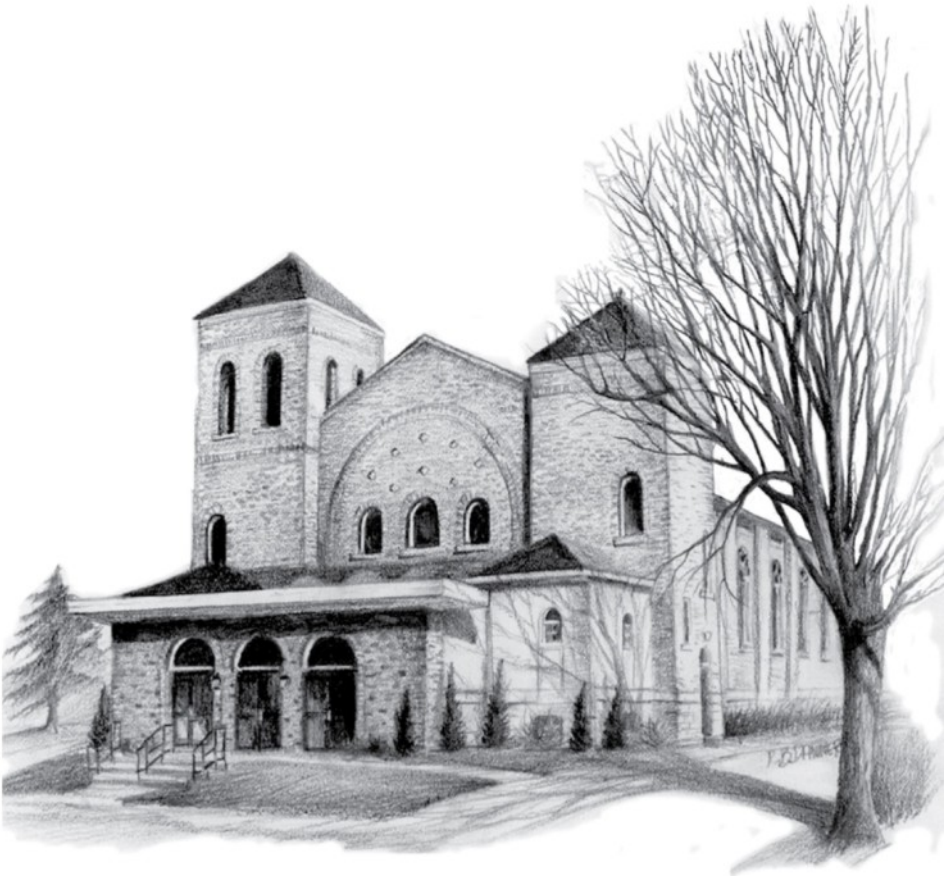
Houghton
WESLEYAN CHURCH

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*

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

8:30AM OCTOBER 19, 2025

Welcome

*Songs of Praise: ***Do You Not Know; So Will I; Be Still My Soul (In You I Rest)***
(Offering will be received during the second song)

Time of Prayer

Prayer Response: ***Have Thine Own Way***

Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 12:12-18, 26-27

Life of the Church

Celebration of Ministry: Global Outreach Update

Children's Sermon: ***Fiery Furnace***

*Greeting One Another
Children Grades PreK through 1st Grade are released for Children's Church.

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

Sermon: **The Church Scattered: Unity and Mission**
Pastor Randy Craker

*Closing Songs ***My Faith Has Found a Resting Place***

*Benediction

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*Please stand if able **Acolyte:** Ruth Jacoby **Scripture Reader**: Karl Sisson

Musicians:
Mike Cox, Josey Ikker, Bridget Walton, vocals;
Alison Young Reusser, guitar and vocals; Dianna Clem, flute;
Betsy Webb, keyboard; Steve Olsen, bass; Dan Zambrano, cajón

WELCOME TO HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (33:3). We worship today calling out to God, asking for Him to reveal the unsearchable richest of His grace. May God give us ears to hear.

NEXT SUNDAY Pastor Randy will be starting a series on prayer, focusing on the prayer Jesus taught his disciples to pray. The opening of Matthew 6 speaks about prayer as a background, and our specific focus will be on verses 9-15. We will be talking about some prayer initiatives for the church during our transition season.

ANDREW WALTON'S ORDINATION: Today at 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.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP: will meet on Wednesday, October 22, but then, starting on October 27, will move to Mondays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. for the winter. All meetings are in the church conference room.

MEN'S BREAKFAST AND MINI-RETREAT: October 25 is our next Men's Pancake Breakfast, a time of fellowship, food, and some thoughtful sharing about our walk with Christ. Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. is free & we'd love to have you join us! This month we will offer a mini-retreat at Bliss Summit Bible Camp, car-pooling from HWC and returning about 7:00 p.m. Cost: $10 suggested donation for Bliss Summit; please come even if you can't donate. Similar to the last retreat, we're going to take time to seek God's voice in silence, quiet conversation, and sharing our experiences together. We'll deliberately set aside our electronic devices to limit distractions during the retreat. Please bring your hardcopy Bible, journal, and/or whatever printed devotional material you may find useful during our time of shared silence. Bring appropriate clothing if you would like to walk the woodland trails during our time of shared silence. We will fast through lunch and enjoy a simple soup & fresh bread dinner together. Juice, coffee, and hot water will be available throughout the day. R.S.V.P. to office@hwchurch.org or call 585-567-2264 to attend.

HWC KIDS

- This week in Kids Connect, the story of Daniel interpreting the writing on the wall reveals how to follow God's words. BIG IDEA: God's words show us what to do. BIBLE: Daniel 5; 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5
  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: Preteen Hangout on Sunday, October 19 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for grades 5th and 6th.

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. To assist in making arrangements, please R.S.V.P. **Wazican.dd@gmail.com**.

MISSION MOMENT: Cedric & Sharlini Rodrigo – Global Partners
Over 30 people made a commitment to follow God's leading in their lives at Family Camp which is a great beginning for evangelism in their communities. Pray for those at camp who committed to giving and praying for missions. Praise for God's healing of Sharlini's back and neck at camp. Pray for the Spirit of the Lord to be present in the lives of those who made commitments at camp. Pray for the vision of reaching many parts of their country for the Lord.

STEWARDSHIP
Budget Needed: $337,879.62 **Monies Received:** $296,019.07

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving, including the Roth family; for all with health concerns: Daryl Stevenson (upcoming eye surgery), Jane Roeske (hospitalized), Harold Blew, Paul Roth, Nathan Danner, Kristen Massey, Mike Mathiason (Doug Mayhle's colleague), David Pullen, Jane Allen, Terry Ayers, James Bates, Scarlett Gildemeister, Bruce Hess, Linda Leax, 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 Revive Church, East Aurora, and Pastor Kevin Beers.