Zambrano, cello; Dan Wartinger, cajón

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Jaël Yögbö Onivogui to Rachel and Jean Onivogui on September 14th.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The prophet Isaiah declares to God's people: "Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near" (55:1,6, NIV). As we ponder the gracious invitation of God for His people, may God inspire us to take Him up on His offer, knowing that He who calls us loves us and wants to do above and beyond what we are able to ask or imagine.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes begins a series of sermons on prayer. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming blended worship at 11:00 a.m. KidsMin Connect and Discipleship Hour begins at 9:45 a.m.

Today the church is hosting a "LEAH'S SEND-OFF DESSERT" at 4:00 p.m. below the sanctuary. Leah returns to her Bible translation work in S.E. Asia in early October. Come join in surrounding her with our love and prayers.

CONNECTING: If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes's weekly letter, Pastor Wes's weekly video chat or other periodic updates (i.e., outdoor service weather updates) and would like to, please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org/585-567-2264) and we will update your information.

HWC KIDS

HWC Kids Connect: This week, kids hear about Nehemiah and his mission to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. **BIG IDEA:** Because of God, I can feel valued. **BIBLE:** Nehemiah 2:1-6, 11-18

HWC Parents: Check out our new "Family Resource Hub" in the CE building for take-home discipleship resources that coordinate with our weekly lessons.

HWC Kids: The memory verse challenge has begun! Memorize the monthly verse, recite it to a neighbor (3X), get a sticker for the chart and claim a prize! Pick up your verse sheet from your Connect teacher or at the Welcome Desk.

MEETING THIS WEEK

- Wednesday Morning Women's Bible Study, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room (sanctuary basement)
- Wednesday Evening Prayer Group, Room 105, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- Celebrate Recovery, Good Shepherd Room, Thursdays 7-8:30 p.m.

PRAYER BINDER WORKSHOP—Today is the final day to sign up for the workshop on October 1 at 10:00 a.m. in the Good Shepherd Room beneath the sanctuary. Katrina Koehler will lead us in this time as she shares how we can manage not only all our prayer requests in a non-burdensome way, but also find artistic joy in the visual expression of prayers for worship, confession, and thanksgiving in addition to the myriad of concerns we bring to God. We will learn about the prayer binders, make one of our own and even practice using it! Charge: \$10 for students and \$15 for community members to cover supplies. To register, please email Katrina Koehler at Katrina.koehler@houghton.edu.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$256,816.64 / **Budget Received:** \$224,568.02

YOUTH: Tuesday, 7 a.m. Prayer Breakfast in the Community Room

MISSION MOMENT – Today we hear from Leah and join as a congregation for the Lord to bless her as she departs for S. E. Asia on October 3 after a summer visit to supporters and family in N. America. May God give her strength to readjust to new routines and responsibilities.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – “Blessed are the peacemakers.” There are Christians on all levels and all nations who can be instruments of “shalom” and work for God’s peace in conflict large and small. We pray for God to help believers be at the forefront of peacemaking and shine for Christ even when they are the targets of injustice.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jake Jacobsen, Terry Ayers, Mark Getzin, Scarlett Gildemeister, 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 storms in the Caribbean; 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 long-term results from the recent revival gatherings at Houghton University; for Sojourners Mennonite Fellowship, Belfast (Pastor Connie Finney).