



## We Believe in the Power of Prayer

*Jesus replied, "This kind can come out only by prayer."*

*"Ask and it will be given you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you...*

*how much more will your Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"*

**(Mark 9:29;  
Luke 11:9, 13, NIV)**

Our church, like most if not all churches, is continually tempted to believe that we can be the church of Jesus Christ in our own power, prowess, and practice. We would never declare this overtly, but in subtle ways the message might come through. We most often promote this mindset by our attitude toward prayer, which is precisely the reason we created a prayer room and hosted the two prayer vigils: we wanted to declare among ourselves and to others that we are thoroughly convinced that the work of God in us and through us will take place only as we become people of prayer.

It is with great joy, then, that during the Lenten prayer vigil, we committed ourselves to pray intensely, sacrificially and corporately. Here are some introductory statistics from the vigil.

	ALL HOURS INCLUDED		ADJUSTED HOURS ONLY	
TOTAL VIGIL HOURS	1093		1040	
TOTAL VIGIL PRAYED	878	80.33%	878	84.42%
TOTAL VIGIL LEFT	215	19.67%	162	15.58%

For over six weeks, residents (81%), college students (15%), and high school/grade school students (4%) prayed for more than 875 hours! From the more than 300 people who came to pray, we heard stories of deeper commitments to God, of peace about difficult decisions, of new love for self and others. We believe in the power of prayer.

Our belief in the power of prayer and our practice of prayer, however, does not end now. The prayer room remains open (7am-9pm). You may reserve the room ([hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com](http://hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com)) or use the room anytime that it is open. Another means of acting upon this belief is the organization of a Sunday Morning Prayer Ministry. Beginning in May, parishioners will be offering one worship service, one Sunday a month, to be in the prayer room praying for us as we worship. Would you consider joining this team of pray-ers?

I realize that you might feel uncertain about how and what to pray; you might feel intimidated to pray with others. We are designing the prayer time to minimize, if not eliminate, these concerns; nevertheless, this is an opportunity to do something for others in our congregation. This is an opportunity to give something of yourself in order to support others. This is an opportunity to be a practical part of something bigger than you.

Doug and Judi Mayhle are leading this ministry. Feel free to talk with them ([dmayhle@hotmail.com/567-8241](mailto:dmayhle@hotmail.com)) or me ([woden@hwchurch.org/567-2264](mailto:woden@hwchurch.org)). If you are uncertain, commit yourself for one service and see what God does... in you and in us.

In Christ,  
Pastor Wes

## The Pastoral Vote, Follow-Up

It is my pleasure to let the Congregation know that our Senior Pastor, Rev. Dr. Wesley D. Oden, has accepted our call for another four-year term of service. You may want to thank Wes (and Cindy) for his past service and express your confidence in his future service when you see him. On behalf of the Board of Elders, I want to express my appreciation to the Congregation for the solidarity expressed in our Pastoral Staff and what that can mean for future ministry as we labor together here in our area.

Bob Danner, Vice Chair, Board of Elders.

*Following the overwhelmingly affirming vote of the members, Cindy and I accept the congregation's call to continue our ministry here in Houghton. Thank you for your love and support.*

Pastor Wes

**The ANNUAL MEETING of the Houghton Wesleyan Church will be held Wednesday, May 26, 6:30 p.m.** in the Church Sanctuary. During this meeting members will approve a 2010-2011 budget, elect Elders, Trustees, Nominating Committee and Delegates to District Conference, and hear reports from Pastor Wes, the Trustees and the Elders. Pastoral staff reports will be printed and distributed prior to the meeting. Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the church sanctuary foyer and on the church website ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) in the coming weeks. Sample ballots will be posted around the church. Thank you for your prayers in advance of the meeting. Please make this meeting a priority. We typically meet only once a year, so your presence is important to the life of our church.



## CHURCH CLEAN-UP & WORK DAY

Help beautify our church facility by participating in our annual Church Work Day on Saturday, May 15, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Doughnuts and coffee will be available. Our attention will focus on the exterior of the building and landscaping of the church grounds so bring gardening tools such as shovels and rakes. Invite your friends to add to the fun!

If you have questions, please contact Dick Halberg (567-2702) or [richard.halberg@houghton.edu](mailto:richard.halberg@houghton.edu).

## Are you **HANDY**? The Trustees need Your Help!

This summer during June and July the trustees will begin the process of converting 278 fluorescent lights fixtures in our facilities to new, more energy efficient T8 bulbs. We can save hundreds of dollars if members of the church family volunteer their time to do the labor. You need not be an electrician. We will train you in what is a fairly simple process. Organize your own group and work with your friends, or we will put you on a team and we'll organize the work to suit your schedule. If you can help, email Dick Halberg ([richard.halberg@houghton.edu](mailto:richard.halberg@houghton.edu)) Pastor Wes ( [woden@hwchurch.org](mailto:woden@hwchurch.org) ) or call the church office with your contact information.

## SUNDAYS IN MAY

- May 2 (8:20 am / 9:40 am / 11:00 am)**  
 a.m. *Seeing the Resurrection* (Luke 24:36-49)  
 p.m. Small Groups
- May 9 (8:30 am / 9:40 am / 11:00 am)**  
 a.m. *Proclaiming the Resurrection* (Luke 24:45-53)  
 p.m. NO EVENING ACTIVITIES
- May 16 (8:30 am / 11:00 am)**  
 a.m. Claire Stewart (Youth Service)  
 p.m. Smalleys/Eleuthera & Jim Luckey/Tanari Reports
- May 23 (8:30 am / 11:00 am)**  
 a.m. *Happy Birthday, Church!* (Acts 2)  
 p.m. HWC Haiti Team
- May 30 (8:30 am / 11:00 am)**  
 a.m. Rev. Neil Koppen, District Superintendent  
 p.m. High School Senior Recognition Night



**4TH OF JULY  
PICNIC**

## Save the date!

We will be having an old-fashioned church picnic following the Summer Sabbath service on July 4. Plan to be there to enjoy great food, good fellowship and activities such as children's relay races, a hymn sing - maybe even a parade!! Details will follow soon. Mark the date on your calendars and join the celebration!!



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR:

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*"It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night..." (Psalm 92:1-2)*

May 2 is the last meeting of our Sunday night small groups this semester. Throughout May and June, we continue to meet on Sunday evening at the church at 6:00 PM. Below is our schedule for the Sunday evenings leading up to Summer Sabbath:

- ◆ May 2 – Last night of small groups
- ◆ May 9 – NO EVENING SERVICE – Mothers' Day
- ◆ May 16 – Smalleys/Eleuthera Team and Jim Luckey/Tanari Report
- ◆ May 23 – HWC Haiti Team
- ◆ May 30 – High School Senior Recognition Night
- ◆ June 6 – Hymn Sing/Testimony Service
- ◆ June 13 – Ice Cream Social
- ◆ June 20 – NO EVENING SERVICE – Fathers' Day
- ◆ June 27 – SUMMER SABBATH begins

All our Sunday evening services begin at 6:00 PM. We hope you'll plan to join us for Sunday evening services during the months of May and June!

In His Love,  
Todd

**BAPTISM:** Congratulations to Sadie Noyes, Eliana Rangel, Samantha Bower, JonDavid Nichols, Cassie Pelletier, Carolyn Montanye, and Dean Liddick who were baptized April 4, Easter Sunday morning. We rejoice with them in this significant and sacred event in their lives. May their baptisms encourage us to review and recommit our baptismal vows.

**MEMBERS:** Congratulations to new members to our congregation: Mike Dell, Dean and Lee Dover, Mike and Jill Jordan, Jeff and Sarah Kirksey, Don and Jeanie Little, Ron and Jeri Mahurin, Heléna Oden, Matt and Pam Pelletier, Chris and Jeanne Stewart, Elaine Tooley, Glenn and Blanche Weaver. All are welcomed to the official fellowship of our church.

## VALLEY PRESCHOOL PARENT & CHILD VISIT DAY

Please join us on Friday, May 7, from 11:00-12:00 noon to visit Valley Preschool. Ask questions about preschool for next year and see what children do during part of a typical day. Please RSVP to Casda Danner at 567-4314 or email her at [cdanner@hwchurch.org](mailto:cdanner@hwchurch.org) by Thursday, May 6th.

## Thank you!

Thank you for the wonderful response from our adult Sunday School class members who are willing to teach or help teach one of our children's Sunday School classes one Sunday during the course of the next year. During our last college break on Sunday, April 11, nine people helped with our children's classes as subs for the college students who regularly teach for us. Others will help during the summer months and during upcoming college breaks next fall and winter. We are so grateful for the response of our church family to help our children know more of God and His Word.

If you did not have a chance already to sign-up to help with Sunday School and you would be willing to teach or help teach one of our children's Sunday School classes one Sunday during the course of the next year, please let us know and we will add your name to the list, so you, too, can be a part of this ministry to the children God has so graciously given us the privilege to teach and love.

Thank you,  
Robin Pawling, Sunday School Superintendent  
Betsy Webb, Assistant Sunday School Superintendent  
Cindy Oden, Pastor of Discipleship

# From the Youth Pastor



## YOUTH GROUP

### MSM –Wed. - 6:30 – 8:00 PM

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| May  | 5      | “Distractions!”   |
|      | 12     | “Faith Journey”   |
|      | 19     | “Pipe Cleaners R us”  |
|      | 26     | “Service Project”   |
| June | 2      | MSM 2010 recap  |
|      | 6(sun) | End of the year combined “Shark” party! (June 9 – Raindate) |

### HSM Youth Group Sunday Evenings at 6:00 PM. May is Austin month

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| May | 2  | Austins’ -“Life with a Soundtrack”                                   |
|     | 9  | Austins’ -“Life with a Soundtrack”                                   |
|     | 16 | Meet at church – Ropes Course Night!                                 |
|     | 23 | Church for the Haiti Relief Team report (Rain date for ropes course) |
|     | 30 | Senior Recognition Service at the church – refreshments to follow    |

June 6 – Shark Party (*the party where you eat the shark!*) HSM & MSM (June 9 – raindate)

**Prayer Breakfast:** Tues. Mornings: May 4, 11, 18, 25, June 1 & 8 - 7:00 AM in the community room.

*Upcoming Summer events (save the date(s):*

## “Life Unplugged Retreat”

June 11 - 12

### Bliss Summit Bible Camp

*“Be still and know that I am God” – Psalm 46:10*

Solitude and silence are words and situations that are foreign to our fast-paced world. Come experience a retreat loaded with these types of contemplative situations! Held at beautiful Bliss Summit Bible Club Camp you should come ready to “do nothing;” rather, learn how to “be”!



**July 5 – 9 – “Love Buffalo”** – You don’t have to travel to Haiti to serve people who are in need. Spend a week with us in Buffalo serving people here in WNY.

**July 24-26 – Paintball camp!** See Pastor Jon for the details on this weekend of paintball fun! No experience or equipment necessary to attend!

**July 27** – Water tubing, swimming, bonfire and BBQ. Leave HWC at noon & return around 7:30. Bring \$7 if you can.

**Kingdom Bound** – We will make a day trip to KB this year. *You pick the date!*

**Details and permission slips will soon be available for these events. Mark your calendars now!**

## W.K.F.M. KIDS (grades 1-5)

Gather with us on May 16 at 9:40 AM to see how God uses Day Camps in Russia to lead campers to Him. Our offering will help district WKFM coordinators attend the Wesleyan Women General Convention for training and inspiration. Also, a LAWNMOWER is needed for the Wesleyan Ministry Center in Vladimir, Russia, so some of our money will go there. (How about doing some extra chores so you have a part in giving?!)  
See you soon!  
WKFM Staff



### PRAYER PARTNERS FOR ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP

Would you be willing to pray for a RFKC Staff member, counselor, or camper during the week of camp, July 11-16? *This would also include writing a note of encouragement to the person to whom you are assigned.*

If you are interested, please contact Lyn Harter at 567-2622 (h), 567-8115 (w); [lharter@hotmail.com](mailto:lharter@hotmail.com) or [lyn.harter@houghtonacademy.org](mailto:lyn.harter@houghtonacademy.org). I will need your name, address, phone number, email address and any special requests (camper, counselor, same person as last year, etc.) This is a great opportunity for families.

Thanks for volunteering!

## Children's Church

**What a blessing and joy it is to see the smiling faces of the children as they come to participate in Children's Church!** Since the Christmas season, the children have been learning their lessons with the aid of a flannel board. They enjoy being able to interact with and recreate the stories with the pieces for the board. They also loved attending the birthday party for Jesus at Christmas.

There are many hands that help make Children's Church what it is. We are blessed with many college students who teach Children's Church during the school year. We also have some high school students who are involved in this ministry and enjoy helping a couple times a month. Parents are involved in many ways, from bringing their children, to helping in the classroom as well. Thank you to all who are involved in this Sunday morning ministry. With our college students leaving for the summer, we have many openings for teachers and assistant teachers so we encourage you to fill-out one of the Children's Church bulletin inserts in the next couple of weeks so we may continue with this ministry during the summer.

Thank you,  
The Children's Church Ministry Leaders.



Senior Citizens  
Meet May 13

## Houghton Area Senior Citizens

May 13, 12:15 P.M. Monthly Luncheon Meeting

Program: "Good Insurance, Bad Insurance for Senior Citizens," features a lecture  
by a representative from the New York State Insurance Department

Please bring your table service and the dish designated by the first letter of your last name:

A-Z, Dessert

G-O, Casserole

P-Z, Salad

## Camp Cherith of Western New York

Summer 2010

Camp Cherith of Western New York is a Christ-centered, Bible-based outdoor program. They teach Christian values and life-skills. Their unique program promotes a personal relationship with Jesus Christ in every aspect of daily life. Campers grow spiritually, socially, and emotionally in a safe and nurturing environment.

Week 1 July 4-10 Girls/Boys Parallel

Week 2 July 11-17 Girls/Boys Parallel

Week 3 July 18-24 Girls only

Week 4 July 25-31 Girls only

Week 5 August 1-7 Girls only

Please pick-up one of the Camp Cherith brochures in the church or Christian Education foyers or visit their website, [www.campcherithwny.org](http://www.campcherithwny.org) to learn more about all of the various camps and options available this summer.

## Library Corner

Many weddings are planned during May and June. *First Comes Love, Then Comes Money* is a book by Roger Gibson with easy steps to avoid the #1 conflict in marriage-- "sooner or later nearly every marriage is ultimately weakened by money problems". Steve Scott, author of *Millionaires Notebook* adds, "This book is the most practical and easily applied guide to solving these problems I've ever encountered. It will be one of the least expensive but most important wedding gifts I'll be giving to my son and his bride."

Continuing this theme, the library has also recently been given a copy of *Building Your Marriage* by Dennis Rainey. It is part of the *Home Builders* couples series and can be used for study groups as well as individual use.

Two new fiction selections that have been donated to our library are the *Lazarus Project* by John Bayer which contains a death-defying chase through the mountains, blackmail and corrupt genetic engineering. A second fiction gift is *Anathema* by Colleen Coble. "Pulls you in right from the start. . Fast-paced engaging story. . not to be missed" according to the reviewer.

*Gianna* by Jessica Shaver tells of an unborn baby who survived abortion. The late Mother Teresa said, "God is using Gianna Jessen to remind the world that each human being is precious to Him."

The *Ultimate Worship Collection* is a CD that has been donated. Within the last few weeks a number of books have been donated. Check the "New Book" area for these titles.

## Ministry Opportunities

### ◆ Children's Church Ministry Opportunities

In order to continue with Children's Church during May - August, we need your help. We are so grateful for the college students who faithfully teach our Children's Church classes during September through April, but with the end of the college year, we have many openings to fill. We invite you to take this opportunity to get involved in this ministry with our children ages 2-5 in the 8:20 or 11:00 services. To learn more about Children's Church, you may contact Bitsy Mayhle (567-8241) or Cindy Oden (567-2264 or 567-2024).

### ◆ Ministry Leader Ministry Opportunities

Please prayerfully consider how you may involved yourself in our children's ministries as we have several openings for Ministry Leaders for this coming year. We believe our children's ministries are important, but we cannot carry out these ministries without your help so we ask that you consider sacrificially serving God and His children through these ministries. We need leadership for our 8:20 Children's Church, Girls' AWANA Club, and Boys' AWANA Club. Please contact Cindy Oden (567-2264 or 567-2024) to learn more about these ministry opportunities. Thank you.



*The Community is Invited to attend Houghton Academy's  
Baccalaureate service on June 4 at 7:30 p.m. and  
Graduation on June 5 at 10:00 a.m.*

*Both services will be held in Houghton Academy's Rosemary Tysinger Auditorium*



You are invited to join the Houghton Community  
at a come-and-go reception  
in honor of  
Shirley Mullen and Paul Mills  
on Sunday, May 16 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
in the  
Houghton College Campus Center Lounge.  
Come "shower" them  
with your good wishes and blessings,  
but no gifts, please.

## INVITATION

**Martin Hegeman and Sheri Taber**  
invite their friends  
to attend their wedding ceremony  
at Houghton Wesleyan Church on  
**May 15th, 2010, at 3:00 p.m.**



**Come-and-Go  
Community Wedding Shower  
for  
Jessica Mullen & Peter Romance  
Thursday, May 20,  
6:30 – 8:30 P.M.  
Community Room  
They are registered at  
J.C. Penney's and Walmart**

Hosts:  
Beth Beardsley,  
Ruth Boon,  
Kathy Reitnour,  
Denise Campbell,  
and Cindy Oden.



*Shirley A. Mullen  
&  
Paul R. Mills*

*invite you to celebrate  
with them as they exchange  
their marriage vows*

*Saturday, June 5, 2010  
2:00 p.m.*

*Wesley Chapel  
Houghton, New York*

*Dessert Reception on The Quad*



RECEPTION BY RESERVATION ONLY

RSVP REQUIRED BY MAY 14, 2010 TO:  
[WWW.MULLENMILLSRECEPTION.COM](http://WWW.MULLENMILLSRECEPTION.COM)  
OR CALL 585.567.8422

You are invited to a Wedding Shower  
for  
Jesse Woolsey and Haleigh Johnson  
Saturday, May 1,  
between 10:00 a.m.-noon  
**at Shirley Mullen's home.**  
Jesse and Haleigh are registered  
**at Target and Kohl's.**

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

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

*Green Acres Lawn Care*  
567-4515

### HOUSE PAINTING AND POWER WASHING:

If you are interested in having your house painted, house power washed, or deck stained, contact Phil Merrill at 567-8809 (H) or 567-8115/8500 (Academy).

### FOR SALE: 2003 Toyota Camry LE

Color: Desert Sand      100,000 miles      Excellent Shape      35-37 mg on highway  
\$9,000.00      One Owner      4 snow tires included (already mounted)  
◆ Call: Andy Gallman 585-207-4035 (home); 585-567-4755 (Office)

Two Apartments Available in a Lovingly Renovated Old Victorian Home, 10911 Main Street in Hume. Private entrances, porches and garage. Call 567-8262 for more information.

*We're moving and need a stove, washer and elec. dryer. –Brian & Joellyn Reitnour (716) 969-3872.*

*You're invited to a Come-and-Go Wedding Shower Brunch  
for Shane Stegen and Jillian Anthony  
on Saturday, May 29, from 10:00 a.m. to Noon  
in the Community Room of the Houghton Wesleyan Church.*

*Brunch Hostesses:*

*Katherine Moore, Barb Van Wicklin, Donnie Stockin,  
Debbie Young, Hilary Gunning, Susan Hice, and Pat Black.  
The couple is registered at Target Club Wedd and JCPenney.*

Website: [www.theknot.com/OurWedding/JillianAnthony&ShaneStegen](http://www.theknot.com/OurWedding/JillianAnthony&ShaneStegen)

**Moms in Touch** (two or more moms who meet for one hour each week to pray for their children, the school, teachers and staff) meets at my home, 38 Emerald Street, Fillmore, NY, Mondays from 2:00-3:00 PM Phone number: 567-4633. We would love to have any interested moms join our group. The more moms, the more prayers that are going out for our children and the school. If you have any questions I can be contacted through e-mail or by phone.

-Karis Roberts [2toehedz@frontiernet.net](mailto:2toehedz@frontiernet.net)



Landscape & Gardening  
SERVICE

Hannah Beecher, a Houghton alum with three summers' worth of experience gardening for a large landscaping company in Syracuse, is working to build up a reputation in Houghton and the surrounding area. For you this means weeding, shrub trimming, lawn care, weeding, fertilizing, and weeding--at unreasonably reasonable rates. And if you need something done outdoors that's not listed here, just ask--odds are that she's done it before. Hannah is still expanding her arsenal of tools and in some cases may have to use yours. Free estimates. For information or to schedule an estimate, call (585) 519 1808 or email [hannah.grindrod@houghton.edu](mailto:hannah.grindrod@houghton.edu).