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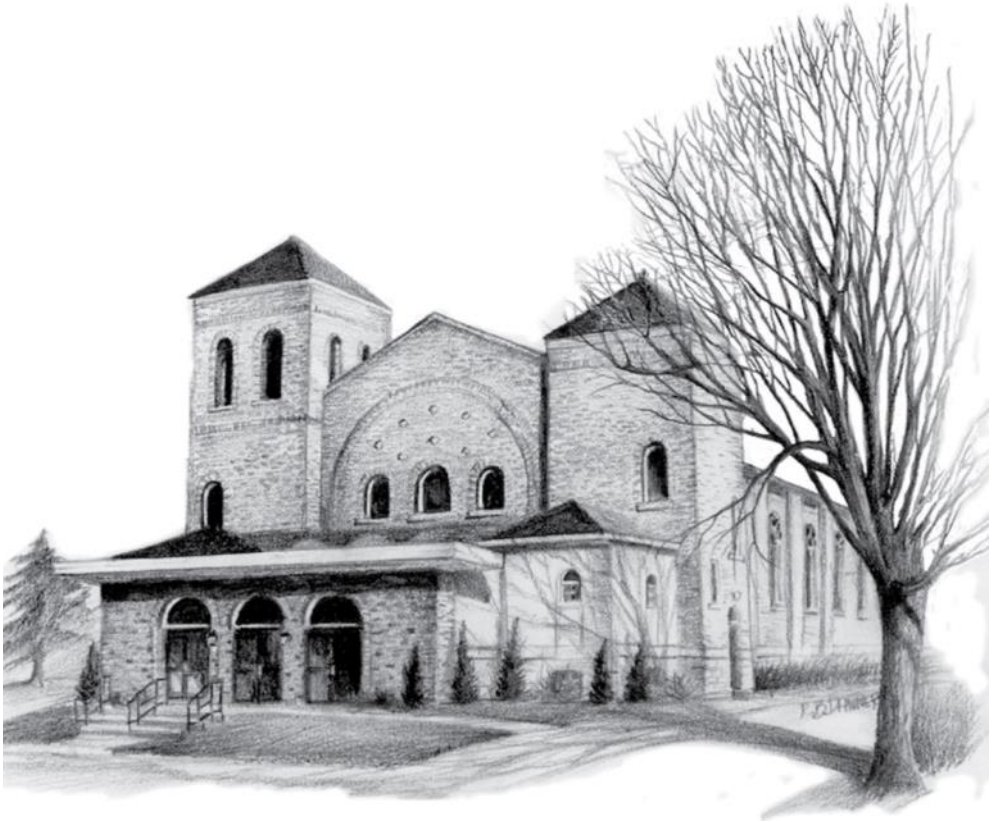
Wesleyan Church

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*

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Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany

February 11, 2024
8:30 A.M.

Bless the Lord; Lord I Need You; My Heart is Filled With Thankfulness
Offering taken during the third song

Life of the Church

Children's Sermon: *Fear*

Celebration of Ministry: ***College Ministry***
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Time of Prayer

Response: ***Draw Me Lord***

Scripture Reading: Matthew 22: 1-14

Greeting One Another
Children dismissed during greeting time.

Sermon: *Surprising Hospitality*

Hymn of Heaven

Benediction

Acolyte: Elizabeth Jacoby **Reader:** Toby Travis

Musicians:
Mike Jordan (vocals), Grace Deitrick (vocals), Jill Jordan (violin),
Christopher Moeller (guitar), Dan Zambrano (cajòn),
Tim & Sharon McGarvey (horns), David Huizenga (piano)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The Psalmist declares: Come, everyone! Clap your hands! Shout to God with joyful praise! For the Lord Most High is awesome. He is the great King of all the earth (47:1-2). We join people throughout history and all over the world in worship of our great God today. As we open our hearts to his grace and truth, may God fill us with his presence that we might be agents of his grace and truth to one another and to all people.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE: This Wednesday, February 14, 6:30pm, in the Church Sanctuary, we will join millions of Christians around the world as we enter into the season of Lent. This service is a time of reflection, song, silence and (for all who desire) the imposition of ashes. The Wednesday Prayer Group does not meet this week.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING IS THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT. Pastor Wes begins a Lenten series of sermons that focus on some of the interactions between Jesus and various people in the last days and hours of his life. Next Sunday's sermon focuses on Jesus's interaction with Judas: When We Struggle with Jesus (Luke 22:47-53). We will gather for worship at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. The 11:00 service will be streamed.

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 the **Good Shepherd Room** on the lower level of the sanctuary. We would be glad to have you come for a time of Bible study, *Profiles of Perseverance*, and prayer.

HWC KIDS

- Kids Connect: This week, kids will be amazed by the story of Jesus calming the storm.
- BIG IDEA: Wow! Jesus has the power to calm our fears. BIBLE: Luke 8:22–25; Psalm 50:1–6
- February Memory Verse: "In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all." — 1 Chronicles 29:12b (NIV)
- Kids Club: Join us on Saturday, February 17th from 9:30-11am for STEAM class with a Gospel twist!

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $601,823.16 / **Budget Received:** $577,059.14

MISSION MOMENT —We pray for Martin and Sheri Hegeman as they and their SIM Mission team pray and seek discernment for God's guidance about returning to Sahel Academy in Niger or taking on a new assignment. Meanwhile we continue to pray for Niger and those serving Jesus there in the wake of political instability and transition.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Imagine bombs falling from the sky targeting churches! It happened at least five times in Chin State in Myanmar last year. Since 2021, 67 churches have been attacked by the military rulers. We want to uphold Believers in our prayers, including our several Wesleyan churches in that land.

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, 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 Wiscoy Baptist Church (Pastor Patrick Bennett).