



Houghton Wesleyan Church

Highlights

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*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*

GOD'S PRESENCE IN TIMES OF CRISIS

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging...The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.

(Psalm 46:1-3, 11)

The news today is not good.

The people of Myanmar are attempting to recover from the cyclone that left thousands dead and millions of dollars in damage. The people of Sichuan province are facing long-term recovery from a death toll of over 60,000 people and millions more homeless following the earthquake that shook China a few weeks ago. In addition, we see the damage in the Midwest that has resulted from rivers overflowing their banks. Sections of interstate, highways, and many smaller roads have been closed, large cities have been evacuated, and crops have been destroyed throughout the state. Add to this the exponential rise of prices in gasoline, food, and most other items and it's plain that the news today is not good and seems to be getting worse.

Though many of these tragedies are far from us, we are concerned for the people most directly impacted and we know that in the current global situation, our lives are and will be touched by what has happened. We are tempted to join the lamenting voices, wringing our hands in despair as fear for the future rises within us.

The writer of the 46th Psalm describes a similar situation. He writes of the earth giving way and the mountains falling into the heart of the sea, of waters roaring and foaming and of mountains quaking and surging; he describes nations in uproar and kingdoms falling. It all sounds very contemporary, doesn't it. But the Psalmist encourages his listeners and readers by declaring that despite all that is happening, we will not fear. We will not give in to the temptation of hopelessness. And what is the writer's reason for this faith and trust: the presence of Almighty God.

He begins by declaring that God is our refuge and strength in times that threaten to tumble us. He ends by declaring that God is with us and He is our fortress against the attacks that threaten to overwhelm us. Throughout the Psalm, the writer acknowledges that the everlasting presence of God is greater than any problem or any disaster that comes against us.

Therefore, as fear and anxiety threaten to disarm us and even paralyze us with anxiety, and hopelessness, we are called to be a presence of help and hope to people in need, but we recognize that ultimately, God is the answer—for us and for everyone. May God give us grace to trust Him in these tumultuous times.

In Christ,

Pastor Wes

SUNDAYS IN JULY

July 6	10:00 am	Pastor Todd Leach
July 13	10:00 am	<i>Looking at the Creator Rather Than Creation</i> (Mark 13)
July 20	10:00 am	Rev. Steve Pocock
July 27	10:00 am	Pastor Todd Leach

ELDERS INFORMATION: Because of a hectic travel schedule that would prevent regular attendance at monthly meetings, Peter Luckey has resigned his position as an Elder. The Elders appointed Jim Zoller to serve the final year of Peter's term. Jim Zoller, who served as Vice-Chair of the Elders this past year, was elected to this position for the present year as well. Thank you for your support of Jim and all of our Elders.

Congratulations!

Scott Spear and Bonnie Lee were joined in marriage on June 7 at Norton Chapel on the campus of Keuka College.

Joel Lord and Kerri Paul were married on June 14 in New Jersey and will be moving to South Carolina after basketball camps.

SUMMER SABBATH: In order to give most of our church volunteers a rest from the regular routine of ministry, to allow each of us to spend more time with our family and friends and to give extended time to rest and spiritual refreshment, we will once again observe a Summer Sabbath: June 29 – August 9. During these weeks we will meet for Sunday Worship at 10:00 am. All other regular activities and meetings are cancelled. May God bless you and your family with a wonderful time of Sabbath rest.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE: Delegates from 32 Wesleyan churches in Western New York gather on July 25 for District Conference at the Wesleyan Church of Hamburg. Please be in prayer for the leaders of our district and for decisions that are made at the conference. Delegates may pick up materials at the church office.

WESLEYAN DISTRICT KIDS' CAMP THE REALLY AMAZING RACE

August 18-21

Camp Mission Meadows on Chautauqua Lake, Dewittville, NY

Open to all children in grades 3-6

Registration Brochures are available at the Welcome Center on the lower foyer of the main church and in the foyer of the Christian Education Building. Registration forms must be postmarked by July 1st in order to receive the early registration discount.

HOUGHTON FAMILY CAMP July 27 - August 1

Bring the entire family for "a Vacation with a Purpose!" on the campus of Houghton College. Registration remains the same as last year. You won't find a more affordable get away. Go to www.wnydistrict.com and click on Houghton Family Camp for more information. Activities are planned for adults and children of all ages. Information and registration forms are available on the bulletin board outside the church offices.

ORGAN UPDATE: Mr. Louder grows nearer to completing the organ installation. By the time you receive this all 29 stops will be installed or very nearly installed, leaving only a few odds and ends to complete. We are planning to officially dedicate the organ on Sunday, September 14, with a series of dedicatory recitals in the months to follow. Thank you for your prayers and for your ongoing support of our organ project.

Ministry Opportunities for August and September Sunday School: We need teachers and assistant teachers for our 3rd grade Sunday School class and our 4th grade Sunday School class. Please contact Robin Pawling (567-8496), Betsy Webb (567-4619), or Pastor Cindy (567-2264) if you are interested in learning more about these ministry opportunities or if you would like to be involved in these ministries.

Children's Church: We need teachers and assistant teachers in the 8:20 and 11:00 worship services for children ages 2-5. Please contact Mary Anne Majoros (567-2653), Kristin Sanasith, Karry Beardsley (567-4631), Bitsy Mayhle (567-8241), or Pastor Cindy (567-2264) if you would like more information about these opportunities or if you would like to help during August and the beginning of September.

...Youth News

Summer Stuff!

July 11th – Bison's Game vs Louisville with Fireworks! Bring \$11 for your ticket and money for food. Meet at the church at 5 pm. Permission slip required!

August 20th – Darien Lake! – Meet at the church at 9am and return around midnight after the laser light show! All day at Darien lake for \$25! Includes: Transportation, ticket to the park, Hotdog Lunch AND a ride back to Houghton.

Families are invited to join us for the special group ticket rates. ☺



Western New York Wesleyan Women's Convention

When: Saturday, July 26, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Cost: \$10 due by July 16th

Theme: A Day In Her Shoes - Matthew 25:31

Where: Grace Community Church, 175 Potomac, Buffalo

Join us for a missions experience without crossing our borders! We will meet in Buffalo, where we will visit various Wesleyan ministries that serve the urban poor on the West Side. As well, we will hear from some of those who are being served, and from those who lead these ministries. Registration forms are in the church foyer.

SUMMER PLAYGROUP IN JULY & AUGUST: On TUESDAYS we have a schedule of away group events (posted on the bulletin board outside the church office and online); On THURSDAYS meet at the church Community Room from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. Stay-at-home Moms and Dads are welcome to join us with your kids for fun and fellowship. Invite a friend. Any questions, call Heather Templeton (567-4744).

FUN FAMILY FELLOWSHIP NIGHT

A little something to look forward to!

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a time of activity and fellowship on Wednesday evenings in July and August at 6:00 p.m. Schedules can be picked up on the bulletin board at church and on the Houghton Church Website. Some of the locations for fun are the HC Quad, Cross Country Trails, Moss Lake and more!!!

Call Faith Roeske (567-8632) or Heather Templeton (567-4744) for questions.

Children's Church Teachers

You may pick up your teaching packets outside of Pastor Cindy's office. Thank you.

Family Devotional Idea for July

Self-sacrifice - challenge your family members to sacrifice something they enjoy during the week in order to help someone else; for example, giving up a TV program to help a sibling with homework or sacrificing Xbox time to set the table without being asked.

*"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others.
Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves."*

Philippians 2:3

The Raising Up Spiritual Champions Newsletters for July are available in the church and Christian Education foyers.

The FOOD PANTRYshelves are bare!



Several families have come recently for help from the food pantry. Items needed: spaghetti sauce, macaroni & cheese, rice, canned meats, tuna, baby foods, paper products, pet food, soup, chili, canned fruit and veggies, tea, coffee, instant potatoes, potato casseroles, pancake mix, syrup, dry milk, canned evaporated milk, cheese, sugar, flour, brown sugar, peanut butter, jelly or jam, baked beans, kidney beans, candy bars for the children, brownie mixes, cake mixes, canned frosting, cooking oil, juice, disposable diapers, Bisquick, crackers, cookies, shampoo, laundry detergent, soap, toothpaste, cleaning supplies, We do have a freezer and welcome breads, meats, frozen fruit juices, vegetables, TV Dinners, and other items that may be left at the church office on weekdays.

Transformational Education Network (TEN3)/SIM-TEC CONFERENCE, Burkina Faso

Anthony Petrillo and his son Anthony are attending the conference in Burkina Faso this summer to develop an education system built from a Biblical world view and committed to discipleship. Funds are needed to assist African leaders who need and want to attend. If you would like to financially assist the six African leaders who plan to attend or the TEN3 staff from America and Africa who are attending the conference, we encourage you to send your gifts payable to SIM-USA with "Burkina Faso Conference" on the check memo and send to:

SIM-TEC/TEN3
P.O. Box 186
Houghton NY 14744-0186

Southern Tier Youth for Christ – Two hundred ninety people attended the 61st annual "Report to the People" dinner at Houghton College in May. Kids shared their personal testimonies of Jesus Christ literally redirecting their lives. Jon Cole and Board Chairman Bryan Caldwell encouraged supporters to not only "See the Story but to Be the Story." The two men challenged attendees to pay off the insurance bank loan taken by the Board of Directors in 2007 and to increase their pledge support to prevent future need. The offering at the banquet totaled \$6,633 with new and increased pledges totaling over \$4,000! The ministry is still in need of \$4,867 to pay off the loan, but Director Ralph Eastlak is very thankful for the caring support of YFC kids.



W.K.F.M. for August

Please note that W.K.F.M. will meet on the second Sunday of the month, August 10, at 9:40 a.m. in the Jr. Assembly Room. We will return to meeting on the 3rd Sunday of the month in September. Thank you!

2nd Grade Sunday School Class

On Sunday morning, June 22, in the 11:00 a.m. service, the 2nd grade Sunday School class shared one of the goals they accomplished this year in Sunday School by reciting the books of the Bible. Each child was then presented with a Bible, a devotional book, or a prayer journal. Thank you to teachers, Jill and Karl Schmidt, for their faithful leadership to this class. The members of the class are:

- ◆ Josiah Austin
- ◆ Sofia Gildemeister
- ◆ Riley Howe
- ◆ Liam McNeill
- ◆ Quin Mastin
- ◆ Grace Retz
- ◆ Daniel Stegen

Library Corner



"Never trust anybody over 90" may jokingly be called the sentiment of the Boomer Generation who claimed they would never "grow old." Now, however, they are reaching that point and our library has two new books to help with that transition.

Every Day Is Saturday by James & Jackie Harvey is a Christian guide to fantastic retirement. They say, "These years can be the best of your life. Make every second count as you celebrate and experience the joy of the refocused years."

Another book in this genre is ***Moving Into the New Now*** by Mildred Tengbom. "This book not only helps older adults face and overcome their fears, but it also helps their loved ones understand and assist them in making positive changes."

The Great Stone Face is a children's book originally written by Nathaniel Hawthorne. The Old Man of the Mountain is a natural stone formation in the White Mountains of New Hampshire. The

story is based on the legend that someone born in that area would look like the stone face and be the noblest person of his time. Gary Schmidt's re-telling of the prophecy is a "moving look at the nature of the goodness and character of a life well-lived."

I Believe, The Nicene Creed was first drafted in 325 AD under the auspices of Emperor Constantine. This version was illustrated by Pauline Baynes, who also illustrated the Chronicles of Narnia. She has transformed the creed into a joyous hymn to God. She brings it together "in a spiritual affirmation of faith to delight and inspire those who read it and enjoy her act of worship to God through visual beauty."

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.

Girls Resident Camp - weeks of June 29 - August 2

Boys Resident Camp - weeks of June 29 - July 5 and July 6 - 12 and more!

Pick up one of the Camp Cherith brochures in the church or Christian Education foyers to learn more about all of the various camps and options available this summer.

6th Grade Catechism Sunday School Class

On Sunday morning, June 15, in the 11:00 a.m. worship service, the 6th grade Catechism Sunday School class was honored for their accomplishments this year in Sunday School. This class memorized 125 theological questions and answers this past year. Thank you to teachers, Harold Blew, and Paulette and Calvin Schierer for their faithful leadership to this class. Those who were a part of the class throughout the entire year are:

- ◆ Andrew Black
- ◆ Rachel Brubaker
- ◆ Courtney Danner
- ◆ Emilia Gildemeister
- ◆ Nathaniel LaCelle-Peterson
- ◆ Gianna Martel
- ◆ Samantha Nichols
- ◆ Isaac Pelletier
- ◆ Zeb Pollock
- ◆ Bjorn Webb

Laura Lee Wentzell and Kathy Ann Reitnour
cordially invite you to the wedding of their children,
Krista Marie Newell and **Matthew James Reitnour**.
The ceremony will be held at the Houghton Wesleyan Church on
Friday, the twenty-seventh of June at two o'clock in the afternoon.



You are invited to the wedding of **Glen Falke** and **Sherry Cortright** on July
5 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chambers Wesleyan Church, Chambers NY with a light
reception following at 2:00 p.m. in the Chambers Wesleyan Camp dining hall.



Come-and-go wedding reception for **Mr. and Mrs. Joel (Kerri Paul) Lord** on
Saturday evening, June 28, 7-9 pm at the Stevensons' home on Fancher
Heights. Joel and Kerri will be married on June 14 in New Jersey and will be
moving to South Carolina after basketball camps are over. Let's send them off
with our best wishes for God's blessing on their life together. Come meet the
happy couple and enjoy some refreshments. A card basket for monetary gifts
will help lighten their moving load. Hostesses: Nancy Luckey, Eileen Lewis,
Sheri Reynolds, and Gudy Stevenson Any questions, call Gudy Stevenson
(567-4277).



WEDDING RECEPTION: Sunday, July 6 from 3-5 PM at the Yorkshire Free
Methodist Church, 3172 Route 39, Yorkshire, NY A "come-and-go" reception
will be held for **Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Horton** (Nadine Bowen). Kyle and Nadine
were married on June 7th in Athens, Ohio. Kyle has accepted a position as
youth pastor at Laurel Wesleyan Church in Laurel, Delaware beginning August
1. They will be moving to Delaware in mid-July. Come and celebrate with the
happy couple. Cake and punch will be served. The reception will be hosted by
Kyle's parents, Jon and Ellen Horton and friends. If you have questions or need
directions, please call the Hortons at 716-492-0325.



Ken and Carol Stonemetz are please to announce the marriage of their son
Michael to Jillian Kinikin. Mike and Jillian were married June 21, 2008 in Rose
Haven MD. They currently are making their home in Hedgesville W. VA.



WEDDING SHOWER

The community is invited to a Come-and-Go Bridal Shower for
Cassie Merrill and Tim Blew at the home of Jim and Donna Zoller, 9800
Seymour St. Date: Sunday, July 20, 2-4 p.m.

Cassie and Tim are registered at Macy's and Bed, Bath & Beyond
Hostesses: Donna Zoller, Betsy Sanford, Eileen Swanson, Toni Estruch

COMMUNITY NEWS



retirement Pig Roast

The children of Bob and Martha Whiting are giving a pig roast to celebrate their parents' retirement. Contact Kris Hall for more information (585-355-3951).

When: Sat August 2, 2008

Time: 1:00 pm

Place: Bob and Martha's house
9712 Council House Rd. in Fillmore.

What to Bring: A large dish to pass and lawn chairs

LADIES' SHOPPING TRIP TO PRIME OUTLETS IN GROVE CITY, PA, rated one of the top 20 outlet centers in the U.S., with over 140 brand named outlets. Depart 5 p.m. on Friday, September 5 and return to Houghton Saturday night, September 6. Stay overnight at a local hotel (gather your own roommates) Information sheets are available on the office bulletin board and online. Reserve your space by August 3 through Bev Zarges at 567-8792 or mrscoachz@yahoo.com.

Heighten your high-step and polish your piccolo...

join the Volunteer Community Marching Band

for the Houghton College 125th Anniversary/Homecoming Parade.

To celebrate the 125th Anniversary of Houghton College, this year's Homecoming parade will be bigger than ever. The parade will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 4. We are looking for volunteers to join a volunteer community marching band for this event. If you can play an instrument and walk at the same time you qualify for this team. You are welcome to join if you have never had marching band experience or if your experiences are decades old. If you are interested in having fun and contributing to a memorable event, please sign up now.

To get your name on the list, email or contact Heather Wilson

(heather.wilson@houghton.edu /phone 567-9619), who will be directing the

band. Heather will then get the music selections to you for practicing. There will only be a couple of brief practices after school starts and this will require a very minimal commitment on your part. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Phyllis Gaerte at 567-9620 or phyllis.gaerte@houghton.edu.



FOR SALE: tan corduroy sleeper sofa, \$75; burgundy rocker/recliner \$40; older rocker/recliner \$20; color TV \$75; microwave \$40; end table \$10; weed eater \$20. All items OBO; call 567-2615 or 585-307-8496.

Upright freezer wanted. Please call (585) 610-6882.

COTTON FABRIC FOR MAKE-A-WISH QUILTS

Make-a-wish Volunteer requests cotton fabric to make quilts for children with cancer. Contact person: Beverly Reinbold (585) 567-2641.

Update your Address Book!

ROGER & REDA ROZENDAL

221 Continental Drive, Lockport NY 14094

roger.rozendal@yahoo.com

716-478-7271

reda.rozendal@gmail.com

Valley PreSchool WISH LIST

Have you been doing some spring cleaning? Or maybe your kids have outgrown some of their toys? VPS would be thrilled to accept donations!! Some items on our wish list are:

Toys:

Fisher Price Dollhouse
Duplo Legos
Wooden train set
small bike with training wheels

Crafty Items:

glue gun with glue
glue sticks
glitter
stickers
sequins

Clothing:

Any 3T-5T items

We still have a few openings for the 2008-2009 school year. Applications are available on the parent bulletin board. Feel free to call Sally Retz (493-9212) with any questions.

PLAN YOUR VACATION OR FAMILY REUNION AT STAR LAKE,

Houghton College's campus in the Adirondacks. All cabins have restrooms and showers. Meals are available in the main lodge. For more information or to make reservations, call Terry Borrowman, Campus Manager, at (315) 848-3061.
<http://www.hwchurch.org/StarLakeCampus.htm> to view cabins, costs, and directions.

GO FOR THE GOAL

- the ultimate event this summer!

When: July 14-17 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Where: the Fillmore Town Park (behind the fire hall).

"Go for the Goal" is a collaborative effort between Higgins and Fillmore Wesleyan Churches focusing on improving soccer skills and encouraging teamwork in a non-competitive environment. Each evening will also include snacks, songs and a Bible story.

Please contact the Fillmore Wesleyan Church at 567-8814 or

GofortheGoal2008@yahoo.com with questions or to pre-register. "Go for the Goal" is designed for children entering 1st - 6th grade next year.

FOR SALE:

Fireplace Screen, 3 ft. 3 in. wide; 2 ft. 4.5 in. high; black. Used 6 times. Like new. \$20. 365-2158

TOWN OF CANEADEA BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION EVENTS

- **Upcoming events include the Oramel Summer Fest (July 12),**
- **Caneadea Summer Festival (August 16 & 17),**
- **Houghton College Dinner Theater (September 13 at 7 p.m.),**
- **Houghton College Parade and Homecoming (October 4),**
- **Dinner/Wildlife Program by Charlie Alsheimer (Nov. 1, 7 p.m.)**

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