

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP
NOVEMBER 1, 2009

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

Prelude: *Our Father Who Art in Heaven*Bach

*Call to Worship

The God of creation makes us one in body.

Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

The God of Christ makes us one in Spirit.

Let us join hearts and voices in praise of the Lord!

Let us acknowledge the company in which we meet:

the church on earth and in heaven; the faithful who worshipped here before us; the hundreds of thousands of every place and language who, on the Lord's day, seek to set their lives within the atmosphere of renewing grace.

As we think of them, let us take deliberate encouragement from our unity with them all. Alleluia!

*Invocation

*Hymn 462 *For All the Saints*

Passing the Peace

God's peace be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Church

Anthem: *Joy in the Morning*Sleeth

Old Testament Reading: 2 Chronicles 6:21-40 (page 429)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 567 *Gloria Patri*

"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

World without end. Amen, Amen."

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *A Charge to Keep I Have*Young

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 – Hymn 565: *Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord*

New Testament Reading: James 5:13-20 (page 1199)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 556 *Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now*

Sermon: *Prayer that Sets Us Free*

Pastor Wesley Oden

*Hymn 352 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Our Father Which Art in Heaven* (Sonata #6, Allegro molto)

Mendelssohn

*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Kristina LaCelle-Peterson

Acolyte: Amanda Haingray

Children's Worship bulletins are available in the church foyer for ages 3-12.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the offertory for Children's Church, which meets in rooms 116 and 117 on the first floor of the Christian Education building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this All Saints' Day we give thanks for our brothers and sisters in Christ who have gone before us and have inspired us through their commitment to Christ. Even more we give thanks to God through whose grace these saints lived a life to follow.

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 AT 6:00 our prayer vigil begins. In anticipation of this event, dedicating these weeks to God and asking God to do something miraculous for us, we are gathering at 5:30 in the sanctuary for a brief opening service. If you are participating in the prayer vigil you will certainly want to attend this gathering. Small groups will meet at 6:15 in the regular place immediately following the gathering.

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil begins today at 6:00 p.m. Some one-hour time slots are still available for this week and many times are available for next week. Sign ups are available immediately following this morning's worship service. You may also sign-up online (<http://hwcpayerroom.wordpress.com/>). If you do not have internet access or are unsure about signing up online, please contact the church office and we will be glad to assist you. The prayer website also includes a daily "prayer moment" from Pastor Wes, a Prayer Wall and Reflection Wall to which we encourage you to contribute, as well as pictures, descriptions and information about the prayer room that may help you prepare for your hour in prayer there. Pastor Wes is also posting a daily prayer thought on twitter (www.twitter.com/PastorWesOden).

WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 PM Pastor Todd leads the adult prayer group which meets in the sanctuary. AWANA Puggles & Cubbies, Girls' AWANA Club, and Boys' AWANA Club meet.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to worship with us at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes will be leading us to think about Prayer as Sacrifice.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING small groups continue meeting.

MEETING THIS WEEK: Discipleship Committee, Wed, 8:00pm (Room 214)

COLLEGE STUDENT SERVICE OPPORTUNITY: Join us on Saturday, November 14th, 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.

YOUTH NEWS

- High School: Sunday, 5:20pm Prayer Service (Church) / 6:15 Group (Webbs)
- Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, 7:00 a.m., Community Room
- Middle School Ministries, Wednesday, 6:30 p.m.

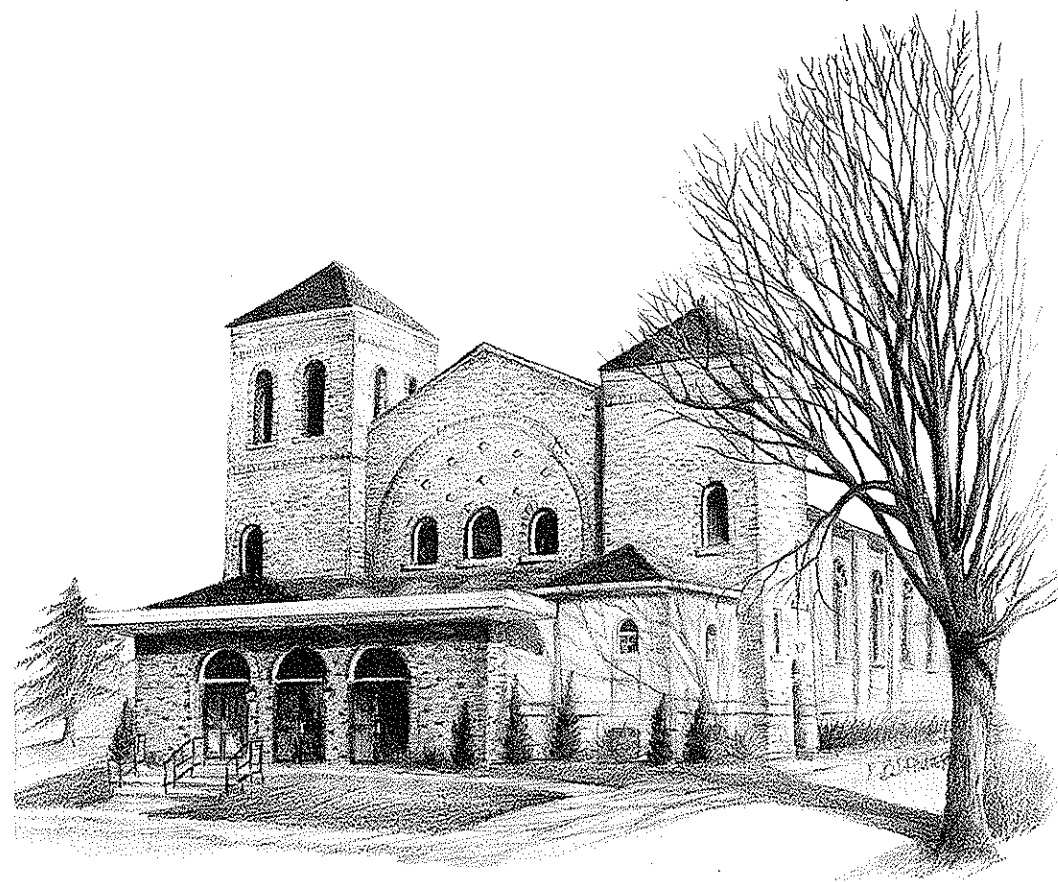
OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Gift-filled shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child will be accepted at the church every Sunday through November 15th, and may be left on the OCC display table in the foyer of the Christian Education building. For details of how to prepare a box, pick up a brochure from the OCC display table, or visit the Samaritan's Purse website: www.samaritanspurse.org. For added convenience, and to track the destination country of your shoebox, use the online EZ Give feature to make your shoe box shipping donation. Just go to the website above and click on EZ Give. "...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	\$ 14,337	\$ 269,911
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,612</u>	<u>\$ 285,852</u>
Difference +/-	+\$ 725	-\$ 15,941

PRAYER CONCERNS: for families who have experienced a recent death; for people with health concerns: Jo-Anne Young, Brianna Austin, Carol Getty, Ella Woolsey, LaNora Keith, Bonnie MacBeth, Robbie Taylor, Sue McNeil, Meredith Kellogg, Al Smith, Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, John McCormick (Vicki King's Father), Sharrel McNeill (Rob McNeill's mother), John Johnson (Sharon Johnson's father), Richard Schmidt (Karl's father), and Louis Case (Jon Case's father); for Houghton College, Houghton Academy, area public schools and homeschoolers; and places in the world facing the effects of natural disasters, famine and war, and for our three-week prayer vigil—that God would do something marvelous for us beyond our richest imagination.



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*
 TODD LEACH, *Assistant Pastor*
 JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*
 CINDY ODEN, *Discipleship Pastor*
 AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*
 LAURIE SMALLEY, *Volunteer Pastor for Outreach*