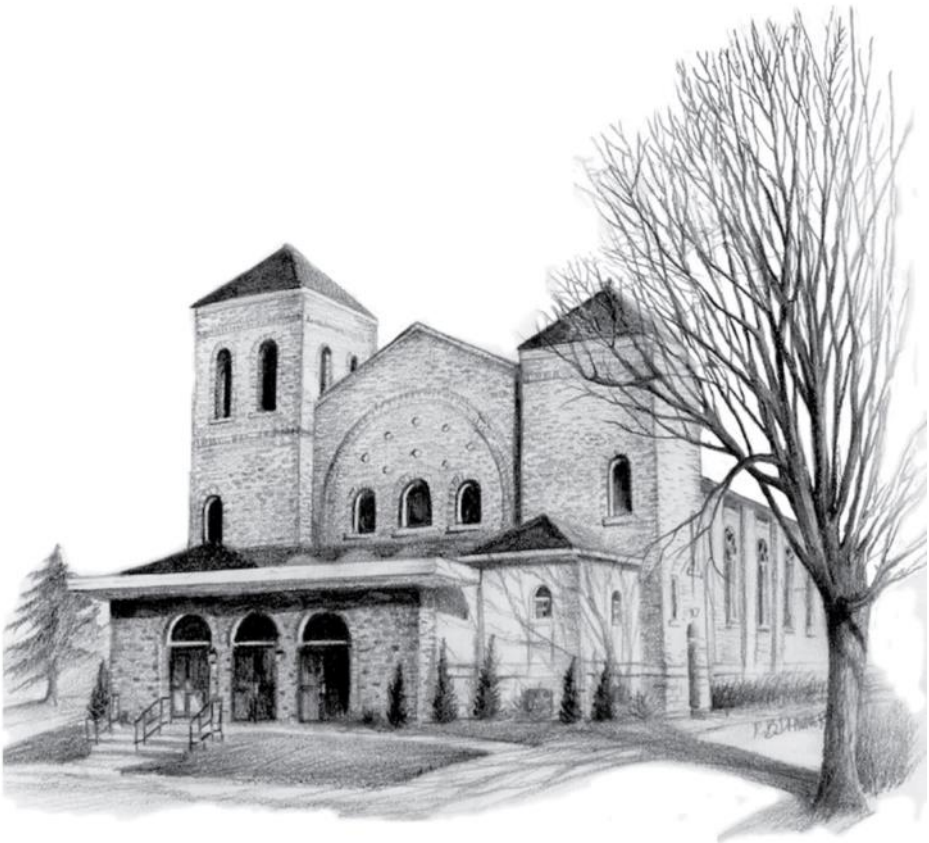
Houghton
WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

JUDY CONGDON, *Organist and Choir Director*

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM JULY 21, 2024

Prelude: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* .....arr. Christa Habegger
Deborah Shea and Josie Adenuga, violins

Call to Worship (from Revelation 15)

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty.
Just and true are your ways, King of the nations.
Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come and worship before you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.
Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

*Hymn 33 ***For the Beauty of the Earth***

Life of the Church

*Songs of Adoration: ***Build Your Kingdom Here; A Thousand Hallelujahs***
(Offering will be received during the second song)

Prayer of Confession

Most Gracious and Loving Father, we cannot hide or deny our sin any longer. Our self-centered attitudes, decisions, and behavior cause more hurt and pain than we are often willing to admit. We hear your children's cries for help but do not respond. We feel the burden of sin all around us, yet we give minimal time and energy to be your agents of justice. We doubt your unconditional love for us and your everlasting desire for us. Father, forgive us. Turn us from self-focus to Christ-focus. Open our eyes to see and hear your passionate yearning for us. Let us experience your forgiving and restoring grace and lead us in the way everlasting through the power of Your Holy Spirit. Amen.

Time of Prayer

Song of Response: ***To Him***

*Scripture Reading: Mark 2:1-12
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 423 ***May the Mind of Christ, My Savior***

Greeting One Another

Sermon: **Together We Can**
Pastor Jon Cole

*Song ***Oh How Good it Is***

*Benediction

*Postlude: *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* .....arr. William T. Allen

*Please stand if able. Acolyte: Evelyn Esh Scripture Reader: Bruce Campbell

Musicians:
Indi Knapp, Kristen Sanasith, Grayson Cox, vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Kevin Dibble, guitar & vocals;
Jan Schilke, keyboard; David Clem, viola, Dan Wartinger, cajón

Welcome to the Houghton Wesleyan Church. The Psalmist encourages us to enter God's gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise (100:4). This morning we worship to rejoice in God's blessings and to ask for His help in our struggles. Wherever we are, God is with us! Let us open our lives to Him.

Next Sunday Morning Pastor David Huizenga will preach.

HWC Kids

- This week in **Children's Church** and at home, kids learn about the friendship of David and Jonathan and the growing fears of Saul. BIG IDEA: God, you comfort me when I'm afraid. BIBLE: 1 Samuel 16:14-23, 18:1-16
- **VBS**: August 5th - 8th, 6-8pm at Fillmore Wesleyan Church; register today to participate or volunteer at https://vbspro.events/p/75cd70.

Memorial Service for Ange Szymanski this Saturday, July 27 at 11:00 a.m. in Houghton Wesleyan Church; followed by a chicken barbecue at the Fire Hall.

Fireside Chats for Married Couples resumes next Sunday evening.

Stewardship—
Budget Needed: $111,909.85 / **Budget Received:** $103,909.15

Valley Preschool at Houghton Wesleyan has openings for children ages two (by September 1st) to five years old for the 2024-25 school year! We meet mid-September to mid-June on Monday through Friday mornings from 9:00 - 11:45 with enrollment options for two mornings (Tuesdays & Thursdays), three mornings (Monday, Wednesday, & Friday), or five mornings (Monday - Friday) per week. Tuition discounts and partial scholarships are available. See more information on the church website at https://hwchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/VPS-Information-pages.pdf Applications available at the church or at https://hwchurch.org/wp-content/uploads/ 2024/04/2024-25-Application-for-website.pdf Feel free to contact the church office (585-567-2264) or Casda Danner, director (casdadanner@hwchurch.org) with questions or for additional information The application fee goes from $50 to $75 on August 1st, so apply soon and tell your friends!

Mission Moment – Mission Moment – The moment has come for Houghton grad, Lydia Christensen, to depart for Papua where she will teach in an international school. God has marvelously supplied well over 90% of her financial needs. We are her "sending church" so we offer our support and prayers for her new adventure with TeachBeyond -- following her Master and serving young people.

Persecuted Church – Algerian believers ask us to pray as almost all Christian places of worship have be closed under threats and pressures. For example, a church was recently raided during a worship service. Pray for new strategies to meet in small fellowships. May God move the Algerian government to enact laws that uphold religious freedom for non Muslims.

Summer Worship Schedule

July 28 – 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 9
9:45 a.m. Discipleship Hour restarts

Prayer Concerns: for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Jack and Linda Leax Jim Arthur, Beth Pocock, Kyle Boon, Paul and Linda Roth, James Bates, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Karen Gaerte, Denise Zambrano, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Mark Mayhle, Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Crikelair; for refugees throughout the world; for protection, wisdom and peace in Ukraine, the Middle East and other places of war; for Friendship Church of God in Christ.

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