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

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

10:00AM AUGUST 16, 2026

Prelude: Processional "With Glad, Exuberant Carolings" J. Congdon
Prelude Op. 9, No. IV Herman Schroeder

*Call to Worship
Not by our might, nor by our power, but by the Spirit of the Lord.
We gather today to praise the One who makes a way where there is no way.
Let us worship our God who equips us for every good work.
Praise be to God, who works in us and through us
and gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!

*Hymn 2: ***O Worship the King***

Life of the Church

Children's Sermon: **God is Good**

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

Prayer of Confession & Time of Prayer
Forgive us, O God, when we limit you –
when we remake you in our image,
when we claim our causes as your own,
when we box you in, and explain you away,
and in our attempts at understanding,
whittle away all mystery.
Forgive us, and change us:
awaken us to your blinding glory.
Fill us with a holy courage.
Shower us with grace so that we will be made new,
recreated in your image,
grateful for all that we cannot know.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.
Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good' (alt.).
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Prayer Response: ***All in All***

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:30-44 NIV
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 524: ***Break Thou the Bread of Life***

Greeting One Another
Children are released for Children's Church.

Doxology

Sermon: **Unreasonable Demands**
Pastor Bill Allen

*Song: ***Abide***

*Benediction

Organ Postlude: Paean (Hymn of Praise) Robert Lau

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*Please stand if you are able

Music Ministry Team:
Addie Boon, Bridget Walton, Mike Cox, vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Caleb Hilsher, guitar; Steve Olsen, bass;
Jill Jordan, violin; Dan Zambrano, cajón

Congratulations to the Reusser family on the birth
of Mabel Pearl Reusser on 8/4/2026
to parents Alison Young Reusser and George Reusser and
big siblings Izzy, Agnes, Paul, Fred, and Henry! Welcome, Mabel!

HWC KIDS:

- This week in Children's Church, kids learn about how God shows us what is good in a message to the prophet Micah. BIG IDEA: God is good all the time. BIBLE: Micah 6:1–8; Hebrews 12:1–3
- August Memory Verse: "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart." — Ecclesiastes 3:11a (NIV)
- Preteen Hangout: Tonight from 6-8pm; incoming 5th and 6th graders can join us for Wacky Water 2.0 - come prepared to get WET with your own "big kid" water games and slip-n-slide!

SUMMER BOOK CLUB: Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. on the north lawn. We will discuss the book's final chapter: ***The Society of Reverse Listening*.**

August 23 join us indoors for our final Summer Sunday with one 10:00 a.m. service. In the afternoon at 4:00 p.m. is the ICE CREAM SOCIAL. We welcome our student athletes. Please come!

GET-TO-KNOW-YOU-GATHERINGS - We are setting up a series of small gatherings of 10-12 people to help Pastors Kristen & Bill get to know us, beginning in early September. If you would be willing to host a gathering in your home, at church, or on campus, please contact the church office. Once we have a list of options, we hope everyone will sign up to attend a gathering.

Mt. Pleasant Cemetery service for BECKY SAMUELS August 29, 1:00 p.m.

PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES:

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

To Submit a Prayer Request
Prayer for the family of Jeff Babbitt at the death of his Father and all who have recently lost a loved one
We are praying this week for the Caneadea Methodist Church.

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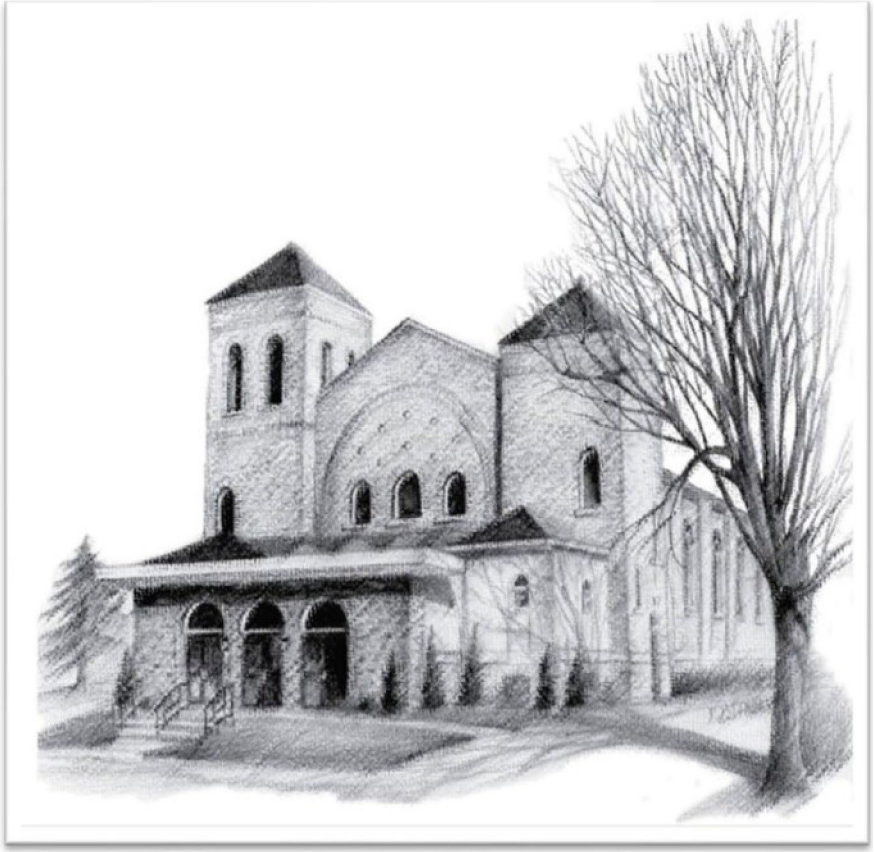
wholeheartedly
serving others



Welcome to Houghton Wesleyan Church.

This week we consider how God might be calling us to crack open our carefully-constructed boundaries that define what we think is possible. As we gather to worship, let us take some time to praise God with these words from Ephesians *"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.* (3:20-21 NIV).