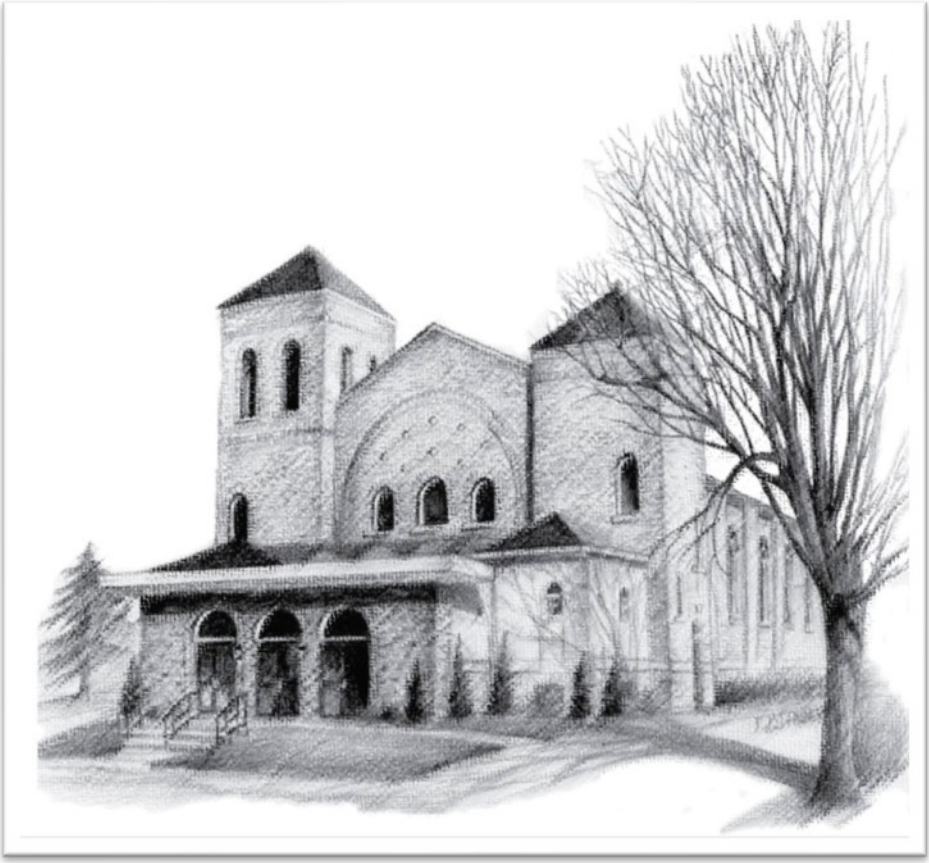
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others



Welcome to the Houghton Wesleyan Church.
On this Pentecost Sunday, we gather with gratitude for the gift of the Holy Spirit, who fills Christ's people with power, peace, and unity. As we worship through song, Scripture, prayer, and proclamation, may God renew our hearts and kindle in us a deeper love for Christ and for one another.

We are pleased to welcome to our worship service Pastor Bill Allen and Pastor Kristen Allen.

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

11:00AM MAY 24, 2026

Prelude: *He Has Surely Borne Our Sorrows* ……..Mosie Lister
Jesus, Lover of My Soul ……...Charles Wesley
Katrina Kaufman-VonBuren, organ

*Call to Worship
Breathe upon us, Holy Spirit,
and inspire our thoughts and actions.
Stir in our hearts, Holy Spirit,
and fill us with energy to spread joy in the world.
Strengthen us, Holy Spirit,
and move us to bring hope to those in despair.
Breathe in us, Holy Spirit,
and make us agents of your redemptive power in our world, that all may know your mercy and your love.

*Hymn 335 ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***

Life of the Church

Children's Sermon: *Holy Spirit*

*Songs of Adoration: ***Light of the World; Holy Spirit (You are Welcome)***
(Offering will be received during the first song)

Prayer of Confession & Time of Prayer
Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our personal and shared sin. Though Christ is our peace, we remain divided, clinging to the values of a broken world. Lord, have mercy on us. The fears and jealousies we harbor set neighbor against neighbor, nation against nation, and disciple against disciple. Lord, have mercy on us. On this Pentecost Sunday, renew us through your unifying Spirit. Kindle in us a shared zeal for your redemptive work, and quiet our fears by your presence. Heal us through the promise of your Holy Spirit and set us free to be agents of your boundless love. Amen.

Prayer Response: ***Spirit of the Living God***

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-21 Paul Rowley
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 336 ***Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

Sermon: **Church on Fire**
Pastor. Kristen Allen and Pastor Bill Allen

*Song ***King of Kings***

*Benediction

*Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in G* ……Martha Sobaje

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*Please stand if able

Music Ministry Team:
Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; David Clem, viola;
Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals; Steve Olsen, bass; Dan Zambrano, cajón

VOTE TODAY between 9:30 am and 12:30 pm, in **Room 105 (across from our library),** church members may vote in person on whether to invite ("extend a call to") the Allens to be our co-pastors. If you cannot be present, you may register your vote between 12:30 and 2:00 p.m.by *confidentially* and *exclusively* phoning in or emailing board secretary Susie Roorbach: Phone:716-374-4290 / Email: susanna.roorbach@gmail.com

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we are gathering for **one worship service at 10:00 a.m.** for Pastor Randy and Robbie's last Sunday among us. We will be serving communion and Pastor Randy will preach from Hebrews 12:1-3. **Next Sunday the Discipleship Hour is at the unusual time of 8:45 a.m.**

FAREWELL POTLUCK on **Saturday, May 30**, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m., join Pastor Randy and Robbie for a **FAREWELL POTLUCK** dinner for the whole church. There will be a basket for your heartfelt cards. Please bring a main dish and *either* a salad or a dessert.

HWC KIDS

• This week in Kids Connect, kids learned the true story of how Paul and Silas were joyful in prison. BIG IDEA: True story—The Holy Spirit gives us power. BIBLE: Acts 2:1–12, 16:16–40

• May Memory Verse: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes." — Romans 1:16a (NIV)

HWC YOUTH:

- Youth group 6pm-8pm tonight
- Final Pancakes and Prayer, 7am Wednesday
- Gymnight at HU 5:30-11pm Friday May 29th
- Final youth group will be May 31st

Summer Services Schedule

1. **June 14** final Sunday of Discipleship Classes and two services
2. **June 21-August 23** one service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with the following exceptions…
3. **July 12, August 9, and September 13** (the second Sunday of each month) we will meet outside. The July and August services will be at 10:00 (weather permitting). The September service will be at 8:30.
4. **August 9** will be the "Pig Feast" following the outdoor service.
5. **August 30 and September 6** we will return to two services at 8:30 and 11:00.
6. **September 6** we start Discipleship Hour again at 9:45.
7. **September 13** early service will be outside at 8:30 with indoor Discipleship Hour and 11:00 service to follow.

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SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER AND PRAISE