

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

Prelude: *Jesus Christus, unser Heiland*, BWV 665 .....J.S. Bach

**\*Call to Worship**

The Mighty One, God, the Lord, speaks and summons the earth  
from the rising of the sun to where it sets.

*From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.*

Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him,  
and around him a tempest rages.

*He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may  
judge his people: "Gather to me this consecrated people,  
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice."*

And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for he is a God of justice.

*Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,  
be honor and glory for ever and ever. Alleluia!*

**\*Invocation**

\*Hymn 3                      *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**\*Words of Greeting and Peace**

Ministry Spotlight: Discipleship

Old Testament Reading: Nahum (selected verses)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

**\*Doxology**

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Behold our God* .....Baird

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty and merciful God, we know that when we offend another, we offend  
you. We are aware that we have often allowed the shadow of apathy to cloud our  
souls, hiding the light from our un-seeking eyes. We have said unpleasant and  
hurtful things to our brothers and sisters when they failed to live up to our  
expectations. Grant that we might know your love burning within us, the love  
that you have shown to us even when we failed you. Fan the embers of that love  
into flames of grace, truth, peace, and reconciliation. Lead us into new life  
through your Son Jesus Christ, who died for the sins of all. Amen.**

—from the UMC Book of Worship

**Pastoral Prayer / The Lord's Prayer**

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

*If kneeling is difficult for you, please use the red chairs or stand by the altar rail.*

Our Response to Prayer:                      *I Exalt Thee*

\*New Testament Reading: Matthew 5: 21-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

*All: Thanks be to God!*

\*Hymn 374                      *O For a Faith that Will Not Shrink*

Sermon:                      **The God Who Is Jealous for His People**

Pastor Wes Oden

\*Hymn 25                      *God of Grace and God of Glory*

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Toccata in Seven* .....John Rutter

\*Please stand if able

Organist: Judy Congdon

Worship Leader: Andrew Sherman

Acolyte: Maya Cooley

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

**Nursery:** We provide a fully staffed nursery for infants up to two years of age.  
The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education Building.

**Children's Church:** Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the  
sermon for Children's Church in room 116 in the Christian Education Building.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** We come to worship today  
because Christ who was dead is risen and all who believe have life in Him. May God  
help us worship today so that we may go forth to live in His grace and power every  
day.

**PRAYER VIGIL EVENT:** Our three-week, 24-hour a day prayer vigil begins next  
Sunday at 5:00 p.m. You can sign up this morning in the sanctuary and CE building  
foyers or anytime online ([hwchurch.org](http://hwchurch.org)) for an hour or more. Please contact the  
church office if you do not have internet access or are unsure about signing up  
online. Please note that security personnel will be on duty during from midnight to  
4:00am to assist you. A brief service in anticipation of the prayer vigil will be held  
next Sunday at 4:30 in the sanctuary. This year's theme is *I have loved you ... Seek  
me and live.* The prayer room has been designed in a variety of ways to help us  
experience this theme so prevalent in the Minor Prophets. You are invited to explore  
the prayer room this morning to see the many new designs that are intended to make  
our experience most beneficial.

**OUR JUNIOR CHURCH CHILDREN ARE COLLECTING CHANGE** for World Hope's  
5+2 Program--named after the 5 fish and 2 loaves that Jesus multiplied to feed the  
crowds. Money goes toward school fees for children who have not yet been  
sponsored.

**NEW VISION WEEK CHAPELS** this week Monday and Wednesday 11:05a.m. with former Wesleyan missionary and current pastor, Mick Veach.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING:** Pastor Wes's sermon addresses *The God Who Is Present in an Upside-Down World* (Habakkuk). Next Sunday we gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

**NEXT SUNDAY EVENING:** Prayer Vigil Opening (4:30) / Small groups meet.

**NEW WEBSITE:** Our church's website has a new design. The web address ([www.hwchurch.org](http://www.hwchurch.org)) is the same, but the look is very different. The new site has more pictures (we plan to add more videos), easier navigation and is mobile/tablet friendly. Unfortunately, we are still working to transfer all of the information from the old website to the new and to make sure that all of the links work. Nevertheless, we have unveiled the new site because it allows us access to a more user-friendly reservations calendar for the Prayer Vigil. We encourage you to take a look at the new site, keeping in mind that it is still a work in progress.

**KID'S CLUB** meets each Wednesday evening from 6:00 to 7:15. Kids 1st through 6th grade are welcome! Please talk to Pastor Laurie for details.

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** Pack a shoebox or two. We have brochures on the OCC table in the Christian Education foyer that will help you to pack your boxes. Foldable cardboard boxes are available to you or you may use your own shoebox. We are also looking for people to donate items for our **Kids Club Packing Party on November 8**. Items may be placed in the red boxes in either foyer.

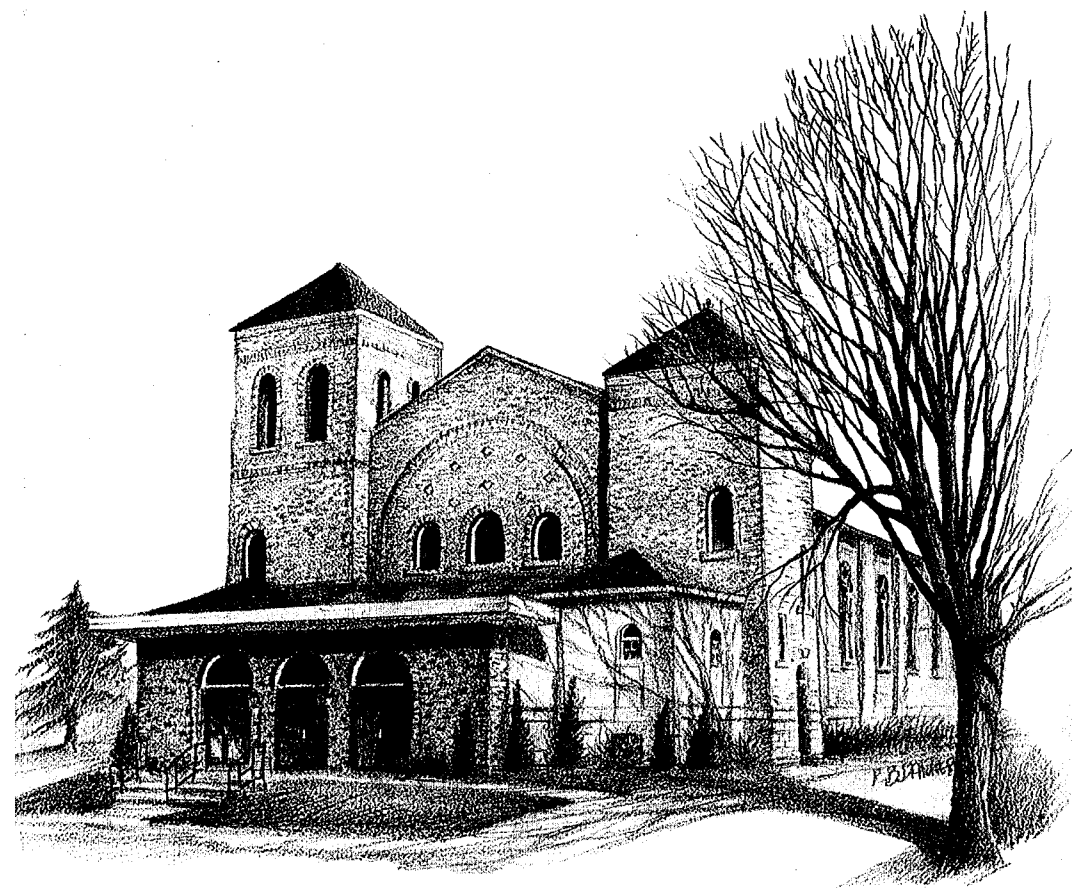
**MISSION MOMENT** – The Austins in Czech Republic start a new year of ministry with many new growing friendships. See and pray for these names in the "Missionary Mailbag" monthly summary of our news from our missionaries available in sanctuary and CE building foyers.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** - Somalia again makes the news with violence in Mogadishu. This is a reminder that Christians have no freedom there and death is a daily threat to them. In the wake of events we pray for God to build His Kingdom and grant courage, comfort and protection to His children.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Jayne Swanson, Leonard Watson, Louise Prinsell, Laura Habecker, Hudson Hess, Nancy Cole, Brian Orbaker (Charlie and Connie Smith's son-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter, Ellis Brotzman, Chuck Barrett (Wendy Ott's brother), Sheryl O'Brien, Ben King, Doris Essepien, Eila Shea, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Bill Getty, Warren and Ella Woolsey, Mike Raybuck, Bev Rhett, Micah Christensen, Linda Roth, Dick Gould, Emily Crikelair; for all who are grieving and recovering from the shooting in Las Vegas; for refugees; for the people of Puerto Rico and all affected by the recent hurricanes and earthquakes, for peace amid threats of war; for healing and unity in our nation; and for the North Collins Wesleyan Church (Pastor Justin Leininger).



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

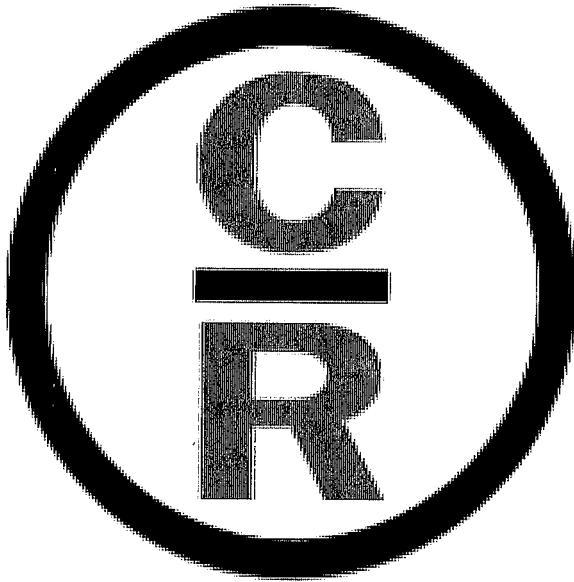
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**Postponed!**  
**Sorry for any inconvenience.**



## Celebrate Recovery™

An informational meeting  
**October 24th 6:30 p.m.**  
held in Room 105  
(across from the church Library)  
Join us and learn how you can make  
a difference in the development  
of this vital ministry!

FAMILY HARVEST EXTRAVAGANZA'S

# Pie Baking CONTEST

Claim the title of having the best pie around  
by baking your FAVORITE PIE!

To sign up contact Rachel Blew  
email: rachel.blew@houghton.edu  
phone: 585.610.5220

Please have your pie at the church by:  
1:45pm on October 28

Labeled with:  
your name, phone number, and flavor of pie.

**HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH IS  
COLLECTING CANDY DONATIONS FOR THE:**

4Th Annual Family Harvest Extravaganza

**TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 28TH.**

**PLEASE DROP ANY DONATIONS OFF  
AT THE CHURCH OFFICE ANY TIME DURING OFFICE HOURS:**

**MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8AM-5PM**

**QUESTIONS!**

**PLEASE CONTACT RACHEL BLEW AT 585.610.5220**



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