

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP  
MARCH 7, 2010

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Prelude: *Amazing Grace!* .....Swann

\*Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who reconciles us to Himself through Christ.

*We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!*

Let us worship God as Christ's ambassadors.

*Through us and through our worship  
may we announce the good news to all.*

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

*Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 393 *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

Passing the Peace

God's peace be with you.

*And also with you.*

Life of the Church

Prayer of Confession and Pardon

We are running so fast, O Lord, and we find it difficult to know how to slow down. We keep our calendars filled. Cell phones are our constant companion. We check our voice mail and our e-mail incessantly; we text relentlessly. We are busy and yet not satisfied.

We are moving faster, but we never catch up. The stress of life is eating us up.

Father, speak to us once again your message of peace: of walking beside still waters, of refreshing our souls, of lying down in meadows of green. Speak to us again of your care for the birds of the air and children at play. Calm our anxious hearts and spinning minds that tell us if we are not doing, then there is no being.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of the Holy Spirit, forgive us: restore our balance, release us from the drive to have it all and to do it all, and make our rest holy in surrender to you. Amen.

Anthem: *Love One Another* .....Causey  
Mark Hijleh, guest conductor

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 133:1-3 (page 615)

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: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* .....Bach

\*New Testament Reading: John 15:1-17 (page 1068)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 155 *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

Sermon: **Rejecting an iPod Faith**

Pastor Wesley Oden

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 the life of another.*

The Lord's Supper

\*Hymn 476 *I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, That takest away the sin of the World;*

*Have Mercy Upon Us* .....Bach

\*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Pastor Jon Cole

Acolyte: JonDavid Nichols

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

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Children ages 2-5 go directly to Children's Church prior to the service. Children's Church meets in room 116 on the first floor of the Christian Education building.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** Lent is a season for reflection about what Christ has done for us on the cross and for pondering how His sacrifice bears on our behavior. This week we are contemplating what it means to lovingly pray for our church, for those who worship and learn with us in this place. Will you open your heart to whatever way God prompts you to loving prayer for our brothers and sisters in Christ?

**IF YOU ARE A GUEST HERE TODAY,** we welcome you. We are glad that you are here. Please fill out a guest card located in the pew rack in front of you and drop it in the offering plate when it is passed.

**TONIGHT** small groups continue meeting in community homes and at the church (6:00 p.m.).

**WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30** ministries are available for all ages. The prayer group meets in the sanctuary. AWANA Puggles & Cubbies, Girls' and Boys' AWANA Clubs meet.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING**, the Fourth Sunday in Lent, is a time to consider Jesus' command to love our neighbor. Gathering for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00, we will ponder our neighbor and the burden of God for them (Luke 10:25-37). **CHILDREN'S CHURCH** will begin at the start of each service. The children will come back to worship service after the sermon for a children's story. **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME** begins so please turn your clocks ahead one hour.

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING SMALL GROUPS** continue meeting.

**MEETINGS THIS WEEK:** Nominating Committee, Monday, 3:15PM  
Trustees, Monday, 6:30PM  
Finance Committee, Wednesday, Noon  
Discipleship Committee, Wednesday, 8:00 PM (Rm 105)

**PREMARITAL SEMINAR MARCH 13, 8:30—4:30** in the Community Room; cost is \$30/couple and includes a continental breakfast and catered lunch. Reservations to Pastor Todd(567-2264) by Wednesday, March 10 to attend.

**SHORT TERM MISSION APPLICATIONS** for Financial Assistance are available in the folder outside the church office. Please return before Monday, March 29.

#### YOUTH NEWS

Sun HSM – 6:00 PM at Allyson Murphy's house  
Tues Prayer Breakfast - 7:00am Community Room  
Wed MSM – 6:30-8:00 PM

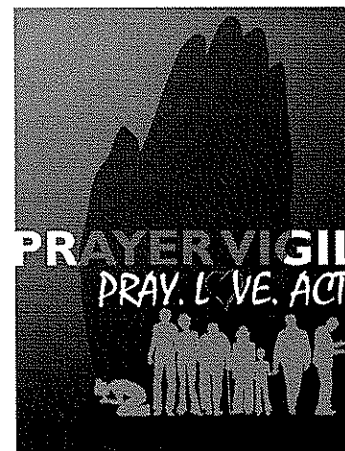
**UPCOMING: MARCH 26 SPRING FLING** All night long (\$35)

**EASTER BAPTISM:** If you are interested in being baptized at the 7:45 a.m. Resurrection Service on Easter morning, April 4, please contact Pastor Wes.

| NEWS FOR INVESTORS | Last Week | Fiscal Year |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Offerings Received | \$ 12,568 | \$ 505,389  |
| Budget Needed      | \$ 13,612 | \$ 530,868  |
| Difference +/-     | —\$ 1,044 | —\$ 25,479  |

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for those among us who have experienced a recent death; for people with health concerns: Birdie Pomeroy (Rich Reynolds's mother), Vangie Grant, Clarence Wagonblott (Audra Beardsley's father), Jenna Koppen, Steve Castor, Crystal Blake, Bonnie MacBeth, Meredith Kellogg, Al Smith, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, John Johnson (Sharon Johnson's father), and Louis Case (Jon Case's father); for the people of Haiti and others facing the effects of natural disasters, famine and war, and for the prayer vigil through which God would challenge us to be people of prayer.

## Pray. Love. Act. 40 Days of Loving Prayer February 17 – April 4



We are entering our third week of 24-hours-a-day prayer, asking God to help us lovingly pray for ourselves and for others. You may reserve an hour in the prayer room today in the sanctuary upper foyer or the Christian Education Building foyer, go online anytime ([hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com](http://hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com)) or contact the church office (567-2264). You may also follow Pastor Wes on *Twitter* ([www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden](http://www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden)) and respond to his weekly blogs and leave prayer concerns and praises on the prayer website ([www.hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com](http://www.hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com)).

Each week of prayer vigil we are encouraging you to focus your prayers and love on different persons.

February 17-27: Loving Prayer for Ourselves  
February 28 – March 6: Loving Prayer for Our Family  
March 7-13: Loving Prayer for Our Church  
March 14-20: Loving Prayer for Our Neighbor  
March 21-27: Loving Prayer for the Global Church  
March 28 – April 4: Loving Prayer for the World in Need

*Please note that a few elements of the prayer room are changing with each week's theme.*

Tomorrow is Day 23 in the daily devotional, *40 Days of Loving Prayer*. Copies are available in the sanctuary and Christian Education building foyers and on the prayer website ([hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com](http://hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com)).

**Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry:** We are organizing a team of people who will give one worship service a month to pray for our worship and the needs of our congregation. This ministry of intercession is an opportunity for you to serve others in the church through your loving prayers. We plan to initiate this ministry next Sunday, February 21 in conjunction with our prayer vigil. If you would like to be part of the Sunday Morning Prayer team, please contact Doug or Judi Mayhle (567-8241 or [dmayhle@hotmail.com](mailto:dmayhle@hotmail.com)) or contact the church office.

# EARTHQUAKE

# Houghton Wesleyan Church HAITI RELIEF

## TRIP

April 5 – 12, 2010

Hundreds of thousands of lives were devastated by the earthquake in Haiti and relief efforts are ongoing. In the first week of April, our church will be sending a team to participate in this massive relief effort. The team members are: Pastor Jon Cole, Dr. Dave Brubaker, Tom Sampson, Jon Sampson, Bryan Mastin, Dean Dover and Don Haingray. World Hope International has set up ten relief sites in and around Port-au-Prince. This team will have a (primarily) medical relief focus and will spend seven days at one of the WHI sites.



# RELIEF

As preparations go forward for this trip, the team would greatly appreciate your prayers for safety, for strength and health, for the Haitian people, and for the trip finances.

Each team member will need to raise approximately \$1600.00. If you would like to contribute toward the expenses of this trip, please make checks payable to World Hope International and send them to Pastor Jon via the church office. Information on how to donate online should be available by next week.

### Please Pray With Us!

Each team member is looking for at least 10 individuals who will commit to praying for them as they go. If you would be willing to fill this vital role, please let that person know. Thank you for your prayers!

One Mission Society is coming  
to Houghton to share what  
God is doing around the world.

Discover your one calling.

One Mission Society invites you for dessert and fellowship hosted by Houghton Wesleyan Church, featuring:

- David Long, President
- Randy Spacht, Executive Director of International Ministries
- John and Tricia Fraser, Missionaries to Hungary

Date: March 16, 2010, at 7:00 p.m.

Location: Fellowship Center, Houghton Wesleyan Church  
9712 Route 19, Houghton, NY

Please RSVP by March 11, 2010, to Bruce Hess at 585.567.8382 or  
bruce@omaoms@frontiernet.net.

By God's grace, One Mission Society unites, inspires and equips Christians to make disciples of Jesus Christ, multiplying dynamic communities of believers around the world.

