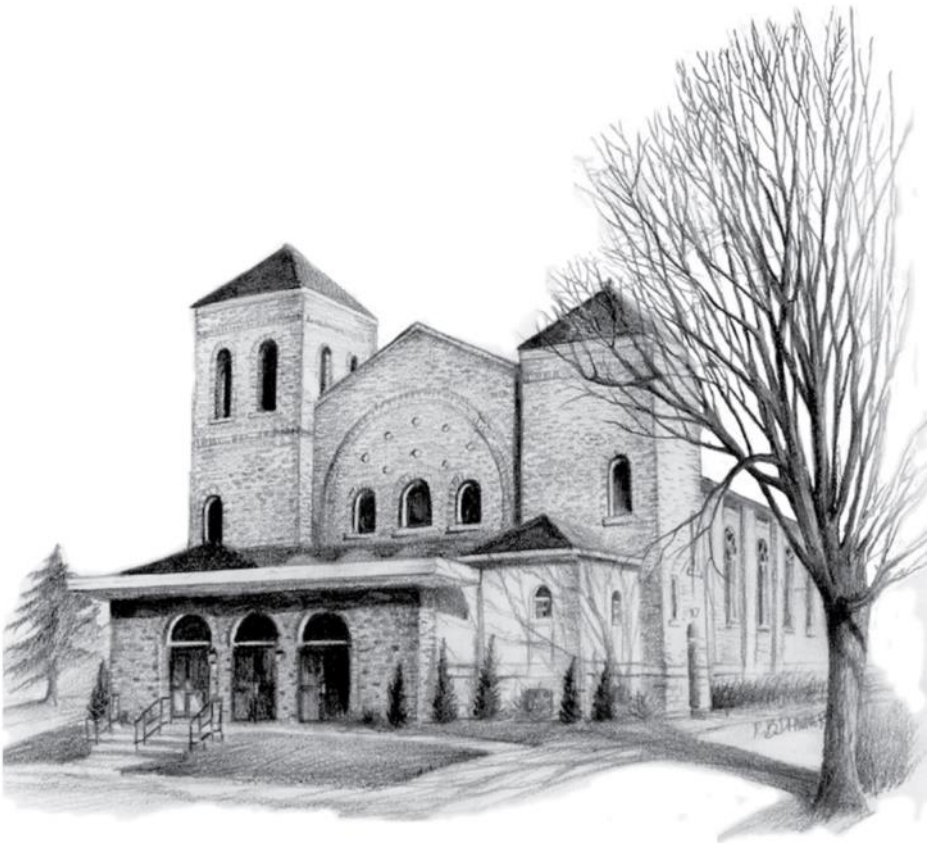
Houghton
WESLEYAN CHURCH

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

DAVID HUIZENGA, *Assistant Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

JUDY CONGDON, *Organist and Choir Director*

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM AUGUST 18, 2024

Prelude: *Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit, BWV 669* J.S. Bach

Call to Worship (from Psalm 84)

How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty!

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God
than dwell in the tents of the wicked.

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor;
no good thing does he withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

Lord Almighty, blessed is the one who trusts in you.

*Hymn 539 ***O Thou Whose Hand Has Brought Us***

Life of the Church

Celebration of Ministry: Kids Ministry

*Songs of Adoration: ***Open Up the Heavens; Better is One Day***
(Offering will be received during the second song)

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, there is not a gift we have received, a thing we own, or an ability we possess that has not come from You. Nevertheless, we confess that we often struggle to trust that You meet our needs. Forgive us for doubting Your provision. Remind us daily of the reality that You are our Provider and Sustainer and may we live our lives to proclaim this truth. Amen.

Time of Prayer

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

Scripture Reading: Psalm 122

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 476 ***I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord***

Greeting One Another

Sermon: **A Community of Peace**
Pastor Wes Oden

*Song ***By Our Love***

*Benediction

*Postlude: *Paean (Hymn of Praise)* Robert Lau

***Please stand if able.** Acolyte: Audra Harrison Scripture Reader: Ava Harrison

Musicians:
Bridget Walton, Levi Webb, vocals; Kurtis Perry, guitar & vocals;
Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; David Clem, viola

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Every Sunday is a time for remembering all that God has done and to celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection. May God open our eyes, our ears, our minds and our hearts to him.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes from Psalm 148 thinking about Deliverance Through Praise. Come and engage in worship: outdoors at 8:30 and indoors/streaming at 10:00.

HWC Kids –

- There WILL be Children's Church Today! - This week in Children's Church, kids see how David showed kindness to Saul's descendant, Mephibosheth. BIG IDEA: Showing kindness is in God's game plan. - BIBLE: 2 Samuel 9:1–13; Psalm 34:9–14 –
- Interested in joining our HWC Kids team? We currently have openings in Children's Church, Kids Connect, and nursery for teacher and assistant roles. Have questions or want to know more? Contact Miss Emily at kidsmin@hwchurch.org or 585-808-8925. I'll buy you a coffee if you want to chat!
- 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 Important Information for Prospective Student Families on the church website HERE. (www.hwchurch.org/valley-preschool/)

ICE CREAM GATHERING: Ice Cream Kick-off next Sunday, August 25, at 3:00 P.M. Please join us for ice cream and fellowship on the north side of the church. The church will provide ice cream and toppings. This is an opportunity to reconnect with others and to welcome Houghton University students who are on campus early. Please use the south side of the church to enter and park for the Ice Cream Kick-off as we will have the north side blocked off for this gathering. We invite you to bring lawn chairs or a blanket if you want. If it rains, we will meet in the Community Room/Gym in the Church. Thank you.

CONNECTING: We are in the process of updating email addresses and phone numbers for texting so that everyone who desires receives information from the church. If you are not currently receiving either a text or email for Pastor Wes's weekly letter, weekly video chat, and the monthly *Highlights* newsletter, and would like to do so, please fill out the insert with your preference or contact the church office (585-567-2264) and we will update your information.

MISSION MOMENT – Our SIL missionaries, Joel and Barb Trudell, face an unexpected move to a new apartment the end of this month. We pray that this readjustment goes smoothly. But we also pray for decisions on major growth of local language reading programs in Uganda with SIL team assistance. May God bless the work across Africa and practical living changes at home.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – In various parts of India Christians face acts of violence, vandalism, and forced displacement from local religious zealots while thousands have been detained over legal prohibitions of worship and anti-conversion laws. In the last two years, tens of thousands of Christians have been displaced and over 400 churches destroyed in Manipur alone! We pray, "Lord have mercy." (International Religious Freedom)

SUMMER WORSHIP SCHEDULE

August 25

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship / 10:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

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: $180,777.45 / Budget Received: $160,694.14

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 Rawson Baptist Church, Cuba (Pastor Carl Holmes).

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YES:	EMAIL	TEXT
❑ Changes to Service Schedule (Weather, etc.)	❑	❑
❑ Children's Ministry Announcements	❑	❑
❑ College Ministry Announcements	❑	❑
❑ Men's Ministry Announcements	❑	❑
❑ Monthly Highlights (digital issue)	❑	❑
❑ Monthly Highlights (print/postal issue)		
❑ Pastor Wes' Weekly Video	❑	❑
❑ Special Events Information	❑	❑
❑ Weekly Information Newlsetter	❑	❑
❑ Women's Ministry Announcements	❑	❑
❑ Youth Ministry Announcements	❑	❑

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