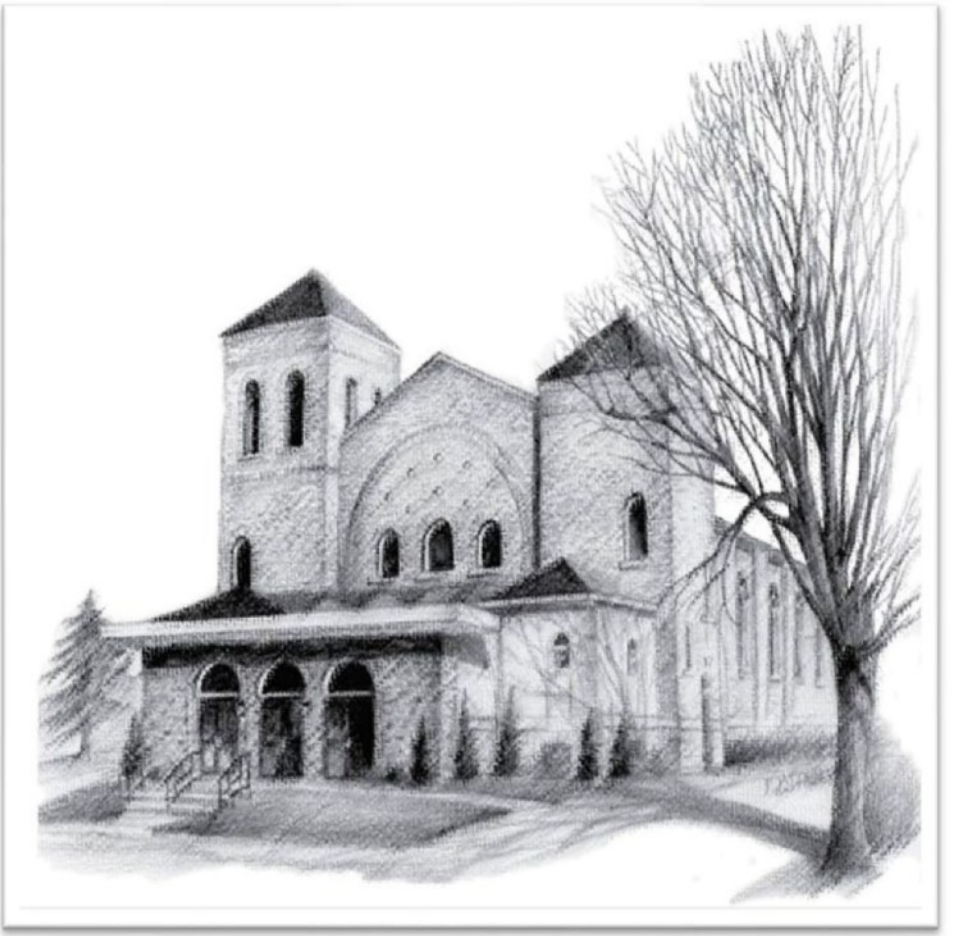
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others



Welcome to Houghton Wesleyan Church!
In this final week of our *Empowered* series, we consider the story that God is writing for each of us. We invite you to begin this time of worship by meditating on these words from Psalm 139: "You have searched me, Lord, and you know me."

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am October 18, 2026

Prelude: from *Messe des Couvents* — Francois Couperin
Sanctus: Plein jeu — Recit de Cornet
Elevation: Tierce en Taille — Agnus Dei: Plein jeu

*Call to Worship (Psalm 150)

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary;
praise him in his mighty heavens.
Praise him for his acts of power;
praise him for his surpassing greatness.
Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise him with the harp and lyre,
Praise him with timbrel and dancing,
praise him with the strings and pipe,
Praise him with the clash of cymbals,
praise him with resounding cymbals.
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
Praise the Lord!

*Hymn 42 ***To God be the Glory***

Life of the Church

Ministry Moment: ***Hephzibah***

Greeting One Another

Doxology

Children's Sermon: *Love your Family*

*Songs of Adoration: ***I Thank God; Christus Victor***
Offering will be received during the first song.

Prayer of Confession & Time of Prayer

Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen. (from Psalm 139)

Prayer Response: ***Blessed Assurance***

Scripture Reading: Acts 26:1-18 NLT
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 45 ***I Love to Tell the Story***

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

*Song ***My Story***

*Benediction

*Postlude: from *Messe des Couvents* Francois Couperin
Dialogue sur les grands jeux
Deo Gratias

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*Please stand if you are able

Music Ministry Team:
Evie Cox, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Betsy Webb, keyboard & vocals;
Zoey Clem, trumpet; Steve Olsen, bass; Simon Sardina, cajón
Worship Leader: Rev. Dr. Bill Allen
Scripture Reader: Beth Stevick

TODAY: TOM MACHAMER'S Graveside Committal at Mt. Pleasant Cemetery at 3:00 p.m. (led by Rev. Paul Shea), then 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room join a Fellowship of Thanksgiving for God's Goodness and Tom's Life (Light Refreshments). Open mic for memories and reflections.

TODAY YOUTH GROUP MEETS <u>AT THE ACADEMY</u>: 6-8pm *Masks 1: The Chameleon-We belong to God, who loves and knows us.*

KIDS MIN
- THIS WEEK IN KIDS CONNECT, kids find out more about loving others by taking a closer look at commandments five, six, and seven. THE BIG IDEA: We obey God by loving our families. THE BIBLE: Exodus 20:12-14; Matthew 5:21-24; I Thessalonians 1:2-7
- PRETEEN HANGOUT: Today from 6:00-8:00pm for grades 5 & 6.

SATURDAY: Men's (free) Pancake Breakfast, 8 a.m. in the Community Room

NEXT SUNDAY Grace Deitrich-Johnson will be preaching in the morning services. She & Cody will be sharing at Kaleidoscope (9:45) about ministry with Global Partners. Grace will be ordained at Orchard Park Wesleyan at 6:00 p.m.

MISSION MOMENT: Alan & Cheri Shea – SIM/ELWA; pray for flights and for equipment delivery; staff training to be able to learn how to maintain the equipment. Pray for health and strength as Alan travels a lot and Cheri is home with the kids, and for Cheri's mom Karen who has nerve pain from shingles.

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Needed: $330,538.44 / Budget Received: $300,261.54

PRAYER today we pray for Wellsville Full Gospel 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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