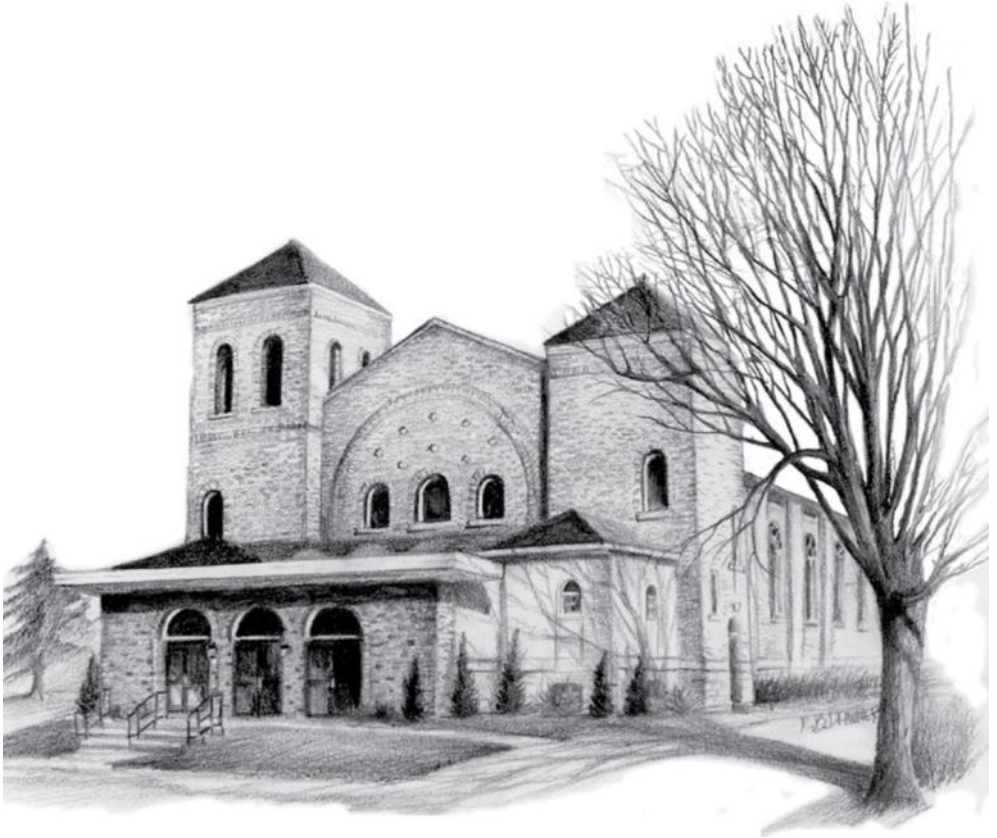




Houghton

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*

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

AUGUST 6, 2023

10:00 A.M.

Prelude: *Largo*

Handel, arr. Rawsthorne & Congdon

Welcome & Invocation

Hymn of Praise: **#194 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun**

Announcements & Greeting One Another

Children's Sermon: **God Loves Everyone**

Songs of the Word: **The Lord's Prayer, There is Power in the Blood**
(offering received)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Time of Prayer

Response: **Seek Ye First**

Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30

Sermon **The Parable of the Three Servants**

Pastor Jon Cole

Song of Conviction: **Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me**

Benediction

Postlude: *Exultation*

C. Callahan

Reader: Sarah Sardina

Acolyte: Alexander Zambrano

Musicians: Bill Calkins (trumpet), Sarah Sardina (vocals), Sophia Templeton (vocals), Ellie Brubaker (vocals), Nico Seddio (cajón), Christopher Moeller (guitar), David Huizenga (piano)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist exclaims, "Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!" We come to worship today to offer to God our praise. May God fill our hearts and lives with his glorious presence.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING will be a special day of worship and fellowship. We will gather for one outdoor service at 10:00am followed by an all-church barbeque. See the note below for more information. The Rev. Dr. Joey Jennings, WNY District Superintendent of The Wesleyan Church will preach in the worship service.

CHURCH BARBEQUE: 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

August 13

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

12:00 p.m. Church Barbeque/Picnic

August 20 – 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

- August series "In Your Dreams": As the sun sets and you nod off to sleep, an entire nighttime world awakens. Along with our dreams and slumber, the night can also mean shadows and unfamiliar sounds. Who makes us feel safe when the world is dark and scary? In this four-week series based on the life of Joseph, we'll learn about how God watches over us and loves everyone the same. No matter what we go through, God will make things right, which is why we can obey God above anyone else.
- August Memory Verse: By day the Lord directs his love, at night his song is with me." — Psalm 42:8a (NIV)
- This week, kids hear how Joseph's big dreams got him into trouble. **BIG IDEA:** God loves everyone the same. **BIBLE:** Genesis 37:1-28; Ps. 145:8-9
- August VBS/Kids Club: Join us for Kids Discovery Day at Fillmore Wesleyan Church on Saturday, August 26th from 1-4pm. Kids ages 3 - 12 will have the chance to try a new skill from baking to animal husbandry to drumming. Register today: <https://hwc.breezechms.com/form/035e8738>
- Valley Preschool: Apply today for your spot in the fall! For more information or to apply visit <https://hwchurch.org/valley-preschool/> Contact Casda Danner at casdadanner@hwchurch.org.
- Family Friday: Babbitts' house 16 E. Main, Fillmore, from 6:30-8:00pm

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$150,455.79 / Budget Received: \$125,098.05

MISSION MOMENT - “We are just like everyone else, dealing with the same struggles everyone faces- just in a different location...” An honest expression from what could be any one of our missionaries. This particular one recently added, “This month I am stepping out of my comfort zone to do some things I have never done before and have been too afraid to try. I am both anxious and excited.” Pray for our partner and dozens more accepting the challenges before them with courage and faith.

THE PERSECUTED CHURCH - Let us uphold the Christian aid worker and her child who were kidnapped in recent days in Haiti. May God protect and enable their release, even as He guides international authorities in a plan to send forces to bring stability and order out of the chaos in Haiti. Pray for Christians be strong in faith and witness in the midst of the prolonged struggle of a nation and its people whom God loves.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Calvin Schierer and his family at the death of his brothers Bruce (this week) and Darwin (recently) 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 the Forestville Wesleyan Church (Pastor Bruce Ellis).