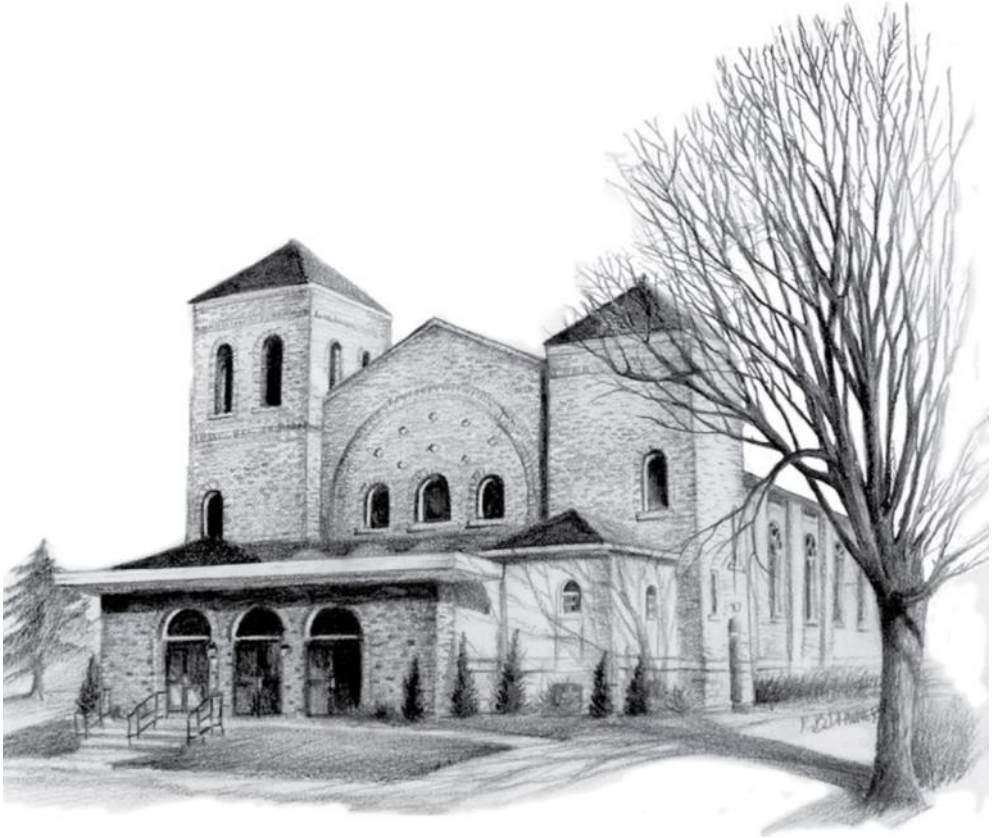




Houghton

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*

JUDY CONGDON, *Organist and Choir Director*

NINETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

JULY 30, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Prelude: Voluntary on *Land of Rest* (Robert Lind)

Welcome

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Purge us from stubborn insistence on our own way, from fear of relinquishing our illusion of control, from our incessant pursuit of others' praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may rightly hate our sin. But please do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

Hymn of Praise: **#18 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven**

Announcements & Greeting One Another

Children's Sermon: **Make Peace**

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8, 4:9-12

Songs of Conviction: ***I'll Overcome Some Day, Ancient of Days***
(offering received)

Time of Prayer

Response: ***Not to the Strong is the Battle***

Sermon: ***Subversive Living in Enemy Occupied Territory***

The Lord's Supper

Songs of Petition:

Savior, Teach Me Day by Day (#438), Let it Be Said of Us

Benediction

Postlude: Menuet Gothique (Leon Boellman)

Reader: Larry Mullen

Oganist: Judy Congdon

Acolyte: Ella Pocock

Music Ministry Team:

Matt Cox (guitar and vocals), Paul Shea (vocals), Luke Huizenga (vocals),
Dan Zambrano (cajón), David Clem (viola & mandolin), David Huizenga (piano)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God has blessed us this summer. In the highs and lows of life, God is our constant help and strength. This morning, we worship to offer our gratitude for His numerous blessings and to ask for His power and love in the days ahead.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Pastor Jon Cole will preach.

ODENS ON VACATION: Pastors Wes and Cindy will be on vacation this coming week. While they are gone, we will publish a weekly letter, but Pastor Wes will not be sending out a weekly video. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to, please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org) or 585-567-2264.

CHURCH BARBECUE On August 13, we are combining our worship services for one outdoor service at 10:00 a.m. with a picnic barbeque to follow. The service will be streamed (though lower quality than typical) and a radio broadcast will be available for all who desire to remain in a vehicle. The church will provide the meat and table service. We are asking you to bring a couple of dishes to share. We will have games and activities for children. In the case of inclement weather, all activities will be moved inside.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

July 30 – September 3

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship

10:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

August 13

10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship/Streaming (Car radio access available)

12:00 p.m. Church Barbeque/Picnic

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

- HWC Kids: This week, kids hear about Jacob and Esau being reunited after their falling out. **BIG IDEA:** We can make peace with others. **BIBLE:** Genesis 32:6-21, 33:1-11
- Valley Preschool: Apply today to claim your spot for the fall for your 2-5 year old! Offering play and faith-based education MWF from 9:30-11am with the possibility of Tuesday and Thursday with enough interest. Pick up an application outside the VPS classrooms in the CE building. Email Casda Danner at casdadanner@hwchurch.org for more information.
- Family Friday: Meet August 4 at the Jacobys, 9789 Smith Dr., Houghton

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$133,738.48 / **Budget Received:** \$112,584.25

“RISE UP AND PRAY” with MOMS IN PRAYER, an international ministry with focus on women desiring to pray for their children and schools. They will meet on Saturday, August 12 from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Community Room. RSVP to Barbara Rubino by August 5 at connectmomsin-prayer62@gmail.com. Light refreshments will be served. Invite a friend.

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

MISSION MOMENT - Remember Joel and Barbara Trudell who spoke here in April.? They request God’s guidance in two areas – local language education plans and programs (Barbara) in Gambia, W. Africa, and churches in E. Africa embracing generosity and sharing (Joel) with local languages assisting in outreach to needy folks in communities.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - 70 years ago last week the Korean War ended and the reality of division between freedom of religion and tyranny towards Christians set in. The church has flourished in South Korea but Christians continue to suffer greatly in North Korea. Let us pray for freedom in Christ to rule in the hearts of those oppressed and as Abraham prayed in Genesis, let us pray for change in tormented N. Korea.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Calvin Schierer and his family at the death of his brother Darwin 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 Elijah 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 Peace Wesleyan Church, Falconer (Pastor Jason Claydon).