ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP AUGUST 25, 2019

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

Prelude: *Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness* (BWV 654) .....J. S. Bach

*Call to Worship (Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us –
So that your ways may be known on earth,
your salvation among all nations.
May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.
May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.
The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us.
May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him. Alleluia!

*Invocation

*Hymn 26 ***All Creatures of Our God and King***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Small Groups

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 127
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: ***Thanks be to God!***

Doxology

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *The Mission/How Great Thou Art* .....Schmidt, van der Beek, Nelson
Dan Zambrano, cello
(Reminder: If you give online, please place an **I Gave Online** card in the offering plate as it is passed.)

Prayer of Confession
God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your love for all people. We praise you that when our sin hides the brightness of your light, you continue to reveal your glory. We praise you that when we turn away from people in need, you call us once again to the joy of serving others. We praise you that when we confess our sins, you promise to cleanse us from our sin, so that we might reveal your wondrous grace and love in Jesus Christ. May your name be praised. Amen.

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.

Song of Preparation: ***All I Have is Christ***

*New Testament Reading: Matthew 7: 24-29
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: ***Thanks be to God!***

*Hymn 86 ***My Jesus, I Love Thee*** (children released)

Sermon: **Organizing Our Priorities for Living**
Pastor Wes Oden

*Hymn 65 ***This is My Father's World***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Fugue in C major* (BWV 545) .....J. S. Bach

*Please stand if able
Organist: Judy Congdon
Worship Leader: Josh Derck
Acolyte: Jameson Rhett

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Agnes Margaret Reusser on July 9, 2019 to Alison and George and older sister, Isobel.

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: Preschool Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the song before the sermon: they meet in room 116 in the Christian Education Building

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

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. Each week we face the ups and downs of human living. We gather this morning to proclaim that the Lord is God and that we worship him as our King. As the new academic year kicks off, our prayer is that God will be our focus, our joy and our passion. We offer a special welcome to new and returning Houghton College and Houghton Academy students.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING the Rev. Dr. J. Michael Walters will preach from Luke 14:1-14, *Learning to Fly*. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

THE CHURCH CHOIR will begin rehearsals on Tuesday, September 3 at 7pm in the sanctuary. The choir serves in the 11am service each Sunday. Come and join us in singing our praises to God! Contact Amanda Cox with any questions (amandacox@hwchurch.org).

CHURCH WEBSITE: Please visit our church website (www.hwchurch.org) for information relating to the church and ministries.

FINAL "BIKES ON THE QUAD" - Join us on the Houghton College Quad Wednesday at 6:30 for a time for family fellowship while the kids ride the quad. (We are not limited to bikes! Bring baseballs, gloves, soccer balls, Frisbees, etc)

LIVE STREAMING All our worship services are live streamed through the church website, through streaming devices (Apple TV, Roku, etc.) and on Facebook. Services are also archived for later viewing on the website and Facebook.

PRAYER GROUP – Wednesday, 6:30 -7:30 pm. in Room 9 below the sanctuary a growing number gather for prayer for the community and church.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY meets Thursday Evenings, 7-9 PM in the Good Shepherd Room. CR is a safe place to share hurts, habits and hang-ups.

STEWARDSHIP
Received (June 1—Present): $ 164,790.43
Budgeted (June 1—Present): $ 185,610.36

MISSION MOMENT - Pray for Cheri Shea who has recently came to Indiana from Liberia for medical treatment. Husband, Alan, and the three boys remain in Liberia and are anxious for wife and mom to return soon. ELWA hospital and radio is a busy place needing prayers as well.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Ben Hegeman of the Lilias Trotter Center extends our outreach and prayers in tension-filled Jos, Nigeria this week. He is training local Christian workers amongst the many Muslim in the region. Pray for powerful demonstration of God's love and peace.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for family and friends of Jean Reigles, for Julie and Don Haingray at the death of Julie's father this week and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Silas Miller, Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Joe Coleson (Sarah Derck's father), Reuben Samuels, Debbie Alderman Wilson, The Marsh Family, Jon Retz, Emily Hood (A.C. Taylor's cousin), Bob Brown, Bill Getty, Nancy Cole, Eileen Spear, Evelyn Heil, Dan Gurley, Sheryl O'Brien, 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 Watermark Wesleyan Church, South Creek Campus, Eden (Pastor Keven Beers).

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE
September 1.....Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /No Sunday School
September 8..... Worship – 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00 /Sunday School – 9:40

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WELCOME POTLUCK

AUGUST 25 @ 5:00 PM

All are invited to welcome students to the community at the Welcome Potluck on August 25 at 5:00 p.m. on the church side lawn (weather permitting). Because the church family will be welcoming 200 athletes and students already on campus to our community, we, the church family, will provide all the food.

The church will provide table service, hot dogs, hot dog buns and beverage.

Please bring two of the following four choices so we have enough food to serve everyone:

- a large salad,
- a large side dish
- a large main dish or casserole,
- a large dessert.

Come and enjoy this time of fellowship and food as we welcome Houghton College students to our church and community.

Fall **invitation to** do something about…

DYNAMIC ADULT DISCIPLESHIP

Discipleship is a day by day and lifelong process of following Jesus -- individually, joining and inviting others.

SMALL GROUPS – Sundays and beyond – Start Sept. 15

Always contact leaders for info – If interested in hosting or leading a new group, contact Pastor Shea (567-2264)– Some full groups are unlisted.

Sundays:

- Chris and Kim Moeller @ their home—5:00 p.m.
- Doug and Judi Mayhle @ their home—5:30 p.m. (shared light meal)
- Dan and Jess Wartinger @ church Room 105—5:30 p.m. (childcare)
- Paul Shea @ their home—6:00 p.m.
- Debbie Young @ Leax home—6:30 p.m.

Mondays: Michael Jordan @ TBD home—6:30 p.m.
Wednesdays: Jesse and Melissa Fink @ their home—6:30 p.m.

(See back for more DISCIPLESHIP opportunities.)

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SMALL GROUP RESPONSE

[ ] I am newly interested in joining a Small Group
[ ] I am interested in hosting or leading a NEW Small Group
[ ] I am interested in training to lead or mentor in Fall SS training class (see back)

NAME_____ EMAIL_____

Tear off and Put in Offering or Back of Church

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

– 9:40 a.m. Sundays - Start Sept. 8

Bible Exposition—*Titus*—Paul Young, teacher (below sanctuary, Room 9)
Book Discussion—Michael Jordan, facilitator (below sanctuary, Room 10)
When Moms Prayer—Sally Johnson, facilitator (below sanctuary Room 7&
Book/Video Series—Jason Mucher & Kristen Sanasith, facilitators (C.E. Room 105, across from the library)
Kaleidoscope—Variety guests/topics—Dave Daugherty, facilitator (Community Room)
Leading in Discipleship **(NEW)** – Paul Shea and other facilitators (below Sanctuary Room 4) Topics: Leading groups, Inductive Bible Study, Mentoring One on One. (Fall only)

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES – Weekdays

Tuesdays - Starts Sept. 17, 10:00 a.m.—Marilyn Hiler, facilitator (below sanctuary, Room 7)
Wednesdays - Starts Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m., *James* study cont. —Sandy Roederer, facilitator (below sanctuary, Room 10)
Fridays - Starts Sept. 13, 9:00 a.m., Annie Wiesman, Eileen Jacoby, Elizabeth Ciobanu, facilitators (Primary Assembly Room (childcare arranged)

Nursery Volunteer Sign-up

School Year Months: October 1--April 30

Children are never too young to begin experiencing the love of God and sensing that they are a part of the body of Christ. The nursery ministry is an effort to care for the physical needs of children and to provide a place where children are appreciated as part of Christ's body.

Please complete the following survey if you are able to help in the nursery. We will gladly use you as a volunteer if:

1) you are willing to go through an application/screening process;
2) you are willing to attend required training meetings; and
3) you attend HWC regularly.

Thank you for your part in this ministry of love for Christ and the little ones. He has entrusted to us. The completed survey can be sent intracampus to the church office or put in the offering plate as soon as possible. Thanks.

There must be two adult (18 or older) volunteers for each service. You may be a third volunteer if you are 14-17 years old. You may accompany <u>your</u> parent(s) if you are under 14. Please indicate your age if you are under 18.

Please completely fill out the information below:

1. Name_____18 or older _____ Age if under 18____
2. Address/CPO Box #_____
   Phone number _____
   Email address_____
3. During the school months (October 1-April 30) I would be willing to work:

_____every week	_____8:20 service
_____every other week	_____9:40 service
_____once each month	_____11:00 service
_____other_____	_____5:00 p.m. service

4. Dates I will **not** be available from October 1--April 30 (college and academy students will not be scheduled during class breaks):

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Perhaps you are not sure of your schedule. Please don't hesitate to sign up anyway. It is easy to switch with someone else should you find that you are unavailable when you are scheduled.