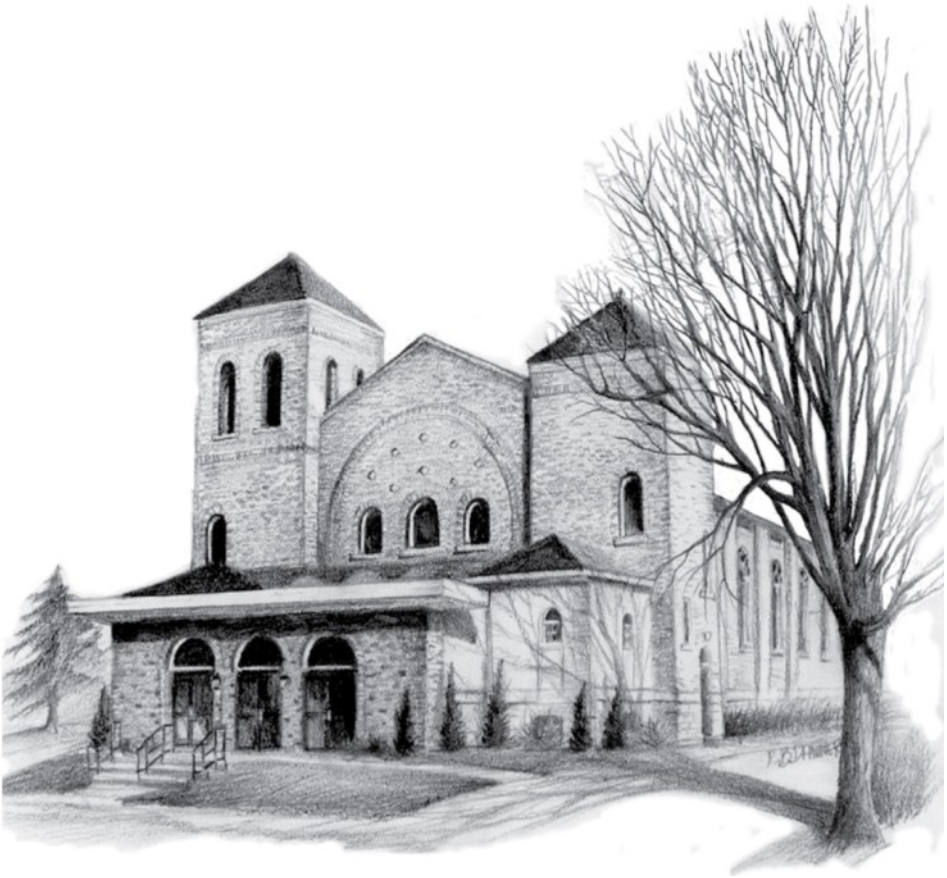
Houghton
WESLEYAN CHURCH

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others



RANDY CRAKER, *Interim Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

DAVID HUIZENGA, *Assistant Pastor*

KEVIN DIBBLE, *Music and Worship Director*

EMILY SPATEHOLTS, *Children's Ministry Director*

JUDY CONGDON, *Organist and Choir Director*

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:30 a.m. October 12, 2025

Welcome

*Songs of Praise: ***I Will Follow; O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer; Build My Life*** (Offering will be received during the second song)

Time of Prayer

Prayer Response: ***I Give You My Heart***

*Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24-29

Life of the Church

Celebration of Ministry: *Koinonia*

*Greeting One Another

Children Grades PreK through 1st Grade are released for Children's Church.

*Song of Gathering: ***The Doxology***

*Song of Preparation: ***The Wise Man Built His House Upon the Rock***

Sermon: **Build It Wisely**
Emily Spateholts

*Closing Song ***Living Hope***

*Benediction

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*Please stand if able **Acolyte:** JJ Jacoby **Scripture Reader:** Kimberly Prins Moeller

Musicians:

Grayson Cox, Indi Knapp, vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar;
Kevin Dibble, piano & vocals; Rachel Huchthausen, violin;
Jan Schilke, keyboard; Steve Olsen, bass; Jon Hutmire, cajón

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. The goodness of God is evident in His wondrous gift of creation. At this time of year when the leaves are changing and the air is cooler, we rejoice in our creative God. On this day set aside for corporate worship, let us turn our full attention to Him and give thanks for every gift of His grace.

WORSHIP TODAY: We are pleased to have our Children's Ministry Director, Emily Spateholts, proclaiming the word today. Emily is completing her last courses for permanent licensure for vocational ministry in The Wesleyan Church.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Randy will wrap up his seven-week focus on the church: The Church Scattered: Unity and Mission. We gather then for worship at 8:30 and 11:00, with the latter being available through streaming. Join us for Adult Discipleship Hour, Youth Sunday School, and Kids Connect between these services at 9:45 a.m.

ANDREW WALTON'S ORDINATION: Next week, on October 19, 6:00 p.m., Dr. Andrew Walton will be ordained in The Wesleyan Church at Bayview Chapel Campus of Revive Wesleyan Church, 4999 McKinley Parkway, Hamburg, NY. We invite all to join the experience and celebration. In addition, we are gathering a few from our congregation to assist with hosting the reception by either being a greeter, servicing food tables, or assisting with clean-up (or all three). Contact Patty in the church office very soon to volunteer for this support role next week.

HWC Kids:

- This week in Kids Connect, the story of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego reveals how God rescued them from a fiery furnace. BIG IDEA: God is ready to rescue us. BIBLE: Daniel 3; 2 Timothy 2:8–15
- October Memory Verse: "For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods." — 1 Chronicles 16:25 (NIV)
- Reminder: Kids Club on Saturday, October 18th from 9:30-11:00 a.m. for PreK - 6th grades; Preteen Hangout on Sunday, October 19th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for grades 5th and 6th
- Update: Our typical Harvest Festival is being postponed this year. Watch for an exciting Spring event instead!

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $320,552.46 **Monies Received:** $277,330.06

To assist us in planning, new pledge cards are available at the church office and in the sanctuary foyer during services. Newly promised commitments would be due in March 2026, following work completion. The previous pledges are still due by December 31. Any completed pledge cards should be returned to the church office today through the offering collection or direct delivery.

MISSION MOMENT Jim & Karen Szymanski – SIM —Praise for the completion of Jim's OT devotional; for Karen's recovery from knee replacement surgery; for Jim's back pain to be treated properly; for Jim's NT devotional and a children's book for those with cancer to be completed; and for a "lap top" trip to take lap tops to TEN3 Schools in Florida and for their home computer to work properly so all the above can be accomplished.

AN INVITATION FROM DEAN & LEE DOVER; There will be a celebration of life for Austin Daniel Dover on November 1 at 1:00 p.m. in the Houghton Academy Auditorium. Please R.S.V.P. **Wazican.dd@gmail.com** to assist in making arrangements.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for the Dover family and for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: Jill Baker, Harold Blew, Paul and Linda Roth, Nathan Danner, Kristen Massey, Mike Mathiason (Doug Mayhle's colleague), David Mercer, David Pullen, Jane Allen, Terry Ayers, James Bates, Scarlett Gildemeister, Bruce Hess, Linda Leax, Jane Roeske, Gary Wickard, Beth Pocock, Kim Pegula, Karen Gaerte, Cameron Green, Vangie Grant, Dan and Sarah Gurley, Chelsea Ellis, Mark Mayhle, Jeshu, Kurtis, and Eliyah Perry, Reuben Samuels, and Emily Crikelair; for anguished refugees and displaced persons in the U.S. and across the world; for cessation of hostilities, wisdom, and peace in Ukraine, the Middle East, and other places of unrest and war; for Mission of Christ, Buffalo, and Pastor Yoshua Bashizi.