



## Though We Die, Yet Shall We Live!

*When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. Then he placed his right hand on me and said: "Do not be afraid. I am the First and the Last. I am the Living One; I was dead, and now look, I am alive for ever and ever!*

*And I hold the keys of death and Hades. (Revelation 1:17-18, TNIV)*

Winston Churchill's funeral was held January 30, 1965. Silent crowds lined the streets to watch the gun carriage bearing Sir Winston's coffin leave Westminster Hall as Big Ben struck 9:45. The procession traveled slowly through central London to St Paul's cathedral for the funeral service. A total of 321,360 people filed past the casket during the three days of lying-in-state.

The funeral cortege was accompanied by a 19-gun salute and an RAF fly-past as it began the journey to Sir Winston's final resting place. At Tower Hill, the coffin was piped aboard the launch Havengore for the voyage up the Thames.

Churchill, who had planned his funeral in advance, included many of the great hymns of the church and used the eloquent Anglican liturgy. At his direction, a bugler, positioned high in the dome of Saint Paul's, intoned after the benediction the sound of "Taps," the universal signal that says the day is over. But then came the most dramatic turn: as Churchill instructed, as soon as *Taps* was finished, another bugler, placed on the other side of the great dome, played the notes of *Reveille*: "It's time to get up. It's time to get up. It's time to get up in the morning." That was Churchill's testimony that at the end of history, the last note will not be "Taps," it will be "Reveille."

As the apostle John sets the stage for the written version of the incredible revelation he receives from Jesus Christ, he describes seeing Jesus and being so overwhelmed by the brilliance of Jesus' face that he collapses at Jesus' feet as though he were dead. But Jesus touches John and encourages him not to be afraid. What is the rationale for Jesus' encouragement? No matter what things look like, I'm still in control; even though I died, I am fully alive; despite the threat of death and the grave, I have overcome those frightening elements of life.

As the Easter celebration nears, we are reminded that despite the problems and struggles of this world, despite the pain that comes to us, despite the despair that we feel about the world and the direction it is headed, because of the resurrection we have hope and a reason to rejoice. Because of Easter, we know that what we see is not the end: in Christ there is always more. Because of Easter, life conquers death, love conquers hate, joy conquers sorrow.

Are you living in the light of Easter?

Because He Wins,

*Pastor Wes*

### EASTER BAPTISM:

If you are interested in being baptized at the Resurrection Service (7:45), please contact the church office by Friday, April 3.

### OUR ANNUAL MEETING

is *Wednesday, May 27, 6:30 p.m.* in the Church Sanctuary. This meeting will include an approval of the 2009-2010 budget, election of Elders, Trustees, Nominating Committee and Delegates to District Conference as well as reports from the pastoral staff, the Trustees, and the Elders.

### Sundays in April

**April 5** (8:20 am / 9:40 am / 11:00 am)  
a.m. *What Do You Think that Jesus Can Do with What You Have?*  
(Mark 8:1-13)  
p.m. Small Groups

**April 12:** Easter  
**7:45 a.m.** Resurrection Service (Church)  
**8:30 a.m.** Easter Fellowship Breakfast (Campus Dining Hall)  
**10:00 a.m.** Easter Worship Service (Church)  
NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

**April 19** (8:20 am / 9:40 am / 11:00 am / 6 p.m.)  
a.m. *The Power of the Resurrection, I*  
p.m. Hymn Festival

**April 26** (8:20 am / 9:40 am / 11:00 am)  
a.m. *The Power of the Resurrection, II*  
p.m. Small Groups

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR

*“We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Thessalonians 1:2-3).*

April is Volunteer Appreciation month, so once again we want to let you know in no uncertain terms: **WE APPRECIATE YOU!** We hope each and every one of you who serves as a volunteer at Houghton Wesleyan knows how grateful we are for you and for your contributions to the ministry of the church. None of our ministries would be possible without the sacrificial time, effort, and gifts you give to the Lord and His Kingdom.

I want to thank ALL of our volunteers, but I want to highlight for you two specific groups: those who help coordinate College Ministries and those who help coordinate Small Groups. If you see any of these volunteers, be sure to thank them for giving to the Lord.

### COLLEGE MINISTRY

***Koinonia*** – Kaylan Reynolds, Jesse Fink, Shane Marcus, Ryan Johnson, Dave Allen, Caitlin Cleland, Andrew Vogan, Sean Bennett, Nate Majewski, Ruth Kenote, Andy Keller, Chris Way, Matt Geeze, Emily DelGiorno, Jordan Green, and Mike Varriale

***LOGOS Bible Studies*** – *Student Leaders:* Adele Cameron, Jessica Lord, Lydia Thornblade, and Dan Rechlin. *Hosts:* Doug and Judi Mayhle, Bruce and Donna Hess, Bill and Jane Roeske, and Jim and Karen Szymanski.

***Nursing Home Ministry*** – Christine Finnegan, John Paul Ockrin, and Jennifer Huyett

***TOTAL RECALL Sermon Discussion Groups*** – Kevin and Cindy Austin

***College Ministries Committee*** – Ian Galloway, Jane Roeske, Sheri Reynolds, Bruce Breneman, Beth Beardsley, Ndunge Kiiti, Dan Brubaker, Sonja Mindrebo, Jessica Lord

### SMALL GROUP MINISTRY

***Leaders*** – Warren Woolsey, Calvin and Paulette Schierer, Steve Castor, Doug Mayhle, Dan Wartinger, Steve Pocock, Terry Paige, Carlos Gildemeister, and Diane Emmons. ***Hosts*** – Paul and Margaret Johnson, Philip and Sue Brooks, Doug and Judi Mayhle, Mike and Audra Beardsley, Nathan and Casda Danner, Phil and Donnie Stockin, and Carlos and TJ Gildemeister.

Thanks to each of you – and to ALL our volunteers – for your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ!

Gratefully His and Yours,

*Pastor Todd*

## HOLY WEEK EVENTS

- **Palm Sunday, April 5:** Children are invited to process into the worship service carrying Palm branches.
- **Wednesday, April 8:** Regular activities (Children and Adults)
- **Maundy Thursday Service, April 9, 7:00 p.m.** This is a moving and powerful time to remember Jesus' last night on earth. We will share the sacrament of the Lord's Supper and follow the ancient practices of "Stripping the Church" and "Tenebrae."
- **Community Good Friday Service, April 10, 12:00 -1:00 p.m. Houghton Wesleyan Church.** Pastors from area churches will join our pastors in this solemn remembrance of our Lord's death.
- **Easter Day, April 12**
  - 7:45 a.m. Resurrection Service (Celebration of Baptism)
  - 8:30 a.m. Catered Breakfast (Campus Dining Hall) (Donations accepted)
  - 10:00 a.m. Worship Service
  - NO EVENING ACTIVITIES

# YOUTH NEWS

Check out the Youth Webpage for permission slips and info at <http://www.hwchurch.org/Youth.htm>

**Youth Group** – All students 6:30 – 8:00pm

April 1st – “The Passion of the Christ”

Mel Gibson... showing in youth group April 1st.

6:30 – 9:00pm

**Permission slip is mandatory for this event!**

Parents and other adults are welcome and encouraged to join us.

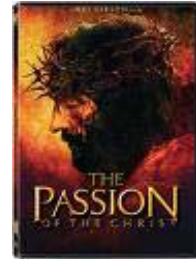
*This movie is rated “R” for sequences of graphic violence*

9<sup>th</sup> – Maundy Thursday Service on **Thursday evening at 7pm**

15<sup>th</sup> - 30 Hr. – Part I

22<sup>nd</sup> - 30 Hr. – Part II

29<sup>th</sup> - 30 Hr. – Part III



**Prayer Breakfast:** Tuesday Mornings: April 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>. 7:00 AM in the community room.

Youth Committee Meeting - **Monday**, April 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:00pm in the Youth room

## EVENTS

### SPRING FLING!

- Permission slip required
- Costs \$35 dollars
- Meet at the Campus center at 6:15... pick up at the campus center at 6:45ish

### 30 hour famine April – 24-25<sup>th</sup>

Begin your fast after your noon meal on Friday; then get together with us at 7:00pm at the church for a weekend of hunger and helping!

Help raise money to eradicate hunger!

Service projects with: Hope Refugee Services of Buffalo; Houghton Wesleyan Church food Pantry.

Permission slip required! Get permission slip and info packet at youth group!



**THE FLOWER COMMITTEE WELCOMES EASTER PLANTS** to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. If you would like to honor a loved one, please give the information to Patty Stalker in the church office by Monday, April 6, and please leave your plant at the church office by Good Friday, April 10. The flower committee will be purchasing a number of Easter plants and individuals may reserve on of those for \$10.00.

### *The Flower Committee is looking for more members!*

If you are interested in helping with this important ministry, please contact Bruce Brenneman. We are trying to revamp the schedule so that you are responsible for one Sunday a month rather than the entire month, but we need more members to make this happen. Bruce's home number is 567-2577.

### Wednesday Evening Ministries in April

AWANA Puggles & Cubbies, Girls' AWANA Club, and Boys' AWANA Club meet on Wednesday, April 1, 8, 22, and 29. These ministries will NOT meet on Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, due to Fillmore's spring recess. The final evening of club this year is Wednesday, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.



## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

### **Volunteer Appreciation Week - April 19-26th**

“The debt we owe them is as great as the sum of the ages.”

Volunteers touch all of our lives. They work from love; the love of sharing God’s Word and love with others. We want them to know how much we appreciate them and what they do for God and His kingdom.

We invite you to stop by the bulletin board just across from the church nursery on the 1st floor of the Christian Education building where you may take a heart-shaped piece of paper and write them a note of thanks and appreciation. You may leave the note there so it may be posted on the bulletin board or you may give the note to the volunteer. We just want to take time during this week to let our volunteers know

how deeply we appreciate all that they do and let them know we are praying for them. Thank you!

“Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” 1 Thessalonians 5:11



On Palm Sunday, April 5, children are invited to be a part of a processional at the 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00 services. Each child will carry a palm branch to wave during the procession into the sanctuary at the beginning of each of these worship services. Children may participate in one or all three of the services. Children are to meet in room # 5 beneath the sanctuary, 10 minutes prior to the beginning of each of the services. Thank you.

## **W.K.F.M. Corner**

We meet again promptly at **9:40** on **April 19** to visit a little country in Africa that is not "down by the sea" but fairly close to the big Indian Ocean-**Swaziland**.

Offerings will go to:

1. the many orphans there who have been affected by the HIV/AIDS epidemic
2. encourage church planters

Remember that we are to give 10% of our money as a tithe to God. If you have \$1.00 you should give 10 cents. Giving is what Jesus teaches us to do. Maybe having a special jar or envelope for your tithe would be helpful to remind you.

See you soon!

Your W.K.F.M. Teachers

# HOUGHTON AREA SENIOR CITIZENS

April 9, 12:15 p.m. Monthly Luncheon Meeting

1:00 p.m. Program: *Westward Trip: Featuring Yellowstone*

**Traveling with Bob and Roselyn Danner**

**Food Guide for Potluck Dinners - Please bring your table service and the dish designated**

*by the initial of your last name:*

**A-F, Salad**

**G-O, Dessert**

**P-Z, Casserole**

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## H2S Game Night: April 16

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### THE LIBRARY CORNER



*Are you Emergent?* It's a difficult question to answer since, as one critic has said that "defining the emerging church was like trying to nail Jell-O to the wall". There are varying opinions about this movement. Our church library has acquired a book that presents one side of the issue. The book is called *Why We're Not Emergent*, and the authors are Kevin DeYoung and Ted Kluck.

While we are still in the Lenten season, a new book of devotions for the whole family called *The Lenten Tree* may be helpful. The book contains illustrations that can be used to create a Lenten tree in your home. (See the one displayed at the library.) The library also has many other books on Lent and Easter.

A number of VHS tapes and DVDs for children have been donated. Below is a list of some: (Others may follow next month.) *Awesome Heroes in the Bible*, *Awesome Kids in the Bible*, *The Legend of the Candy Cane*, *Abe and the Amazing Promise—Veggie Tales*, *Tugger Jeep 4 x 4 That Wanted to Fly*, *Firehouse Dog*, *King Red's Roar into Action—Kids' Club*, *Weather Watcher's Episode—Cyber Chase*, *A Little Help from a Friend*, and *Dig into History with California Jones—California Rangers*.



NURSERY NEWS

### Ministry Opportunity

The Nursery is in need of someone to make up the bi-yearly schedule of volunteers. This involves taking all of the volunteer sign-up sheets and putting them into a master schedule once in April and once in September. Each schedule requires about four to six hours of time. If you love puzzles, you will enjoy doing this job. If interested, call Jan Schilke at 567-4889.

**SHORT TERM MISSION APPLICATIONS (RETURN TO THE OFFICE BY MARCH 27) FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE AND ONLINE AT [WWW.HWCHURCH.ORG/SHORTTERMMISSIONAPP2009.PDF](http://WWW.HWCHURCH.ORG/SHORTTERMMISSIONAPP2009.PDF)**

# SUMMER INTENSIVES

The Graduate Theological Studies program at Houghton College is offering to all pastors and lay persons an occasion to build a stronger relationship with Christ. This comes to you by way of the 2009 SUMMER INTENSIVES scheduled in June on Houghton Campus. Graduate Theological Studies faculty and New Testament scholar Ben Witherington III (author of *What Have They Done to Jesus?*) will offer five one-week classes for continuing education (\$75 registration fee). They are also offered for graduate credit (3 credit hours per course).

**June 8-12:** Social Holiness: Race, Class and Gender in the West (Kristina LaCelle-Peterson, PhD)

Worship and the Sacraments (Michael Jordan, PhD cand.)

**June 15-19:** The Christian Spiritual Life (Michael Walters, DMin)

Contemporary Missiological Issues (Paul Shea, DMiss)

**June 22-26:** The Jesus of Film, Fantasy, and Faith (Ben Witherington III, PhD, with Kulli Toniste, MA)

Choose any or all of four sessions: The Social World of Jesus; Jesus as Apocalyptic Seer; Jesus as Sage; Will the Real Jesus Stand Up – the Divine and Human Jesus.

All classes are held on the 3rd floor of the W.J. Houghton Library from 8:30am-4:30pm each day (1 hour lunch). Housing is available and for more information and/or to register, please visit SUMMER INTENSIVES at [www.houghton.edu/graduatetheology](http://www.houghton.edu/graduatetheology) <<http://www.houghton.edu/graduatetheology>>; contact [gts@houghton.edu](mailto:gts@houghton.edu) <<mailto:gts@houghton.edu>> or 585-567-9460 to register for graduate credit. For specific questions or comments, contact Dr. Michael Walters ([michael.walters@houghton.edu](mailto:michael.walters@houghton.edu)).

## Wesleyan Medical Fellowship

On April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Houghton Wesleyan Church Community Room,

Dr. Tom Harle, DDS, will be making a PowerPoint Presentation:

The Ottawa Inner City Mission Dentistry Outreach

He will also report on his recent visit to Myanmar (Burma) and the Bethany Clinic operated by The Myanmar Wesleyan Church. *Burma is the field of Adoniram Judson and presently under a very repressive regime.*

**We are privileged to have Dr. Harle come to speak to us. Beside being an eminent Ottawa dentist, he is the Manager of the Ottawa Mission Dental Care Program and President of Health Teams Int'l (Canada).**

**We hope you will be able to attend. Storer Emmett, MD**

**Contact: 585-567-4574**

**E-mail: [swemmett@yahoo.com](mailto:swemmett@yahoo.com)**

**Light refreshments will be served.**

**Visitors and friends are welcome.**

Greatbatch School of Music

Houghton College presents

A Lenten Service for the Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

March 26, 2009 8pm, Houghton Wesleyan Church Sanctuary

Created by Danielle Varnell Mileham

Presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree, Master of the Arts in Music

(Concentration: Music in Christian Worship)

In Collaboration with the Houghton College Mime Team, Scripture Readers, Praise Band, Houghton Wesleyan and

Middleport United Methodist Church Choirs

## Book and Bible Sale at the Houghton College Campus Store

All books (excluding textbooks) and Bibles will be discounted 20% during the months of April and May. Special orders from major distributors will also receive the 20% discount and shipping charges.



Items needed: canned fruit (we have plenty of pineapple: applesauce, peaches, pears, fruit cocktail welcome); jelly, flour, sugar, canned vegetables (we have plenty of corn and green beans: carrots, beans (kidney, black and lima) welcome; canned milk, coffee creamer (dry), mustard, ketchup, mayonnaise, vegetable oil, canned soups (we have plenty of chicken noodle; other varieties are welcome); cranberry sauce, gravy, stuffing mixes, canned juice, rice, helpers (hamburger, tuna, chicken, etc.), brownie mixes, canned frosting, cake mixes, pudding and jello mixes, muffin mixes, refrigerated and frozen items (ground beef, chicken, hot dogs, cheese, bread, apples, oranges).

### THANK YOU

On behalf of my family, I just want to thank the Houghton community members for all their support, especially through prayer and words of encouragement, during this challenging time for us.

—Ndunge Kiiti

### Thank You

We would like our church community to know how grateful we are for all your acts of love, words of encouragement, and prayers during the death of Jan's dad, the birth of Claire, and her hospitalization for RSV. It is an amazing thing to be able to leave five children on the spur of the moment and not have a bit of concern about their care. We have felt so hemmed in on every side and your prayers have been so evident: Claire is well again and we have all experienced growth and healing as a result of your care and love.

With grateful hearts,  
The Schilkes

**Barbecued Chicken Dinner:** Let the senior class of Houghton Academy provide supper for you on Friday, April 24. Preorder your meal from any senior at the Academy or call the office (567-8115) to place your order. Orders will be taken through Monday, April 20. Pick up your dinner and pay \$6.50 at the Academy dining hall from 4:00-5:30 PM on April 24. Your order will include: half a Stearns barbecued chicken, baked potato, roll, and vegetable.

**Oklahoma!** Houghton Academy will be presenting this American favorite at the end of April. Filled with popular music and fun choreography, Oklahoma! has something for everyone in your family. Performances are Thursday, April 30, Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 at 7:00 PM in Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased in the office, from the director, Mr. Lingenfelter, or cast members. Adult tickets are \$7, student and senior citizen tickets are \$5, and the maximum cost for a family is \$20.

Peter W. Roeske  
New Home Construction  
(585) 689-0368

**FOR RENT:** 1 bedroom apartment, \$325.00 per month + gas & electric. Call 567-2641.

**FOR SALE:** 14" Flat screen computer monitor "Hy Vision" Almost brand new \$75  
Call 567-8302 ( Evenings please)

**WANTED:** I'm interested in purchasing a used exercise bike. Please call 567-8191

## COMMUNITY PAGE

### FREE TAX PREPARATION:

For the sixteenth year, IRS certified Houghton College business students are offering no-cost tax preparation. This program is offered in cooperation with the IRS Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program (VITA).

- Tax preparation services for Federal and New York State tax returns for taxpayers with income of \$42,000 or less
- Available **Wednesdays through April 8, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.** at Houghton College in Chamberlain Center — Room 122

Make an appointment by emailing Heléna Oden at [helena.oden@houghton.edu](mailto:helena.oden@houghton.edu) or by calling the Houghton College Public Events Office at 585-567-9210, Monday – Friday from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**IMPORTANT:** Please bring:

- Proof of identity
- Copies of all W2, 1098, & 1099 forms
- Social Security cards for all individuals on your tax return
- Banking information if you want your tax refund direct deposited
- Copy of 2007 tax return, if possible

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