

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

NOVEMBER 15, 2009

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

Prelude: *Abide with Us, Lord Jesus*Marpurg

"Abide with us, Lord Jesus! Thy grace sustain our hearts That Satan may not harm us with his malignant darts."

Choral Introit: *Look Down, O Lord*Sleeth

Children's Choir, directed by Susannah Smith

*Call to Worship

Praise the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised!

O magnify the Lord with me.

Let us exalt God's name together!

We have gathered to praise our gracious God.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow!

We will give thanks to our God with our whole heart;

We will tell of all His wonderful deeds.

We will be glad and exalt in His name;

We will sing praise to the Most High!

*Invocation

*Hymn 1 ***O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

Passing the Peace

God's peace be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Church

Anthem: *Sound the Trumpet, Praise Him!*Haydn

Old Testament Reading: 2 Chronicles 32: 24-33: 2, 9 (page 455)

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: *Beautiful Savior*Swann

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 561 ***Lead Me, Lord***

New Testament Reading: Luke 11: 1-13 (page 1029)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 386 ***O Safe to the Rock that is Higher than I***

Sermon: **The Struggle of Answers to Prayer**

Pastor Wesley Oden

*Hymn 398 ***Commit Thou All Thy Grievs***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Finale on "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"*Linker

*Please stand if able
Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Pastor Todd Leach
Acolyte: Elijah Beardsley

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. God tells the prophet Jeremiah, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know" (33:3). We gather in worship today calling out to God, asking for Him to reveal the unsearchable richest of His grace. May God give us ears to hear.

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 is the last meeting for small groups this semester. 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 AWANA Puggles & Cubbies, Girls' AWANA Club, and Boys' AWANA Club meet. Pastor Wes leads the adult prayer group which will be meeting in the sanctuary.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to worship with us at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Pastor Wes concludes the sermon series on prayer and we will join in the Lord's Supper as an act of gratitude for all of God's mercies upon us.

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING AT 6:00 is the closing celebration of our three-week, 24-hours-a-day prayer vigil. During this celebration we will share our stories of prayer and rejoice in His presence with us.

YOUTH NEWS

- TONIGHT! High School Youth Group Pizza Scavenger Hunt, 6 PM, meet at the church
- Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, 7:00 a.m., Community Room
- Middle School Ministries, Wed., 6:30 p.m.
- NEXT SUNDAY, 6 PM: meet at the church with the rest of the church to close out the Prayer Vigil. Ice cream and dodge ball in the Community Room after.

Today 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. Thank you to everyone who filled a shoebox! Please continue to pray for these children as they receive the Gospel message and their boxes

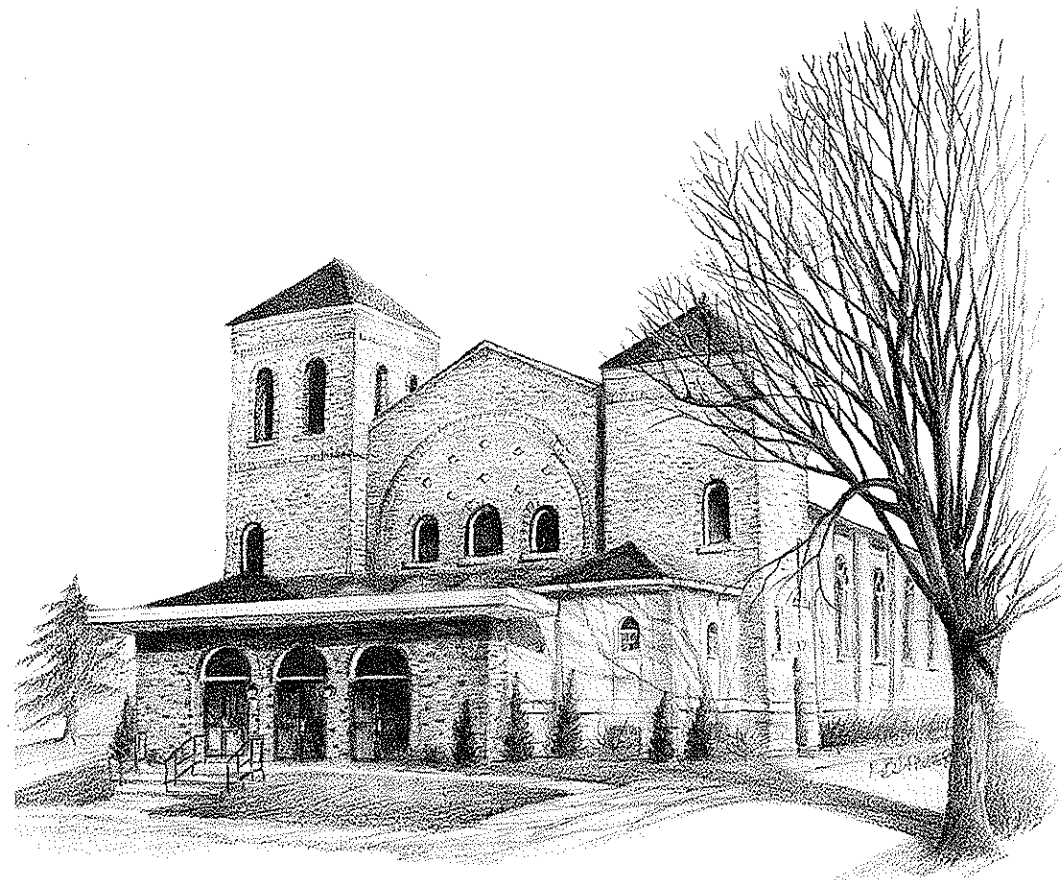
NEWS FOR INVESTORS

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 15,165	\$ 300,189
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,612</u>	<u>\$ 313,076</u>
Difference +/-	+\$ 1,553	—\$ 12,887

PRAYER CONCERNS: for families who have experienced a recent death; for people with health concerns: Carson Sanasith, Quinn Mastin, Jo-Anne Young, Brianna Austin, Carol Getty, Ella Woolsey, LaNora Keith, Bonnie MacBeth, 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, for those most directly affected by the shooting at Fort Hood, for our soldiers stationed around the world, and for our 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*

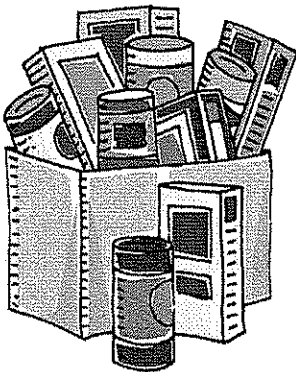
Prayer Vigil Event

We are now 2/3 of the way through our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil. God is at work in a variety of ways. The times to pray are almost completely filled. If any times are still available, you may sign up online at (<http://hwcprayerroom.wordpress.com/>) or by contacting the church office. The prayer website is also includes a prayer thoughts from Pastor Wes, a Prayer Wall and Reflection Wall to which you may contribute you thoughts and prayers, 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 brief daily prayer thought on twitter (www.twitter.com/PastorWesOden). Please note that the church is locked from 10:00pm – 6:00am. During these hours please enter the front doors that face Route 19. A night watchman is on duty during these hours each night to open the door for you and to assist you if any problems arise. The prayer vigil concludes next Sunday, November 22 at 6:00 pm, but we have more plans for the prayer room and for the ongoing need for prayer among us.



NOTE: Tuesday, November 17, 3:00 am has been reserved for the prayer room, but no name was associated with the reservation. We are attempting to discover if this was an error. If you signed up for this time, please contact the church at prayer@hwchurch.org.

Food Pantry Collection November 22



FEED THE HUNGRY

Items needed:

- Pasta, Noodles, Spaghetti Sauce, Macaroni & Cheese, Rice, Cheese
- Canned Meats, Soup, Chili, Canned Fruits & Vegetables, Baked Beans
- Tea, Coffee, Dry Milk, Evaporated Milk, Fruit Juices
- Instant Potatoes, Potato Casseroles, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Breakfast Cereal
- Disposable Diapers, Baby Foods
- Sugar, Flour, Brown Sugar, Brownie Mixes, Cake Mixes, Frosting
- Peanut Butter, Jelly or Jam, Crackers, Cookies, Cooking Oil, Bisquick
- Toothpaste, Soap, Shampoo and Conditioner, Laundry Detergent, Dishwashing Liquid, Paper Products, Pet Food
- Monetary Donations (checks to Houghton Wesleyan Church with "FOOD PANTRY" on the Memo Line) are welcome to provide fresh fruits and vegetables, bread, eggs, cheese, and milk, as well as emergency help for families in our community.

The Food Pantry has a refrigerator and a freezer to store items.

NOTE: Pantry Donations may be brought to the church office throughout the year.