

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 8, 2009

As the prelude begins, let us observe silence as we prayerfully anticipate this hour of corporate worship of Almighty God.

Prelude: *I Call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ, Hear my Prayer*Bach

*Call to Worship (Psalm 147:1-6)

*Responsive Prayer of Invocation

Mighty God, we do not yet see the glory you plan for all mankind, but in faith we do see Jesus.

We thank You for the humility and holiness in which He lived and died.

We praise You that He freed us from our sin, that He comforts and strengthens us through our struggles, and that He gives us courage to follow Him.

For this, we now join with all creation and shout for joy:

Great and glorious are You, High King of heaven!

You give us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Hymn 357 *Be Thou My Vision*

Passing the Peace

God's peace be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Church

Prayer Vigil Testimony

Anthem: *Cantique de Jean Racine*Fauré

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 32: 7-20 (page 86)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Doxology *Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;*

Praise Him, all creatures here below.

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *In His Presence*arr. Halberg

Ginny Halberg, piano

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

At the Pastor's invitation, 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: *He is Able* (on screen)

*New Testament Reading: Colossians 4: 2-15 (page 1167)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Ministry in Music: *Prayer of St. Francis*McLachlan

Hilary Gunning, Amanda Cox

Sermon: **Prayer That is Radical**

Pastor Wesley Oden

*Hymn 390 *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Prelude in D Major*Bach

*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Ashley Aran

Acolyte: Jeffrey Chen

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. The prophet Isaiah declares to God's people: "Come, all who are thirsty, come to the waters... Seek the Lord while he may be found; call on him while he is near" (55:1,6, NIV). As we continue to ponder the gracious invitation of God for His people to come and pray, may God inspire us to take Him up on His offer, knowing that He who calls us loves us and wants to do above and beyond even what we are able to ask or imagine.

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 Houghton and surrounding communities. A group meets in the Youth Room located below the sanctuary at 6:00. **Total Recall** meets at 6:00 PM in the Community Room. Koinonia meets in Wesley Chapel at 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 PM Pastor Laurie leads the adult prayer group which will be meeting in the sanctuary basement. AWANA Clubs do NOT meet.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to worship with us at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes will help us contemplate prayer as change.

W.K.F.M. NEXT SUNDAY (9:40 - 10:40 AM): We look forward to seeing your child at Camp Promise for Wesleyan Kids For Missions. This month we will see an example of how children in INDONESIA have to beg in order for their families to survive and how World Hope International can help these hurting children. Our offering will go to the World Hope Empowering the Nations and the American/Canadian Bible Societies. Let's encourage our children to be settled in the Primary Assembly Room just before 9:40 so we can begin promptly.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING small groups continue.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

- Monday, 6:30 pm, Trustees (Room 105)
- Wednesday, 6:30 p.m., Discipleship Committee (Room 105)
- Thursday, 7:00 p.m., Mission Committee (Room 105)

YOUTH NEWS

- High School Youth Group, 6-7:30 at the Mastins' on Leonard Ave.
- Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, 7:00 a.m., Community Room
- Middle School Ministries, Wed., 6:30 p.m.

FOOD PANTRY: Thank you for your recent contributions to the Food Pantry. The shelves are looking healthy again. Thank you for your generosity.

NEXT SUNDAY IS THE LAST DAY TO DROP OFF GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOXES AT THE CHURCH FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD! Boxes may be left on the OCC display table in the foyer of the Christian Education building. For all the details of how to prepare a box, pick up a brochure from the OCC display table, or visit the Samaritan's Purse website: www.samaritanspurse.org. "...we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done." ~Psalm 78:4

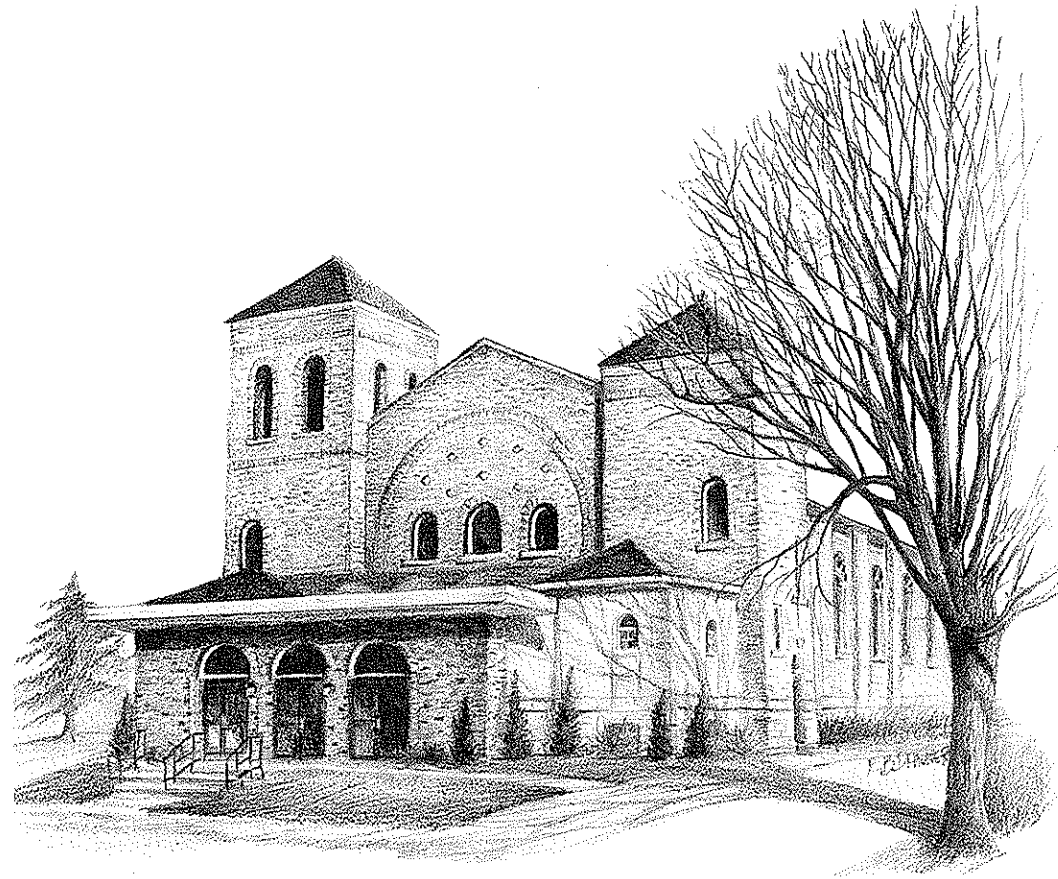
NEWS FOR INVESTORS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 15,112	\$ 285,023
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,612</u>	<u>\$ 299,464</u>
Difference +/-	+\$ 1,500	—\$ 14,441

COLLEGE STUDENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Join us on Saturday, November 14, as we tackle several projects to assist Wellspring Ministries in Angelica. We will meet in the church parking lot at 9:00 AM, go to Angelica and work at Wellspring for about two hours, then return to Houghton for lunch and fellowship at the home of Kevin and Cindy Austin. To sign up, e-mail Pastor Todd at tleach@hwchurch.org.



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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