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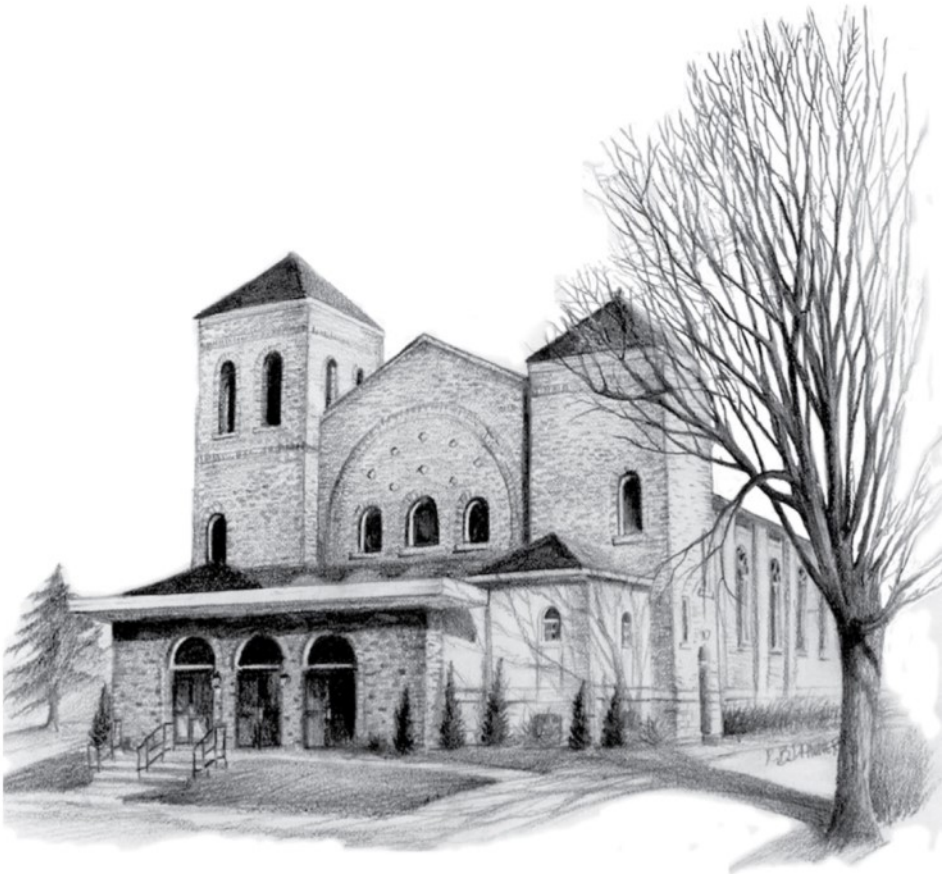
WESLEYAN CHURCH

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

DAVID HUIZENGA, *Assistant Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

JUDY CONGDON, *Organist and Choir Director*

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00AM NOVEMBER 10, 2024

Prelude: Hymn Prelude "His Deep Love" Gloria Huizenga

Call to Worship (from Romans 8)

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.
Because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set us free.
Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is your true and proper worship.
For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."
What, then, shall we say in response to these things?
If God is for us, who can be against us?
In all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Celebration of Ministry: Royal Family Kids Camp

Life of the Church

Children's Sermon: **Opportunity**

*Songs of Adoration: ***Light of the World; What a Beautiful Name***
(Offering will be received during the first song)

Prayer of Confession

Loving and Gracious God, we humble ourselves before you, acknowledging that we are sinners. We lay before you our sins—hurtful words, hateful thoughts, unjust actions. We repent of these acts of hostility and damage and ask that you would free us from the pain in our own lives that causes us to hurt those around us. We thank you for the deep love and forgiveness that you gift us over and over and over again. Mold us like clay into your image so we can better love our neighbors as you have loved us. Your word says in 1 John 1:9 "If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness." So, we confess these things to you and ask you once again for your pardon. We pray all of this in Christ's Holy name. Amen.

Time of Prayer

Song of Response: ***Jesus, Your Name***

Scripture Reading: Genesis 32-33 (Selected Verses)
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 73 ***O God of Bethel, By Whose Hand***

Greeting One Another

Sermon: **Let's Put That Behind Us**
Pastor Wes Oden

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

*Benediction

*Postlude: Prelude on an Old Southern Hymn Gardner Read

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*Please stand if able Acolyte: Cora Bates Scripture Reader: Pastor David Huizenga

Musicians:
Grace Gasparri, Mike Jordan, vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals;
Caleb Hilsher, guitar; Dianna Clem, flute; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. In a world of brokenness, we engage in worship to remember that God is present in the struggles and that God is greater than the struggles. During our time of worship today, may God give us grace to feel him near, grace to hear him speak and grace to see him at work.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes continues moving through the Book of Genesis. Next Sunday's sermon turns our attention to Joseph and his brothers (Genesis 42-45): I'm Not Going to Make this Easy. Next Sunday we gather for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service will be streamed. Adult Discipleship Hour, Youth Sunday School and Kids Connect is at 9:45 a.m.

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: We have now completed the first of our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil. You can sign up for an hour or more anytime online (hwchurch.org) or by contacting the church office. The prayer room has been designed in a variety of ways to help us experience this year's theme: *Thinking like Jesus*. We have also designed a new prayer page on our website with all prayer materials and prayer room pictures. We will have people who will be in the lower foyer throughout the day and night to welcome you and to be available if any concerns arise.

NOVEMBER HWC KIDS: This week in Children's Church and Kids Connect, kids learn about how Ruth met and found favor with Boaz. BIG IDEA: God gives us opportunities. BIBLE: Ruth 2; Mark 12:38–44

November Memory Verse: "The Lord your God is with you, the Mighty Warrior who saves."— Zephaniah 3:17a (NIV)

Mark Your Calendars: Kids Club, Saturday, November 16th, 9:30-11:00am and Preteen Hangout, Sunday, November 17th, 6-8pm

RFKC GIVING TREE BEGINS TODAY! Pick a tag (or two, three, four...) from the Christmas Tree in the sanctuary foyer and CE building foyer, buy a new, quality item listed on the tag and return it to the collection box. Items go directly to kids, ages 6-12, at Royal Family Kids Camp as "everybody's birthday" gifts for many who have never celebrated a birthday before! Questions: email kidsmin@hwchurch.org.

MISSION MOMENT: John and Sylvia Christensen "He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak" Isaiah 40:29 Praise for the recent move to a house with lots of land and 2 creeks to enjoy. John is in good health and is working on translation of Esther and Psalms. Sylvia is doing translation work on Daniel. Pray that the house gets renovated soon so they can move in before the snow flies. Pray for the translation work to be completed. Pray for increased strength to make it through each task that needs to be completed. Thank you for all your prayers and friendship and participation in our ministry.

PERSECUTED CHURCH— Mozambique: The October 24th election for the President in Mozambique has resulted in protests in the streets. Police have used force and at least 20 people have been killed. Many of the protesters are youth without hope for the future. Please pray for the Ambassadors Football ministry in Mozambique and specifically the following:

- Protection over the leader Daniel, his family and team from looting and violence.
- Peaceful resolutions so that life outside of their home and ministry can resume.
- Children to be reached with the Word of God through football ministry to establish a solid foundation for their future.

STEWARDSHIP: **Budget Needed:** $387,380.25 / **Budget Received:** $383,239.23

PRAYER CONCERNS: 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 many places of conflict; for all recovering from Hurricanes Helene and Milton; for Crosstown Alliance Church, Wellsville (Pastor Jeremy Gorham).