

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP
OCTOBER 18, 2009

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

Prelude: *O Man, Thy Grievous Sin Bemoan*Pachelbel

*O man, thy grievous sin bemoan, that Christ our sacrifice should be,
From sin and pain to set us free, to death on cross anointed.*

*Call to Worship

The love of God has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us;

We dwell in Him and He in us.

Give thanks to the Lord and call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples.

*Sing to Him, sing praises to Him,
and speak of all His marvelous works.*

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,

Who was and is and is to come! Alleluia!

*Invocation

*Hymn 54 *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty*

Passing the Peace

God's peace be with you.

And also with you.

Life of the Church

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 30: 1-10, 34-38 (pages 84-85)

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: *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*Lasky

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.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 7:9—8:5 (page 1220)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

*Hymn 383 *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*

Sermon: **The Community of Prayer**
Pastor Wesley Oden

We Prepare to Receive the Lord's Supper: **Perdón, Señor** (on screen)

The Lord's Supper *The altar is open for prayer as we receive communion.*

*Hymn 349 *From Every Stormy Wind that Blows*

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *How Great Thou Art*arr. Swann

*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Debbie Young

Acolyte: Linnea LaCelle-Peterson

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 goodness of God is evident in His wondrous gift of creation. At this time of year when the leaves are changing and the air is cooler, we rejoice in our creative God. On this day set aside for corporate worship, let us turn our full attention to Him and give thanks for every gift of His grace.

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

MEETINGS THIS WEEK: Monday, Elders, 6:30 pm (Room 105)

WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30: The prayer group meets in the church sanctuary and Middle School youth meet in the upstairs youth room. 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. In preparation for the three-week prayer vigil, Pastor Wes will continue preaching about the various facets of prayer.

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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.

PRAYER VIGIL EVENT: Please be praying and preparing for the three-week, 24-hours-a-day Prayer Vigil Event (November 1-22). The prayer rooms will be completed this week. We will begin sign-ups next Sunday. This is an exciting opportunity for you to spend concentrated time with God using ancient, traditional and contemporary ways of hearing and speaking to God.

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 on how to prepare a box, pick up a brochure from the OCC display table, or visit the Samaritan's Purse website: www.samaritanspurse.org. "I will sing of the Lord's great love forever...I will make your faithfulness known through all generations." Psalm 89:1-3

NEWS FOR INVESTORS	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 14,308	\$ 241,015
<u>Budget Needed</u>	<u>\$ 13,612</u>	<u>\$ 258,628</u>
Difference +/-	+\$ 696	— \$ 17,613

A DISTRICT MISSION TRIP TO HONDURAS: February 9-17, 2010 will offer Bible studies and training for leaders and construction help to new churches. Cost: \$1000 per person. To reserve your place on the team, please send your name and down payment of \$200 (check written to WNY District) by November 16 to Steve Strand, 126 W. James St., Falconer, NY 14733. Also, our district has provided a way for Pastor Carlos and Linda Medina and Alba Reyes to attend an international mission conference in Panama with leaders from the Wesleyan Church October 13-16. Contributions to help cover conference costs may be sent to the District Treasurer Nadine Houghton earmarked "Panama." This will be a great source of encouragement to these Honduran Jesus Film ministry leaders."

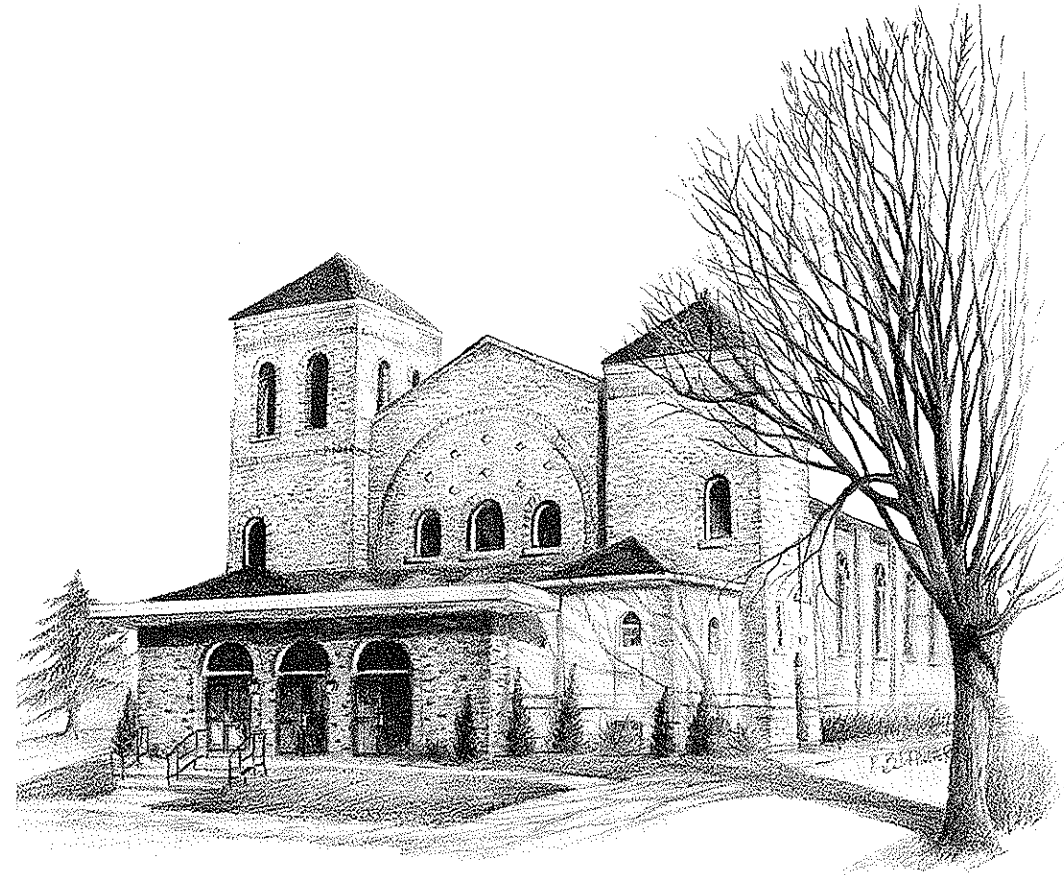
NEW VISION WEEK, October 19-25 at Houghton College: *The God Who Calls, Rescues, and Repays*. Dan & Melike Smeenge from Cross Cultural Connections will speak in chapel on Monday and Wednesday. Jim Martin from International Justice Mission will be with us for Friday's chapel. Check HWC's website or bulletin boards for the full schedule.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jo-Anne Young, Brianna Austin, Carol Getty, Ella Woolsey, John McCormick (Vicki King's father), LaNora Keith, Ann Irving (Ann McNeil's mother), Bonnie MacBeth, Robbie Taylor, Sue McNeil, Fred Libick, Meredith Kellogg, Al Smith, John Johnson (Sharon Johnson's father), Pierce Samuels, Emily Crikelair, 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 more information about church activities, please visit our website: www.hwchurch.org or email us at info@hwchurch.org.



*Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others*



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