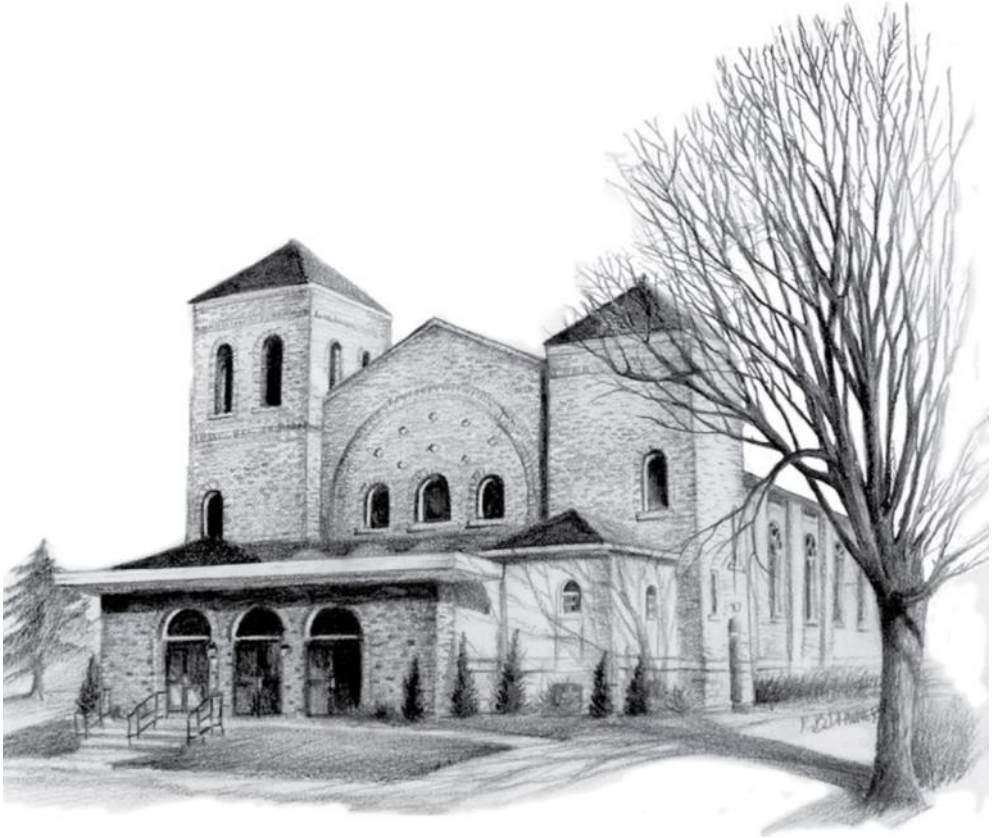




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

DAVID HUIZENGA, *Assistant Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 16, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Prelude: Prelude on *SLANE* (“Be Thou My Vision”) David Schelat

Call to Worship: John 1:1-5,9

Hymn of Praise: #54 *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Welcome & Announcements

Celebration of Ministry: RFKC Nancy Murphy

Greeting One Another

Come Ye Sinners

Prayer of Confession (unison)

O God, You have loved us so well. You have been kind to us. You have given us all that we need. You have kept us from danger. You have given us new life and forgiveness in Your Son, Jesus, but we have sinned against you, doing what You told us not to do. We think and live like You don't love us, like You don't see our struggles, like You don't see our needs. We think that other gods of money, more stuff, looking good, seeming smart, and feeling accepted will make us whole and happy. But really, only you can make us whole and joyful. Help us trust You when You say, “I will be with you.”

Living Hope (Offering received)

Time of Prayer

Response: ***Draw Me Lord***

Scripture Reading: Acts 26:9-23 Ken Bates

Sermon – *When You See the Light* Rev. Dr. Paul Shea

Hymn of Aspiration: #357 ***Be Thou My Vision***

Benediction

Postlude: Fugue in E-flat major, BWV 552b J. S. Bach

Organist: Judy Congdon Acolyte: Ruth Jacoby

Music Ministry Team: Dianna Clem (flute), Dan Zambrano (cello), Joanna Bates (vocals), Luke Ogden (vocals), Sophia Templeton (vocals), Caleb Hilsher (guitar), Gabriel Huizenga (cajòn), David Huizenga (piano)

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Hadley Rose Fink, born June 21, to parents Jesse and Melissa and siblings, Evie, Levi, and Sela .

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.

Whether you are a guest or a regular participant in the worship of this congregation, we join together to remember the many blessings of God upon our lives and to respond to him in thanksgiving and obedience. As we sing, pray, read scripture, and hear the word of God proclaimed, let us open our hearts to him and in so doing receive peace, strength, and love from his gracious hand.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING the Rev. Dr. Andy Walton, Professor of Old Testament, Houghton University, will preach.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 16 – 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

- Kids Connect: This week, kids hear about the relationship between brothers, Jacob and Esau. BIG IDEA: We can trust God when it's hard to trust each other. BIBLE: Genesis 25:19-34
- Nursery will be available during the 8:30 service. No Children's Church this week; see you next week.
- Valley Preschool: Turn in your applications today for a fun and faith-filled opportunity for 2 - 5 year olds in the fall! Applications available at the Church Office or online at hwchurch.org/valley-preschool/.
- Bikes on the Quad: Wednesday, 6:30pm, HU quad
- Family Friday: Friday, July 21, 6:30-8pm, Babbitts' house (16 E. Main St., Fillmore)
- "Wacky Water" Kids Club: Saturday, June 22nd, 9:30-11 am at the Church with water games, water balloons, slip 'n' slide, popsicles, and more!

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

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$100,303.86 / **Budget Received:** \$88,589.41

MISSION MOMENT - We pray for Pastor Yoshua Bashizi, of Mission of Christ Wesleyan Church in Buffalo, NY, as he makes an emergency trip to be with his wife, Godefride, who remains in a refugee camp in Uganda. The baby girl they were expecting later this month was still-born. We are grateful for the ability with other area churches to assist him with the travel expense at this time of crisis. May God comfort and guide these servants of the Lord.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - Based on false reports that he was urging his ethnic group to take up arms, the Congolese government in DRC has arrested and is holding Lazare Rukundwa in secret. We join others earnestly praying for this humble Christian leader who has sacrificed much to advocate for peace in this troubled region of eastern DRC.

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 the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg, South Creek Campus, Eden (Pastor Trevor Kaufman).