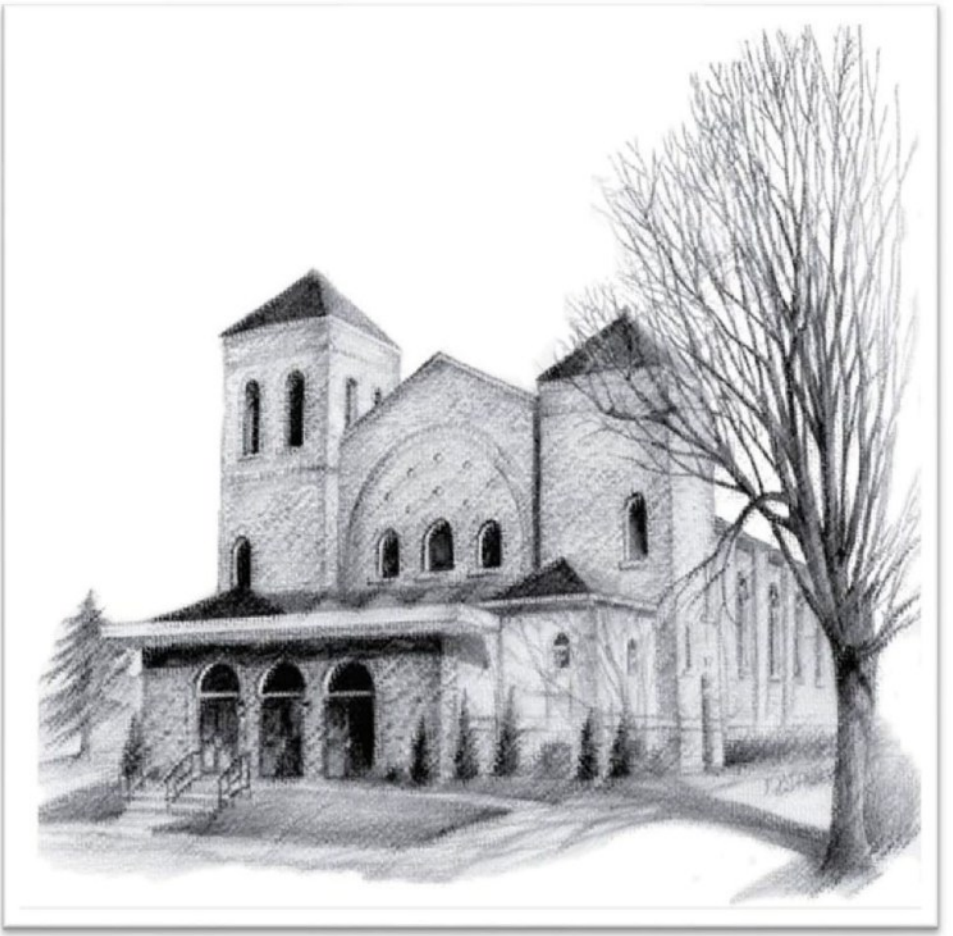
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others



Welcome to Houghton Wesleyan Church!
This morning we consider the idea of calling, as we continue our sermon series called **Empowered,** tracing the activity of the Holy Spirit among the followers of Jesus in the book of Acts. As you settle in to worship, we invite you to meditate on these words from Paul the apostle: "As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received" (Ephesians 4:1).

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00AM OCTOBER 11, 2026

Prelude: Prelude in F major — Adolph Hesse
Andante (Sonata #1) — Josef Rheinberger

Anthem: *Sanctus* .....Charles Gounod
Luke Ogden, tenor soloist; Dianna Clem, flute; Benjamin Van Tine, organ

*Call to Worship (from Ephesians 4)

Brothers and sisters, let us live a life worthy
of the calling we have received.

May we be completely humble and gentle,
patient, bearing with one another in love.

Let us make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit
through the bond of peace.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as we were called to one hope when we were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all!

*Hymn: ***Love Divine, All Loves Excelling***.....Hyfrydol

Life of the Church

Celebration of Ministry: Our Global Missionaries – Matt Webb

Greeting One Another

Doxology

Children's Sermon: *Protection*

*Songs of Adoration: ***Build My Life; Holy Forever***

Offering and Pew Prayer Cards will be received during the first song.

Prayer of Confession & Time of Prayer

Holy God, hear our prayer: For the mending of our hearts, torn apart by our unkindness; for the healing of our souls, wasting away from the despair around us; for the forgiveness we seek for the sin we have allowed to persist; for the reconciliation of the world, whose division condemns us. We pray for the courage to admit our fault, the strength to amend our actions, and the hope that your grace awaits us. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

(By Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'. Used with permission.)

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:19-26, 13:1-3 NIV
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Song ***Speak, O Lord***

Sermon: **EMPOWERED: *Step Up***
Pastor Bill Allen

*Hymn ***Take My Life*** .....Hendon

*Benediction

*Postlude: *Trumpet Tune in E-flat major*.....David Johnson

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*Please stand if you are able

Music Ministry Team:
Josey Ikker, Bridget Walton, Mike Jordan, vocals;
Sharon Johnson, piano & vocals; Christopher Moeller, guitar;
David Clem, viola; Dan Zambrano, cajón
Worship Leader: Pastor Jon Cole
Scripture Reader: Mike Burgett

HWC KIDS

- This week in Kids Connect, kids find out more about loving God by taking a closer look at the third and fourth commandments.
  THE BIG IDEA: We obey God by worshiping God.
  THE BIBLE: Exodus 20:7-11; 32:1-14; Philippians 4:8-9
- October Memory Verse: "He answered, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and love your neighbor as yourself.'" - Luke 10:27
- Looking ahead: Kids Club on the 17th and Preteen Hangout on the 18th

YOUTH Storm the Heights – TODAY - 3:33-5:55pm!
● Meet at the Field of Dreams for outdoor games followed by our famous chili dinner.
● Wear clothes and closed-toed shoes that can get dirty; dress for the weather. Sign a permission slip!
● **Parents: We need chili and desserts.** Contact Pastor Jon if you can help.

Need a place for your littles to wiggle? Visit our family room below the sanctuary and find rocking chairs, books, toys, changing table, and more. Don't want to miss the service? We stream it to the family room!!

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $313,141.68 Monies Received: $283,417.23

MISSIONARY MOMENT: Cedric and Sharlini Rodrigo – Sri Lanka
Pray for restored health and healing from kidney failure for Sharlini; for strength to travel and do the work that the Lord is setting up for them. Praise God for the youth camp that led many young people to make fresh commitments to serve the Lord. Please pray for finances to be able to accomplish the Lord's work in all that they do.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! **HWC's Prayer Vigil is back!** We will be having a week of 24-hour prayer from Sunday, November 15 to Sunday, November 22. Stay tuned for more details!

TODAY we pray for Black Creek Baptist Church.

You can submit prayer requests by scanning the QR code, or by placing a prayer card in the offering plate.

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