Houghton Wesleyan Church
Highlights

Joyfully loving God, wholeheartedly serving others

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Celebrating the Past; Anticipating the Future

Remember the wonders he has performed, his miracles, and the rulings he has given…
Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.
(1 Chronicles 16:12; Philippians 3:13-14)

During the Celebration of Ministry Gathering (May 19), I shared some of the ways in which our church has begun or enhanced ministries this past year:

- *Celebrate Recovery* became an official group
- Egypt project involvement
- ***Our Daily Bread*** expanded—food for FCS needy children on extended school breaks
- Residency Program—Austen Kewin (College ministry)
- Initiated a check-in program for our children
- Organized a Communications Team—helping us communicate more effectively
- Two new small groups
- New lights in office driveway
- Global Outreach Information Board (CR foyer) updated
- *Service of Remembrance* for our children
- Poverty Simulation (February)
- *Quilts of Compassion* for people in crisis situations
- Valley Preschool celebrated its 50th anniversary
- Created an Internal Controls Team to continue improving financial accountability
- Initiated Sunday morning *Celebration of Ministry Moments*—information and inspiration about a variety of church ministries
- Streaming Statistics: For the past three months—1006 unique viewers: 409 live/597 on demand used by people in our local area, as well as PA, FL, TX, MI, SC, CT, KY, NC, New Brunswick, Scotland, United Arab Emirates

I also shared about plans for the year of ministry before us:

- Global Outreach: Possible Focus on Egypt and Haiti
- Local Outreach: Continue to help meet needs of people around us (Food Pantry and Benevolent Fund) while thinking of ways to more effectively connect
- Continue making deepening connections with Houghton Academy and Houghton College students, helping to make HWC feel like a home church while they are here
- Jr. Church/Children's Opening—utilize gifts of HC Music Ed. and Ed. Majors
- *Wesleyan Kids For Missions* has been discontinued by the denomination, so we transitioning for a quarterly Sunday School emphasis on missions to incorporate missions into the general Sunday School program
- Plan to start one or two new small groups
- Continue to address realistic and measured ways of keeping our church a safe place
- CLEW ending / New Ideas—reach same goal of helping students be continually open to God

This is a partial list of things for us to remember and give thanks and to pray for God's blessings as we look to the future. Thank you for the investment of your time, talent and treasure in the ministries of this church in the past and in the future.

Blessings,
Pastor Wes

2019 Election Results

Elders Secretary: Jim Zoller
Church Treasurer: David Mercer
Elders: Dave Brubaker, Don Little, Jan Schilke
Trustees: Vali Ciobanu, Charlie Smith, Michael Spateholts
Nominating Committee: LuAnne Brubaker, Bob Danner, Jill Jordan
District Conference Delegates: Casda Danner, Nathan Danner, Jonathan Hilsher, Dean Liddick, Carolyn Miller

Elders:
Kathie Brenneman (2020)
Jesse Fink (2020)
Matt Webb (2020)
Doug Gaerte (2021)
Dick Harter (2021)
Ed Taylor (2021)
Dave Brubaker (2022)
Don Little (2022)
Jan Schilke (2022)
Jim Zoller, Secretary
David Mercer, Treasurer
Pastor Wes Oden

Trustees:
Dar Beardsley (2020)
Harold Blew (2020)
Nathan Danner (2020)
Barb Bates (2021)
Matt Woolsey (2021)
Vali Ciobanu (2022)
Charlie Smith (2022)
Mike Spateholts (2022)
Pastor Jon Cole

Please continue to pray for our pastors and leaders as we begin a new year of ministry and service in Houghton.

Thank you to Elders, Larry Mullen and Gudy Stevenson and to Trustees, Susan Martin and Phil Merrill whose terms have expired. We appreciate the thoughtful and godly leadership that each person has given us in the past years.

NEW MEMBERS

We are excited to welcome these new members to the fellowship of our church: Olivia Flint, Andrew and Melissa Lundeen, Laurie Machamer, Tim and Sharon McGarvey, Luke and Hannah Ogden, and Lisa Speta.

June 2 at 5:00 p.m.
in the Community Room

Summer Worship Schedule

June 2	8:30 am and 11:00 am (Sunday School ends June 16)
July 7	10:00 am (Summer Sabbath)
August 18	8:20 am, 9:40 am and 11:00 am
September 8	8:20 am, 9:40 am and 11:00 am (Sunday School begins)

Stewardship – A Life of Generosity

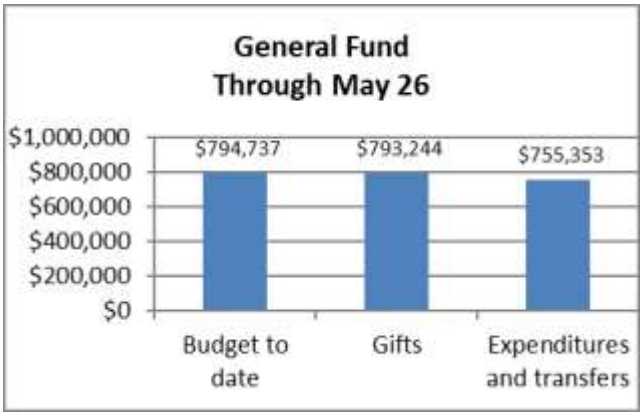
Talking about giving is often awkward and uncomfortable, especially at church. But giving is clearly a concept that runs through the Scriptures. And if we don't talk about, we miss opportunities to learn and discover the joy it brings.

A few weeks ago, our congregation voted to approve the 2019-2020 HWC Community Financial Plan. This plan reflects the mission and vision of Houghton Wesleyan Church and will be our game plan to reach our current goals. By voting to approve this plan, we indicated our commitment to support the plan—the priorities it reveals, the goals we desire to reach, and our desire to commit ourselves to godly stewardship through faithful giving.

Giving faithfully on a consistent basis to our local church is a profound statement. It's a way of saying you are "all in" with that local expression of Christ's body. There is joy in giving God your money. The most important blessing of faithful, consistent giving is spiritual – it is a form of worship.

Thank you for your commitment of financial support. Every dollar you invest will be used to fulfill the mission of furthering God's kingdom both locally and throughout the world. When we invest our time, money and resources in kingdom purposes our faith becomes stronger each time God answers prayer and supplies a need.

As we progress through the year, be ready to be amazed and blessed by what God accomplishes through our faithful giving to Houghton Wesleyan Church.



Our Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for the quick, competent, and loving care for our family during my dad's dramatic exit from church on Sunday. He received excellent care, is proudly sporting a pacemaker and is now back to almost full strength. This is a wonderful place to worship, work and live and the spiritual, emotional and physical care are exceptional!

With a grateful heart,
Betsy Webb

Independent Presbyterian Church Senior High Choir
from Nashville, TN

Concert at Houghton Wesleyan Church
on Monday, June 3 at 7pm

SEWING BEE MEETS IN JUNE

Attention all who enjoy sewing or want to learn:

Our group will meet June 4 and 18, 1:00-3:00 pm Houghton Wesleyan Church Community Room to plan and make lap quilts for those who are ill or in need of love and comfort.

Bring your sewing machine and join us for afternoon of sewing and fellowship.

THANK YOUS ALL AROUND!

Adult Sunday School will conclude on Sunday June 16. So, now's the time to offer your thanks to this year's faithful teachers: Paul Young, Michael Jordan, David Daugherty, Peter Luckey, Jason Mucher and Sally Johnson and others who assisted this year.

Also, we've just wrapped up Small Groups and want to thank hosts and leaders: Jack and Linda Leax, Debbie Young, Becky Hutton, Michael Jordan, Chris and Laura Esh, A.C. and Meghan Taylor, Doug and Judi Mayhle, J.L. and Heidi Miller, Philip and Rebekah Tumbaga, Chris and Kim Prins-Moeller, Dan and Jess Wartinger, Jesse and Melissa Fink, Paul and Debbie Shea.
Our church is constantly growing healthier because of the Adult Ministry opportunities these folks lead. Thanks!

MISSION NOTES:

New in the upcoming year's mission budget: The addition of support for Martin and Sheri Hegeman with SIM Mission. God willing they will tackle French language study in France within the year, and eventually serve on the staff of Sahel Academy in Niger. They visit us later this month. Keep them in prayer.

Foster Family Appreciation Night at the Genesee Rapids is June 7

The Local Outreach Committee and Genesee Rapids baseball team are teaming up with the Allegany County Department of Social Services and Hillside Family of Agencies again this year for a night at the ballpark to celebrate our local foster families. Foster families and children are invited to a picnic dinner and lawn games next to the ball field at 6:00/6:30pm followed by the opening game of the Genesee Rapids at 7:00pm. Thank you to Ralph Kerr and the Rapids for offering free entry to our foster families. If you are able to help prepare food (pulled pork, salt potatoes, watermelon, etc.), serve food, loan lawn games (cornhole, ladder ball, can jam, etc.) or represent the Church at this event, please contact Pastor Jon or Emily Spateholts at 585-808-8925. Thanks!"

As you may have heard by now, Laurie and Bob Smalley are moving to the Adirondacks to be closer to family. Laurie and Bob have been a part of the Houghton Church for more than 30 years. During this time, Laurie served as a volunteer pastor here and after teaching at Houghton Academy has now the past two years filled the position of Director of Children's Ministries.

Laurie has done a wonderful job of providing oversight to our many ministries to and for our children. Her loving, caring spirit has been a blessing to many children, children's workers, our entire congregation and the wider Houghton community. Laurie and Bob will be sorely missed, but we wish Laurie and Bob the very best.

The Smalleys will officially move the end of June. Over the course of this month, express your love and appreciation to them.

Congratulations! Welcome Babies

Barrett James and Hutch Roderick Bowers, twins were born to Kaiden and Tori Bowers on May 2.

Eliyah Mei Oluwakoyinsola Perry was born to Kurtis and Jeshurun Perry on May 13. Congratulations also to sisters Aria and Sakaeri .

Yukon Adam Wartinger was born on May 26 to Jess and Dan Wartinger and siblings Adalyn, Elliot, Isaac, Oakley and Upton.

Peer-to-Peer Support Group

If you are walking through (or have walked through) the grief of a miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant loss, we invite you to join us on the second Tuesday of every month from 6:30-8:00pm in Room 105 at Houghton Wesleyan Church (past the church offices, across from the library) for a peer-to-peer support group. The June meeting will be June 11th. Parents, grandparents, and caregivers welcome; please no children. For more information or details, please contact Emily Spateholts at emily.spateholts@gmail.com or 585-808-8925.

Bikes on the Quad

Join us on the Houghton College Quad on Wednesday Nights at 6:30 for "Bikes on the Quad," a time for family fellowship while the kids ride the quad. (We are not limited to bikes! Bring baseballs and gloves, soccer balls, Frisbees, sidewalk chalk.) We meet every Wednesday through August 21.

Put JUNE 9th on your calendars:

June 9th is our Annual Sunday School picnic to honor our Sunday School teachers and helpers. The whole congregation is invited to come and celebrate with us! Please bring a main dish and a salad or dessert to share. Thank you for supporting our Sunday School program.

Important: June 16th is the final day of Sunday School!

Valley Preschool Graduation was wonderful - congrats to all the graduates and Casda and her staff for a job well done! Applications are available for next year on the VPS bulletin Board outside the Valley Pre-School Rooms.

Youth workers for Jr Church

Throughout the year, when Junior Church meets upstairs during the 8:20 service, we have had a team of amazing youth that have helped us on a monthly basis. I would like to say a special thank you to Emma Cole, Lydia Schilke, Jadyn Mucher, Sophia Templeton, Sophie Tang and Nicole Torraca. You all have been responsible, trustworthy and wonderful with our kids! Thank you so very much.

Mr. Blew's 6th Grade Sunday School Class - **those who have completed the catechism class will be recognized on Sunday June 9th at the 8:30service.**

Mr and Mrs Schmidt's 2nd grade Sunday School class **will present the Books of the Bible during the 11:00 service on June 16th**

Our June Scripture

Our spotlight on Children's Ministry workers this month is

Steve & Audrey Pocock

This month I want to say a special thank you to Audrey and Steve Pocock for the many years they have taught 3rd grade Sunday School. They both have such a wonderful relationship with their students. Audrey is so gifted in the area of Biblical Education and Steve adds so much with his fun personality. Their students love them both! They have such a heart to see their students learn the Bible and grow in their faith.

Thank you so much Audrey and Steve for being such awesome Sunday School teachers!

Wellspring Ministries

Summer is just about upon us! We typically have a few more folks coming through our door now. Many seek summer clothing, pots, pan, and furniture pieces. Some just seek another person who will listen and talk with them. Come visit us with your family members, and stay for lunch. We love to see HWC faces.

Our hours of operation are Wednesdays and Fridays: 9:30 to 1:30 pm.
Lunch begins at 11:50 with a brief devotion time.
Please note -
-Closed entire week of July 4th
-Beardsley porch is available for light item drop off only on Mondays and Tuesdays, please.
(except June 3 and 4, 10 and 11)

Being a part of the HWC "Local Outreach" budget is important to Wellspring's continuance, and we thank you for this supportive vote of confidence and partnership... and for others who give monthly from our church.

"A life of generosity connects us to the kingdom purposes of God." (Pastor Wes)

For the Board,
Beth Beardsley

Coming in July

Royal FamilyKIDS

ROYAL FAMILY KIDS CAMP July 7-12
This will be our 25th year!

We need more than 100 Prayer Partners to commit to praying for our campers and volunteers. Contact:

Laurie.dashnau@houghton.edu or

briana.hollenback17@houghton.edu

We need adult (18 and above) volunteers! We need people who have a heart for kids and who are willing to step forward and say, "How can I help?" Volunteers can serve as individual counselors (with two campers) or in the areas of drama, sports, crafts, dining hall, woodworking, boating and fishing. If you have a willing heart, we can find a place for you at camp! We have special need for male volunteers! Whether male or female, if you want to "get your toes wet", consider volunteering for the carnival that takes place on Thursday, July 11, from 1 – 6pm.

Just contact nancy.murphy@houghton.edu to sign up to run a carnival game.

Refresh at Houghton

2019 Dates: July 28 - August 2

GUEST SPEAKER
Rev. Dr. Meredith Griffin
Senior Pastor of
Harvest Christian Fellowship
Wilmington, DE

WORSHIP LEADER
Hannah Kerr

REGISTER AT:
refreshathoughton.com

Fillmore Central School

BACCALAUREATE SERVICE

Class of 2019

The Baccalaureate Committee, along with the parents of the Class of 2019, cordially invite you to attend the Baccalaureate Service to be held on Sunday, June 16, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fillmore Central School Auditorium. There will be a reception immediately following the service in the school cafeteria.

We hope you will join us on this occasion of worship and celebration.

From the
Library Shelves

Our church library is a great place for families, couples and singles, old and young alike. In the adult area there are DVDs that are classified and catalogued in the card catalog by titles and subjects. Not yet all classified but available are biographies, Christian living and fiction books on CD. The Large Print books area is next with a very small classified section and a larger fiction section. We also have a shelf of books that our teens and/or their parents might find interesting and helpful. There is another shelf of just parenting books, offering helpful insights and tips for your family. Our classified section is next with books on the Bible, Jesus, prayer, Christian life, missions, finances, dating, marriage and so much more. The fiction section is next with books for your leisure reading. The back room houses the biography section and the group studies section.

Our children's room is two areas—one for younger children (preschool to lower primary ages) and the junior section (middle school ages). There are books in a variety of subjects in both areas—Bible story books, biographies, animals (scientific and just-for-fun), plants, learning ABC's, colors, and much more. We have a CD and DVD section there also.

Come on in and see what we have. Enjoy!!

PASSWORD UPDATE

Thank you for your prayers for Nancy, Jon, Luke, and Emma Cole. Because people are asking about taking them a meal or two, we are opening this up to the congregation.
You may go directly to
TakeThemAMeal.com
and locate the schedule by the recipient's last name (Cole) and the password is Cole. Thank you for praying for and helping the Cole family as they are dealing with Nancy's health issues.

HOUSE PAINTING & POWER WASHING

If you are interested in having your house painted, house power-washed or deck stained, contact Phil Merrill at (585) 610-8882

The Annual Old Timers Game against the Genesee Rapids

The Annual Rapids Old Timers Game will be played this year on Wednesday, June 5 at 7pm. This event has proven to be a fun time for players and their families. A donation of $50 gets each player, playing time, a specially designed Old Timers t shirt, Rapids Cap and all the pizza one can eat. Bill Swanson will be the coach and pitcher again this year. Currently on the roster are, Dr. Schierer, Jason and Alisha Mucher, Reagan Ryan, Karl Sisson, Jeff Boon, Matt Hopkins and some other lesser known players. Anyone interested in playing should contact Ralph Kerr, 716-969-0688.

Opening Night for the Rapids will be Friday, June 7 @ 7pm against the Hornell Dodgers. The game will feature our Rapids 27 players from all over the US plus Puerto Rico and Aruba. A fireworks display will take place after the game.

Please come out and support the Rapids on Opening Night. All Rapids home games are played at the Houghton College Baseball Field. For more information check out our website**, wwwgeneseerapidsbaseball.com** or on Facebook and Twitter.

GENESEE RAPIDS BASEBALL SUMMER CAMP

Week 1 – Tuesday, 7/9 - Friday, 7/12

Week 2 – Tuesday, 7/16 – Friday, 7/19

8:30-11:30am

Houghton College Baseball Field, Houghton, NY

Backyard mechanic, lawn mowing, split and stack firewood, appliance repair, scrap metal pick up (have own truck). Call Jason at 763-310-6451 for project per-hour rates.

HC SPORT CAMPS

Houghton College Sports Camps 2019, with premier instructional camps in Soccer, Basketball, Tennis or Volleyball. Players entering grades 1 through 12 are invited! Every year nearly 3500 students participate in HC Sport Camps.

SOCCER CAMPS

At Houghton College Soccer Camp you will improve your technical and tactical skills. Receive instruction from expert coaches in a safe environment with excellent facilities on the campus of Houghton College.

Soccer Camp Dates

July 28 – Aug.1: Girls Week (girls entering grades 4-12)
July 29 – Aug. 1: Mini Day Camp (9am-3pm, boys & girls; entering grades 1-3)
Aug. 1-2: Girls Advanced/ID Camp (girls HS grad years: 2020, 2021, 2022)
Aug. 4-8: Boys Week (boys entering grades 4-12)
Aug. 8-9: Boys Advanced/ID Camp; boys HS grad years: 2020, 2021, 2022)

BASKETBALL CAMPS

Houghton College Basketball Camp can provide you with a great experience, including league tournament and championship games, small group skill development, league skill competitions, leadership and character development, and so much more! Sign up for camp and receive a free basketball and camp jersey!
You will receive instruction from expert coaches who care about your game - but more importantly care about you as a person.

Basketball Camp Dates

June 30 – July 4: Girls Camp (entering grades 4-12)
July 15-18: Building for the Future Day Camp (boys/girls entering grades 1-3)
July 14-18: Boys Camp (entering grades 4-12)

TENNIS CAMP

A healthy and wholesome atmosphere in which campers can enjoy playing tennis and developing friendships. Tennis camp will include more than 32 hours of instruction and match play, including game strategy, singles and doubles patterns, mental toughness, and technical critique. Campers will partake in daily stretching, conditioning, hitting, and play while having their fundamental skills addressed individually and in groups.
Improve your technical and tactical tennis skills and receive instruction in a wholesome and safe Christian environment.

Tennis Camp dates

July 21-25 (entering grades 6-12)

VOLLEYBALL CAMP

We will cover all aspects of the game on individual and team levels. The 4-2, 5-1, and 6-2 offenses, as well as popular defenses, will be taught. All campers who reside in school districts from Section V and VI will receive our "neighbor" discount.

Volleyball Camp Dates

July 21-25, 2019 (entering grades 7-12)

Go to https://houghtonsummercamps.com/

Our Farmer's Market starts June 5th, 1:00-6:00 Market will be held every Wednesday throughout the summer.. Local Honey produce, crafts, quilts, bags, Farmhouse decor, plants & more... We hope you can join us! Call 585-207-5077 for vendor information.

SUNDAYS IN JUNE

June 2 (8:30 and 11:00 am, 5:00pm)
a.m. *Love Wins-The Power of Peace*
Pastor Paul Shea
p.m. Ice Cream Social

June 9 (8:30 and 11:00 am)
a.m. Pastor Laurie Smalley

June 16 (8:30 and 11:00 am)
a.m. *Where is God When Life Crushes Us?*
(Psalm 6)

June 23 (8:30 and 11:00 am)
a.m. Dr. Jon Case

June 30 (8:30 and 11:00 am)
a.m. Dr. Sarah Derck

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