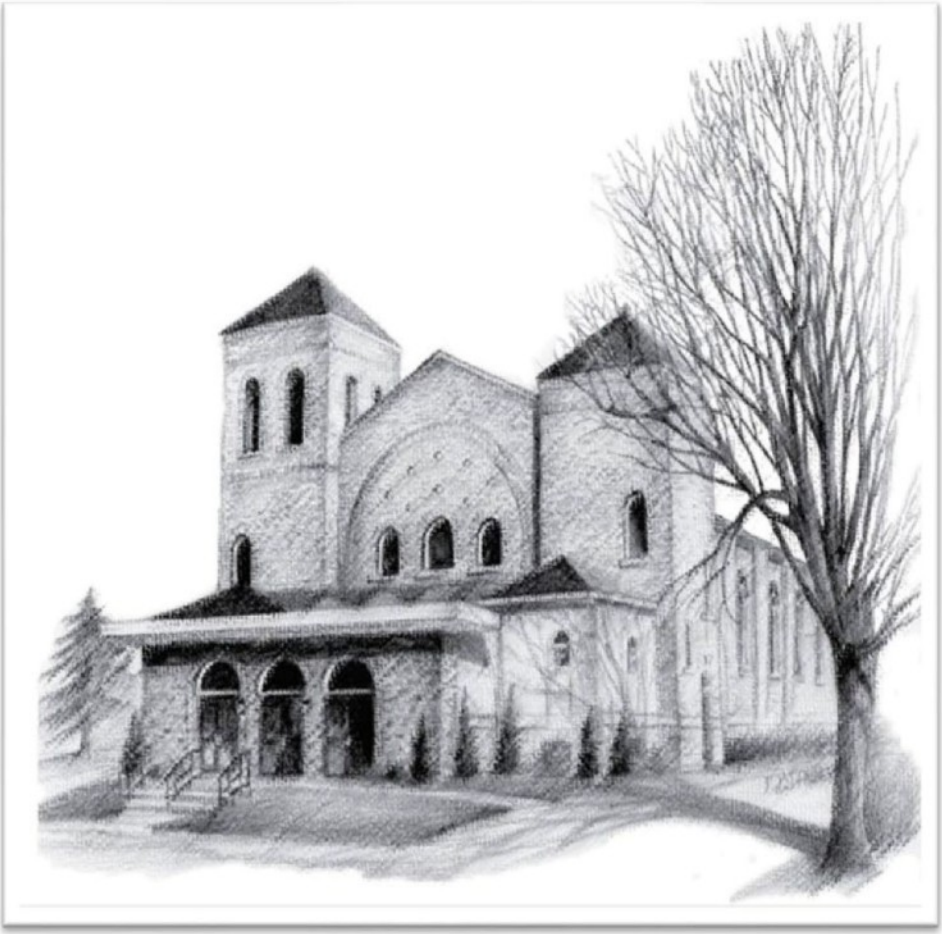
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others



Welcome to Houghton Wesleyan Church!
Today we continue in week 2 of our 6-week series *Empowered*, exploring the movement of the Holy Spirit among the followers of Jesus in the Book of Acts. We invite you to take a few moments as you settle into worship to pray this ancient prayer: "*Come, Holy Spirit, Creator, come from your bright heavenly throne! Come, take possession of our souls, and make them all your own.*"

Prayer Requests May Be Submitted by Prayer Card (pew) or QR Code (back)

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
8:30AM SEPTEMBER 20, 2026

Welcome & Call to Worship (from Hebrews 10)

Thrive; Let Us Consider; Living Hope
Offering will be received during the third song.

Time of Prayer

Prayer Response: ***Kyrie Eleison***

Life of the Church: HWC Care Team

Children's Sermon: *Attention Grab*

Scripture Reading: **Acts 2:42-47** NIV

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

Doxology

Sermon: **EMPOWERED: Link Up**
Pastor Kristen Allen

Oh How Good it Is

Benediction

Music Ministry Team:
Josey Ikker, Kristen Sanasith, vocals; Christopher Moeller, guitar;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals;
David Clem, viola; Steve Olsen, bass; Dan Zambrano, cajón
Worship Leader: Pastor Emily Spateholts
Scripture Reader: Ethan Scally

KIDS MIN THIS WEEK

This week in **Kids Connect**, kids see how God protected the Israelites during the ten plagues and the Passover. THE BIG IDEA: God helps when we're in trouble. THE BIBLE: Exodus 7:14-10:29, 12:21-30; Philippians 1:25-28

September Memory Verse: Psalm 121:2 - My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of Heaven and Earth.

Preteen Hangout: Kids in 5th and 6th grade, come during youth group time on today from 6-8pm, for your own time of fun with friends and God!

SATURDAY-MEN'S PANCAKE BREAKFAST, 8 a.m. (Community Room).

PRAYER SHEETS with current updates are available in the foyer.

Today we pray for Crosstown Alliance Church - Wellsville & Arcade.

URGENT OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We have several ministry areas in the life of our church that are urgently in need of new volunteers. Would you pray over these opportunities? Contact anyone on the pastoral staff if you are interested in serving or would simply like more information.

- **Coffee Ministry** - set up coffee in the foyer on the 3rd Sunday of each month.
- **11 AM Children's Church -** lead this small group of children for about 25 minutes one time each month
- **Communion -** Set up the bread & juice for worship on the 1st Sunday of each month
- **Treasurer -** Work with the bookkeeping for the church

WEBSITE: https://hwchurch.org/
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PRAYER & PRAISE

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