Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly
serving others

10/27/26

Dear HWC Friends,

This weekend many Christians will pause to remember and celebrate those who have come before us in the faith. November 1st is All Saints Day, set aside to thank God for the many people – known and unknown – who walked the path of following Jesus before us.

One of the great blessings of living in a community like Houghton is that connections to those who marked out the path of faith before us remain strong. Names, faces, stories, and the legacy of faithfulness are all around us, not lost in the mists of time like in many communities that are more mobile. When we share stories of the people – with their flaws and all – who helped us come to follow Jesus, we bring glory to God, and we help others know how to navigate the complicated call of discipleship.

Who helped you know, love, and follow Jesus? Whose way of walking the path of faith helped you find your footing? Take a moment to thank God for them this week. And if they are still on this side of eternity, you might even write them a note and let them know what they've meant to you.

Charles Wesley wrote one of our favorite hymns for All Saints Day, called *Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above*. May these words inspire your discipleship this week!

Come, let us join our friends above
who have obtained the prize,
and on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise.
Let saints on earth unite to sing
with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King
in earth and heaven are one.

Ten thousand to their endless home
this solemn moment fly,
and we are to the margin come,
and we expect to die.
E'en now by faith we join our hands
with those that went before,
and greet the blood-besprinkled bands
on the eternal shore.

Our spirits too shall quickly join,
like theirs with glory crowned,
and shout to see our Captain's sign,
to hear this trumpet sound.
O that we now might grasp our Guide!
O that the word were given!
Come, Lord of Hosts, the waves divide,
and land us all in heaven.

Gratefully,
Pastors Kristen & Bill

Daylight Saving Time will end on Nov. 1 at 2 a.m. local time.
At that time, the clocks will fall back an hour, to 1 a.m. local time.

KIDS MIN

- **"Breaking News!"** New November lessons on the Prophets. This week, kids hear breaking news from the prophet Micah. THE BIG IDEA: When things go wrong, I can choose what's right.
  THE BIBLE: Micah 3:5-12; (I Thessalonians 2:9-13)
- **November Memory Verse**: I Corinthians 16:13 - Be on your Guard; Stand Firm in the Faith; Be courageous; Be strong.
- **Harvest Bash at Fillmore Wesleyan Church on Saturday at 6pm!** Join in the fall fun with games, food, prizes, and more. If you'd like to volunteer for the fun, join us for set-up on Friday from 6-8pm or to help run games on Saturday. Cider and candy donations are appreciated as well!

YOUTH

PRAYER BREAKFAST, Wednesday at 7 am in the Community Room

WOMEN'S FALL GATHERING: Join us November 7 at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Room for a morning of music, food, fun, fellowship, and inspiration, featuring Pastor Kristen. See you then!

HWC'S PRAYER VIGIL IS BACK! Our goal is to fill the prayer room 24/7 for that whole week.

- In addition, to have **a parallel sign-up for people who want to pray in their own homes.**
- Something new this year will be a service of **All-Night Worship & Prayer, 6 PM on Sunday 11/15 through 8 AM on Monday 11/16 in our sanctuary.** There will be music, scripture, and prayer throughout the night; come for a few minutes or a few hours. If you are interested in providing some music, please contact us (kristenallen@hwchurch.org or billallen@hwchurch.org, or call the church office)

CHURCH FINANCES Here are the giving totals for the fiscal year (June 2026 – May 2027)

- Budget Needed: $365,331.96 / Budget Received: $326,700.05

Thank you for your generosity that enables us to serve one another and others.

- If you have questions, concerns or needs, do not hesitate to contact us (585-567-2264) or pattystalker@hwchurch.org.

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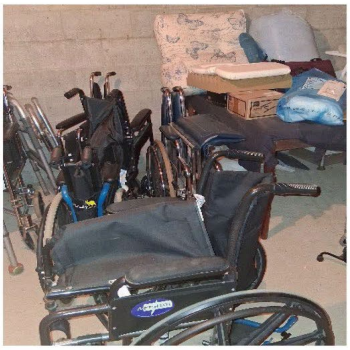
Just a Reminder: The church has a collection of items if you need bed rails, crutches, commodes. raised toilet seat, wheel chairs and various padding/cushions, walkers, walker bag, cane, shower chairs, tub chairs, grab bar, free-standing tray table for bed or wheelchair