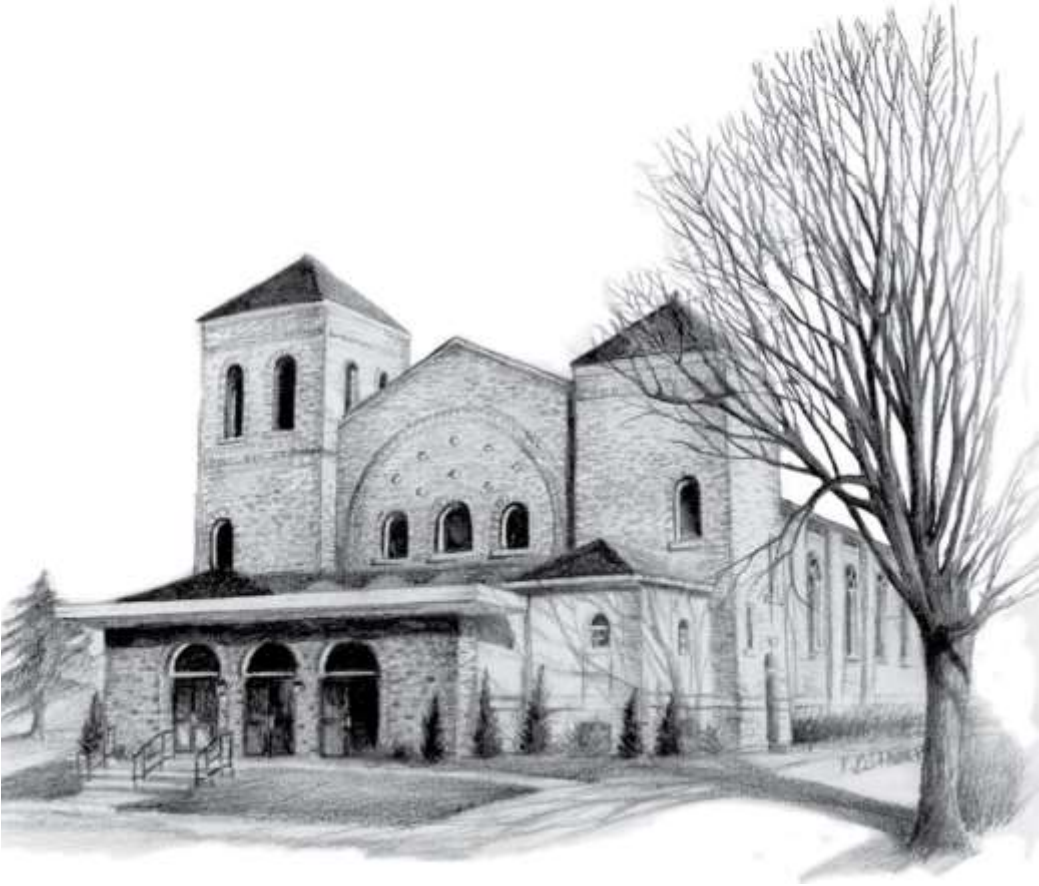


Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 30, 2022
11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *Partita on "There in God's Garden"* (Michael Burkhardt)

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 3: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: *Pumpkins*

Songs of Adoration: *Open Up the Heavens; Light of the World; Champion*

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, our sin is ever before us—an unkind word, a jealous spirit, a harsh reply, a twisted truth, an apathetic response, an unrealistic expectation, a sinful choice. Set us free from the insecurities that drive us and forgive us for the self-centered ways in which we too often live.

**Let us hear once again your words of pardon,
"In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven." Amen.**

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 11:20-30

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

Hymn 287: *Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine*

Sermon: **Praying without Boundaries**

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: *Before the Throne*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Owen Chapman Scripture Reader: Pastor Cindy Oden

Music Ministry Team:

Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Dan Wartinger, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist calls us to praise God with all our might and with every instrument available to us. We worship today to offer the praise of our voices, hands, eyes and ears and to surrender all that we are the Almighty God who creates us and loves us.

TONIGHT: In anticipation of the prayer event, dedicating these weeks to God and asking God to do something miraculous for us, we are kicking off our Prayer Vigil today with a gathering in the sanctuary at **5:30pm**. This brief time of singing, scripture and lighting of candles will conclude by a little after 6:00.

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil begins today at 6:00 p.m. You can sign up this morning in the sanctuary foyer or anytime online (hwchurch.org) for an hour or more. Please contact the church office if you do not have internet access or are unsure about signing up online. Please note that security personnel will be on duty during the late night, early morning hours. This year's theme is *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*. The prayer room has been designed in a variety of ways to help us experience this theme.



We have also designed a new **Prayer Vigil Experience** page on our website with all prayer materials and prayer room pictures. This page is designed to help off-site participants connect more closely to the on-site prayer room and the experience and opportunities it provides. We hope this virtual prayer room will play a helpful part in uniting all who join the vigil as we seek Jesus together

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons that focus on *Prayer that Is More Than We Imagine*. Next week's sermon is from Luke 18, Praying with Openness. Please join us for indoor worship at 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.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS next Sunday morning. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night.

HWC KIDS: This week, kids learn about Daniel's dream of the strange beasts and what it meant. **BIG IDEA:** I don't know the future but I know God is with me! **BIBLE:** Daniel 7

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.

PRAYER BINDER WORKSHOP NOVEMBER 12: Have you found yourself overwhelmed by your ever-growing prayer list? Have you ever told someone you would pray for them and then never followed up on that? Do you feel guilty for just deleting the missionary newsletters instead of praying for the many needs listed in them? I (Katrina Koehler) have been there and felt all this shame and guilt. When I discovered the idea of a prayer binder and how you can manage not only all your 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 to bring to God. Join me (Katrina Koehler) in the Good Shepherd Room at Houghton Wesleyan Church to learn more about these prayer binders, make your own, and even practice using it! Charge: \$10 for students and \$15 for community members to cover supplies. Sign-up deadline is November 7. To register, please email Katrina Koehler at katrina.koehler@houghton.edu.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$337,071.84/ **Budget Received:** \$290,203.58

MISSION MOMENT – A school like Sahel Academy in Niger keeps missionaries on the field, providing excellent education for missionary kids and others. Staff such as our own Martin and Sheri Hegeman must take on multiple duties when there are staff shortages such as now. We pray for more workers to hear the call and for strength for the Hegemans in their extra responsibilities.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Much prayer is needed for Christians in Ethiopia to be part of the solution for peace in that war torn and hunger ravaged country. Christians are actually divided, impacting their witness. Pray for wisdom for the Christian Prime Minister, Abiy Ahmed. Pray for an end to fighting so humanitarian aid can flow where hundreds of thousands face major economic and hunger crises.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the family and friends of Alice Putney Carpenter and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: 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 Freedom Baptist Church.