

Hosanna

And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. *Matthew 21:9*

PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 14, 2019

8:20 MORNING WORSHIP

Worship through Song

Celebration of Ministry:
Genesee Rapids

Offering

Scripture Reading:
Matthew 26: 31-35, 57-58, 69-75

Song

Failing Jesus
Pastor Wes Oden

Time of Prayer

Song

9:40 MORNING WORSHIP

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Scripture Reader: Austen Kewin
Acolyte: Sam Cool

Scripture Reader: Jeff Boon
Acolyte: Jared Boon

*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.*

Music Ministry Team:
Bekah Scharf and Amanda Cox, vocals; Jeff Boon, guitar & vocals;
Dan Zambrano, piano; Heidi Sardina, keyboard & vocals;
Meghan Taylor, cello; Dan Wartinger, bass; Kylie Tomaselli, drums

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 and is available during services.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon for Children's Church for both services: they meet in room 116 in the Christian Education Building.

JUNIOR CHURCH (Kinder-3rd Grade) meets today (8:20) .

There are **KID'S BAGS AND BIBLES** available in the book shelf on the left side of the foyer next to the Men's restroom.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. On this day when we celebrate Christ's entry into Jerusalem amid the cheers and adulation of the crowd, we are reminded that by the end of the week he will be jeered and nailed to a cross. As we worship God with our songs and words, with our mouths and ears, with our hearts and minds, let us open ourselves to our loving Father.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Wednesday: Final Kid's Club--Special Easter Program (Prayer Group meets)

Thursday: Maundy Thursday, 7:00 pm

Friday: Journey to the Cross (10 am -6 pm in the Community Room)

Sunday: 7:45 Baptism Celebration Service

8:30 Breakfast (Community Room)

10:00 Worship Service

MEETING THIS WEEK: Elders – Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.

EASTER BAPTISM: If you are interested in being baptized at the 7:45 a.m. Resurrection Service on Easter morning, April 21, contact Pastor Wes (wesoden@hwchurch.org) or the church office by Monday. A baptism preparation class will be held this week in preparation.

MAUNDY THURSDAY: We are hosting a Maundy Thursday service this Thursday, April 18, 7:00 – 8:00pm in the church sanctuary. This service includes communion, the stripping of the church and darkness of Tenebrae, all of which engage us in the last night of Jesus' life before the cross.

STEWARDSHIP

Received (June 1—Present): \$674,606.19

Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$687,753.00

JOURNEY TO THE CROSS: On Good Friday, April 19 (10:00am – 6:00pm), you are invited to participate in a Journey to the Cross. The Journey will take place in the church community room and will contain destinations that lead us through the last hours of Jesus life. This event is intended to help us contemplate the meaning of Christ's sacrifice for us. If you are unavailable Friday, you are welcome to make the journey this Tuesday, noon-4pm.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY does not meet this Thursday so you may participate in the Maundy Thursday service. On **April 25** (7 pm) Mark Hills, our district representative, will be giving his testimony. Light refreshments will be served. This would be a great time to come and experience a Celebrate Recovery meeting. Please come join us.

MISSION MOMENT – Let us uphold the Lilius Trotter Center staff of Don Little, Ben Hegeman, and Gail Schlosser in the final weeks of the major writing project that will inform hosts of Christians in a worldwide prayer initiative for Muslims during the upcoming Ramadan. More info will come on how to participate.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – The world's largest democracy and nearly largest nation of 1.3+ billion people, is in the midst of a national election. Over 70 million Christians in India, often threatened at many levels, are boldly praying for God to bless the church in that land and guide the election outcomes and their future witness.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Phyllis Osgood, Debbie Alderman Wilson, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Roselyn Danner, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Sheryl O'Brien, Gwen Mercer, Gus and Louise Prinsell, Bethie Liddick, Bev Rhett, Phil Main, Emily Crikelair, Mike Raybuck, Sheldon Emerson (Darby Luckey's brother), Eila Shea, Izabela Daugherty (Dave and Karen's daughter-in-law), Peter Lingenfelter; for the injured and grieving from tragedies and disasters; for refugees; for peace amid threats of war; for the leaders of our government; for Yorks Corners Mennonite Church (Pastor Eugene Miller).

STEWARDSHIP

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God calls children a blessing and a gift! Their spirits are filled with innocence, joy and laughter. Jesus actually tells us to be like children and to come to Him full of faith and trust.

Children are vital to who we are as a church which is why we set aside more than \$27,000 each year for children's ministries. Our investment is not limited to finances, however. Dozens of people (some of whom are mentioned below) invest their time and talent in teaching, helping, nurturing and loving our children. If you don't have children in your home right now, you might wonder what this support involves. Here's a brief description of children's ministries at our church:

Sunday School superintendents Jess Wartinger and Jamie Potter oversee this ministry, recruiting and equipping over 20 volunteer teachers and helpers to serve toddlers through 6th graders. Each week over 100 children participate in Sunday School at our church. Jan Schilke leads the Assembly time and teaches scripture songs to the kids before Sunday School starts for the 2-5 grades.

Junior Church for first, second and third grade children is led by Heidi Miller and Andrea Boon and meets during the 8:20 service on non-communion Sundays. Over the past few years the kids in Junior Church have participated in projects, such as collecting coins for the Hope for Children project and collecting coats to be given to needy children.

Children's Church meets during the 8:20 and 11:00 services. The chief volunteers for Children's Church are Kim and Steve Tucker, Angela Babbitt, Sally Retz, Rebecca Williams, and Jordan Mullen.

Nursery: Jan Schilke oversees the nursery doing all the scheduling and ensuring that everything is safe and clean. Most Sundays the nursery volunteers care for about ten babies. Kathy Reitnour oversees our Cradle Roll ministry, connecting with parents when a child is born and providing them with timely information about infants and parenting.

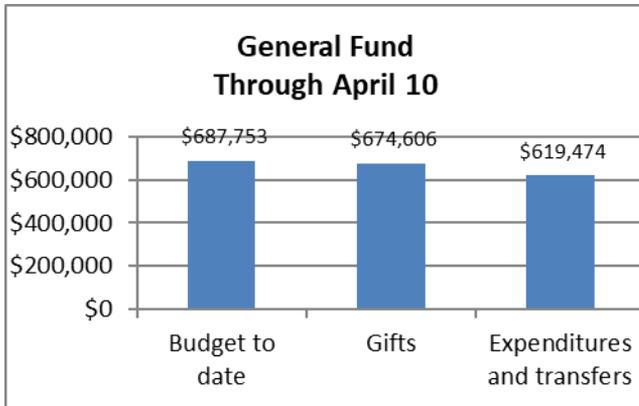
Kids' Club meets every Wednesday evening. Activities provide fun and Bible teaching for between 45 -50 local children each week. Donna Blew leads the Junior Kids' Club for preschoolers; Beth Beardsley and Jeff Babbitt lead the 1st and 2nd graders; Lydia Christiansen leads the 3rd and 4th graders, and Kurt Habecker leads the 5th and 6th graders. Sarah Sardinia provides lively music. Interesting crafts are organized and prepared by Kathy Moore and LuAnne Brubaker. Bob Smalley and Eliza Kelly lead our games. Karen Liddick fills in where needed every week. Engaging Bible lessons are prepared and presented by Bethie and Nick Liddick. Doug and Phyllis Gaerte have been wonderful support staff as well.

Valley Preschool welcomes 24 three- and four-year olds each Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning providing fun, socialization time and helping preschoolers to be prepared to enter Kindergarten.

In addition to these regularly scheduled programs, there are several other family-focused activities throughout the year:

- Operation Christmas Child Box packing;
- Christmas Caroling;
- The Buddy Keith Grand Prix veggie car and boat race;
- End-of-the-year Family Swim night at the college pool;
- Missions Tour (during Mission Emphasis Week);
- and Journey to the Cross.

And, remember to stop by the Children’s Library. Recently added new shelving helps keep the books nicely organized and accessible. Please join our children in memorizing the monthly Bible verse that is printed in each “Highlights” and is on one of the pre- and post-service slides. In addition, check out the HWCKids Facebook page for current information on children’s activities at HWC. Such wonderful opportunities for our children to know the great love of God would not be possible without the host of volunteers each week who serve and share. We are grateful for their commitment to our children.



A Special Invitation
SUNDAY POTLUCK LUNCH
for College & Grad Students
with the Church Family
SUNDAY, noon, APRIL 28.

Plan to come with others anytime after the 9:40 or 11:00
Service to the Community Room behind the Sanctuary.
Come for good food, conversations. It's College Sunday!

See you there.

Your HWC friends



(FOLD/TEAR OFF/ PUT IN OFFERING)

SUNDAY LUNCH at NOON — APRIL 28

____ yes, I plan to come (college)

____ yes, we'll be there with a main dish and salad or
dessert.

(name/s)

Easter Sunday Morning Church Breakfast

in the church Community Room

8:30am – following the Baptism service at 7:45am

This years' donation breakfast is presented by the HWC youth group in order to raise money to attend the International Wesleyan Youth Convention in Cincinnati at the end of this year.

You can help by donating the following items:

Fresh Eggs, Ham, Potatoes, Apples, Bananas, Oranges, Orange Juice

Items can be left in the kitchen (eggs, ham & OJ in the refrigerator please!) on/before Wednesday, April 17th.

Fresh baked quick breads and cinnamon rolls may be donated by bringing them to the church on Easter Sunday morning. Please indicate below what you will bring and return this sheet to Pastor Jon or place it in the offering plate.

Item _____ Quantity _____

Name _____

Thanks so much for supporting our youth!

