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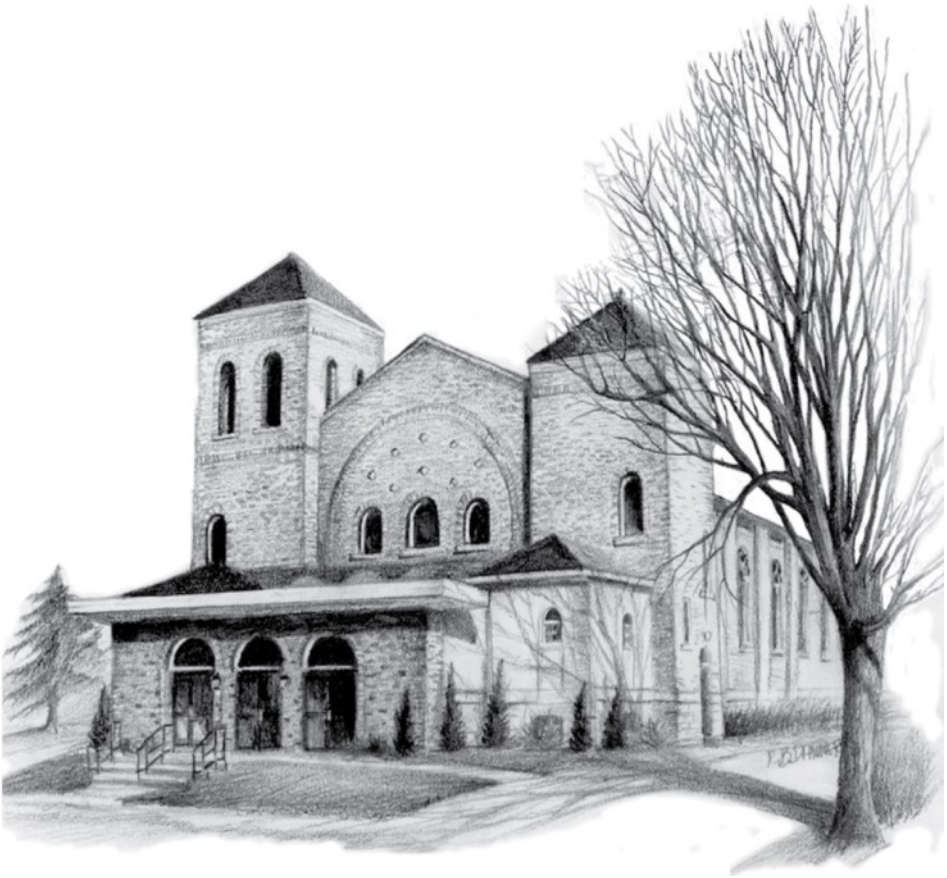
Wesleyan Church

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*

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00AM APRIL 6, 2025

Prelude: *Break Thou the Bread of Life* …….. arr. John Barr

Call to Worship (from Revelation 5 & 7)

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power,
wealth, wisdom, might, honor, glory, and blessing.
To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be the blessing, the honor, the glory, and the dominion forever and ever.
Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.
Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honor and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!

*Hymn 502 ***Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken***

Life of the Church

Children's Sermon: **Thank You**

*Songs of Adoration: ***Sons and Daughters; God You Are***
(Song sheets available in the foyer; offering will be received during the second song)

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Time of Prayer

Song of Response: ***Jesus, How I Trust Him***

Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn #375 ***Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose***

Greeting One Another

Sermon: **Looking at the Cross Through the Lens of Brokenness**
Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper ***Jesus Paid it All; God You Are***

*Benediction

*Postlude: *Fugue in E minor, BWV 533b*…… J.S. Bach

*Please stand if able **Acolyte**: Avery Chapman **Scripture Reader**: Amanda Cox

Musicians:
Joanna Bates, Emily Quick, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; David Clem, viola; Simon Sardina, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The season of Lent is designed by the ancient church fathers as a means of reminding Christ's disciples that the passion, suffering and death of Christ are central to our faith. Though this is a solemn season in which we contemplate our sin, it is also a season to give thanks that Jesus goes to the cross to redeem all of creation.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING is Palm Sunday. Pastor Wes concludes the series of sermons related to Lenses of the Cross. Next Sunday's sermon from John 5: *Seeing the Cross from the Lens of Despair*. All children are invited to join us for the palm processional at the beginning of both services. If you want to participate, please come to the back of the sanctuary 5-10 minutes before the service. We will gather for worship at 8:30 and 11:00. The 11:00 service will be streamed.

EASTER LILIES: The Church welcomes your Easter Lilies for Easter Sunday, April 20th. We have purchased several lilies which you may purchase for $16.00 each or you may bring your own lily to drop off at the church office by Good Friday, April 18th. I f you would like to purchase one or more lilies, you may use the online giving option, mail a check to the church office (indicate Easter lilies), or drop off payment at the church office. If you wish to purchase a lily in memory or in honor of a loved one, please email (pattystalker@hwchurch.org) or call Patty (567-2264) with your information by Monday, April 14th. Thank you.

HWC KIDS

- April Kids Connect series: "Full Bloom - Spring is the season for new beginnings! Whether you're cleaning out parts of your home or watching the flowers bloom in your garden, it's a time for new life and growth. Like a good gardener, Jesus wanted to help cultivate the seeds of faith in his friends so they could all grow closer to God. In this 4-week series, kids will learn all about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as he sowed the seeds of new life in the world. Kids will discover that God sent Jesus to save us, Jesus understands when we're hurting, makes all things new, and connects us to God."
- This week in Kids Connect, kids hear about how Mary anointed Jesus with perfume. BIG IDEA: God sent Jesus to save us. BIBLE: John 12:1–8; Genesis 3:1–24
- April Memory Verse: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." — 2 Peter 3:18a (NIV).

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $748,935.15 / Budget Received: $726,213.37

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, APRIL 17 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)

6:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday Service

FRIDAY, APRIL 18 (GOOD FRIDAY)

10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Journey to the Cross (Community Room)
Come and go, interactive event moves through the various moments from Jesus praying in the Garden to his burial in the tomb. All ages are welcome.

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 (EASTER)

7:45 a.m. Easter Baptism Service
8:30 a.m. Easter Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Worship Service

GLOBAL MISSION CONFERENCE APRIL 26 & 27

SATURDAY, APRIL 26:

Kids Club—9:30 a.m. Emily Spateholts (CE 2nd floor)
Women's Breakfast-9:30 a.m. Cindy Austin (Comm Rm)
Men's Breakfast—8 a.m. Martin Hegeman (HU Dining Hall)

SUNDAY, APRIL 27:

Worship Services—8:30 & 11 a.m. Dr. Benjamin Hegeman
Discipleship Hour—9:45 a.m. Missions Fun & Facts (Comm Rm)
Youth Group—6 a.m. Martin & Sheri Hegeman (Youth Rm)

BUILDING PROJECT:

Fundraising Goal:		$250,000
Gifts Received:	$189,097	
Pledges Outstanding:	$ 63,450	
TOTAL RECEIVED:		$252,547
Remaining to Goal		**$ (2,547)**

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Barb Van Wicklin, Bruce Hess, Jane Allen, Jane Roeske, Gary Wickard, Linda Leax, Beth Pocock, Paul and Linda Roth, James Bates, Terry Ayers, Scarlett Gildemeister, Kim Pegula, Karen Gaerte, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Mark Mayhle, Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, Emily Crikelair; for protection, wisdom and peace in many places of conflict; for all grieving and recovering from the recent earthquake in Myanmar, Thailand and surrounding countries; for Angola Wesleyan Church.