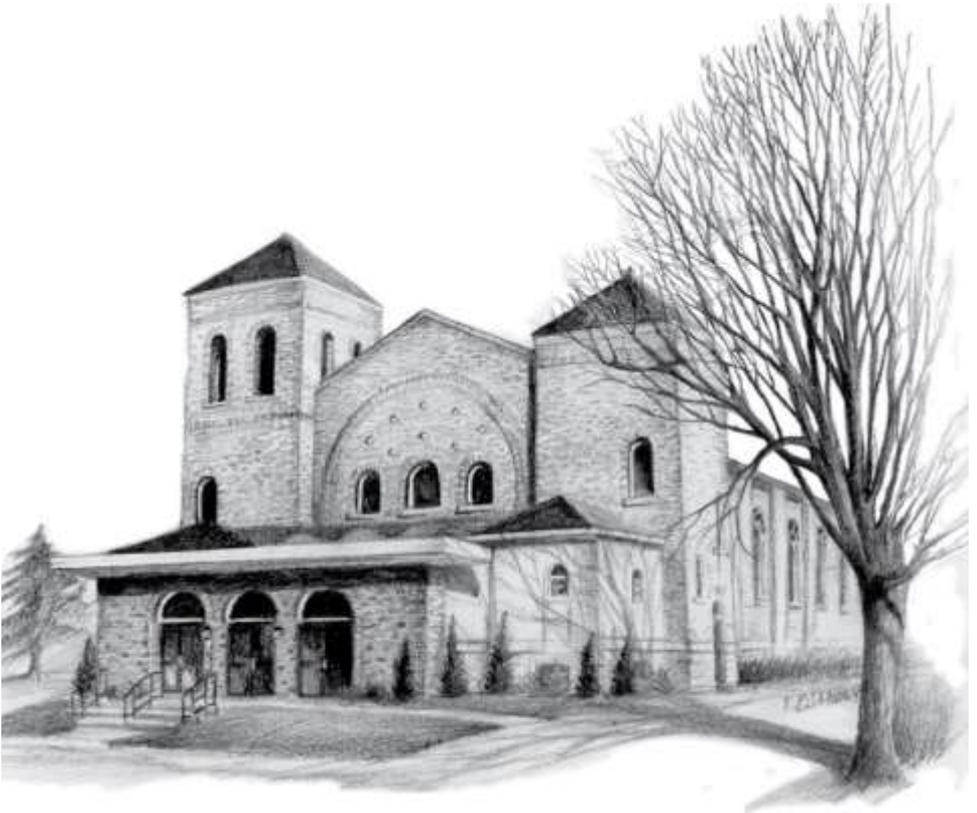




Houghton

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*

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

FEBRUARY 5, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Prelude: “Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” (J.S. Bach, arr. D. Johnson)
Rachel Huchthausen, violin

Welcome

Hymn of Praise 377: *A Mighty Fortress is Our God*

Words of Greeting and Peace

Children’s Sermon: *Salt and Light*

Songs of Adoration: *Light of the World; What a Beautiful Name*

Prayer of Confession

God, you are reconciling all things to Yourself.

By entering our world, you revealed the depths of your love to us; in Your coming You gave us life and called us Your children. You have been faithful to us, but we confess that we have not been faithful to You. You want to transform us into new creations, but we are content with the old. You want to take us to new depths, but we have settled for the surface.

You have set us free, but we hold on to the chains of our past. Forgive us, Lord, for our sins: those we confess, those we hide; the sins we ignore and those we justify.

Help us to live as citizens of Your Kingdom so that the world sees Your glory and Your love. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Offertory: *Arise, My Soul, Arise* (Dan Forrest)

Rachel Huchthausen, violin

(Offering received)

Scripture Reading: John 21:1-14

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

Sermon: **The Church Looks Like...**

Pastor Wes Oden

Communion: *My Jesus, I Love Thee; Before the Throne*

Benediction

Organist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Lily Sisson

Scripture Reader: Sharon McGarvey

Music Ministry Team:

Levi Webb, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;

Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals;

Dianna Clem, flute; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Nico Seddio, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We worship each week to focus our attention on God, to give thanks for the gift of Jesus Christ and open our lives to the promptings of the Holy Spirit. May God do more today than we might dream or imagine.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service will be streamed. Pastor Wes concludes this series of sermons on metaphors of the church. Next Sunday's sermon is from Matthew 5.

HWC Kids: February in Kids Connect: "How To" - The internet helps us learn how to do so many things! From new skate tricks and viral recipes to helpful hacks, there's a "how-to" for almost everything. But is there a tutorial video for how to follow God? This four-week series is kind of like that — thanks to some tutorials from Jesus! Each week, we'll focus on one of Jesus' teachings from the Sermon on the Mount as we learn "how to" make a difference, love our enemies, share with others, and pray.

- February Memory Verse: "I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you." — John 13:15 (NIV)
- This week in Kids Connect, kids learn from Jesus' Sermon on the Mount about how to be the salt and the light. BIG IDEA: Jesus taught us how to make a difference. BIBLE: Matthew 5:13-16
- Kids Club Save the Date - Saturday, February 18th from 9:30-11:00am. More details to come!.

CHURCH PICTURES - As you leave worship today, we'd be grateful if you'd stop by the big white easel and let Pastor David or another staff member snap a headshot picture of you—so that HWC leaders can match names and faces and know every single HWC attender on sight. Pictures are *only* for the internal office data base and will not be published or used anywhere else.

MISSION MOMENT – Wesleyan churches or affiliates in Poland, Czech and Austria have been helping Ukrainian refugees for months in resettling, hospitality and relief like generators, heaters, clothing for the winter. The work not only brings physical relief in Jesus' Name, but is an investment in lives through relationships, prayer and care. Please continue to pray as Christians live out the love of Christ. (Global Partners Europe)

PERSECUTED CHURCH – North Korea's laws actually forbid reading and possessing the Bible, an illegal book, with very severe punishments from ten years of correctional labor and even death in some cases. Imagine a system so fearful of the liberating Good News of Jesus! Let us pray for God to break down the walls of opposition to the Gospel in that land. (Open Doors)

FOOD PANTRY: Thank you to everyone who faithfully gives to HWC's Food Pantry where those in need may request resources twice a year, and those in crisis may request assistance immediately. We currently have an abundance of spaghetti and sauce, mac and cheese, and pumpkin puree. Items that would be helpful compliments to them include: parmesan cheese, butter, shelf-stable mini-cartons of milk, and canned milk. Items may be left inside the side door near the Food Pantry or deposited in the blue tub by the coffee station in the foyer.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$561,786.40 / **Budget Received:** \$539,494.77

PRAYER CONCERNS: For the family of David Ortlip (Karen Daugherty's brother) and for the family of Jennifer Kilbury (Bill and Joan Veley's daughter) both who died this week; for Andrea Tanner and her family at the death of her father, Jeff LaLonde, the family and friends of Lanny Thomas and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jerry Brown (Pastor Cindy's father), Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, 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, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Keith Rugg (Kathy Moore's father), Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, 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 since last December; for Shepherd of the Shongo Country Chapel, Wellsville (Pastor Ann Jenkins).