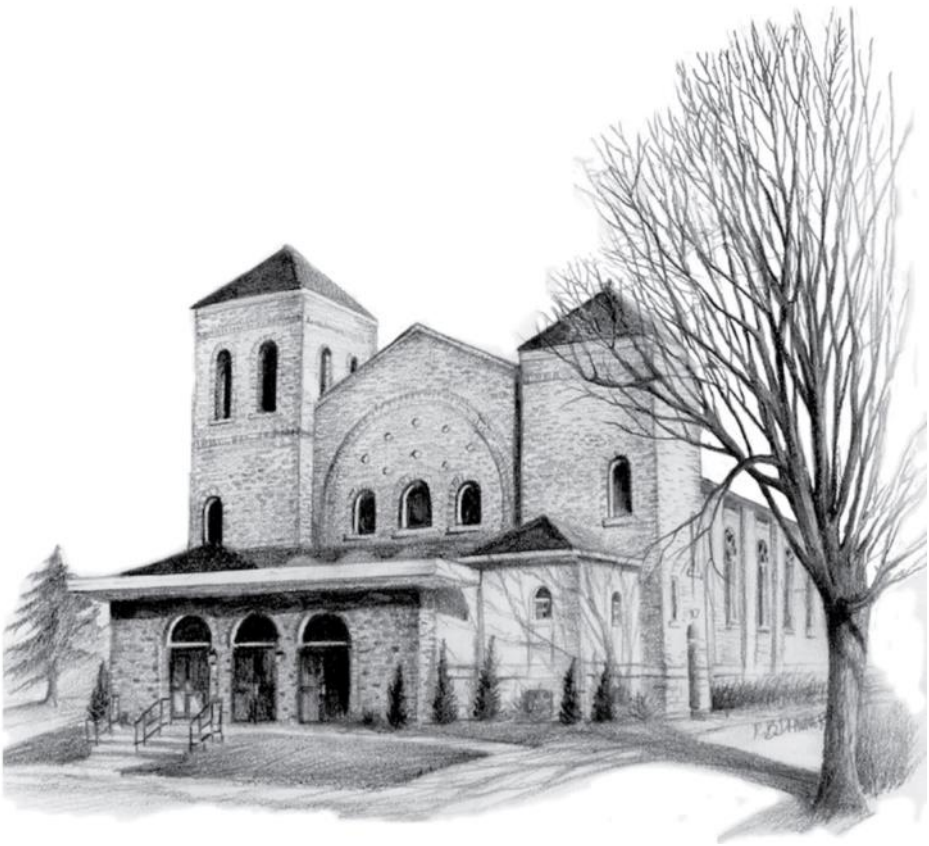
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

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*

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024
8:30 A.M.

The Praise is Yours; Man of Sorrows

Life of the Church

Celebration of Ministry: Youth

Children's Sermon: *Forgiveness*

My Redeemer Lives; Back to Life (Offering will be received during this song)

Time of Prayer

Response: ***The Steadfast Love of the Lord***

Scripture Reading: Revelation 20:7-15

Greeting One Another (Children Ages Preschool through First Grade Dismissed)

Sermon: *A Matter of Life & Death: What is Hell?*

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Benediction

Acolyte: Lilah Watson **Reader**: Kerrie Davidson

Musicians:
Bridget Walton, Alex Hill (vocals), Kurtis Perry (guitar & vocals),
Barb Raymond (bass), Dan Zambrano (cajòn),
Tim & Sharon McGarvey (horns), David Huizenga (piano)

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth and pending adoption of Piper Joy to Emily, Michael, Sarah, and Sammy Spateholts.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We continue in the season that celebrates the great victory of God in Christ. The seven weeks of Easter season prompts us to rejoice that Christ has defeated death and that we are offered life through Him as citizens of his kingdom.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we will be focusing on the church around the world. This year's missions convention focuses on Bible translation. Kevin and Cindy Austin will be sharing with us in both Sunday morning worship services (8:30 and 11:00). The 11:00 service will be streamed.

HWC KIDS

- Kids Connect: This week, kids hear Jesus share a parable about the unforgiving servant. BIG IDEA: We can always forgive. BIBLE: Matthew 18:23–35; 1 John 3:1–7
- April Memory Verse: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."— Hebrews 13:8 (NIV)
- Mark Your Calendar: Missions Kids Club, Saturday the 20th from 9:30-11:00am for grades PreK-6th

MISSION MOMENT – Barbara Trudell is attending by invitation the USAID Global Education Conference in DC this month in hopes of influencing support for education in the languages people speak in the global south. Pray that she will be able to meet the right people and serve the Lord well there.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – This month a new "Decree 95" in Vietnam places much stricter requirements on churches and allows local government to suspend religious activities for unspecified "serious violations." Pray for Christians to flourish even under tighter restrictions. God is powerful.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $752,278.95 / **Budget Received:** $738,558.51

PRAYER CONCERNS: for Judi Mayhle and her family at the death of her mother, Betty Cook, for the family and friends of Carolyn Hale and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jane Roeske, 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, 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 St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Pastor Larry Hoyt).

For more information about church activities, to read Pastor Wes's weekly letter, or to watch Pastor Wes's weekly video, to receive periodic updates, visit our website: www.hwchurch.org.