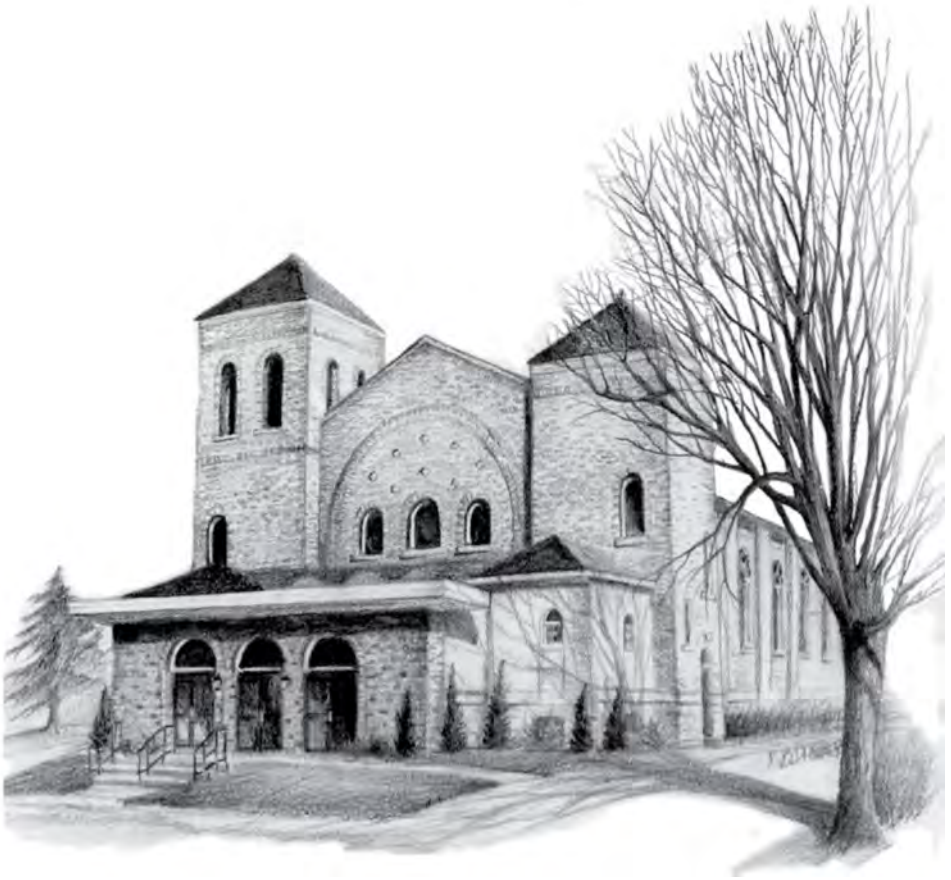
# Houghton
## Wesleyan Church

*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*

# SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

Prelude: *Prayers to the Trinity,* BWV 672-674) J. S. Bach

Call to Worship (Psalm 103:1-5)

Choral Anthem: *With a Voice of Singing* .....Martin Shaw

Life of the Church

Celebration of Ministry: Back to School Blessing

*Songs of Adoration: ***God of Grace and God of Glory*** (Hymn 25)
***Death Was Arrested***
***Lord, I Need You***
(Offering will be received during the third song)

Time of Prayer

Song of Response: ***All in All***

Scripture Reading: Genesis 3
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
***People: Thanks be to God!***

*Hymn 97 ***Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners***

Greeting One Another

Sermon: **Consequences**
Pastor Wes Oden

Prayer of Confession

Almighty and merciful God, all we like sheep have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have believed the lies that You are not as good as You have promised and that You are not to be trusted. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Receive our honest confession. Restore us, renew us, according to Your promises, through Your wondrous grace declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live holy, just, and humble lives to the glory of Your holy name. Amen *Adapted from the Book of Common Prayer*

*Song ***Kyrie Eleison***

*Benediction

*Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in C* David Johnson

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*Please stand if able. Acolyte: Annie Jordan Scripture Reader: Kate Drum

Musicians:
Emily Quick, vocals; Evelyn Simanowski, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals;
Dianna Clem, flute; Simon Sardina, cajón

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** The Psalmist proclaims: "Blessed is the one who fears the Lord, who finds great delight in His commands" (112:1). We come to worship today because we want to delight in God whose commands are given out of His heart of love. We pray that you experience the joy of God as we worship together.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes moves us to Genesis 4, focusing on the stories of Cain and Lamech: *Sorry, Not Sorry.* Join us for outdoor worship 8:30 a.m. and for indoor/streaming worship at 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Hour, Youth Sunday School and Kids Connect is at 9:45 a.m.

**HWC KIDS**

- Kids Connect begins today at 9:45am! Kids ages 2-4 and 6th grade can go directly to their classrooms. Kids in grades K-5th start in the Primary Assembly room! Can't wait to see you there! - This week in Children's Church and Kids Connect, kids hear about how Solomon became king and asked God for wisdom. BIG IDEA: God listens to our requests. BIBLE: 1 Kings 3:1–15; Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23 –
- Interested and willing to teach PreK-1st graders about Jesus once or twice a month? We would like to offer Children's Church during the 11:00 service but still need to fill some volunteer positions. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Emily at EmilySpateholts@hwchurch.org.

**YOUTH UPDATES**

- **Sunday School:** no Youth Sunday School this week. Parents meet in the youth room 9:45 (preview plans, ask questions, sign annual permission form)
- Next week, Sept. 15th, youth go to Kaleidoscope to hear the HWC stories presentation while youth volunteer staff meet in the youth room.
- **Prayer Breakfast Begins This Wednesday at 7am**
- **Youth Group:** due to weather we will not do the foam party for our Youth Group kickoff this Sunday. Instead, we'll meet at the church for outdoor games, pizza, and a bonfire…3:30-5:30.

**UPCOMING WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**September 8 – September 29**

8:30 a.m. Outdoor Worship
9:45 a.m. Kids Connect, Youth Sunday School, Adult Discipleship Hour
11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

**October 6 – December 15**

8:30 a.m. Indoor Worship
9:45 a.m. Kids Connect, Youth Sunday School, Adult Discipleship Hour
11:00 a.m. Indoor/Streaming Worship

**MISSION MOMENT:** Chris and Melissa George – in Perth, Australia--send praise for safe travels home for all their interns who helped this year and praise for summer camps where a young girl accepted Jesus after hearing about Him for the first time in her life. Chris and Melissa would appreciate continued prayers for the ongoing health issues they are going through.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – Luka Binniyat, 58, is a veteran journalist known for his courageous coverage of the massacres of Christians in southern Kaduna, part of Nigeria's Middle Belt. He has been imprisoned multiple times over the years for his reporting on the persecution of Christians. We pray for safety and perseverance for Luka as he persists in his journalistic "calling" in support of Christians in Nigeria.

**STEWARDSHIP** Budget Needed: $232,428.15 / Budget Received: $210,249.68

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for the family and friends of Jack Leax (***The memorial service for Jack Leax will be Saturday, September 14, 2:00pm. There will not be visitation prior but there will be a reception afterwards in the Community Room.***) and for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Peter Lingenfelter, Linda Leax, Beth Pocock, 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 Bolivar United Methodist Church (Pastor Dawn Quesenberry).

# Choral Introit: *With a Voice of Singing*

The word "Introit" comes from the Latin "introitus" which means "entrance." The term Introit appears throughout many centuries of Christian worship, referring to points of entrance, especially at the beginning of worship as we all enter into the presence of God. The introit historically has included music, perhaps most often music that was sung while the clergy entered. The content of the Introit was most often a hymn of praise taken from the Psalms.

Following historical tradition, this morning's choral introit is a hymn of praise to God. Its text combines verses from the opening of Psalm 66 with a portion of Isaiah 48:20, punctuated by the word "Alleluia," (from Hebrew, meaning "Praise God!")

Martin Shaw (1875-1958) was an English composer, conductor, editor, and in the early part of his career also a theatre producer. "With a Voice of Singing" is one of Shaw's over 300 published works, and is associated with Rochester Cathedral, an English church which claims to have been founded in 604 AD! Dedicated to C. Hylton Stewart, organist of Rochester Cathedral, the anthem was composed for the 1923 Annual Festival of the Rochester Diocesan Church Choirs Association.

With a voice of singing
declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia.
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth.
The Lord hath delivered his people, Alleluia.
O be joyful in God, all you lands,
O sing praises to the honor of his name,
Make his praise to be glorious.

# Nursery Volunteer Sign-up

School Year Months: October 1--April 30

*Children are never too young to begin experiencing the love of God and sensing that they are a part of the body of Christ. The nursery ministry is an effort to care for the physical needs of children and to provide a place where children are appreciated as part of Christ's body.*

*Please complete the following survey if you are able to help in the nursery. We will gladly use you as a volunteer if:*

*1) you are willing to go through an application/screening process;*
*2) you are willing to attend required training meetings; and*
*3) you attend HWC regularly.*

*Thank you for your part in this ministry of love for Christ and the little ones. He has entrusted to us. The completed survey can be sent intracampus to the church office or put in the offering plate as soon as possible. Thanks.*

*There must be two adult (18 or older) volunteers for each service. You may be a third volunteer if you are 14-17 years old. You may accompany <u>your</u> parent(s) if you are under 14. Please indicate your age if you are under 18.*

**Please completely fill out the information below:**

1. Name_____18 or older _____ Age if under 18____
2. Address/CPO Box #_____

   Phone number _____

   Email address_____
3. During the school months (October 1-April 30) I would be willing to work:

   ____every week
   ____every other week
   ____once each month
   ____other_____

   ____8:30 service
   ____9:45 Discipleship Hour
   ____11:00 service
4. Dates I will **not** be available from October 1--April 30 (college and academy students will not be scheduled during class breaks):

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*Perhaps you are not sure of your schedule. Please don't hesitate to sign up anyway. It is easy to switch with someone else should you find that you are unavailable when you are scheduled.*