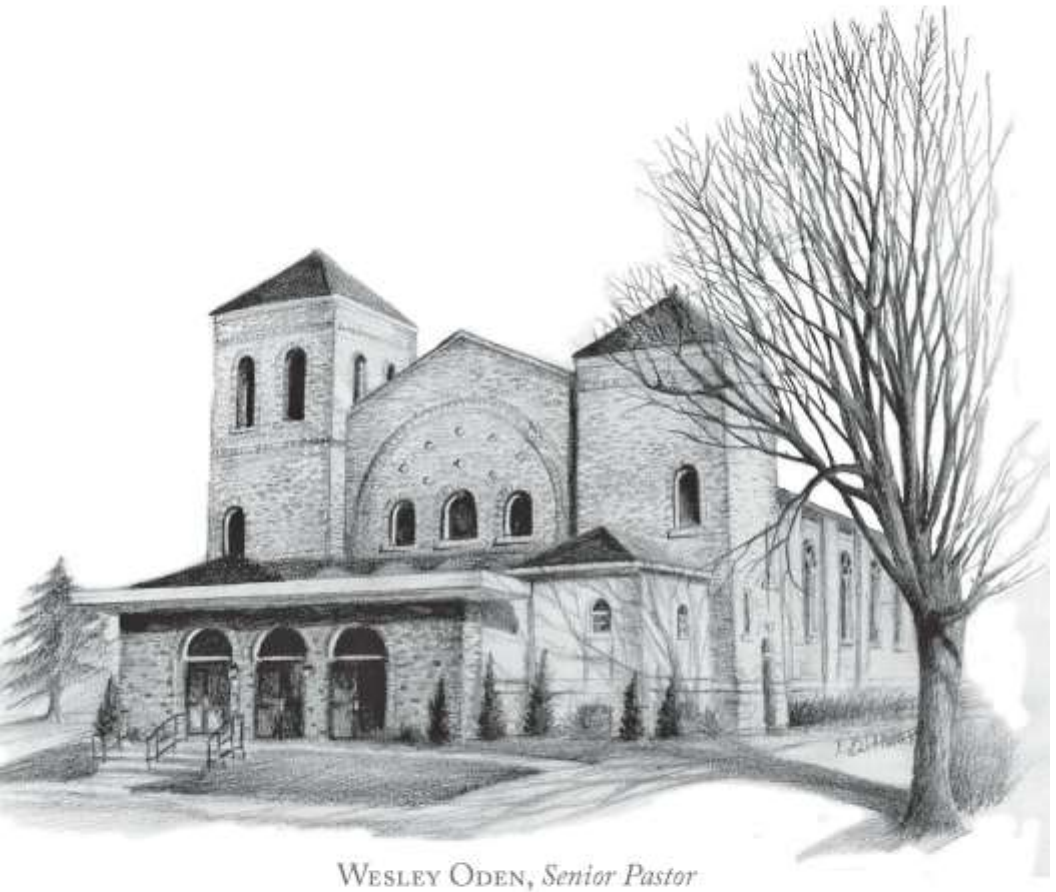
Houghton
Wesleyan Church

Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others



Wesley Oden, *Senior Pastor*
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Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 8, 2019

8:20 Morning Worship

Worship through Song

Offering
(Reminder: If you give online, please place an **I Gave Online** card in the offering plate as it is passed.)

Time of Prayer

Scripture Reading: John 1: 18

Ministry Moment:
Pencil & a Prayer

Song
(children dismissed for Children's Church)

The Challenge of Tension
Pastor Wes Oden

Communion

Scripture Reader: Austen Kewin
Acolyte: Aliza Harrison

9:40 Morning Worship

Worship through Song

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Communion

Scripture Reader: Shelley Noyes
Acolyte: Avalon Taylor

The rose on the pulpit is in honor of the birth of Liam Herbert Luckey on June 6, 2019, to Kristin and Garrett Luckey.

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.

Music Ministry Team:
Bekah Scharf, Collin Zehr, vocals; Alison Young Reusser, guitar & vocals; Amanda Cox, piano & vocals; Heidi Sardina, keyboard; Dianna Clem, flute; Dan Wartinger, bass; Kylie Tomaselli, percussion

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 and is available during services.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH: During the Song before the Sermon in the 8:20 service and during the Offering in the 9:40 service, preschool children ages 2-5 will be dismissed for Children's Church which meets in the Christian Ed building in Rm 116.

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.

JR CHURCH begins @ 8:20 for K-3rd Graders!

WELCOME TO THE HOUGHTON WESLEYAN CHURCH. As we gather today in corporate worship, we are privileged to come into the presence of God with one another and to celebrate our relationship as God's children. Today, we begin a twelve-week journey thinking about the tension of our lives with Christ. During these weeks, we will explore various dynamics of the tension that is integral in our journey of being disciples of Jesus.

KOINONIA MEETS IN WESLEY CHAPEL TONIGHT AT 7:00 PM.

NEXT SUNDAY MORNING we invite you to worship with us at 8:20, 9:40 and 11:00. Next Sunday Pastor Wes preaches about *I Know What I Believe…Or Do I?* (Matthew 13:44-52).

TODAY: Youth Blue Foam Party at the HA Soccer Field at 3:33 PM

VALLEY PRESCHOOL BEGINS THIS WEEK. All doors, excluding the main office door, will be locked during Valley Preschool hours on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday mornings from 9:00-11:45am. Please use the office door during this time.

SMALL GROUPS begin next Sunday**; WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDIES** begin this week.

SHOP BACK-TO SCHOOL SALES FOR OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOXES. Please drop off items (scissors, crayons, pencils, erasers, colored pencils, markers, pencil sharpeners, and pencil pouches) in boxes located in the CE Foyer, church foyer and around the church. Questions? Contact Jessica Romance at Jessica.r.mullen@gmail.com. Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP CLASS: If you are interested in joining the Houghton Wesleyan Church or in knowing more about what it means to be a member of this church, contact the church office (office@hwchurch.org) in order to attend the upcoming class.

HWC KIDS CLUB ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS WILL START ON SEPTEMBER 18. We have programming for first-through-sixth graders. Sign up online at **https://www.hwchurch.org/children/**

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): $ 188,932.51
Budgeted (June 1—Present): $ 216,545.42

MISSION MOMENT - Our church supports World Hope International and it has a team and supplies already in the Bahamas majoring on clean water supply. Pray for all who minister relief in all places in the Name of Jesus.

PERSECUTED CHURCH – Since June 150 Christians have been arrested in Eritrea's two largest cities. "We will not negotiate our faith and will continue following Jesus," said six government employees on August 16 when pressured to recant in the capital Asmara. We can pray. (Open Doors, USA)

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 CONCERNS: for the family of Don Munro and for all who are grieving; for people with health concerns: Mark Mayhle (Doug's brother), 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 Levant Wesleyan Church, Falconer (Pastor Al Meyers).

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.

The College Ministry Committee will be organizing a progressive dinner on **Sunday, September 22**, starting at 12:30pm.

A progressive dinner is a three-part lunch where each course is hosted in a different home with a different group of guests. College students (or others if especially interested) are encouraged to sign up as a carload of 3-5 that will drive to three different homes throughout the afternoon. All are invited and encouraged to participate. This is a great way to connect with and get to know new and returning college students!

Salad/Appetizer: 12:40-1:15
Main Course: 1:25-2:05
Dessert: 2:15-2:50

We are looking for multiple homes to prepare and host any or all of the progressive dinner courses throughout the afternoon. Please sign up by placing this slip in the offering plate or by emailing **austenkewin@hwchurch.org**.

Host Name: _____

Host Address:_____

I would like to host (check all that apply):

___ Salad/Appetizer ___ Main Course ___ Dessert

If you would like to be a progressive dinner guest, please sign up by indicating your car driver and passengers. You can do this by placing this slip in the offering plate or by emailing **austenkewin@hwchurch.org**.

Attendees: _____ _____

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