TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

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

Prelude: *Prelude in G major*, Op. 37, No. 2 ……Felix Mendelssohn

*Call to Worship

Come to Christ, that living stone,
rejected by the world, but in God's sight chosen and precious.
We have responded to Christ's call,
and seek to be built into a spiritual house,
a living reminder of God's presence on earth.
Once we were no people, but now we are God's people,
called out of the darkness into God's marvelous light.
Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:
Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer,
By your mercy we have been born anew to a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

*Invocation

*Hymn 80 ***Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Celebration of Ministry: Operation Christmas Child

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 40:21-31
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: ***Thanks be to God!***

****Doxology***

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Take My Life and Let it Be* ……arr. Craig Courtney
Kimberly Prins Moeller, mezzo-soprano; Dianna Clem, flute
(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 confess that our sin and pride hide the brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for justice; we do not strive for peace, we do not sacrifice ourselves so that others may hear the good news of Jesus. In your mercy cleanse us of our sin, and baptize us once again with your Spirit that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory shining in the face of Jesus Christ as we hear the words of Jesus: *If you confess your sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive your sins*. 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: ***My Worth is Not in What I Own***

*New Testament Reading: Luke 14:1-14
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: ***Thanks be to God!***

*Hymn 327 ***O For a Heart to Praise My God*** (children released)

Sermon: **Learning to Fly**
Rev. Dr. Michael Walters

*Hymn 423 ***May the Mind of Christ My Savior***

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Fugue in E-flat major*, BWV 552 ……J. S. Bach

*Please stand if able
Organist: Judy Congdon
Worship Leader: Austen Kewin
Acolyte: Indigo Knapp

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. Every Sunday is a time for remembering all that God has done and to celebrate the victory of Christ's resurrection. As we embark on a new academic year, we gather asking God's Spirit to work in us and to transform us by His grace.

GUEST PREACHER. We are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. J. Michael Walters today. Dr. Walters was the Senior Pastor of this church for 13 years and taught at Houghton College for 20 years.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW, SEPTEMBER 2, FOR LABOR DAY.

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).

KOINONIA MEETS TONIGHT, 7 PM IN WESLEY CHAPEL.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING: Pastor Wes leads us into a fall sermon and small group series, *Tension to Tapestry*, which focuses on the tensions of following Jesus. Next Sunday's sermon, *God's Gift of Tension* is grounded in Genesis 2 and John 1. We gather for worship at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00.

NEXT SUNDAY, 9:40-10:40 a.m. Sunday School begins for all ages

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

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.

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): $ 173,766.68
Budgeted (June 1—Present): $ 201,077.89

MISSION MOMENT - We pray for many ministries to students including the KOINONIA ministry of HWC. Hold up Austen Kewin, pastoral leader, and student leader, Bethany Elliott and the great team of students. We also pray for chapels, and other organizations promoting spiritual growth and Kingdom priorities.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Reflecting on the years of devastation in areas of the Middle East, we pray for whole communities of Christians hoping to restore churches, schools, homes, and the way of life. Pray for their witness to the power of Christ offering forgiveness, hope and peace.

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Paulette Schierer, Ruby Schierer Williams, 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 McCrae Brook Wesleyan Church, Eldred, PA (Pastor Dale Argot).

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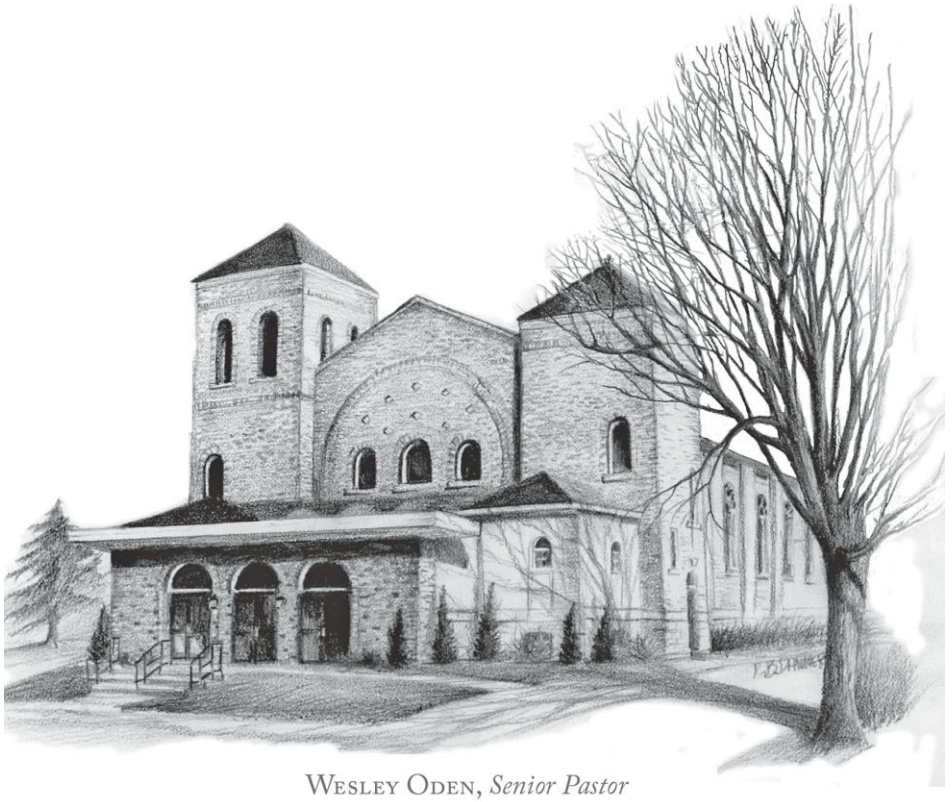
Wesleyan Church

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*
Emily Spateholts, *Director of Children's Ministry*
Ann McNeill, *Director of Children's Ministry*

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Ministry Interest Response

I would like more information about ministry opportunities with:

- ☐ Children
- ☐ Youth
- ☐ College
- ☐ Adults
- ☐ Music
- ☐ Sound Equipment
- ☐ Greeters
- ☐ Ushers
- ☐ Coffee Counter
- ☐ Meals on Wheels

When?

- ☐ Sunday Morning
- ☐ Sunday Evening
- ☐ Wednesday Evening
- ☐ Other_____

Name_____

Phone_____CPO _____

E-mail_____

Please place in the offering plate or
Ministry Response Form Box in the Foyer.

SEPTEMBER 8

DURING THE SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (9:40-10:40 am)

Toddlers - Cassie & Italo Riquelme & Susie Roorbach
2 year olds - Judi & Doug Mayhle
3 year olds - Laura Esh & TBD
4 year olds - Sunshine & Aaron Sullivan
Kindergarten - Kathy Moore & Karen Liddick
Grade 1 - Emily & Brandon Hoffman & Joanna Bates
Grade 2 - Jill & Karl Schmidt
Grade 3 - Audrey & Steve Pocock
Grade 4 - Elsa Kettinger & Beth Stevick
Grade 5 - Sharon McGarvey & Debbie Shea
Grade 6 - Harold Blew & Rhoda & Mike Burgett

Youth (grades 7-12) meet in the Youth Room

ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL

Bible Exposition—*Titus*—Paul Young, teacher (below sanctuary, Room 9)

Book Discussion—*A Desert in the Ocean,* St. Brendan—Michael Jordan, facilitator (below sanctuary, Room 10)

When Moms Prayer—Sally Johnson, facilitator (below sanctuary Room 7)

Book/Video Series—TBD—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)

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SHOPPING
Back-to School SALES
For Operation Christmas Child
SHOEBOXES

- Scissors
- Crayons
- Pencils
- Erasers
- Colored pencils
- Markers
- Pencil sharpeners
- Pencil pouches

Drop off items in boxes located in the CE Foyer, church foyer and around the church.
Questions? Contact Jessica Romance at jessica.r.mullen@gmail.com

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.