

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

11:00 MORNING WORSHIP

APRIL 7, 2019

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

Prelude: *My Heart Is Filled With Longing* .....J. S. Bach

\*Call to Worship

Let us worship God, who reconciles us to himself through Christ.

***We are new creations; the old has gone, the new has come!***

Let us worship God as Christ’s ambassadors.

***Through us and through our worship may we announce the good news to all.***

Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.

***Praise God! We are reconciled, redeemed, renewed!***

\*Invocation

\*Hymn 457 ***My Hope is in the Lord***

\*Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *God So Loved the World* .....John Stainer

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 34:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

\*Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Lenten Prelude* .....Jonathan Battishill

Prayer of Confession

**Our great God and Savior, as we look to the cross we are reminded that the victory is Yours. Sins forgiven. Death conquered. Your people redeemed, and Your Kingdom come. Though we affirm this truth, we often resist your call to embrace the cross. Forgive us Lord. Forgive us for the times when we have spent more energy fighting to prove we are right instead of doing what you ask of us. Forgive us for the words we speak out of revenge or judgment, instead of speaking the truth in love. Forgive us for being what we see in the world instead of embracing who we are in You. In our weakness—lead us to the cross and into the victory of Your resurrection that we might know and experience your promised forgiveness in Christ. Amen.**

Song of Preparation: ***Arise, My Soul, Arise***

\*New Testament Reading: Matthew 26:57-68

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: ***Thanks be to God!***

\*Hymn 170 ***Were You There?***

Sermon: **Condemned by God’s Shepherds**  
Pastor Wes Oden

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.*

The Lord’s Supper

\*Hymn 510 ***When I Survey the Wondrous Cross***

\*Benediction

\*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

\*Postlude: *Fugue in a minor* .....J. S. Bach

\*Please stand if able  
Organist: Nicholas Liddick

Worship Leader: David Huizenga  
Acolyte: Abigail Reitnour

**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.

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.

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH:** Following the New Testament scripture reading children ages 2-5 will be dismissed for Children’s Church which meets in the Christian Ed building in Room 116.

**WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH.** On this Fifth Sunday in Lent, we gather in gratitude for the cross and for all that the death of Jesus Christ means for us and for the world. As we contemplate Christ’s sacrifice for us, let us give thanks and worship Him with all of our hearts.

**NEXT SUNDAY MORNING** is Palm Sunday, the last Sunday in Lent. In addition to the children processing with palm branches, Pastor Wes will preach from Matthew 26:69-75 about the struggle of *Disassociating Ourselves from Jesus*. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

**ALL WOMEN:** Don’t miss the WNY Women of Worship conference this coming Saturday (April 13) [right here in Houghton](#). The day-long conference features J.J. Heller, September McCarthy, Carol McLeod and our own Sarah Derck! To purchase tickets, go to [www.houghton.edu/women-of-worship/](http://www.houghton.edu/women-of-worship/). See you there!

**WEDNESDAY EVENING PRAYER GROUP** meets from 6:30 to 7:30 in Room 9 beneath the sanctuary.

**EASTER BAPTISM:** If you are interested in being baptized at the 7:45 a.m. Resurrection Service on Easter morning, April 21, contact the church office. A baptism preparation class will be held in mid-April.

**OUR CHILDREN'S CHURCH TEAM** needs some help for May and June during the 11:00 service. If you can help by teaching or assisting, please contact Pastor Laurie

**The Flower Committee WELCOMES EASTER PLANTS** to decorate the church for Easter Sunday. If you would like to honor a loved one, please give the information to Patty Stalker in the church office by Monday, April 15, and please leave your plant at the church by Good Friday, **April 19**. The flower committee will be purchasing lilies for \$15 if you would like one.

**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. (Tuesday, April 16, from noon to 4pm for college community)

**STEWARDSHIP**            Received (June 1—Present): \$659,419.92  
                                  Budgeted (June 1—Present): \$672,469.60

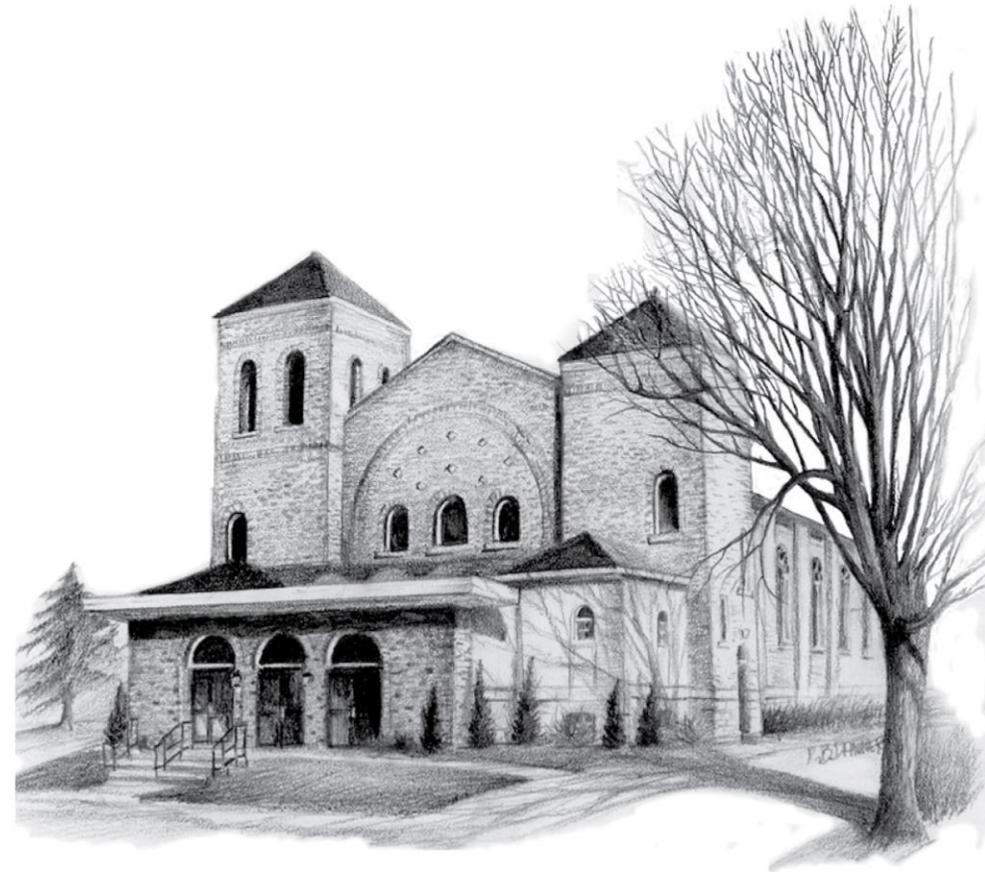
**MISSION MOMENT** – Pray for Caribbean Global Partner missionaries meeting in Florida for rest, renewal, and strategizing currently. Special focus is on the situation and hopes for return to Haiti. We pray for the Thedes who had to be evacuated with others last month.

**PERSECUTED CHURCH** – The news headlines swing our thoughts to various regions...recently Central America. Evangelical Christians, still a minority, have been on the rise. We pray for Christians to impact their nations for peace, justice, and the true Gospel of Jesus Christ especially in the midst of economic and political woes, increased violence, and unrest.

**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 Wellsville Salvation Army (Pastor David Means).



*Joyfully loving God,  
wholeheartedly serving others*



WESLEY ODEN, *Senior Pastor*

JON COLE, *Youth Pastor*

CINDY ODEN, *Assistant Pastor*

PAUL SHEA, *Assistant Pastor*

AMANDA COX, *Music and Worship Director*

LAURIE SMALLEY, *Children's Ministry Pastor*

# 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!



# CELEBRATE RECOVERY

*Did you know that Celebrate Recovery is not just for people who struggle with addictions?*

**Everyone struggles with life issues! We all benefit when we share our hurts, habits and hang-ups with others. People are not helped by our strengths; they are helped when we are honest about our weaknesses. That's when others can relate to us.**

**A few months ago, someone told me, “ I'm ready to hit bottom. When will I get there ?” This is how I answered: “ When you stop digging!” It's simple really. We hit bottom when we finally get tired of being beat up by ourselves and others. Then and only then, at the point of complete surrender, do we find rest. This isn't the sitting and doing nothing kind of rest---it's peace of mind.**

*(From the Celebrate Recovery Daily Devotional )*

Mark Hills, the state representative for Celebrate Recovery for our area, will be joining us on April 25th at 7pm to share his testimony. This would be a great time to come and experience a Celebrate Recovery meeting. Please come join us!

*Come join us on Thursday Evenings in The Good Shepherd Room at 7pm!*



*Mark Hills, our CR State Rep*