THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00AM JUNE 9, 2024

Prelude: *Guided by the Shepherd* ……arr. Gloria Huizenga

Call to Worship

*Hymn 378 ***O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus***

Life of the Church

2nd Grade Sunday School Recognition

*Songs of Adoration: ***Blessed be Your Name; Faithful Now***
(Offering will be received during the second song)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, we confess that we often fail in our calling to be Your holy people, a people set apart for Your divine purposes. We are often more cynical than hopeful. We are moved more by private ambition than by justice for those who need it most. We doubt your goodness and cling to our own. We too often try to live in our own power rather than yours. Forgive us, revive us, and reshape us in Your image, reminding us that though our sins are as scarlet, in your grace, they are made white as snow. Amen.

Time of Prayer

Song of Response: ***There's a Time for Tears***

Scripture Reading: Job 42:1-17
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Song of Preparation: ***Weep with Me***

Greeting One Another

Sermon: **The Importance of the Struggler**
Pastor David Huizenga

*Hymn 30 ***The Lord's My Shepherd***

*Benediction

*Postlude: *His Deep Love* ……arr. Gloria Huizenga

*Please stand if able Acolyte: Zoey Clem Scripture Reader: Jeanie Little

Musicians:
Kristen Sanasith, Luke Ogden, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals;
Sharon McGarvey & Tim McGarvey, French horn; Dan Wartinger, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Worship is a privilege that allows us to acknowledge the glory of God, to hear God speak into our community, to commit ourselves to one another in love, and to affirm that God is our loving, merciful heavenly Father. In our worship today, may God help us turn our attention to Him with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength.

PASTORS WES AND CINDY are away this week for a mini-sabbatical.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING Dr. Paul Young will be preaching on the topic of *Being Tempted*. **Please note that the indoor/streaming service is at 10:00.**

HWC KIDS

- Kids Connect June Series is *Recess*. In this five-week series, kids will discover through the stories in the books of Judges, Ruth, and 1 Samuel the unexpected ways God can help them grow. As they do, they'll learn how God helps us grow stronger, helps us belong, answers our prayers, tells us what is true, and can use anything we give.
- This week, June 9th is the last day of Kids connect for the summer and kids will hear about Ruth and Naomi and the way they supported each other. **BIG IDEA**: God helps me belong. **BIBLE**: Ruth 1
- June Memory Verse: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! — 1 John 3:1a (NIV)
- Mark Your Calendars: Kids Club on Saturday the 15th from 9:30-11:00am for grades PreK-6th - Come celebrate the end of school and beginning of summer break with us!
- June 16th - 6th grade Catechism recognition 8:30 am service.

STARING NEXT WEEK: FIRESIDE CHATS FOR MARRIED COUPLES Join us for conversations about marriage on Sundays from 6:00 - 7:30 pm, June 16th-July 28th. Call the church office for more details

MISSION MOMENT – It's a privilege as a church to not only welcome the Genesee Rapids team and staff on Sundays, but to also contribute to their Bible Study activities as part of our Partners at Home outreach. We pray for health, safety, and a positive summer of spiritual growth for each player.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – This week we remember the people of Afghanistan who have suffered under the strict and often cruel Taliban regime since 2021. Christians in Afghanistan are systematically hunted and punished, and many remain in hiding. While we live in freedom, we pray for God to bring freedom to those who suffer for Him. (prayercast@owm.org)

STEWARDSHIP – Fiscal Year-end Report (June 2023 – May 2024):
Budget needed $869,300.12 **Budget Received** $855,686.12

PRAYER CONCERNS – for the family of Dr. Daniel R. Chamberlain and for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Patty Stalker, 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, Karen Gaerte, Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, 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.

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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

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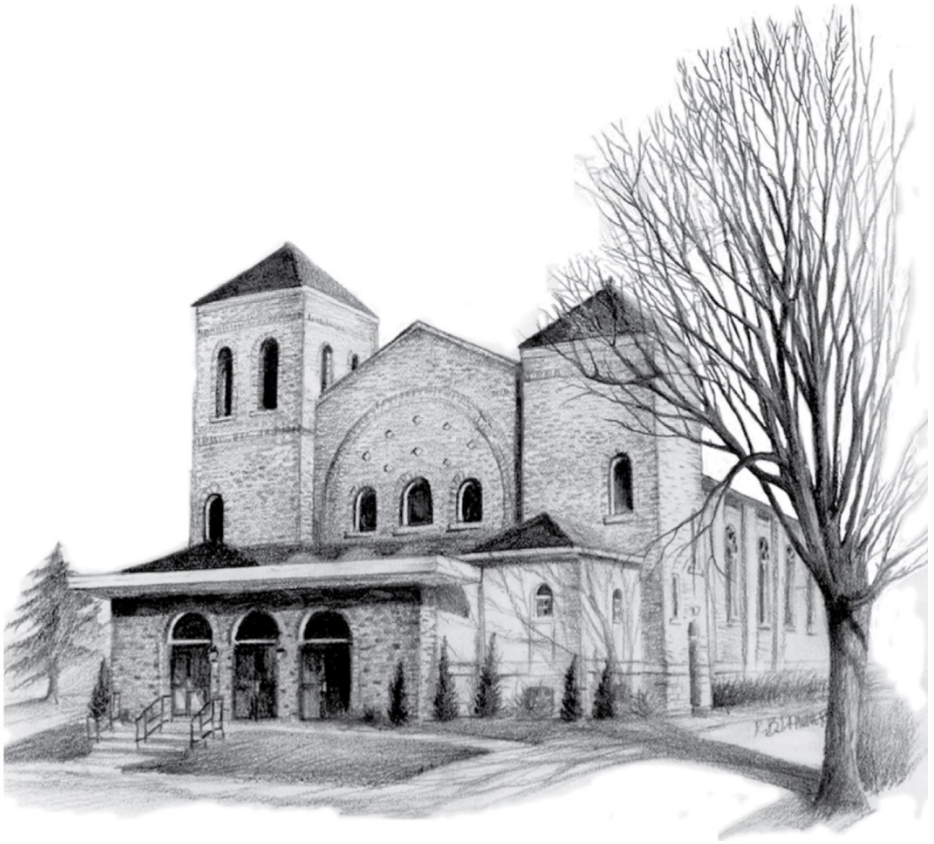
wholeheartedly serving others



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*
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