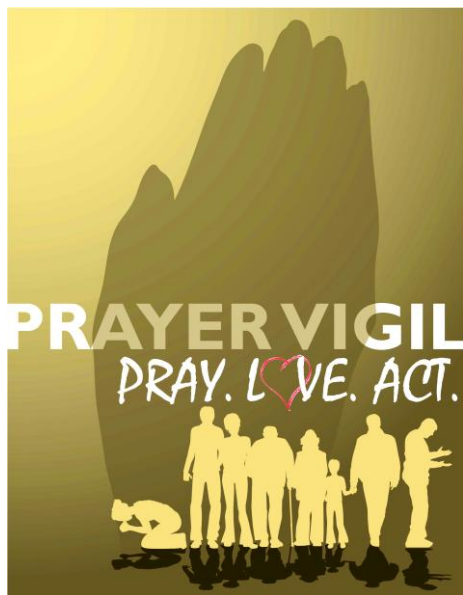


Forty Days of Loving Prayer



Our Lenten Prayer Vigil (February 17 – April 4) began Wednesday evening. The theme of this prayer vigil, *Pray. Love. Act.*, will challenge us to pray and to allow God to use our prayers as a means of moving us to loving action. You may reserve an hour today in the lower sanctuary foyer or in the Christian Education Building foyer, online anytime (hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com) or contact the church office (567-2264). You may also follow Pastor Wes on *Twitter* (www.twitter.com/pastorwesoden) and respond to his weekly blogs and leave prayer concerns and praises on the prayer website (www.hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com).

At the conclusion of Wednesday's service, everyone poured colored sand into a glass vase as a symbol of the corporate prayers. If you were unable to attend Wednesday's gathering, we invite you, following this morning's service, to pour a cup of sand—the color of your choosing—into one of the vases. They will remain on display during the vigil.

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

We have prepared daily devotional, *40 Days of Loving Prayer* based on Thomas Carruth's *40 Days of Love*. The devotionals are designed for each day of Lent, excluding Sundays. You may pick up a copy in the sanctuary or Christian Education building foyer today. The devotional is also available on the prayer website (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) or contact the church office.

MONDAY RECITAL: Susannah Smith will be presenting a conducting lecture recital at the church tomorrow night at 8:00 p.m. The topic is English Church Music, and will feature the organ in several pieces. Reception to follow.

Youth News

Sun	HSM – 6pm at the Rhett's
Tues	Prayer Breakfast - 7:00am Community Room MSM – worship team practice 6:30pm
Wed	MSM – 6:30pm – The Purity Code continues with “The Eyes”

Upcoming events:

Spring Fling! Mark your calendars now.. March 26!

SUNDAY SERMONS ON THE INTERNET: You may access the Sunday sermon on the church website (www.hwchurch.org) or on iTunes (www.itunes.com).

CHURCH SERVICES ON THE RADIO: You can listen, in the Houghton area, to all of our Sunday morning services at **89.9 FM**.