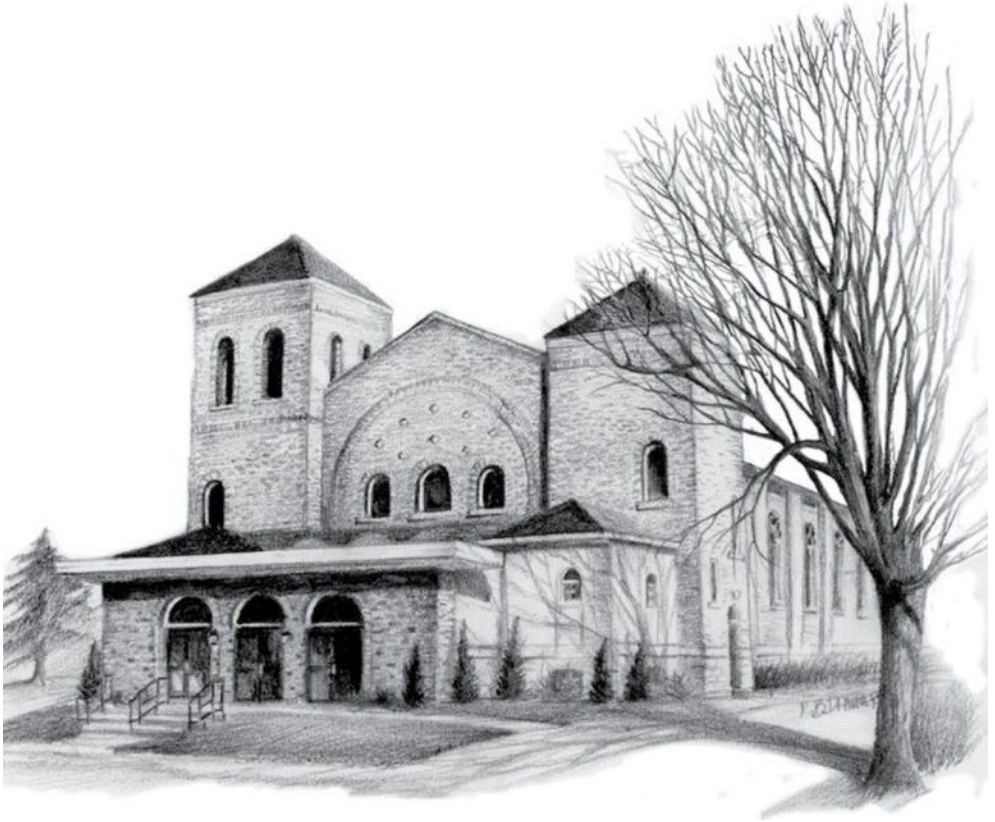


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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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JUDY CONGDON, *Organist and Choir Director*

Twenty-Second Sunday After Pentecost

Reformation Sunday

October 29, 2023

11:00 A.M.

Prelude: *Come, Thou Almighty King*

W.T. Allen

Invocation

A Mighty Fortress is Our God (#377)

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer Vigil Video

Children's Sermon: *God's Promises* (from GROW)

Lord I Need You

The Apostles' Creed

Firm Foundation

(Offering will be received during this song.)

Greeting One Another

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32:22-32

Choral Anthem: *Amazing Grace*

W.T. Allen

Confession & Time of Prayer

O Lord, we admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before you. You know our intentions before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you. Therefore, we ask that you discover unto us our sins so that we may humble ourselves again in your presence and seek your forgiveness and grace. We repent of every unrighteous thought of power, lust, greed, jealousy, and malice, as well as the actions and inactions that spring forth from those thoughts. We rest now in your mercy through the cleansing work of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit enable us to walk in holiness and obedience. Amen.

Response: ***Draw Me Lord***

Sermon: *Moment of Truth—What is Your Name?*

Rev. Cindy Oden

O For a Heart to Praise My God (#327)

Benediction

Postlude: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

W.T. Allen

Acolyte: Owen Chapman

Reader: David Huizenga

Musicians:

Cody Johnson (piano), Lee James (cajòn), Kayleigh Verspoor (vocals),
Grace Deitrick (vocals), Alison Young-Reusser (guitar & vocals)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The Psalmist calls us to praise God with all our might and with every instrument available to us. We worship today to offer the praise of our voices, hands, eyes and ears and to surrender all that we are the Almighty God who creates us and loves us.

TONIGHT In anticipation of the prayer event, dedicating these weeks to God and asking God to do something miraculous for us, we are kicking off our Prayer Vigil today with a gathering in the sanctuary at **4:30pm**. This brief time of singing, scripture and lighting of candles will conclude by a little after 5:00.

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil begins today at 5:00 p.m. You can sign up this morning in the sanctuary foyer or anytime online (hwchurch.org) for an hour or more. Please contact the church office if you do not have internet access or are unsure about signing up online. Please note that security personnel will be on duty during the late night, early morning hours. This year's theme is *Our Stories: God's Faithfulness*. The prayer room has been designed in a variety of ways to help us experience this theme. We have also designed a prayer page on our website with all prayer materials and prayer room pictures.



NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes explores another of the stories of people who are like us. Next week's sermon focuses our attention on the Canaanite woman Jesus heals in Matthew 15: *When You Feel that You Have to Convince God*. Next Sunday we gather for worship at 8:30 and 11:00, both indoors. The 11:00 service will be streamed. Adult Discipleship Hour, Youth Sunday School and Kids Connect is at 9:45 a.m.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS next Sunday morning. Please remember to set your clocks back one hour next Saturday night.

MEN'S BREAKFAST NEXT SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 8 A.M.
Feature this month: Testimony of Jamie Mullen

WOMEN'S GATHERING SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 9 A.M.
All women are warmly invited to join us for a morning of making new friends, bolstering old friendships, and learning important information. As well as sharing in fun and good food, we'll hear from Vicki Grant on the topic: *What's Trauma Got to Do With It?* Join us in the Community Room. We hope to see you there!

KIDS CONNECT:

- Kids Connect: This week, kids hear about the death of Moses and what came next for the Israelites. **BIG IDEA:** We can remember God's promises. (Numbers 20:1–13, Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Psalm 90).
- October Memory Verse: "I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." — Isaiah 43:19b (NIV)
- Harvest Festival: Thank you to everyone who helped and participated in the Harvest Festival! It was a HUGE success! We gave away all of our goodie bags and welcomed many visitors into our Church!
- Operation Christmas Child: Boxes due no later than Wednesday, November 15th.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$351,063.51 / **Budget Received:** \$323,192.68

MISSION MOMENT— Kris and Cory Thede have faithfully served in Zambia since their agricultural and health work was stymied in Haiti.

Where they serve in 2024 depends on Cory's Zambia work permit to be approved in a few weeks. We pray for God's guidance and protection as Cory travels to ag consultations in Florida, Guiana and Surinam in November and December this year.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Human suffering is the same on all sides and Christians always are quick to do all possible respond with compassion. The tiny minority of Christian believers in Gaza share in the wounds of war and continue to minister as best they can. The largest of three existing churches, ancient St. Porphyrius Grk Orthodox, sheltering 500 people was hit with an explosion over a week ago killing 19 Christians among the others. We pray for peace and comfort.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Kyle Boon, Linda Roth, Paul Roth, Matthew Pierson (Kim Prins-Moeller's brother-in-law), James Bates, Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Mim Case, Grace Taylor, Karen Gaerte, 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 including the recent storms; for refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine and in Israel, Gaza and the entire Middle East; for a Chinese pastor who has been detained by the police for more than a year; for Resurgence City Church, Buffalo (Pastor Tim Deporter).