Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others

Randy Craker, *Interim Pastor*

David Huizenga, *Assistant Pastor*

Emily Spateholts, *Children's Ministry Director*

Amanda Cox, *Music and Worship Director*

Kat Tiedemann, *Interim Youth Director*

Judy Congdon, *Organist and Choir Director*

PRAYER REQUESTS MAY BE SUBMITTED BY PRAYER CARDS (PEW) OR QR CODE (BACK)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:30 A.M. MAY 3, 2026

Welcome

You are Good; Holy Forever; No Longer Slaves

Time of Prayer

- Josie's family grieving her Father's death this week.
- Corey & Kris Thede Haiti / Zambia are our missionaries of the week.
- This week we pray for the United Methodist Church in Nunda.

Life of the Church

Ministry Update: Pastoral Search

Scripture Reading: Genesis 12: 1-9

Greeting

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

Sermon: ***The Faith Journey! Walking with Abraham***
Pastor Randy Craker

Communion: ***Jesus Paid it All; Goodness of God*** – offering

Benediction

TODAY we will celebrate holy communion. We invite all worshipers to participate; Christ welcomes everyone who sincerely believes and seeks him. Come to the front, receive a piece of unleavened, gluten-free bread, dip it in the cup and eat. You may receive an individual cup from the other server, if you prefer. To be served at your seat, please inform the usher.

MINISTRY FAIR IN THE GYM TODAY. from noon until 12:45. Come and see all that is happening throughout our church and county as well as discover how you might find a place to engage. We will enjoy a time of fellowship, coffee, donuts, and perusal of our church's ministries.

MONTHLY PRAYER GATHERING TODAY at 5:00 p.m. We pray together in the sanctuary. You are welcome to come experience the joy of being together in the presence of the Living God.

ANNUAL MEETING: Next Sunday, May 10, 9:45-10:45 a.m. in the Community Room, we will gather for our Annual Congregational Meeting.

- Adult Discipleship classes will not meet.
- Children and teen classes will meet.
- Brief updates will be presented from Pastor Randy, Daryl Stevenson (Chair of the Elders), and Mike Spateholts (Facilities Stewards Chair).
- Paul Young (Stewardship Committee Chair) will explain the 2026-2027 Community Financial Plan.
- Further information about the impending candidacy on May 23-24 of our new pastoral leadership. This is an opportunity to get information and to ask questions related to the various areas of our church

ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHURCH LEADERS: The Nominating Committee has prepared a ballot for this year's election of church leaders. To ensure everyone has access to the information, sample ballots will be displayed in several areas throughout the church building. Voting for the election of leaders will take place in two ways: in-person voting will be held on Sunday, May 17, and online voting will be available throughout the week of May 10–17. Both methods provide members of the congregation with an opportunity to participate in the selection of our church leadership for the coming year.

The Faith Journey! Walking with Abraham

Genesis 12:1-9

1. _____ **a life of listening and obeying**

- ***Contrast Character:*** _____ *his father*
- ***A life question:*** *Half-way or Hebrew?*

2. _____ **a life of availability**

- ***Contrast Character:*** _____ *his nephew*
- ***A life question:*** *Available to God and engaged in the world?*

3. _____ **a life of building and worshipping**

- ***Contrast Character:*** _____ *his grandson*
- ***A life question:*** *A monument or an altar?*

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- Today, 5-6 p.m., Prayer in the Sanctuary
- Monday Prayer Group, 10-11 a.m., Conference Room
- Wednesday, Youth Prayer & Pancakes, 7 a.m.
- Next Sunday, Annual Meeting, 9:45 a.m.

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER AND PRAISE