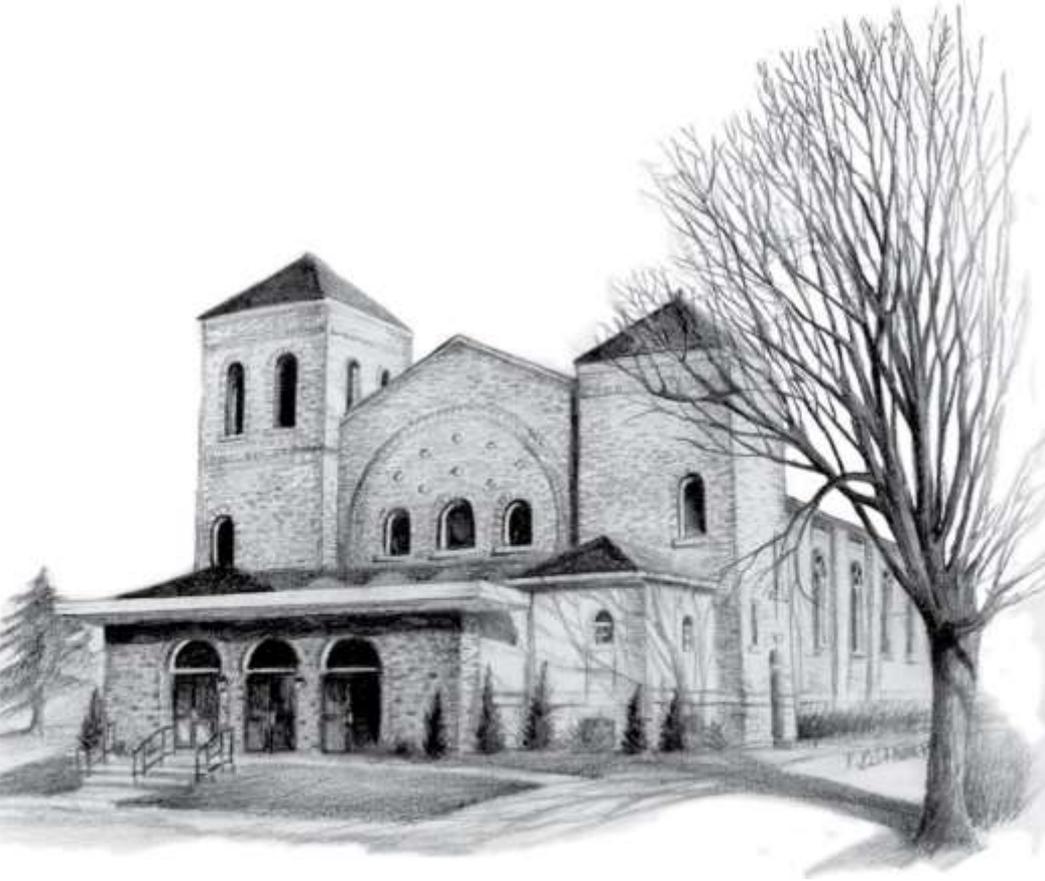




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

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AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 13, 2022
11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *Prelude on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"* Paul Manz

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 63: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children's Sermon: *Behind the Scenes*

Songs of Adoration: *Death Was Arrested; Kyrie Eleison*

Prayer of Confession

Loving and Gracious God, we humble ourselves before you acknowledging that we are sinners. We lay before you our sins—hurtful words, hateful thoughts, unjust actions. We repent of these acts of hostility and damage and ask that you would free us from the pain in our own lives that causes us to hurt those around us. We thank you for the deep love and forgiveness that you gift us over and over and over again. Mold us like clay into your image so we can better love our neighbors as you have loved us. Your word says in 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So we confess these things to you and ask you once again for your pardon. We pray all of this in Christ's Holy name. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 8

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

Song: *Hear Us from Heaven*

Sermon: **Praying with Others**

Pastor Wes Oden

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

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Zoey Clem Scripture Reader: Pastor Paul Shea

Music Ministry Team:

Evie Cox, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Dianna Clem, flute;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Nico Seddio, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. In a world of brokenness, we engage in worship to remember that God is present in the struggles and that God is greater than the struggles. During our time of worship today, may God give us grace to feel him near, grace to hear him speak and grace to see him at work.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes concludes this series of sermons that focus Prayer that Is More Than We Can Imagine. Next week's sermon is from Luke 23, *Praying with Beauty*. Please join us for indoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00 a.m.

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil is now two weeks old. You can sign up this morning in the sanctuary foyer or anytime online (hwchurch.org/prayer/) for an hour or more. Please contact the church office if you do not have internet access or are unsure about signing up online. The prayer room has been designed in a variety of ways to help us experience this theme. If you're streaming from a distance, you could participate in the Prayer Vigil by sending us a note and we will include you on the Prayer Reservation List. We also encourage you to visit the prayer page on our website with all prayer materials and prayer room pictures.



HWC Kids:

Kids Connect: This week, kids learn about how Mordecai and Haman became bitter rivals. **BIG IDEA:** God helps us do good behind the scenes. **BIBLE:** Esther 3:1-6

November Memory Verse: "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose." Philippians 2:13 (NIV)

Kids Club: On Saturday, Nov. 19th from 9:30-11am, preschool - 6th graders are invited to join us in celebrating "[Thanks]Giving" as we give thanks to God and practice giving generously through a Bible lesson, games, activities, a service project, and **FOOD!** Hope to see you there!

ADVENT DECORATING: Saturday, November 26th, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. All ages are invited to help decorate the sanctuary for Advent or join us outside to help put up *The Heart of Christmas* display on the front lawn of the church. All ages are invited to help us decorate the inside and the outside.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$369,173.92 / **Budget Received:** \$329,937.05

PERSECUTED CHURCH – While the government of Egypt recognizes Christianity in the Islam dominated nation, it is still listed 20th in the 2022 World Watch List primarily over community level persecution. A major prayer concern is for Christians to graciously but boldly share the Good News of Jesus to their Muslim neighbors with God’s blessing and protection. (See OpenDoors USA World Watch List.)

MISSION MOMENT – Four years ago HWC was privileged to partner with the Standard Wesleyan Church of Egypt (over twenty congregations) with a Christmas Offering gift to help in the construction of a new church near Cairo at Badr City. The Zollers report at 9:45 a.m. today (Community Room) that we must pray for completion of the project and growth of the Lord’s work in Egypt.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, 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 North Park Wesleyan Church, Cuba (Pastor Jon Ward).

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 20



On Sunday, November 20, we will collect food for the Food Pantry at both services. To help us run the food pantry efficiently and due to space limitations, please limit your donations to the items on the following list when shopping.

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| -Pasta | -Spaghetti sauce* | -Macaroni & cheese |
| -Canned tuna | -Canned chicken | -Ramen noodles |
| -Baked beans | -Canned chili | -Canned beef stew |
| -Soup | -Boxed rice | -Boxed oatmeal packets |
| -Canned fruit* | -Canned vegetables | -Peanut butter* |
| -Cereal | -Jelly or jam* | -Jarred applesauce |
| -Syrup* | -Granola bars | -Boxed pancake mix |
| -Canned pasta (Spaghettios, Ravioli) | | -Boxed potato mixes |
| -Helpers (Hamburger, Tuna, Chicken) | | -Fruit juices/juice boxes |
| -Snacks (cookies, crackers, jello, pudding, fruit snacks) | | |

*An item with an asterisks donates a traditionally high need item.

**Due to health and safety concerns, we do not accept opened items or home-baked goods.

***We can also use your recycled plastic shopping bags if you would like to donate them.

NOTE: Monetary Donations (checks to Houghton Wesleyan Church with "FOOD PANTRY" on the Memo Line) provide fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, eggs, cheese, and milk, as well as emergency groceries for families in our community. The Food Pantry has a refrigerator and a freezer to store items. NOTE: Perishable Pantry Donations may be brought to the church office throughout the year. Thank you for your continued donations!



STEWARDSHIP—A LIFE OF GENEROSITY

How is your generosity stewarded for the work of

Discipleship & College Ministry?

Often we may be unaware of the ways in which our tithes and offerings are used by the church. Paying utility bills and staff salaries are obvious expenditures, but your investment achieves far more than just the “business” of church! This month, consider a sampling of the ways you are enabling two particular priorities at HWC, Discipleship and College Ministry:

You are...

- funding HU Koinonia, their retreats, printing costs, instrumental expenses, and providing the stipend for the dedicated labors of director Sharon Johnson
- providing small group and banding group materials such as books, study guides, and leadership resources
- covering costs for Pastor David’s connections with students—Java 101 or Dining Hall meetings for mentoring, supporting, leading, counseling, serving
- sponsoring new Men’s Ministry initiatives and their related expenses, paying for the recent “A Life of Love and Purpose” women’s retreat

