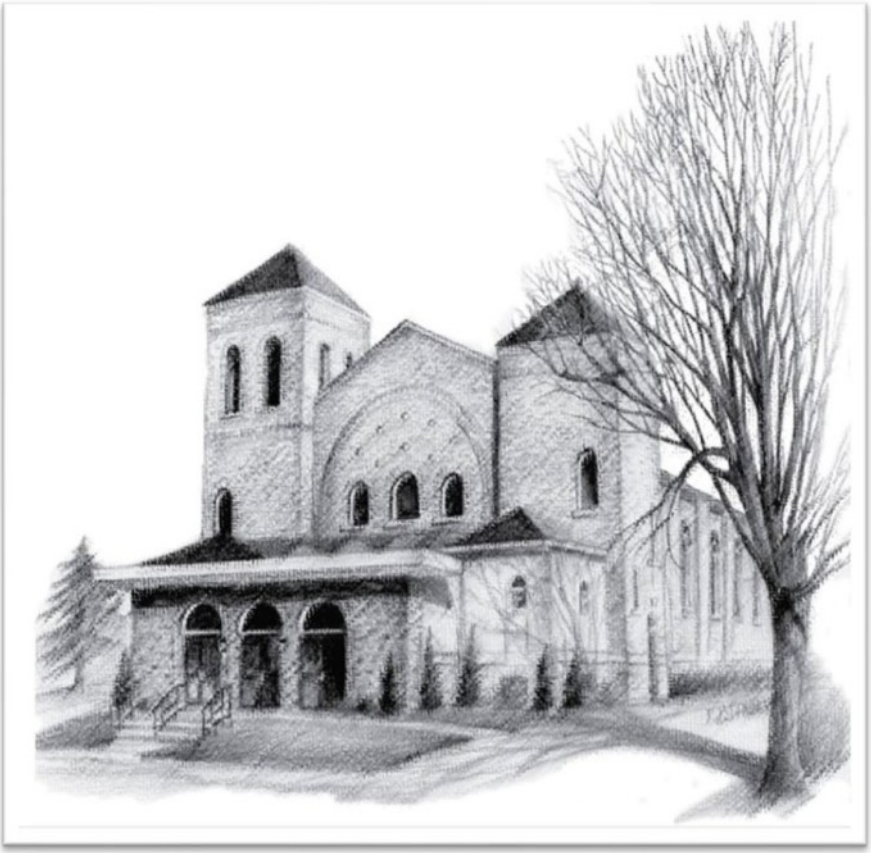
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others



WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.

Whether you worship regularly with us, are a visitor here to today, or are joining us by streaming from your home or elsewhere, we warmly embrace your presence. We gather to worship as a means of acknowledging God's greatness and to ask for His grace to be at work in our lives. May the assurance of God's presence fill your heart and soul.

Today we welcome back to our pulpit Rev. Dr. Mike Jordan, Houghton University theology professor and Board of Elders member. He will lead us in our holy communion observance of God's work of grace in our lives.

Prayer Requests may be submitted by Prayer Cards (pew) or QR Code (back page).

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am July 5, 2026

Prelude: *Partita on ST. FLAVIAN* .....Healey Willan

*Call to Worship

The work of the Creator is visible.
Let us respond with praise.
The example of Jesus is apparent.
Let us respond with obedience.
The wind of the Spirit is blowing
Let us respond with joy.
The word of God is calling.
Let us worship in spirit and in truth. Alleluia!

*Hymn: ***Christ is Alive!*** (lyrics on screen)

Life of the Church

*Songs of Adoration: ***Salt and Light; A Thousand Hallelujahs***
Offering will be received during the first song.

Prayer of Confession & Time of Prayer

Merciful God, together we confess our sins against You in what we have done and in what we have left undone. We have not fully trusted Your mercy and forgiveness; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves as You direct; in short, we have not embraced You as God of all! In Your mercy, forgive our unbelief and renew and refresh us. Shape and guide what and who we are becoming, so that we delight in Your will and walk in Your ways, to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Prayer Response: ***No Longer Slaves***

Scripture Reading: Romans 6:1-11 Kat Tiedemann

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

Greeting One Another

Children are released for Children's Church.

Doxology

Sermon: **The Cause of Freedom**
Dr. Mike Jordan

Communion ***We Know that Christ is Raised*** (lyrics on screen)
Behold the Lamb
Death Was Arrested

*Benediction

*Postlude: *Trumpet Tune* .....Charles Callahan

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*Please stand if able

Music Ministry Team:
Evie Cox, Luke Ogden, vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Christopher Moeller, guitar;
Dianna Clem, flute; Dan Zambrano, cajón

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.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we will welcome Dr. Paul Young as our guest speaker. Dr. Young is retired as psychology professor at Houghton University and is a long-time member of our congregation. Notably, we will gather for worship at 10:00 a.m. for our first summer outdoor worship service.

SUMMER SERVICES SCHEDULE today through August 23 one service at 10 a.m. in the sanctuary with the following exceptions...

· 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.
· August 2 we welcome Pastors Bill and Kristen Allen, our new co-pastors.
· August 9 will be the "Pig Feast" following the outdoor service.
· August 30 and September 6 we will return to two services at 8:30 and 11:00.
· September 6 we start Discipleship Hour again at 9:45.
· September 13 early service will be outside at 8:30 with indoor Discipleship Hour and 11:00 service to follow.

KIDS CLUB July Lessons: "We Are Family" is a 4-week series where kids explore Abraham's family and how to navigate life's ups and downs. Through these stories, children learn to believe God's promises, pray for and serve their given or chosen families, trust in God's provision, and know they are always welcome in His family.

This week, kids hear how God called Abram to move away from home to Canaan with his family. BIG IDEA: We can believe God's promises. BIBLE: Genesis 12:1–5, 13:1–18; Psalm 145:8–14

July Memory Verse: "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love." — Ephesians 5:1–2a (NIV)

REFRESH RETREAT & FAMILY CAMP July 19-24 **refreshathoughton.com**

SUMMER BOOK CLUB: *The Listening Life* will meet Wednesday from 7:00-8:00 pm on the north lawn of the church. We will discuss Chapter 4, "Listening to Scripture". Bring a lawn chair, and feel free to come to as few or as many weeks as your schedule allows.

HUIZENGA FAREWELL BRUNCH & CARD SHOWER Pastor David and Heidi Huizenga are departing for new ministries after July 31. **On July 26**, their final Sunday, interim Pastor Randy Craker will return to deliver the sermon at the 10:00 service. A farewell brunch will be held at **9:00 a.m.** in the Community Room to honor David's four years of service as Assistant Pastor. Join us for coffee, donuts, pastries, and fruit. Please bring a card.

PRAYER CONCERNS

for the grieving families and friends of Terry Ayers, Becky Samuels, Karen Gaerte and all others who are mourning the loss of a loved one;
for all with current and long-term health concerns;
Church for prayer focus: North Park Wesleyan Church in Cuba, NY.

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