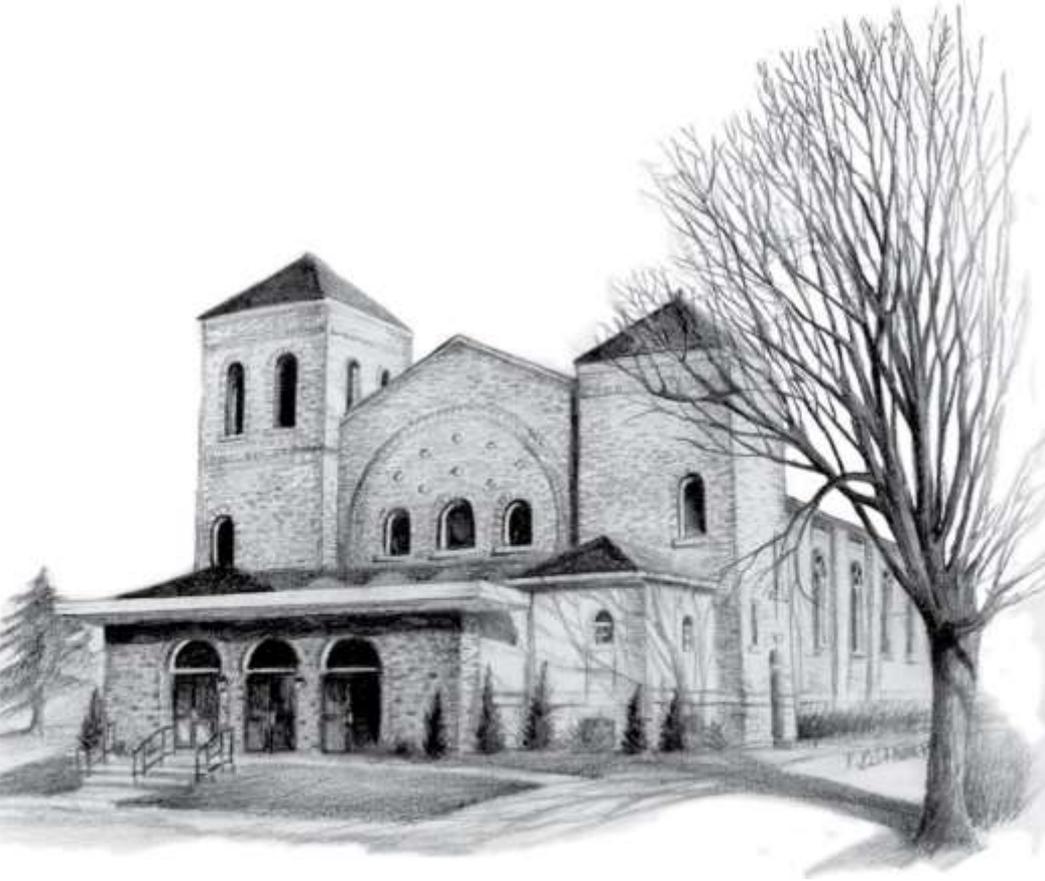




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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 16, 2022

11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *Variations on "Fairest Lord Jesus"* (J. Woodman)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 1: ***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: *Keep Learning*

Songs of Adoration:

May the Peoples Praise You; Faithful Now; Show us Christ

Prayer of Confession

**Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud
thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you, confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace, and find in you our refuge and strength,
clinging to the promise that if we confess our sins,
you are faithful and just and will forgive us our sins. Amen.**

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:5-14

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

Hymn 356: ***Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All***

Sermon: **Praying with Words**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Behold Our God***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Avery Chapman Scripture Reader: Christian Esh

Music Ministry Team:

Bridget Walton, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;

Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;

Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Jill Jordan, violin; Nico Seddio, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The goodness of God is evident in His wondrous gift of creation. At this time of year when the leaves are changing and the air is cooler, we rejoice in our creative God. On this day set aside for corporate worship, let us turn our full attention to Him and give thanks for every gift of His grace.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus our attention on prayer. Next week's sermon is from James 5 Praying with Boldness. Please join us for outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour and KidsMin Connect for all ages is at 9:45 a.m.

HWC KIDS

- **Kids Connect:** This week, kids learn about Daniel's interpretation of the writing on the wall. **BIG IDEA:** I can keep learning - God is with me!
BIBLE: Daniel 5 **MEMORY VERSE:** Nahum 1:7
- **Annual Family Harvest Festival:** Join us on Saturday, October 29th from 10am-1pm for fall games, crafts, food, animals, prizes and goodie bag, hay rides and MORE!
- Consider donating candy or individual sized bags of snacks for our Harvest Festival goodie bags - we're putting together 200 - or baking a tasty treat for our food table. Sign up to make something or to participate in our **Chili Cook-off** (with a GREAT grand prize) at this link: <https://www.perfectpotluck.com/ZMQV2494>.

YOUTH: TODAY FROM 3:33-5:55 Storm the Heights (Permission Slip Required!)

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: \$304,969.76 / **Budget Received:** \$268,762.78

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 – HWC regularly supports the ongoing work of World Hope International and is grateful for the recent supply of clean water and other relief supplies following the destruction of hurricanes Fiona and Ian. We pray for the ongoing ministry of World Hope in long term assistance as well as emergency responses.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Not centuries ago in N. Africa as history recounts, but today Christians are facing death unless they recant their faith in Christ. (Report from a specific nation about a specific individual – *OpenDoorsUSA*.) Our hearts join in prayer for courage and comfort for this brother and others like him.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family of John Miller and 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 recent storms; 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 First Baptist Church, Cuba.