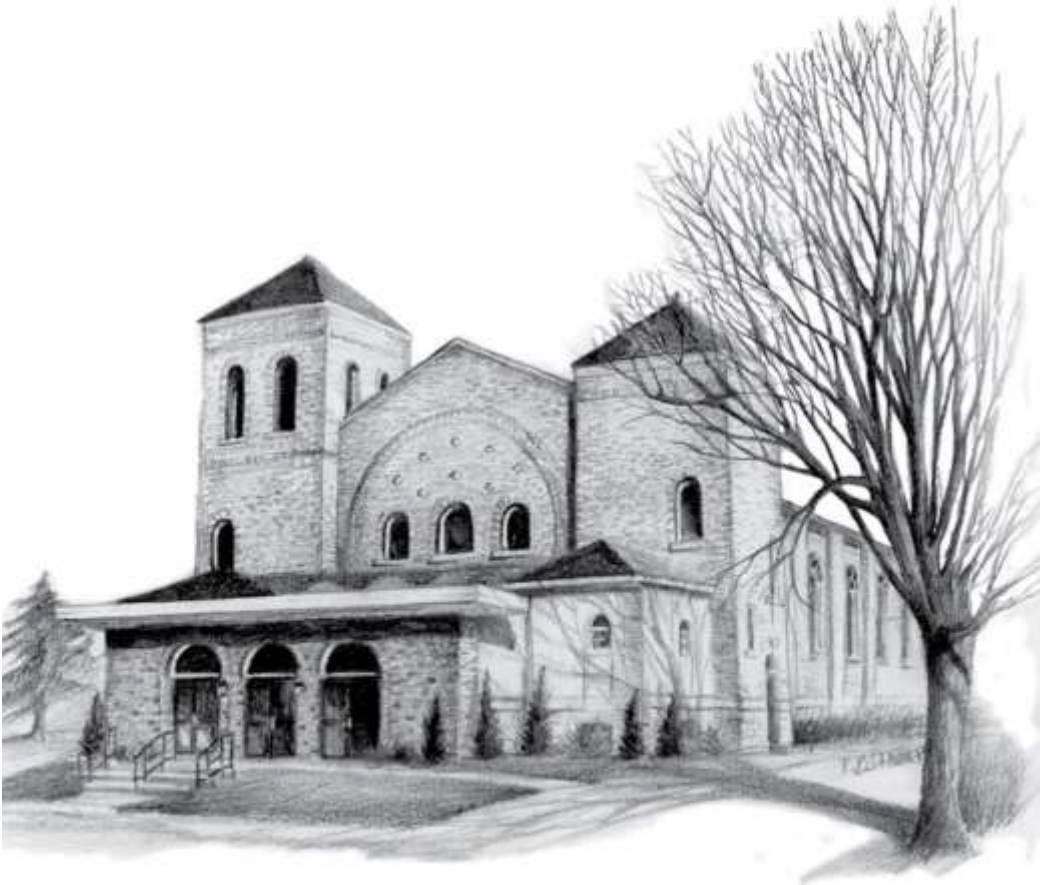
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others



Wesley Oden, *Senior Pastor*

Jon Cole, *Youth Pastor*

David Huizenga, *Discipleship and College Pastor*

Cindy Oden, *Assistant Pastor*

Paul Shea, *Volunteer Assistant Pastor*

Amanda Cox, *Music and Worship Director*

Emily Spateholts, *Children's Ministry Director*

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Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 9, 2022
11:00 Service

Prelude: *Trumpet Tune in D major* by David Johnson

Welcome & Call to Worship

In You, Lord our God, we put our trust.
We trust in You; do not let us be put to shame,
nor let our enemies triumph over us.
No one who hopes in You will ever be put to shame,
but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.
Show us Your ways, Lord, teach us Your paths.
Guide us in Your truth and teach us,
for You are God our Savior, and our hope is in You all day long.
Remember, Lord, Your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of our youth and our rebellious ways;
according to Your love remember us, for You, Lord, are good.

Hymn of Praise 404: ***How Firm a Foundation***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: *Staying Afloat*

Songs of Adoration: ***Build My Life; Be Still, My Soul***

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

Scripture Reading: Exodus 20:18-26
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Hymn 376: ***'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus***

Sermon: **Praying in the Dark**
Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Blessed Be Your Name***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Junie Babbitt
Scripture Reader: Pastor David Huizenga

Music Ministry Team:
Emily Quick, Bekah Scharf, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Dan Zambrano, cello; Nico Seddio, cajón

Welcome to the Houghton Wesleyan Church. We worship today because Christ who was dead is risen and all who believe in Him have life in Him. May God help us worship today so that we may go forth to live in His grace and power every day.

Next Sunday Morning: Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus our attention on prayer. Next week's sermon is from Matthew 6 *Praying with Words*. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour and Kids Min Connect for all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

HWC Kids

• This week in HWC Kids Connect, kids learn about Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's devotion to God and how they ended up in the fiery furnace. BIG IDEA: I'm not alone - God is with me! BIBLE: Daniel 3
• October Memory Verse: "The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knows those who trust in him." — Nahum 1:7 (NIV)

Service of Remembrance: Families, friends, and community members are invited to a Service of Remembrance for the children in our Church family who left us too soon, from the unborn and just born to adult children. Please join us at the church on Saturday, October 22, 9:00 a.m. for a time of song, Scripture, and memorial as we honor our children and their families. All are welcome. This celebration of life and acknowledgment of loss and grief is a part of Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

Men's Breakfast: On Saturday, Nov 5, there will be a Men's Breakfast at 8am in the Community Room. We'll gather for fellowship, a survey about future men's ministry needs, and to hear Faith Journeys from a few brothers in Christ. Planning to come? A heads up would be helpful. Text David (585-365-5863) or email (davidhuizenga@hwchurch.org).

Operation Christmas Child: Pack an Operation Christmas Child shoebox and spread the good news of Jesus' love! Boxes, labels, packing lists and more available in the CE building foyer. Finished boxes can be left on the table. Boxes are due by Sunday, November 13th.

Outdoor Worship: On November 6, we will be moving the 8:30 a.m. Sunday morning worship service indoors for the winter.

Stewardship

Budget Needed: $288,918.72 / **Budget Received:** $252,114.12

THIS WEEK:

- **Tuesday,** 7 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast in the Community Room
- **Wednesday** Women's Bible Study, Good Shepherd Room, 9:30 to 10:45 a.m.
- **Wednesday** Evening Prayer Group, Room 105, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- **Thursday** Celebrate Recovery, Good Shepherd Room, 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

MISSION MOMENT – Saturday the 15th is a big mission moment indeed – Rochester Youth Association, whom HWC supports, and Matthew Hess, have planned and prayed for year for "The Gathering II" in Rochester, which facilitates dialog and interaction between different ethnic groups, churches and communities. We pray for Christ to be glorified and his peace to embrace the diverse peoples of our region.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – How can we best prepare for the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP) the first Sunday of November? Be informed, pray and seek ways to help! "…*Whoever is kind to the needy honors God*." Prov. 14:32. May we be among those care and do our part to uphold those who suffer for Christ.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jake Jacobsen, Terry Ayers, Mark Getzin, Scarlett Guildemeister, 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 Allentown United Methodist Church (Pastor Kathy Timpano).

Houghton Wesleyan Church's

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 29

10AM - 1PM

Games & Activities, Crafts

Snacks & Prizes

Valley PreSchool Open House

Chili Cook-off Competition

Neighborhood Outreach Event at NO COST

HARVEST FESTIVAL
CANDY AND FOOD DRIVE

Accepting donations of candy and pre-packaged pretzels and goldfish crackers thru October 28th.

Please drop donations off at the church office during regular hours or Sunday mornings
Monday - Friday: 8:00AM - 12:00PM and 1:00PM - 4:00PM

Anything that you are able to give is greatly appreciated!
Questions?? Contact Emily Spateholts: Emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org

Also accepting donations for baked or purchased goodies that our guests can enjoy while attending the Harvest Festival. Items can be dropped off in the church kitchen on Friday, October 28th. Please sign-up at the link below:
https://www.PerfectPotluck.com/ZMQV2494
Questions?? Contact Andrea Tanner: atanner@fillmorecsd.org

Cook your best Chili recipe and share it with those attending the Harvest Festival. Attendees will place their vote for the best recipe and the winner will win a prize.
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