

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP JANUARY 29, 2012

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

Prelude: *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*Boehm
"If thou but suffer God to guide thee and hope in Him through all thy ways, He'll give thee strength, whate'er betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that none can move."

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 90)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.
Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.
May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.
May the favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us – yes, establish the work of our hands.

*Invocation

*Hymn 449 *Like a River Glorious*

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Life of the Church

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

Anthem: *Joy in the Morning*Sleeth

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:1-7 (page 2)

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)

Please feel free to use the altar as your place of prayer as we bow in humility before our loving heavenly Father.

*New Testament Reading: Luke 13:10-17 (page 1033)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God!*

*Hymn 448 *There is a Place of Quiet Rest*

Sermon: **Are You Stretched?**

Pastor Wesley Oden

*Hymn 294 *Take My Life and Let it Be* (tune of Hymn 87)

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *O God Our Help in Ages Past*Swann

*Please stand if able

Organist: Eileen DeBoer

Worship Leader: Gudy Stevenson

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. Worship is both a privilege and a responsibility. It is a privilege because we have the opportunity to come together and encounter the Almighty God; it is a responsibility in that we are called to enter worship with all of our being, thinking about our lives and thinking about others who are in worship with us. Let us rejoice in this opportunity to worship God together and pray that our encounter with God this day will lead us to be His people every day.

TONIGHT small groups for community members continue meeting.

WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6:30 BOOM! Club, King's Kids Club, & Boys' Club meet. The adult prayer group is lifted: Wednesday evening from 6:30-7:30 the Chamberlain Lecture Series speaker Dr. Jeannine Brabon meets in Chamberlain rooms 123 & 125.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40, and 11:00.
Pastor Wes's sermon asks, *Are We Bungee-Jumpers or Safety Officers?*

NEXT SUNDAY EVENING Small Groups continue meeting.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: Pastor Wes is hosting a class, Monday, February 27, 6:30 – 9:30pm for all who are interested in joining the Houghton Wesleyan Church. If you are interested in attending or would like more information, please contact Pastor Wes.

PRAYER ROOM: the prayer room is available every day, 7:00am – 9:00pm (holidays excluded). You may reserve the prayer room online (www.hwchurch.org) or by contacting the church office. Walk-ins are welcome with consideration given to a previous reservation.

YOUTH NEWS

Tonight No HSM
Tuesday Prayer Breakfast – 7am Community Room
Wednesday MSM in the youth room 6:30pm

CHURCH SERVICES ON THE INTERNET: You may access our Sunday worship online either through the church website (www.hwchurch.org) or on iTunes (www.itunes.com). Most weeks the services are available on iTunes by late Sunday afternoon and on our website by late Monday morning.

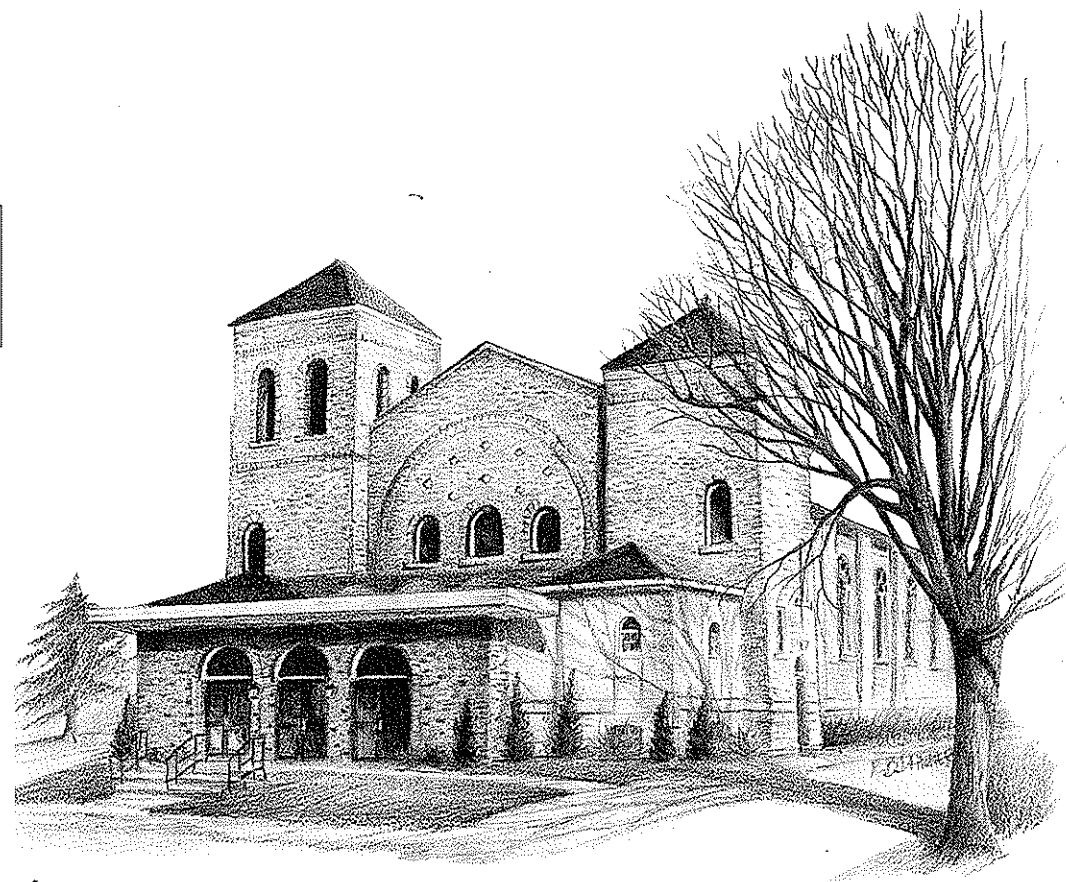
CHURCH SERVICES ON THE RADIO: You may access our Sunday morning worship services in the Houghton area at **89.9 FM**.

NEWS FOR INVESTORS	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Fiscal Year</u>
Offerings Received	\$ 9,206	\$ 466,326
Budget Needed	\$ 13,751	\$ 453,783
Difference +/-	—\$ 4,545	—\$ 1,208
FAITH PROMISES:	\$25,415	
FAITH PROMISES GIVEN:	\$ 7,463	

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for all with health concerns: John and Gladys Andrews, Clayton Templeton, Lynn Perry, Hannah Jennings, Bill Roeske, Wayne and Bonnie MacBeth, Emily Crikelair, John Smith (Shelley Noyes's Father), Judy Gutekunst (Kayann Taylor's mother), Candy Wells (Christopher's mother), John and Mary McCormick (Vicki King's parents), Clarence Wagonblott (Audra Beardsley's father), Louis Case (Jon Case's father), Doug Miller and family; for our men and women who serving in the military; for people recovering from recent natural disasters and terrorist attacks; for Christians around the world who face threats and persecution; and for our Missions Conference, February 11 & 12.



*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*