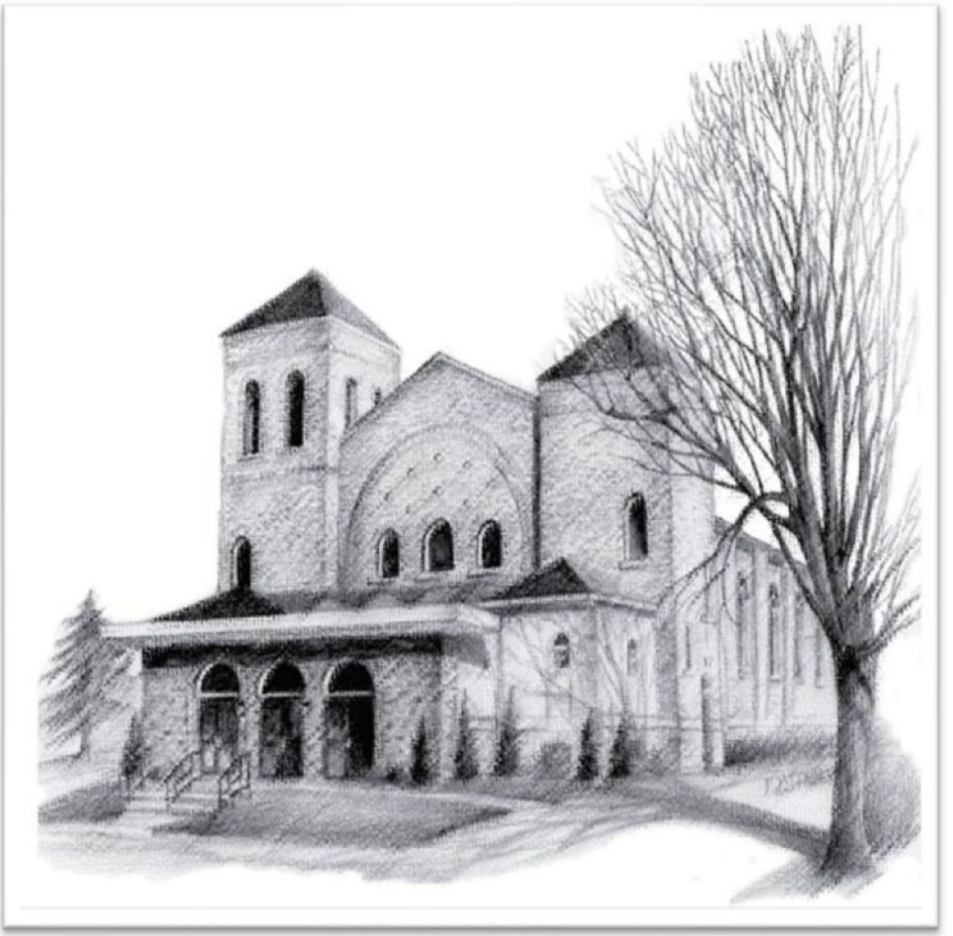
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

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
8:30AM October 18, 2026

Welcome

I Thank God; Trust in God; Christus Victor
Offering will be received during the third song.

Time of Prayer

Prayer Response: ***Blessed Assurance***

Life of the Church

Ministry Moment: *Hephzibah*

Children's Sermon: *Love your Family*

Scripture Reading: Acts 26:1-18 NLT

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

Doxology

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

My Story

Benediction

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: Heather Templeton

KALEIDOSCOPE

Sunday Discipleship Hour: Community Room 9:45-10:45 a.m.

October 18— Garrett Luckey & Herb Williams

- *Everything You Wish You Knew About Funerals from a Funeral Director*

October 25—Grace Deitrich-Johnson & Cody Johnson

- *Sharing about their ministry with Global Partners*

November 1—Sharlini Rodrigo

- *HWC Missionary in Sri Lanka will give us an update on the work there*

November 8—Josie & Doyin Adenuga

- *Tributes to Our Dad*

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!

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 AT THE ACADEMY: 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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