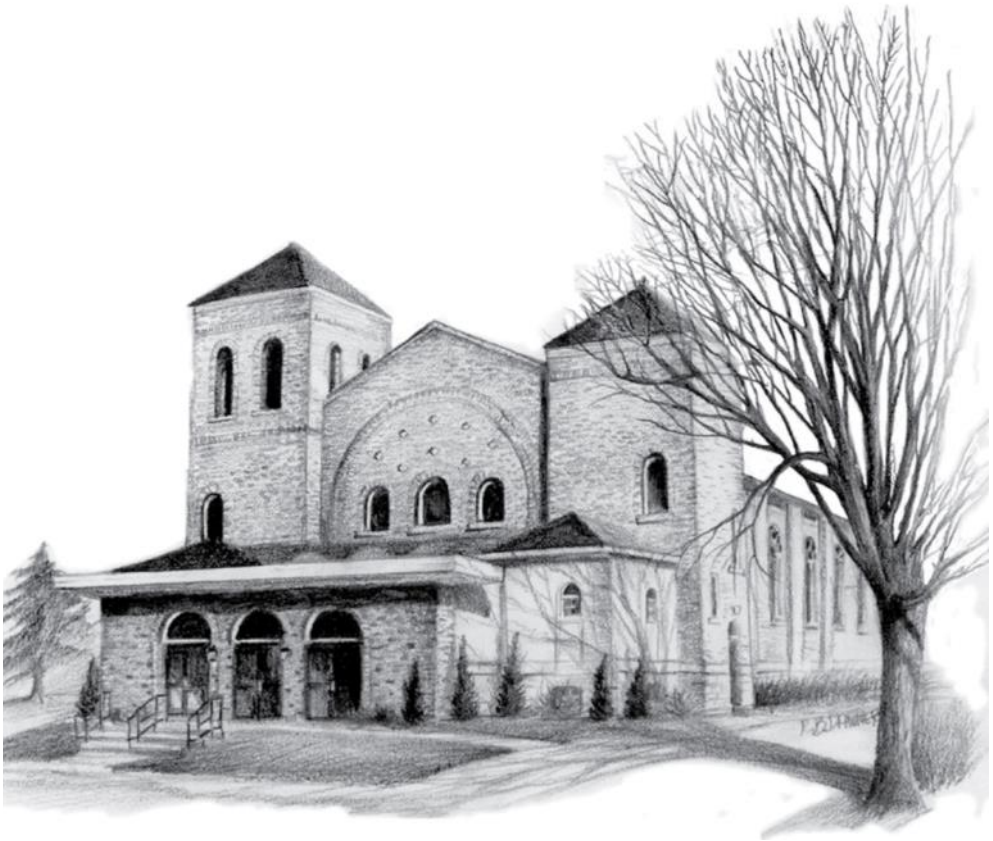
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

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*

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SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 16, 2023
8:30 A.M.

Welcome

Songs of Adoration:
May the Peoples Praise You; Faithful Now; Goodness of God
(Offering will be received during the third song)

Time of Prayer & The Lord's Prayer
Please feel free to sit, stand, kneel, or come to the altar
as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever.
Amen.

Celebration of Ministry: Missions

Children's Sermon: ***Jesus, Our Friend***

Scripture Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-18
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.***All: Thanks be to God!***

Children will be dismissed for Children's Church
during the greeting time before the sermon.

Sermon: ***When the Journey is Too Much***
Pastor Cindy Oden

Song: ***When Peace Like a River***

Benediction

Acolyte: Elizabeth Jacoby **Scripture Reader:** Matt Webb

Music Ministry Team:

Rachael McVeigh, Ethan Carr, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Jill Jordan, violin; Nico Seddio, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We continue in the season that celebrates the great victory of God in Christ. The seven weeks of Easter season prompts us to rejoice that Christ has defeated death and that we are offered life through Him as citizens of his kingdom. May our worship today leads us to trust him more in every experience.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we will be focusing on the church around the world. This year's missions convention focuses on Bible translation. Joel and Barb Trudell, lifelong Wycliffe missionaries will be sharing with us in both Sunday morning worship services (8:30 and 11:00). The 11:00 service will be streamed.

HWC Kids

- Kids Connect: This week, kids hear about the time Jesus appeared to the disciples after coming back to life. BIG IDEA: I can meet with Jesus every day. BIBLE: John 20:19-31
- April Memory Verse: "He is not here; he has risen!" — Luke 24:6a (NIV)

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $722,296.80 / Budget Received: $716,944.10

MISSION MOMENT– What a privilege to be connected to His Church around the world which sometimes shines brightly for all to see, and often in obscure corners brings glimmers of light and hope that only a few encounter. May God encourage His faithful servants; may the Good News of Jesus penetrate our dark world; may we open our eyes and hearts to our part to play during this coming week..

PERSECUTED CHURCH – We again pray for Christians in Myanmar. The military leaders have increased attacks in the heavily Christian northern tribal areas, including bombing raids. A Baptist Church leader was just arrested and sentenced to six years in prison for praying for the country on Zoom. Nothing can stop us from praying for persecuted Christians wherever they are.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Tim Nichols and his family at the death of his mother this week and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, Karen Gaerte, Bill Getty, Andy Mikolajczyk (Mary Lingenfelter'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 particularly the recent earthquake in Turkey and Syria, the recent acts of violence; for refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained for more than a year; for St. John's Episcopal Church, Wellsville (Pastor Carol Stewart).

STEWARDSHIP A Life of Generosity

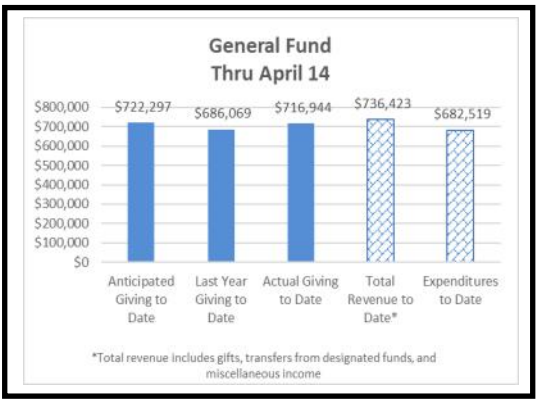
2022-2023 has been momentous for this church's global mission outreach. As a congregation we have **raised over $132,000 for global missions** through regular giving. In addition to that the **Christmas Offering raised $23,350** for the Wycliffe Thai Foundation building project. (See "thank you" note-page 11). To God be the glory!

On April 23 we will welcome Wycliffe missionaries Joel and Barbara Trudell whom this church has supported financially since 1984! There will be a display set up with actual copies of Scripture publications from all our translators. God's Word bears fruit. (Isaiah 55:11)

This year **$105,797 of our offering went directly to support our missionary team** around the globe. You often hear us introduce and pray for them weekly. The *Global Missions Partner Directory* and *Missionary Mailbag* available in the foyers keep us up with the ministries of Martin and Sheri Hegeman, Alan and Cheri Shea, Anthony and Nancy Petrillo, Jim and Karen Szymanski, Joel and Barbara Trudell, Romeo and Linda Caringal, John and Sylvia Christensen, Leah Doty, Steve and Margie Doty, Cedric and Sharlini Rodrigo, Chris and Melissa George, Kevin and Cindi Austin, Stacia Niver, Breanna Smithley, Cory and Kris Thede, Rod and Ellen Casali, Don and Jeanie Little, Jonathan and Ruthie Ortlip, and Steve and Ruth Strand. What a privilege!

A highlight this year has been the return of short term ministries. College Junior, Cody Johnson, served in Austria last summer. Eight Houghton students visited the Austins in Czech Republic last month. Jayden Mucher, Esther Webb, Julius Klohr, Mason Cool, Sophia Templeton, Levi Webb, Tobias Webb, and Emma Cole all anticipate trips to Zambia, Brazil, or Nicaragua in May. The TEN 3 team return from two weeks in Tanzania likely as you are reading this. **Your giving provided $6,775 for all of these short term trips.**

Among our other projects, there is new support going to Global Bridge Impact and Pastor Yoshua Bashizi serving the Congolese community and church in Buffalo. Jericho Road Community Health Center and the Strands are our other ambassadors there in Buffalo. We know of the turmoil in Haiti, but thank God there were resources to send an **additional $1300 to LaGonave Wesleyan Hospital** this year along with our prayers for God to end the turmoil in that land.



Thanks for all who support HWC and our Global Mission Outreach so faithfully.

-Pastor Paul Shea, for the Global Mission Committee

Nursery Volunteer Sign-up

Summer Months: May 1-September 30

Children are never too young to begin experiencing the love of God and sensing that they are a part of the body of Christ. The nursery ministry is an effort to care for the physical needs of children and to provide a place where children are appreciated as part of Christ's body.

Please complete the following survey if you are able to help in the nursery. We will gladly use you as a volunteer if:

1) you are willing to go through an application/screening process;
2) you are willing to attend required training meetings; and
3) you attend HWC regularly.

Thank you for your part in this ministry of love for Christ and the little ones. He has entrusted to us. The completed survey can be sent intracampus to the church office or put in the offering plate as soon as possible. Thanks.

There must be two adult (18 or older) volunteers for each service. You may be a third volunteer if you are 14-17 years old. You may accompany <u>your</u> parent(s) if you are under 14. Please indicate your age if you are under 18.

Please completely fill out the information below:

1. Name_____18 or older _____ Age if under 18____
2. Address/CPO Box #_____
   Phone number _____
   E-mail address_____
3. During the summer months (May 1-September 30) I would be willing to work:

_____every week	_____8:30
_____every other week	_____9:45
_____once each month	_____10:00/11:00
_____other_____	

4. Dates I will **<u>not</u>** be available from May 1-September 30:
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Perhaps you are not sure of your schedule. Please don't hesitate to sign up anyway. It is easy to switch with someone else should you find that you are unavailable when you are scheduled.

Please fill this out even if you are a regular nursery worker.