Gatherings & Schedules

Rev. Bill & Rev. Kristen Allen

- Nominees to be our next pastors

Saturday, May 23rd with the Allens

- 4:00 Meet & Greet in the Community Room
- Bring a dessert to share
- 5:00 to 6:30 Question & Answer Time, Sanctuary
- 7:00 p.m. A replay of the Q & A on our website

Sunday, May 24th with the Allens

- 8:30 & 11:00 They will share a sermon together
- 9:45 They will tell about their spiritual journeys

Pastor Randy & Robbie Craker

Saturday, May 30

- 5:00 to 7:00 Farewell Potluck

Sunday, May 31

- **One service 10:00 a.m.**
- Discipleship Hour moved up to 8:45

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Prayer Requests may be submitted by Prayer Cards (pew) or QR code (back)

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 A.M. May 17, 2026

Welcome

Thrive

Sermon Part 1: "**Scrapbooks"**

Goodness of God; Good, Good Father

Life of the Church & Pastoral Transition Video & Children's Sermon

Sermon Part 2: "**Sack Lunches"**

Offering: ***By Our Love; Give Us Your Heart***
Children PreK through 1st Grade are released for Children's Church

Sermon Part 3: "**School Bully*"***

Death Was Arrested

Time of Prayer

- Family of Charlene Caron
- Global Missions: John & Sylvia Christenson, Wycliffe

Benediction

Music Ministry Team:

Joanna Bates, Josey Ikker, vocals;
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Jill Jordan, violin; Steve Olsen, bass; Simon Sardina, cajón

VOTE FOR CHURCH OFFICERS TAKES PLACE TODAY.
Members can vote one of two ways:

- ONLINE A ballot was emailed to all church members on Monday with a follow-up by text messaging link and needs to be completed by 12:30 p.m. today.
- IN PERSON You can vote today from 8:15 a.m. through 12:30 p.m. in the lower foyer of the sanctuary.
- Tellers will count the ballots, and the results will be posted on the Church Website, no later than Monday morning, May 18th.

GETTING TO KNOW THE ALLENS

- We will be showing short videos in services to help you know them better.
- On our website (www.hwchurch.org) you will find a letter of introduction and bios on each of them.
- A short video is there to explain how co-pastoring works.
- You are invited to go to the websites of their current congregations and hear sermons.

MEETING WITH THE ALLENS ON MAY 23RD & 24TH

See cover for details

SUNDAY VOTING MAY 24TH

- Houghton Wesleyan Church will hold a members' vote on extending a call to Revs. Bill and Kristen Allen as co-pastors.
- Before casting their vote, members are encouraged to attend in person or online, one of the morning services and hear the Allens preach.
- **In person voting:** Church members may vote between 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. in Room 105 (across from the library).
- **Absentee voting:** If you are unable to be at church that morning, you can vote remotely from 12:00–2:00 p.m. EDT by phone call or email, confidentially and exclusively, to Susie Roorbach, secretary of the Board of Elders. 716-374-4290 / susanna.roorbach@gmail.com
- Following the close of voting, a board of tellers will count the ballots and Elder Board chair Daryl Stevenson will inform the Allens of the result. If the vote exceeds 80% in favor, a call will be extended and the Allens have up to a week to respond.
- The congregation will be informed whenever we receive an answer.

Pastor Randy and Robbie Craker are anticipating returning to Idaho soon and May 31st is expected to be their final Sunday. We are planning a FAREWELL POTLUCK DINNER on Saturday, May 30, from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. There will be a basket for cards and an opportunity for you to pass on your heartfelt wishes publicly and privately. If you have been blessed by their ministry among us, please come eat with us. Bring a main dish and either a salad or a dessert.

"Scrapbooks, Sack Lunches, School Bully"

Scrapbooks

- Jesus is the image of the invisible God. (Colossians 1:15)
- If you have seen me, you have seen the Father. (John 14:9)

Get your God pictures right!

Sack Lunches

- Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many? (John 6:9)
- The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Our Children...Helping us see the people around us!

School Bully

- If anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The transformed life!

WEEK AT A GLANCE

- **May 17 members vote online or in person for church officers by 12:30**
- **Sunday Youth Car Wash 2:00-5:00 p.m. in the church parking lot**
- **May 17, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Preteen Hangout: "MOVING UP" DAY!** Current 4th graders are invited to join the current 5th graders for preteen hangout; 6th graders will move up to youth group tonight!
- **May 17, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Houghton University Chamber Choir in the sanctuary**
- **Monday Prayer Group, 11:00 a.m., Conference Room**
- **Wednesday Youth *Prayer & Pancakes*, 7:00 a.m.**
- **Friday, *The Valleys,* Valley Preschool Spring Program, 10:00 a.m.**

SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER AND PRAISE