PERSECUTED CHURCH – UN reports 8,000 children abducted by Boko Haram since 2009 and since 2017, some 117 used for suicide attacks. We pray for deliverance from this vilest evil. See OpenDoorsUSA

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.

BIKES ON THE QUAD - Join us on the Houghton College Quad on Wednesday Nights at 6:30 for 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 will meet every Wednesday through August 28.

WEDNESDAY PRAYER GROUP THIS WEEK – Prayer Group will resume August 7, 6:30 to 7:30 in Room 9 beneath the sanctuary.

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): $ 130,958.07
Budgeted (June 1—Present): $ 154,675.30

NEWSLETTER: We are in the process of updating our mailing list and church directory. If you do not currently receive our monthly newsletter (Houghton Highlights), either by postal mail or email, please contact the church office (567-2264 / office@hwchurch.org).

PRAYER CONCERNS: for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Silas Miller, Tom Brandenburg (Julie Haingray's father), Elly Plaza (Alejandra Koch's sister), Ruth Boon, Paulette Schierer, Jeshu, Kurtis and Eliyah Perry, Joe Coleson (Sarah Derck's father), Reuben Samuels, Ruby Schierer Williams, 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 Vine Wesleyan Church, Depew (Pastor Jason Argo).

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE
August 18 – 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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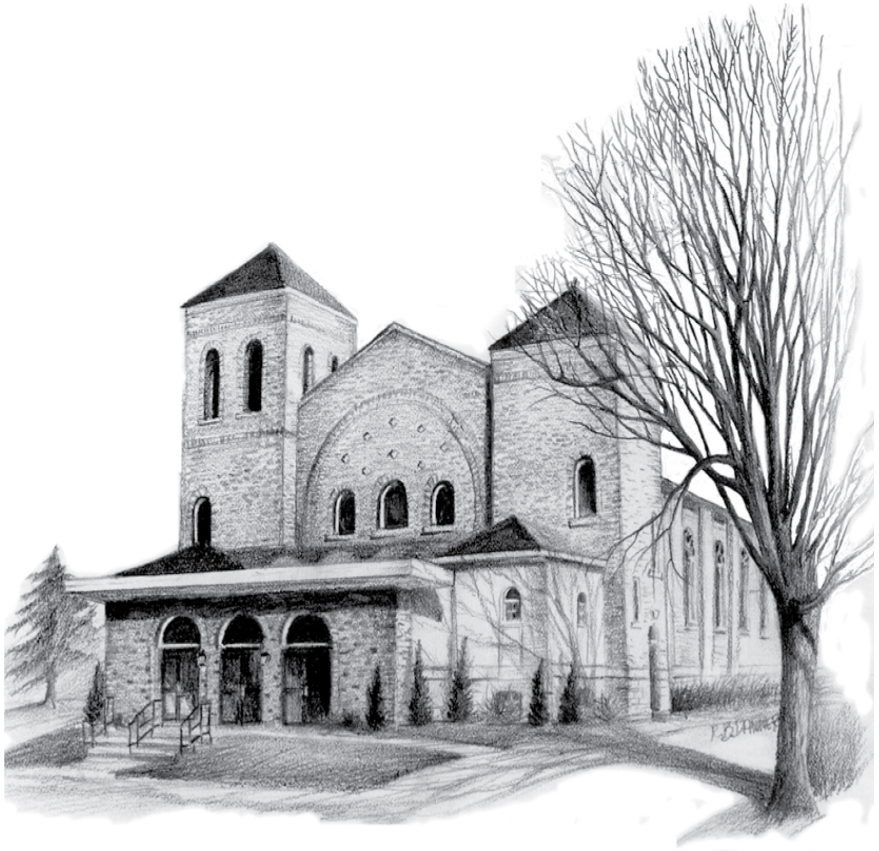

Wesley Oden, *Senior Pastor*
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Cindy Oden, *Assistant Pastor*
Paul Shea, *Assistant Pastor*
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NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
10:00 MORNING WORSHIP
AUGUST 11, 2019

Prelude: *Offertory on "Mercy"* (Gordon Young)

Welcome and Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Hymn of Praise 41: ***Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above***

Words of Greeting and Peace

Baptism: James Stanton Bates

Songs of Adoration: ***This is Amazing Grace; Death Was Arrested***

Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 6:1-9; Proverbs 22:6
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Doxology

Offertory: *Wisdom Song* (Laura Woodley)
(children dismissed)
(Reminder: If you give online, please place an **I Gave Online** card in the offering plate as it is passed.)

Prayer of Confession
Almighty God, there is not a gift we have received, a thing we own, or an ability we possess that has not come from You. Nevertheless, we confess that we often struggle to trust that You meet our needs.
Forgive us for doubting Your provision. Remind us daily of the reality that You are our Provider and Sustainer and may we live our lives to proclaim this truth. Amen.

Time of 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.

New Testament Reading: Matthew 22:34-40
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Hymn of Preparation 49: ***Children of the Heavenly Father***

Sermon: **Loving God Together**
Pastor Jon Cole

Communion

Postlude: *Trumpet Chorale* (J.S. Bach, arr. Van Denman Thompson)

Organist: Nicholas Liddick Scripture Reader: Austen Kewin
Acolyte: Micah Schilke

Music Ministry Team:
Kelcie Mastin, Robin Pawling, vocals; Matt Cox, guitar & vocals;
Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Bekah Brennan, keyboard & vocals;
Dan Zambrano, cello; AC Taylor, percussion

The roses on the pulpit are in honor of the births of
Barrett James and Hutch Roderick to Tori and Kaiden Bowers on May 2, 2019.

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.

Children's Church: Preschool Children ages 2-5 are dismissed during the offering for Children's Church: 2 and 3 year olds meet in room 116; 4-5 year olds in room 115 in the Christian Education Building.

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. God has blessed us this summer. In the highs and lows of life, God is our constant help and strength. This morning, we come to this place to offer our gratitude for His numerous blessings and to ask for His power and love in the days ahead.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we return to our regular Sunday morning worship schedule: Contemporary Worship (8:20 and 9:40) and Traditional Worship (11:00). Pastor Wes will be preaching from Psalm 86, *When Our Enemies Catch Us.*

WELCOME POTLUCK: 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. **Help is needed** with setting up tables and chairs at 3:30 on Sunday afternoon prior to the picnic. Please contact Cindy Oden at 567-2264 if you are able to help with this. Thank you.

MISSION MOMENT – Benjamin and Christine Hegeman embark on their annual 4-month Bible teaching ministry in Benin this week. Ben begins with a month of multiple training sessions in Nigeria. We pray for health, safety and God's fruit.