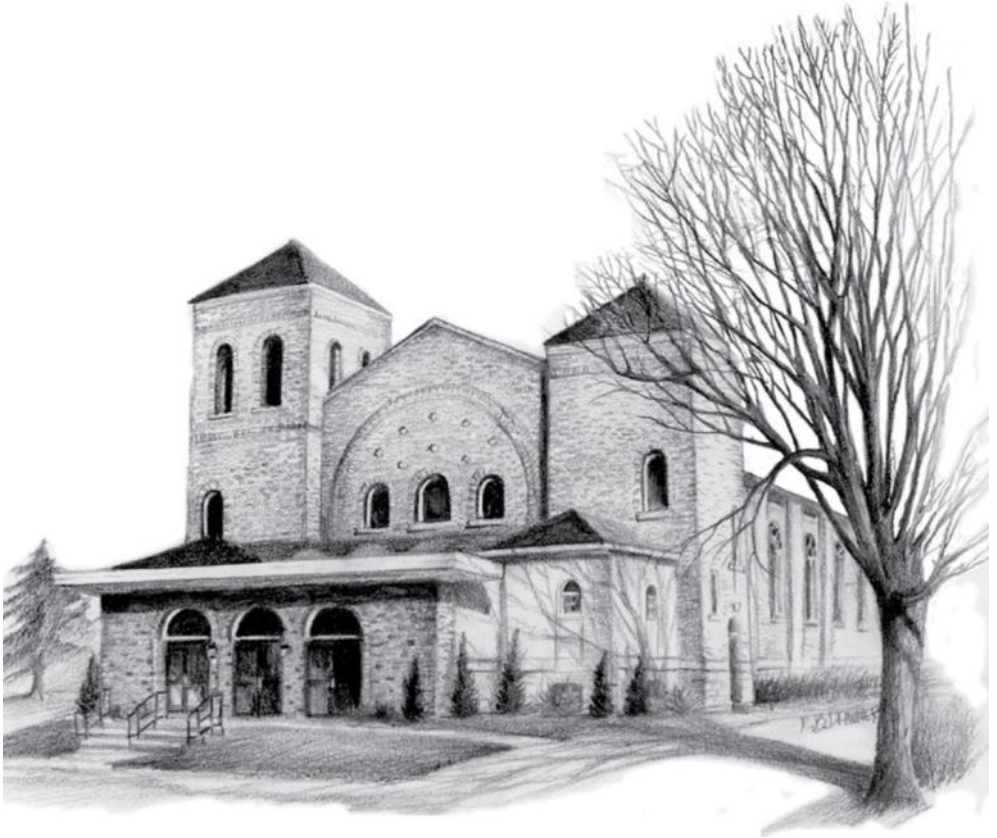




# Houghton

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*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

# FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 2, 2023

10:00 A.M.

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Prelude: *Lūgšana* by Kristina Rizzotto

Call to Worship (unison):

***Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Such is the cry of the faithful in times like these: Come, Holy Spirit, Come! Fill the hearts of your people and kindle in them the fire of your love.***

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting One Another

Songs of Preparation: ***God is Here, The Lord's Prayer***

Time of Prayer

Response: ***Take, O Take Me as I Am***

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:13-26

Sermon: *So You're Free. Now What?*

Rev. Dr. Jon Case

Song of Challenge: ***By Our Love***

Benediction

Postlude: *Festal March* by Florence Beatrice Price

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Acolyte: Zoey Clem

Organist: Katya Nikolaeva-Howard

Scripture Reader: Sylvia Greenway

Music Ministry Team:

Alison Young Reusser, Rachel Onivogui,

Dan Zambrano, David Huizenga

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We worship today as a means of acknowledging God's greatness and to ask for His grace to be at work in our lives. As we worship, may the assurance of God's presence fill your heart and soul.

**GUEST PREACHER:** Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Jon Case as our guest preacher. Dr. Case is Professor of Theology at Houghton College.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** Dr. Terry Paige, recently retired Professor of New Testament at Houghton College.

## **SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **July 2 – September 3**

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

10:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

### **September 10 – October 29**

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour

11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

**HWC KIDS IN JULY:** Grab some blankets and flashlights! We're going to build a fort or jump on the couch because the floor is lava! That's right — it's time for a family staycation! In this five-week series about Abraham and his family (and our families, too!), kids will learn that God blesses us so we can bless others and God always shows us compassion. That's why we can trust God (even when it's hard to trust each other), always belong in God's family, and can make peace with others — especially the people who live with us!

- Memory Verse: "Let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith." Galatians 6:10 (NIV)
- This week, kids hear about God's call of Abram, and the adventure he set out on. **BIG IDEA:** God blesses us so we can bless others. **BIBLE:** Genesis 12:1-5, 13:1-18; Psalm 89:1-4
- **Summer Sunday Schedule:** Nursery offered every Sunday during the 8:30 service. Children's Church offered the 2nd and 4th Sundays during the 8:30 service.
- **VALLEY PRESCHOOL:** Applications for VPS for the fall are available now for kids ages 2-5. VPS meets MWF from 9:00-11:45am. Scholarships are available to most students. Questions or need more information? Email Casda Danner at [casdadanner@hwchurch.org](mailto:casdadanner@hwchurch.org)

## STEWARDSHIP

**Budget Needed:** \$66,869 / **Budget Received:** \$53,351

**MISSION MOMENT** - Martin and Sheri Hegeman praise God for completion of their third year at Sahel Academy in Niger – especially the rewards of working with the senior class (with six nationalities) for two years. They ask for prayer as they resettle on July 4 in Texas for a year of adjustments and seeking God’s will for the future. And we uphold the school in its re-staffing and other needs.

**THE PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Churches in Belarus, like those in many authoritarian states, face tightened restrictions. On June 2<sup>nd</sup> 70 year old Baptist pastor Vladimir Burshtyn was fined over a month’s average pension for holding an outdoor meeting with fellow believers to share their faith. We pray for believers to show God’s love even as new laws are in the making in that country.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Darwin and Fauhn Schierer, 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 ZionQuest Christian Fellowship, Cheektowaga (Pastor Kim Gladden).