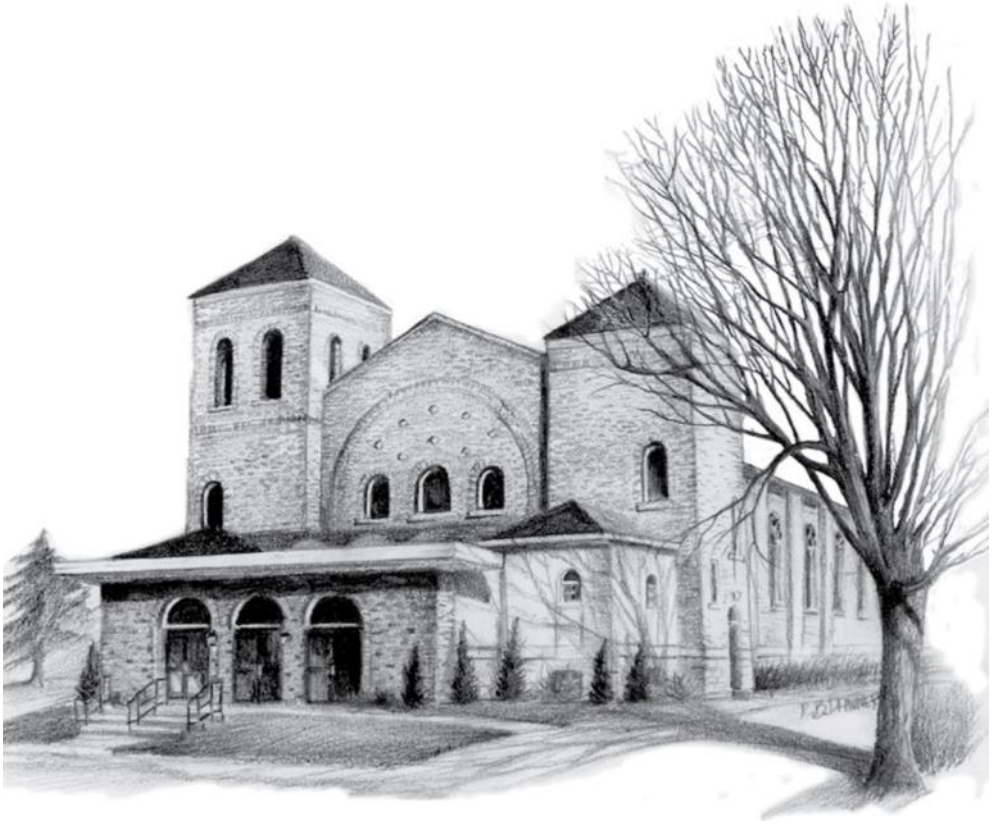




Houghton

WESLEYAN CHURCH

*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

DAVID HUIZENGA, *Assistant Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

GRACE DEITRICK, *Assistant Pastor*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

JUDY CONGDON, *Organist and Choir Director*

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 28, 2024

8:30 A.M.

The Praise is Yours; Firm Foundation; Fairest Lord Jesus

Life of the Church

Celebration of Ministry: Acolyte Ministry

Children's Sermon: *Even Me*

Preparation for Prayer: *We Fall Down*
(offering will be received during this song)

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:36-50

Greeting One Another
Children dismissed during Greeting Time.

Sermon: *Redefining Hospitality*

It is No Secret

Benediction

Acolyte: Kallan Sanasith

Readers: Jeremy & Judah Bialek

Musicians:

Mike Cox (vocals), Selah Kurtz (vocals),
Betsy Webb (vocals and keyboard), Dan Zambrano (cajòn),
Aidan Schooley (guitar), David Huizenga (piano)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.

The 23rd Psalm describes God as the shepherd of his people. Jesus declares that he is the Good Shepherd who cares for his sheep. As we worship today, we remember that God promises to care for all that he has made and in response, we worship him.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service will be streamed. Pastor Wes continues this series of sermons on hospitality. Next Sunday's sermon is from Acts 2: *A Culture of Hospitality*.

YOUTH GROUP does not meet tonight.

THE WEDNESDAY MORNING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY meets every Wednesday through mid May at 9:30-10:45 a.m. This week they meet in **ROOM 105** across from the church Library We would be glad to have you come for a time of Bible study and prayer.

HWC KIDS

- Kids Connect: This week, kids see how Jesus called someone unexpected like Matthew to follow him.
- BIG IDEA: I can include people who aren't like me.
- BIBLE: Matthew 9:9–13; Psalm 111
- January Memory Verse: "I can do all this through him who gives me strength." — Philippians 4:13 (NIV)

MISSION MOMENT— On February 25 Chris and Melissa George will visit HWC just before their return to Western Australia. In 19 years, they have been at the forefront of establishing a whole new Wesleyan Church District with 5 diverse congregations. Both Chris and Melissa pastor a church, encourage others, train leaders and actively represent Christ in the community. They ask us to pray for God to provide necessary monthly support in these remaining weeks.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Persecution of Christians is often out of view and not reported. Columbia, South America, is a case where rural pastors are often harassed, extorted and even murdered by gangs because the church teaches godly living to youth and oppose criminal activity, drug trafficking and corruption of all kinds. Believers face threats, capture, abuse and loss of access to basic needs all under the radar! We pray for courage and relief.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: \$568,388.54 / **Budget Received:** \$544,552.26

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jack and Linda Leax, Jim Arthur, Beth Pocock, 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, 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 Centerville United Methodist Church, Hume (Pastor Robert Schooley).

MISSED YOUR DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM HWC?

If you aren't getting our mailings and would like to receive:

- The *Highlights* Monthly Newsletter
- Weekly Updates Letter from Pastor Wes
- Information about Special Events
- Ministry Information /Announcements (Children, Youth, etc.)
- Changes in the service schedule (weather updates)

Send your name, preferred email / cellphone number to the church at office@hwchurch.org and we will add you to our mailing list by your preferred contact method. This information is for our internal database only and will not be shared with outside organizations.