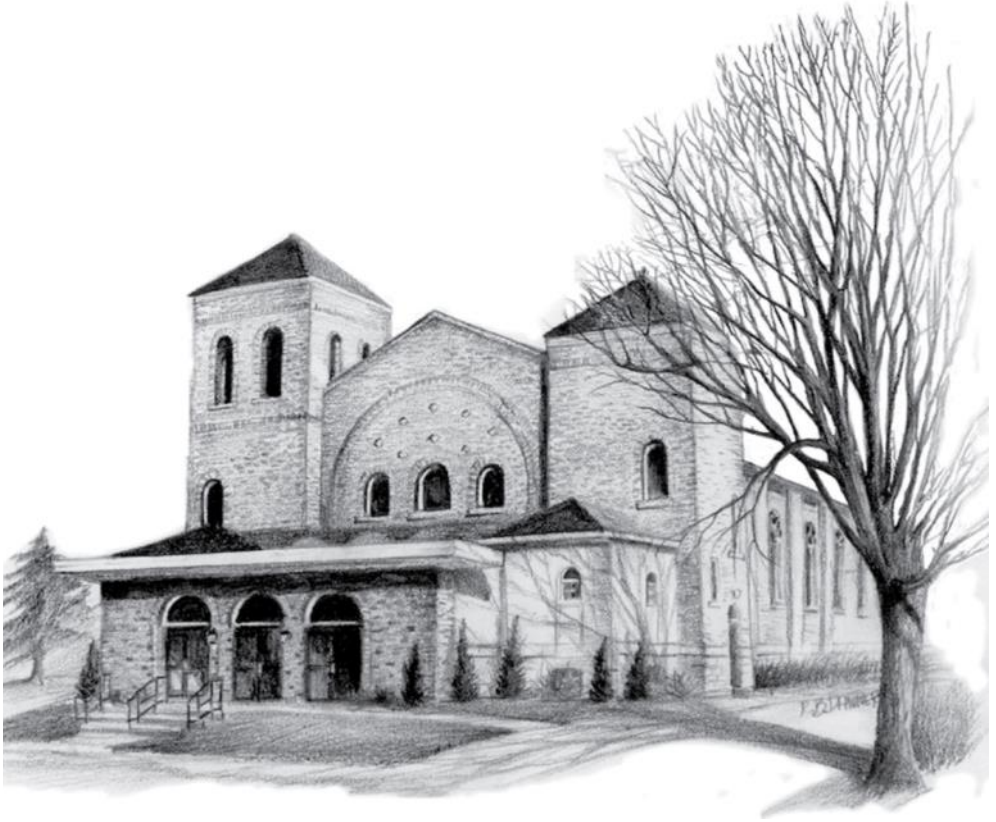




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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GRACE DEITRICK, *Assistant Pastor*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

JUDY CONGDON, *Organist and Choir Director*

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 2023

8:30 A.M.

Come and See; Living Hope

Welcome & Announcements

Prayer Vigil Introduction

Testimony of God's Faithfulness: Jesse Fink

Children's Sermon: *Eclipse*

He Reigns

(Offering taken during the song)

Scripture: Luke 4:14-30

Time of Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Show Us Christ

(Children Ages Preschool through First Grade Dismissed)

Greeting One Another

Sermon: *When You Feel the Status Quo Changing*

To God Be the Glory

Benediction

Acolyte: Oakley Wartinger

Reader: Ian Campbell

Musicians:

Esther Tse (trumpet), Josh Coram (trombone), Sharon McGarvey (horn),
Tim McGarvey (horn), Jason Decker (tuba), Emily Quick,
Grace Deitrick, Mike Cox (vocals), Christopher Moeller (guitar),
Dan Zambrano (cajòn), David Huizenga (piano)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God tells the prophet Jeremiah, “Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know” (33:3). We worship today calling out to God, asking for Him to reveal the unsearchable richest of His grace. May God give us ears to hear.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Cindy will be preaching from Genesis 32: 22-32 on “*The Moment of Truth—What is Your Name?*”. 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.

PRAYER VIGIL INTRODUCTION: Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil begins one week from today. 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.



KIDS CONNECT:

- This week, kids hear how Moses went to spend time with God and saw God’s glory. **BIG IDEA:** We can go to God when we need rest. **BIBLE:** Moses Sees God's Glory: Exodus 33:7–23; Matthew 11:25–30
- October Memory Verse: "I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." — Isaiah 43:19b (NIV).

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES should be returned to the church no later than Wednesday, November 15th so they can be delivered to the collection site..

SMALL GROUP LEADERS: Our next gathering for equipping and mutual support will be Tues, Oct 24 at 6:30pm (Community Room). This time we will focus on facilitating group participation in prayer and also highlighting some ways your small group can connect with the Prayer Vigil.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$334,346.20 / **Budget Received:** \$305,751.89

MISSION MOMENT – For over two decades our church has participated with the urban and Latin American outreach movement called Rochester Youth Association under the leadership of Matthew Hess. Mateo and wife, Lety, are entering a new phase of residency in Bogota, Colombia to lead educational and discipleship outreach. Thanking God for the past fruit, we pray God’s blessing on future more intense ministry in Colombia.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Statistics can fool us. The Philippines is officially the second largest Christian population in Asia (after China!). But the southern island of Mindanao has a Muslim majority harboring strong ties to ISIS. Christians there are routinely threatened, driven away and even killed. We pray for those Christians remaining with bold witness for Christ.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: 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; 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 Eastern Hills Wesleyan Church, Williamsville (Pastor Pat Jones).