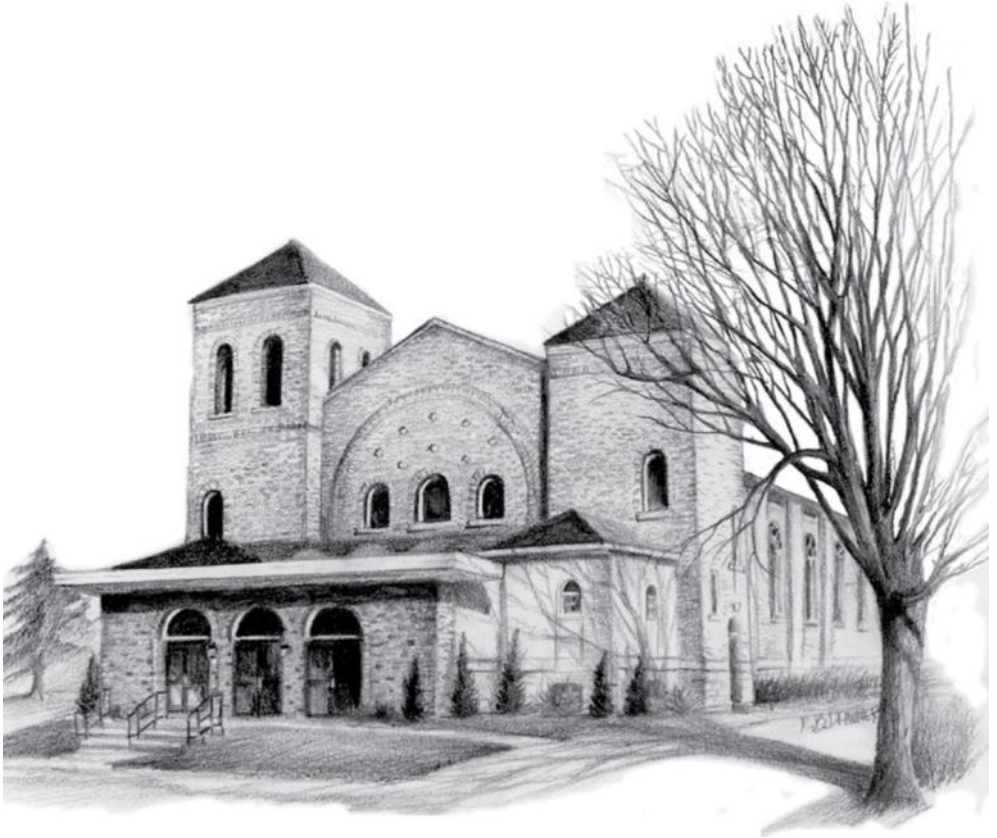




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 9, 2023

10:00 A.M..

Prelude: *Wondrous Love*

Call to Worship: Hebrews 4:14-16

Hymn of Praise #87: *Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know*

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon: *Compassion*

Used from our GROW curriculum and the Jesus Storybook Bible.

Celebration of Ministry: *RFKC* (Nancy Murphy)

Song of Blessing: *Jesus Strong & Kind*

Greeting One Another

Song of Gratitude: *My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness* (Offering Received)

Confession and Time of Prayer

Almighty God, you love us, but we are often hesitant to love you. You call, but we are often hesitant to listen. We walk away from your righteousness and from our neighbors in need, wrapped in self-interest and our own concerns. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who has promised that if we confess our sins, he will indeed forgive us our sins.
Amen.

Song of Preparation: *Show Us Christ*

Scripture Reading: John 13:12-17

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

Sermon

Dr. Terry Paige

Hymn of Devotion: #390 *Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

Postlude: *Praise to the Lord the Almighty*

Acolyte: Elizabeth Jacoby

Scripture Reader: Evie Cox

Music Ministry Team:

Evie Cox (vocals), Heidi Huizenga (vocals), Betsy Webb (vocals & keyboard),
Alison Young-Reusser (guitar), Nico Seddio (cajòn)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.

Though we come to this time of worship from a variety of circumstances and situations, we come together on this summer Sunday morning for the purpose of giving thanks to God through our Lord Jesus Christ and to receive his word to us. During this hour may you sense God's grace, mercy and word upon your life.

GUEST PREACHER: Today we welcome the Rev. Dr. Terry Paige, recently retired Professor of New Testament at Houghton University.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING the Rev. Dr. Paul Shea will preach.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 9 – 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

- **This week, kids hear about what God told Abraham to do with his son, Isaac.** BIG IDEA: God always shows us compassion.
BIBLE: Genesis 21:1-7, 22:1-14
- **Children's Church** will be available for ages PreK-6th grade this Sunday.
- In order to determine staffing needs and number of days to offer Valley Preschool for the fall, we invite families with students ages 2-5 to fill out an application today. You can find paper copies at the Church or digital copies at <https://hwchurch.org/valley-preschool/>. Please contact Casda Danner (casdadanner@hwchurch.org) or Emily Spateholts (kidsmin@hwchurch.org) with questions.
- **Bikes on the Quad**, Wednesdays, 6:30 on the HU Quad
- **Second Family Friday of the summer is this week!** Join us on Friday July 14 from 6:30-8:00pm at the Templetons' house (email/text for address) for an evening of s'mores, games, and fun!
- **Wacky Water Kids Club** July 22nd, 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. at HWC

REFRESH RETREAT & FAMILY CAMP July 30-August 4 on the Houghton University Campus. Go to refreshathoughton.com for resources and registration.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$83,586.55 / **Budget Received:** \$63,820.45

MISSION MOMENT - What can God do through us in a half week? We thank God for the service project just completed by some of HWC youth in Charleston, WV this week. They served and were also stretched to grow their faith. In Eastern Europe a team of Canadian Wesleyan arrive for a shortened version of “English Camp” which always produces lasting contacts for spreading the Good News. Let’s pray for fruit from these endeavors.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH No matter where armed conflict occurs, there are likely Christians impacted by the crossfire. The events during the last week in Jenin, West Bank, are no exception. We pray for Christ’s light to shine through Christians who may be caught up in the midst of fighting and turmoil Prince of Peace come!

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 Pastor Wes speaking at the Highlander Christian Camp this week; for The Vine Wesleyan Church, Depew (Pastor Jason Argo).