

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS
10:00 MORNING WORSHIP
JANUARY 3, 2010

Prelude: *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star*.....Pachelbel

*Call to Worship

Let Your goodness, Lord, appear to us, that we, made in Your image, may conform ourselves to it.

In our own strength we cannot imitate Your majesty, power, and wonder; nor is it fit for us to try.

But Your mercy reaches from the heavens, through the clouds, to the earth below.

You have come to us as a small child, but You have brought us the greatest of gifts, the gift of eternal life. Alleluia!

*Hymn 540 *Another Year is Dawning*

Life of the Church

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31: 1-14 (page 782)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Hymn 567 *Gloria Patri*

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen."*

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*.....Carlson

Pastoral Prayer / **The Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

*Please feel free to stand or kneel at the altar rail as an indication
of a need for which you are praying in your own life or in someone else's.*

Our Response to Prayer: *I Love You, Lord
My Jesus, I Love Thee*

New Testament Reading: 2 Corinthians 4: 1-18 (page 1144)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Song of Preparation: *Knowing You*

Sermon: **Treasures in Jars of Clay**
Pastor Todd Leach

*Hymn 301 *O To Be Like Thee! Blessed Redeemer*

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *O God Our Help in Ages Past*.....Gordon Young

*Please stand if able
Organist: Eileen DeBoer
Pianist: Eileen Swanson

Worship Leader: Pastor Wesley Oden
Acolyte: Lydia Christensen

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the church foyer for ages 3-12.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH - during the 10:00 a.m. worship service, children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the offertory for Children's Church, which meets in rooms 116 & 117 on the first floor of the Christian Education Building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. We gather today to worship the sovereign God of all the earth—to proclaim him Lord over all. We glorify the Lord today by declaring our praise of him through music, prayer, Scripture and the spoken word. On this first Sunday of the new year, we come ready to see a new vision of God, to hear a new word from God and to open our hearts to greater service because of what we see in Him through Jesus Christ.

NO ACTIVITIES TONIGHT.

NO WEDNESDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK. We will resume our regular schedule on Wednesday, January 13, at 6:30 p.m.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR meets after school on Thursday, January 7.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20 and 11:00. Pastor Wes will be preaching about the cleansing power of Jesus' baptism for our sins.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING AT 6:00 we share in the John Wesley Covenant Service of dedication for a new year.

PRAYER ROOM: the prayer room is available every day, 7:00am – 9:00pm (holidays excluded). You may reserve the prayer room by contacting the church office or online (www.hwchurch.org). Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation. Pastor Wes is posting new blogs on Mondays and Thursdays on the prayer website (www.hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com) and sending out daily tweets on twitter (www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden).

LIFETOUCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES HAVE ARRIVED. If you were photographed for the directory, you may pick up your free copy at the church office during office hours.

NEWS FOR INVESTORS	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 8,350	\$ 388,837
Budget Needed	\$ 13,612	\$ 394,748
Difference +/-	— \$ 5,262	— \$ 19,523

The Christmas Eve offering of \$5,685.74 will be divided among the Houghton Food Pantry, Wellspring, and the LaGonave, Haiti, hospital renovation project. Many thanks for your generosity.

Girls' AWANA Club Ministry Opportunities for 2nd semester. We have openings for five volunteers on Wednesday evening with our Girls' AWANA ministry which is for girls grades Kindergarten through 6th grade. If you are interested in learning more about these ministry opportunities please contact Kerri Lord, Heather Hannan, or Cindy Oden.

YOUTH NEWS

HSM January 10 @ Pastor Jon's: *The Screwtape Letters*

PRAYER BREAKFAST January 12 @ 7 AM

MSM KICK-OFF January 13, 6:30-8 PM

YOUTH MINISTRY STAFF & TEACHERS FELLOWSHIP, January 16, 9-11 AM in the Community Room; refreshments served and childcare provided

UPCOMING EVENT: Winter Retreat January 29-31; Early bird Deadline Jan. 6!

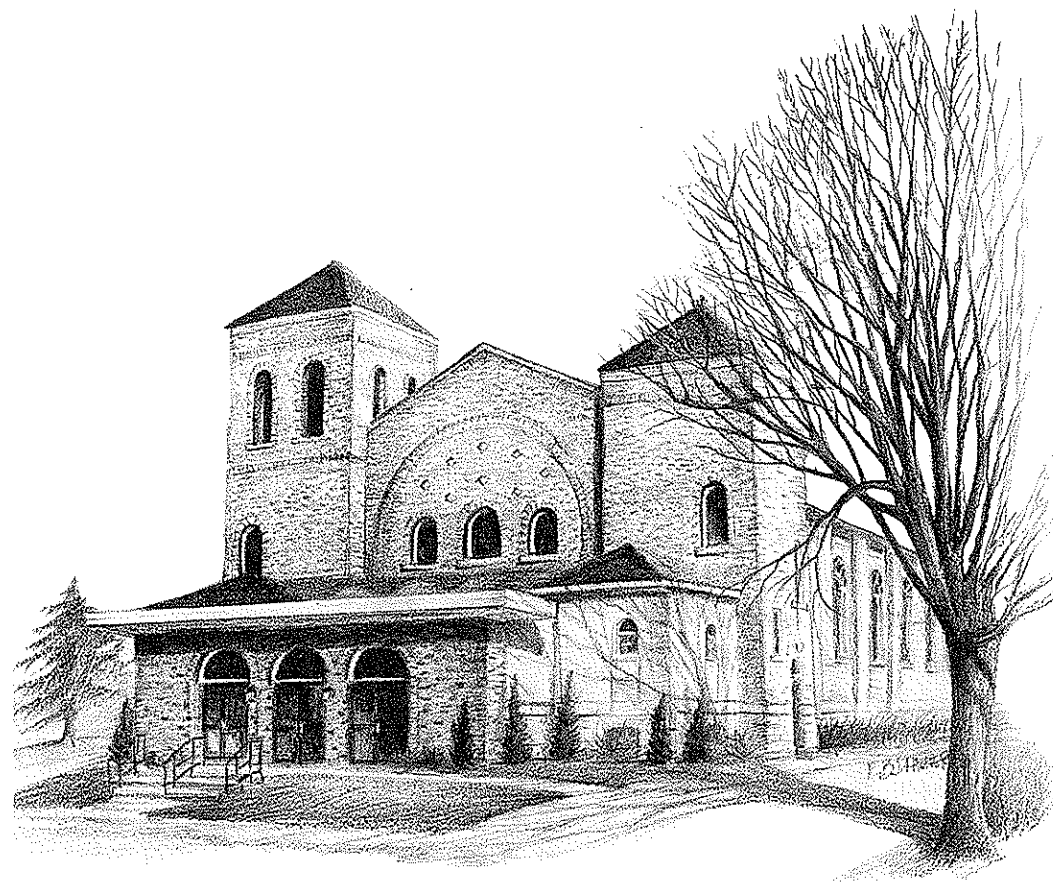
OUR FAMILY IN MINISTRY: Anthony and Nancy Petrillo – SIM TEC

The TEN3 tertiary curriculum team has recently received an offer from Dr. Emmanuel Emenyonu, a Nigerian who is currently Chairman and Professor of Accounting at Southern Connecticut State University, to draft an accounting major for the TEN3 program. Please continue to pray for the Petrillos as they develop this visionary project.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for families who have experienced a recent death; for people with health concerns: Steve Castor, Valerie Mills Daly, Crystal Blake, Don Scholla (Sheri Reynolds's Father), Brianna Austin, Ella Woolsey, Bonnie MacBeth, Meredith Kellogg, Al Smith, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, John McCormick (Vicki King's Father), Sharrel McNeill (Rob McNeill's mother), John Johnson (Sharon Johnson's father), and Louis Case (Jon Case's father); for the Haiti and Eleuthera Mission Teams; for people facing the effects of natural disasters, famine and war, and that God would continue to challenge us to be people of prayer.



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*
TODD LEACH, *Assistant Pastor*
JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*
CINDY ODEN, *Discipleship Pastor*
AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*
LAURIE SMALLEY, *Volunteer Pastor for Outreach*