

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP  
SEPTEMBER 20, 2009

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

Prelude: *The Lord is My Shepherd, I Shall Not Want* .....DeBruyn

\*Call to Worship

As we are called into worship today, we remember that when God appeared on earth in the person of Jesus, most of the world did not recognize Him and therefore did not worship Him.

*Today we ask for faith that will open our eyes to see Jesus for who He is, that we might worship Him in spirit and in truth.*

People of God, behold and see your God!

*We open our eyes to see His glory.*

*We open our ears to hear His wisdom.*

*We open our hands to offer our gifts.*

*We open our mouths to sing His praise.*

*We open our hearts to offer our love. He is Lord! Alleluia!*

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 2      *O Worship the King*

Passing the Peace

God's peace be with you.

*And also with you.*

Life of the Church

Anthem: *Children of the Heavenly Father* .....arr. Nelson

Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 1:1-17 (page 97)

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: *The Lord is my Shepherd* .....Behnke

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

New Testament Reading: Acts 2:42-47 (page 1079)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 50      *Come, Ye that Love the Lord*

Sermon:      **A Worshiping Church**

Pastor Wesley Oden

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

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Fugue in A minor* .....Bach

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\*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Steve Grudda

Acolyte: Jordan Mullen

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 gathering of our individual hearts, minds, souls and spirits each week in corporate worship is both a privilege and a responsibility. We are privileged to come into the presence of God with one another and to celebrate our relationship as God's children; we are responsible to come in adoration and worship ready to hear him and ready to obey him. May both elements of worship be evident for each of us this day.

**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 to meet. **Total Recall** meets at 6:00 PM in the Community Room. **KOINONIA** meets at 7:00 PM in Wesley Chapel.

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

**WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 TO 7:45 - AWANA** Puggles & Cubbies (children ages 2-4) meet on the 1st floor of the Christian Education building; Girls' AWANA Club (for girls grades kindergarten-6th) meet on the 2nd floor of the Christian Education building; and Boys' AWANA Club (for boys grades kindergarten-6th) meet in the rooms beneath the sanctuary. If you were unable to register your child for one of these ministries this past Wednesday, you may do so this coming Wednesday evening in the Christian Education building foyer is the opening night of AWANA. The prayer group meets in the church sanctuary and junior high youth meet in the upstairs youth room.

**THURSDAY: Children's Choir** rehearsals will begin this Thursday, September 24, from 3:45-4:30pm. Rehearsals take place every Thursday, and students are welcome to get off the bus at the church for rehearsal. Come join us in making a joyful noise to the Lord!

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** we invite you to worship with us at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Next Sunday Pastor Wes's sermon focuses on the importance of discipleship as an essential of what it means for us to be the church of Jesus Christ in this place. Next Sunday morning, September 27th, we will commission all of our volunteers in our morning worship services.

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING** small groups continue meeting.

**TODAY** is the last day to sign up for **THE LADIES FALL GATHERING, Seasons of our Lives**, featuring *Praying Prodigals Home* with Jennifer Burman and a panel of our friends sharing from the seasons of their lives. Join us for good fellowship, coffee, tea, hot chocolate and snacks in the South End of the college dining hall this Saturday, September 26, beginning at 9:00 am. Childcare is available. **PLEASE SIGN UP TODAY** at the table in the foyer.

#### YOUTH NEWS

- Prayer Breakfast Tuesday, 7 a.m.
- Middle school ministries Wed., 6:30 p.m.
- High School ministries Sept. 27, 6 p.m. – Martins' house on Seymour

**H1N1 VIRUS AWARENESS:** With the current outbreak and potential threat of future outbreaks of the H1N1 virus, we are encouraging prudence in our church gatherings. The CDC recommends that you limit your contact with others if you have a cough or sore throat associated fever higher than 100 degrees and that you should avoid going out until you have been free of the fever for one day (without medications). Because the virus is spread primarily through the air, as well as by physical contact, handshakes likely pose no more risk of transmission than a close conversation. However, if you are sick, it would be prudent to not only cover your coughs and sneezes and keep your hands clean, but also to excuse yourself from shaking hands.

#### NEWS FOR INVESTORS

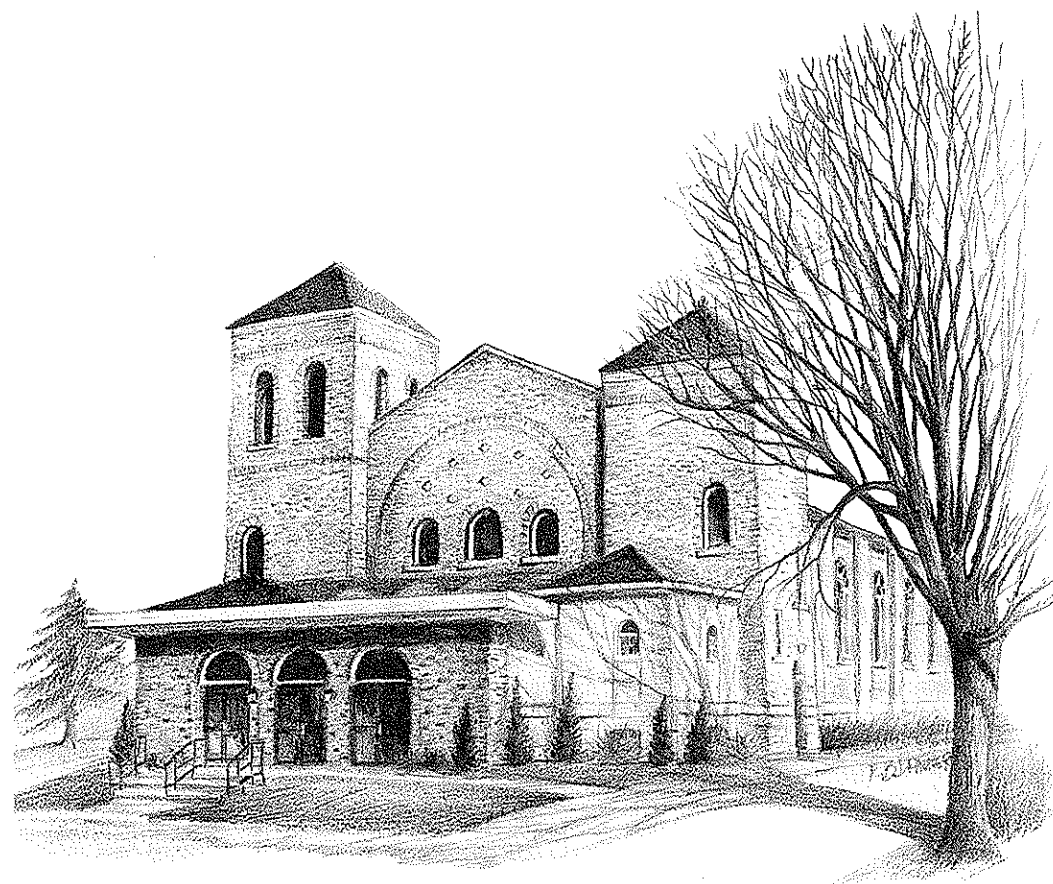
	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 13,517	\$ 185,072
Budget Needed	\$ 13,612	\$ 204,180
Difference +/-	—\$ 95	—\$ 19,108

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Carol Getty, Becky Mastin, John McCormick (Vicki King's Father), Johnny Kimani, LaNora Keith, Ann Irving (Ann McNeil's mother), Bonnie McBeth, 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 for immediate and long-term results of Christian Life Emphasis Week.

For more information about church activities, please visit our website: [www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org) or email us at [info@hwchurch.org](mailto:info@hwchurch.org).



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



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