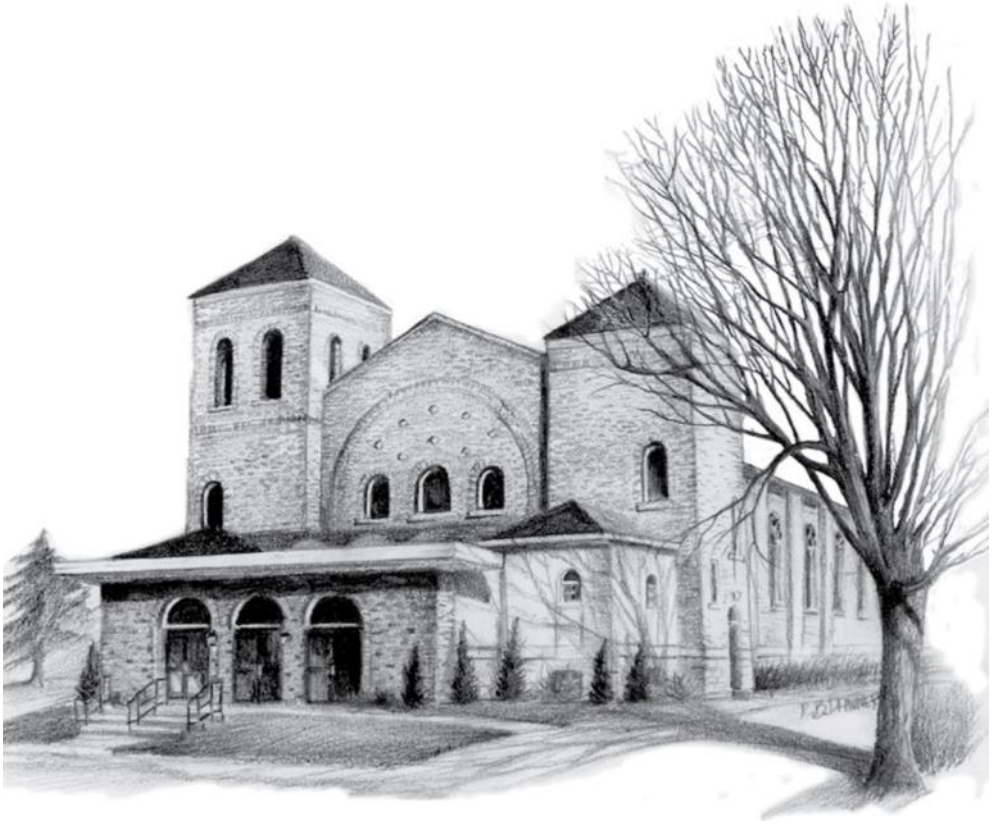




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WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

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JUDY CONGDON, *Organist and Choir Director*

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 26, 2023
8:30 A.M.

Ancient of Days; King of Kings; A Thousand Hallelujahs

Offering will be received during the third song.

Welcome & Announcements

Children's Sermon: *Wait for the Win*

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

Response: *How Great Thou Art* (refrain)

Scripture Reading: 3 John

Greeting One Another

(Children Ages Preschool through First Grade Dismissed)

Sermon: *When You Feel the Call of Hospitality*

By Our Love

Benediction

Acolyte: Addie Boon

Reader: Gabe Huizenga

Musicians:

Musicians: Mike Jordan (vocal), Alison Young-Ruesser (vocal & guitar), Jill Jordan (violin), Gabe Huizenga (cajòn), Sharon Johnson (piano)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH This Sunday is a bridge between Thanksgiving and Advent. As we come to continue our thanksgiving and begin turning our minds toward the Incarnation, may our worship be a means of expressing our gratitude for all Christ has done for us in Christ.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is the First Sunday of Advent. We invite you to join us for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service is also streamed. This Advent season, Pastor Wes will preach about the disruption of Jesus's coming. Next week's sermon focuses the Mary and Joseph with their little baby in the Temple and the prophetic word spoken to them (Luke 2:22-40).

KALEIDOSCOPE meets in the Good Shepherd Room (Room 10) today; Ian Campbell will share his story of faith. On December 3 & 10, Kaleidoscope will return to the Community Room, where Dr. Alex Wright will share about Leadership Ethics for Christian leaders.

UNIVERSITY FELLOWSHIP will not be meeting today. Happy Thanksgiving break!

HWC Kids: We're giving our volunteers a well-deserved break today so Kids Connect will look a little different! Two-year-olds and 6th graders will have their regular class this week. All other children and youth classes are going to be together for food, lesson, and fun in the Community Room!

- Kids Connect: This week, kids learn about the fall of Jericho and the rescue of Rahab. BIG IDEA: With God, there is victory! BIBLE: Joshua 5:13–6:25; Psalm 100
- November verse: “Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.” — Hebrews 10:23 (NIV).

DECORATING FOR ADVENT: Please join us on Saturday, December 2, from 10:00-12:00 noon. All are invited to help decorate the sanctuary and foyer for Advent. You are welcome to join us for the entire time or for as long as you can stay. Thank you.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$417,932.75 / **Budget Received:** \$389,924.13

MISSION MOMENT—What’s unique about our missionaries Drs. Romy and Linda Caringal? They are both medical doctors... They have served in multiple countries – Zambia, Nepal, Cambodia and more for 35 years with Global Partners... Beyond medicine they’ve served as field/area leaders and disciple makers... They began on loan to GP from the Wesleyan churches in their native Philippines. We pray for their present work in S.E. Asia.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – “ Your prayer is very important to us at this time when we are going through pain,” says Pastor and Bible teacher Paluka in Oicha, Democratic Republic of Congo, where a month ago 35 believers including children were killed in a brutal ADF (affiliated with Islamic State) attack. Life must go on in the midst of the pain. We pray for God to end the violence in that part of our world.

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, 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 Fillmore Wesleyan Church (Pastor Toni Jones).