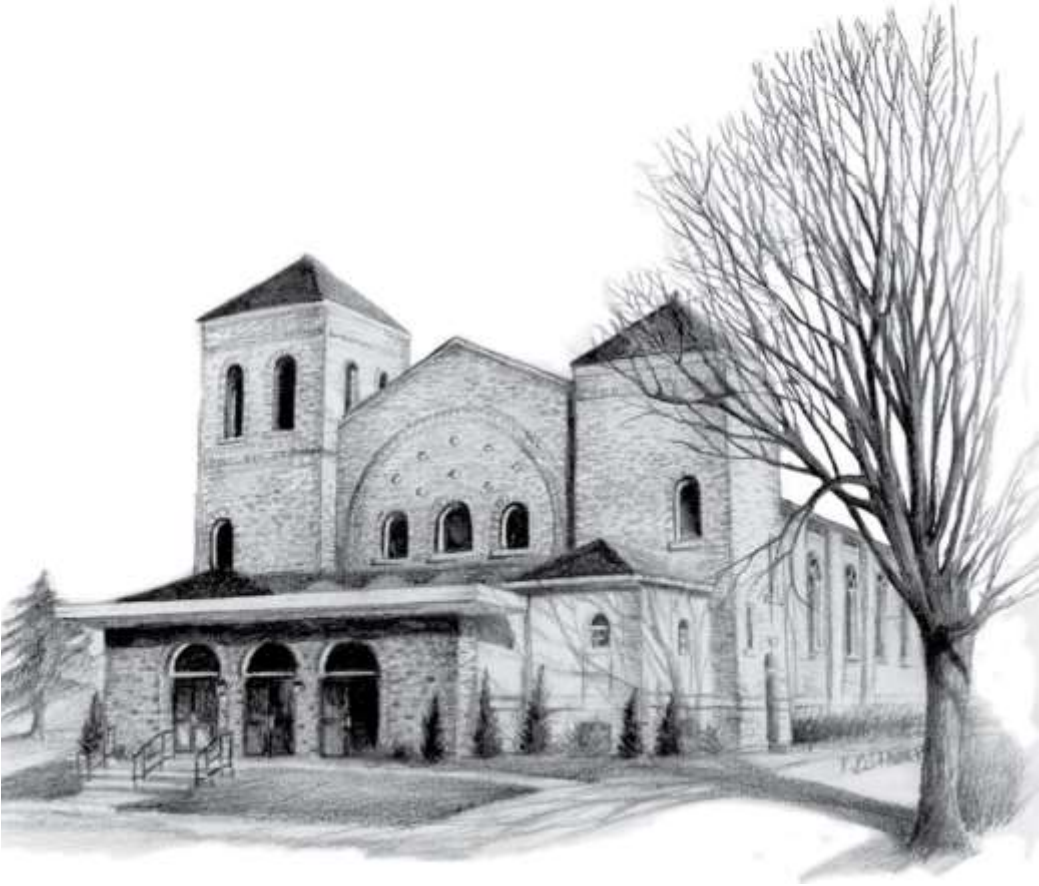


Houghton

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*

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
NOVEMBER 20, 2022
11:00 SERVICE

Prelude: *Choral Improvisation on “Now Thank We All Our God”* (Paul Manz)

Welcome & Call to Worship

Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven,
Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess.

***For we do not have a high priest who is unable
to empathize with our weaknesses,
but we have one who has been tempted in every way,
just as we are—yet he did not sin.***

Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence,
So that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.

Hymn of Praise 97: ***Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Steve Doty

Children’s Sermon: ***Prayer Support***

Songs of Adoration: ***This is Amazing Grace; What a Beautiful Name***

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Luke 23: 26-49

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

Hymn 383: ***O Love that Will Not Let Me Go***

Sermon: ***Praying for Life***

Pastor Wes Oden

Song: ***Open Our Eyes, Lord; Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus***

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Nate Esh Scripture Reader: Emily Spateholts

Music Ministry Team:

Emily Quick, Ethan Carr, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;

Melissa Kleinberger, cello; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Dan Wartinger, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The spirit of thanksgiving is not limited to one day a year; it is an imperative for every day. Because of all that God has done for us, we have every reason to give thanks. Even when life brings difficulty and pain, we know that God is good, and we give thanks. So today, let us continue to give thanks.

TONIGHT AT 6:00 P.M. Prayer Vigil Closing Celebration: All are invited to the church sanctuary for a time of sharing, song, and thanksgiving to God.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is the First Sunday of Advent. We invite you to join us for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 is also streamed. This Advent season, Pastor Wes will preach about the appearance of the angels. Next week's sermon focuses on the angel's announcement to Zechariah in Luke 1.

DUE TO THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, the church office will be closed Thursday and Friday. Celebrate Recovery does not meet.

HWC Kids:

Kids Connect: This week, kids learn about why Mordecai asked Esther to help the people of Israel. **BIG IDEA:** God gives us support behind the scenes. **BIBLE:** Esther 3: 8-4:17

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)

ADVENT DECORATING: Saturday, November 26th, from 10:00 a.m. – 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.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Afghanistan has been under total Taliban control for 15 months but recently ordered all judges to give out punishment following strict Shariah law which means potential death penalty for Christians. We pray for believers to persevere and know God's love and the prayers of the global Body of Christ.

MISSION MOMENT – Steve and Margie Doty have served with Wycliffe Bible Translators/SIL at Payap University in Thailand teaching linguistics and consulting on translation projects in the region for 18 years. They continue that work by distance while teaching linguistics at Houghton University. We pray for their efforts and for God's Word to flourish.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$385,224.96 / **Budget Received:** \$341,309.10

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Marilyn Main, 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 Elijah 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 Anchor Baptist Church, Wellsville (Pastor David Cacciola).