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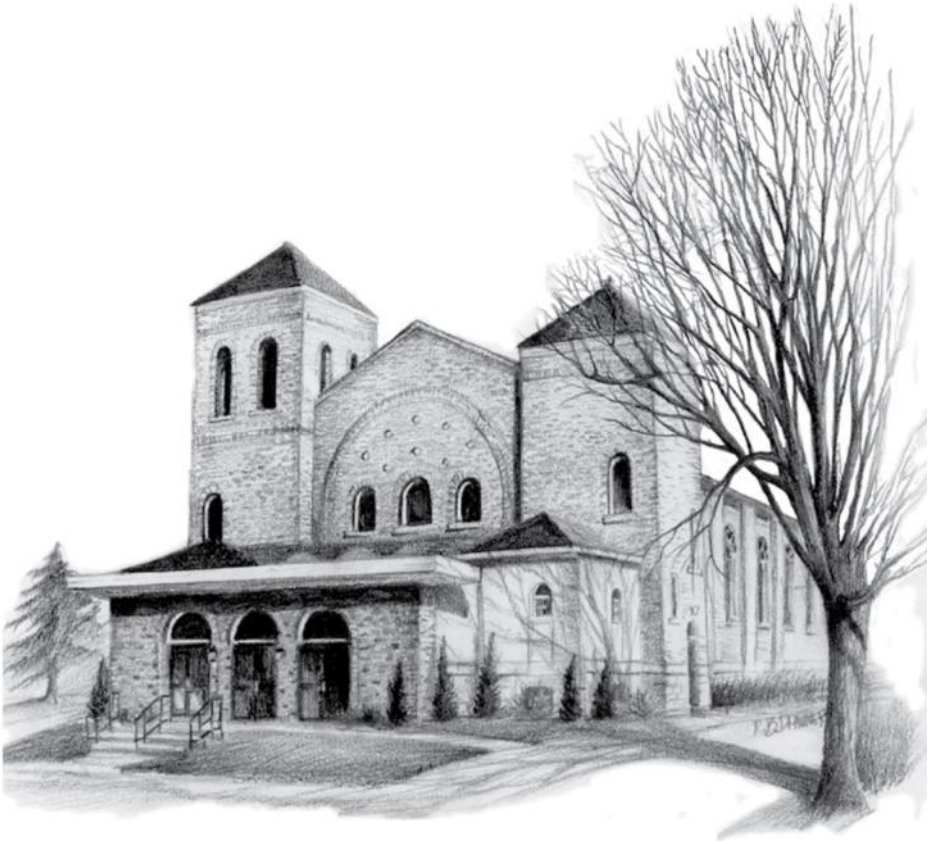
WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*

Eighth Sunday of Easter

Pentecost Sunday
May 19, 2024
8:30 A.M.

Holy Spirit You are Welcome Here

The Day of Pentecost

Life of the Church

Children's Sermon: *Deep Roots*

Life in the Spirit (Medley)
Offering will be received as we sing.

Time of Prayer

Response: ***Take O Take Me As I Am***

Scripture Reading: Leviticus 23:9-22

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

Sermon: *The Abundance of Pentecost*

He's Always Been Faithful

Benediction

Acolyte: Hinley Kladke **Reader:** Jesse Fink

Musicians:
Alison Reusser (guitar & vocals), Amanda Cox, Joanna Bates (vocals),
Simon Sardina (cajòn), Tim & Sharon McGarvey (horns),
Dianna Clem (flute), David Clem (viola), David Huizenga (piano)

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this Sunday when we celebrate the miraculous appearance and work of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the church, we worship with grateful hearts for the blessings of God, including the young adults of our youth group. We look forward to their ministry to us and with us today.

ELECTION BALLOT: If you are a member of HWC and have not yet cast your ballot for the election of 2024-2025 leaders and for the 2024-2025 Financial Plan, please do so today. We have paper ballots available in the sanctuary lower foyer as well as people to assist you. The online ballot will close at 12:30 today.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING our church youth group will lead us in worship. Join us for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. Discipleship Hour is at 9:45 with classes for children, youth and adults.

STAYING CONNECTED: Pastor Wes continues sending out a weekly update on Tuesday and a video meditation on Thursday. Both can be accessed through email, text or the church website and Facebook pages. If you are not receiving these communications and would like to, please contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org) or 585-567-2264.

HWC KIDS

- Kids Connect: This week, kids will read how Stephen boldly shared a message before the Sanhedrin. BIG IDEA: Take a big step — the Holy Spirit makes us brave. BIBLE: Acts 6, 7:54–59; Acts 2:1–21
- May Memory Verse: "The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands." — Psalm 19:1 (NIV)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

June 2-9
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship/ 9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour
11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

June 16 – August 25
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
10:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

August 11
10:00 a.m. Outdoor Worship / Pig Roast and Picnic

September 1 – October 27
8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship / 11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

September 8
9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour restarts

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $835,865.50 / **Budget Received:** $828,112.77

MISSION MOMENT – God answers prayer. Martin and Sheri Hegeman have a new assignment to work for a year out of Dallas, TX (no need to move) with SIL/Wycliffe assisting and apprenticing with MK care with that mission – a ministry they feel called to do into the future. We continue to pray as they adjust to new duties and schedules. Also we pray for God to raise up prayer and financial supporters in this new endeavor.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Second century Christian apologist in N. Africa, Tertullian, said *"The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church."* Today, the global church is growing but so is persecution of Christians. We mustn't waiver in our prayers and support for the 1 out of 7 Christians in the world facing high levels of persecution. Want to learn more? The Kaleidoscope Discipleship Class (9:45 am) will both examine the facts of persecution and engage in prayer today and the following two Sundays. New participants welcomed.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Carol Stonemetz, Jack and Linda Leax, Jim Arthur, Beth Pocock, Kyle Boon, Linda Roth, Paul Roth, James Bates, Vesta Mullen, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, 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 refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine and throughout the Middle East; for Belmont First Baptist Church, Belmont.