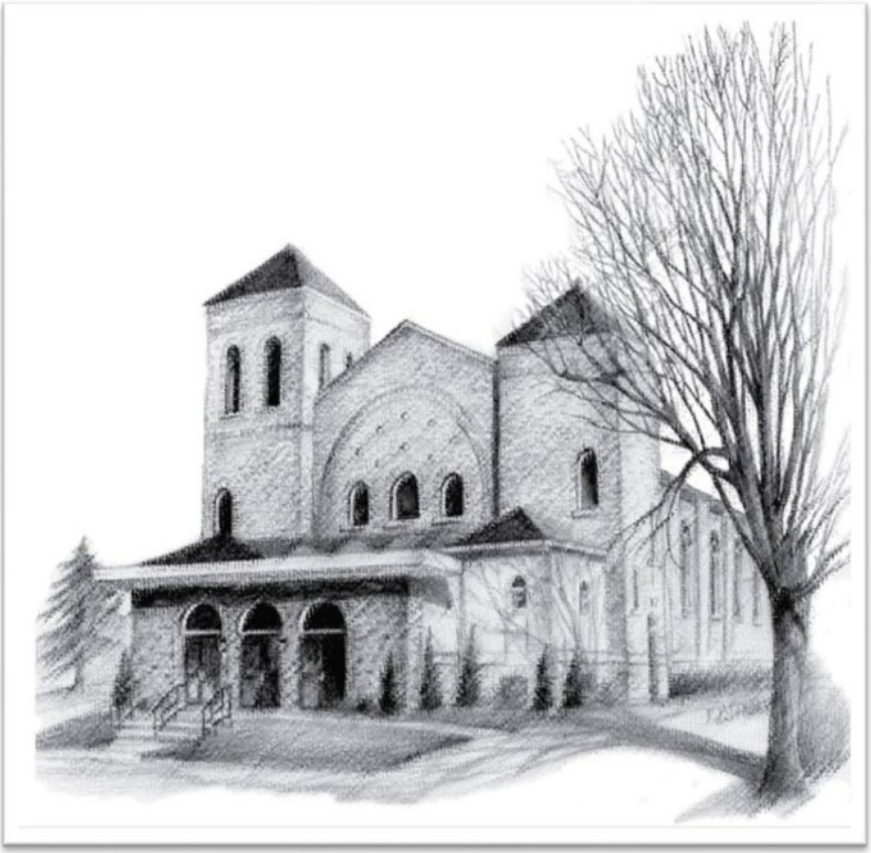
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others



WELCOME TO HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH!

This morning Pastor Randy, our interim pastor this last year, reminds us to "Get Ready!" There is a river to cross and a God to follow. There are stones to collect and stories to remember. HWC can "journey together" into a God-directed future filled with purpose and adventure.

Next Sunday Pastors Bill and Kristen Allen join us for the first Sunday of August. We will share communion.

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

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

10:00am July 26, 2026

Prelude: *In His Care* (Gloria Huizenga)

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 33)
Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous;
it is fitting for the upright to praise him.
Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.
Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.
For the word of the Lord is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.
The Lord loves righteousness and justice;
the earth is full of his unfailing love.
We wait in hope for the Lord; he is our help and our shield.
In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.
May your unfailing love be with us, Lord, even as we put our hope in you.

*Hymn 69: ***Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah***

Life of the Church

Celebration of Ministry

*Songs of Adoration: ***It Really is Amazing Grace; Psalm 23 (Surely Goodness)***
Offering will be received during the first song.

Prayer of Confession & Time of Prayer

Prayer Response: ***'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus***

Scripture Reading: Joshua 1:1-11 (Christian Roorbach)
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: **Get Ready!**
Pastor Randy Craker

*Hymn 449: ***Like a River Glorious***

*Benediction

*Postlude: *Holy and Mighty* (Gloria Huizenga)

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*Please stand if you are able

Music Ministry Team:
Josey Ikker, vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals;
Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals;
Dianna Clem, flute; Dan Zambrano, cajón

HWC KIDS:

- This week in Children's Church, kids hear how Jacob and Esau always made moves to win against each other. BIG IDEA: We're all welcome in God's family. BIBLE: Genesis 25:19-34, 27:1-33; Romans 8:31-39.
- July Memory Verse: "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love." — Ephesians 5:1–2a (NIV)
- See the insert to register children ages 3-12 for Vacation Bible School August 3-6 from 6 to 8 pm. All the fun will happen at Fillmore Wesleyan Church and is a collaboration between Fillmore and Houghton Wesleyan Churches. If you have questions, please call or email Rachel Phillips (Fillmore Wesleyan Church) phillips5151@gmail.com or Pastor Emily (Houghton Wesleyan Church) emilyspateholts@hwchurch.org / 585-567-2264 .

SUMMER BOOK CLUB: *The Listening Life* will meet tomorrow (Wednesday) from 7:00-8:00 pm on the north lawn of the church. Bring a lawn chair and join us in discussing Chapter 6, "Listening to People in Pain".

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF

Carmen Liddick who went to be with the Lord on July 23. Visitation is at Kopler-Williams Funeral Home on Saturday, August 1 from 7-9 p.m. The funeral service will be held August 2 at 3:00 p.m. with a light meal taking place in the Community Room after the service. Burial will be Monday morning, August 3, at 10:00 a.m. at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery.

Tom Machamer went to be with the Lord on Tuesday Morning. A Celebration of Life is planned for October 17 followed by a gathering of family and friends in the Community Room.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

- **Sunday Mornings**: Please email Becky Hutton if you are interested in joining the rotation of people signed up to pray during our worship services .
- **Monday Mornings**: A group meets for prayer at 10:00am in the conference room (Room 105) each Monday. All are welcome.

This week we pray for **Crossroads Church of the Nazarene** in Arcade.

COMING IN AUGUST

August 9, 10 a.m. Outdoor service followed by Pig Roast and Picnic
August 23, 4 p.m. Ice Cream Social on the North Lawn
August 26, Musical Memories Café, 4:00 p.m.
August 30 we return to two services, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m.

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