THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
11:00 MORNING WORSHIP SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

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

Prelude: *Chorale Voluntary on "Land of Rest"* ……..Robert Lind

*Call to Worship (from Psalm 145)

I will exalt you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever.

Every day I will praise you and extol your name for ever and ever.

Great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; his greatness no one can fathom.

One generation commends your works to another; they tell of your mighty acts. They speak of the glorious splendor of your majesty – and I will meditate on your wonderful works.

They tell of the power of your awesome works – and I will proclaim your great deeds. They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness.

The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all; he has compassion on all he has made.

All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might, so that all people may know of your mighty acts and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does. Alleluia!

*Invocation

*Hymn 2 ***O Worship the King***

*Words of Greeting and Peace

Anthem: *What Wondrous Love Is This* …...American folk hymn, arr. Matthew Culloton
The Houghton College Choir, directed by Dr. Daniel David Black

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 2:4-17
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

***Doxology**

Worship through the Giving of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory: *Anthems of Love* …….Dan Forrest

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. 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.

*New Testament Reading: John 1:1-18
Leader: This is the Word of the Lord. ***All: Thanks be to God!***

Ministry Moment: Pencil & a Prayer

*Hymn 375 ***Thou Hidden Source of Calm Repose***
(children released for Children's Church)

Sermon: **The Challenge of Tension** Pastor Wes Oden

The Lord's Supper

*Hymn ***My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*** (on screen)

*Benediction

*Congregational Amen (Hymn 656, Threefold)

*Postlude: *Exultation* ……..Charles Callahan

*Please stand if able
Organist: Judy Congdon
Worship Leader: Tim McGarvey
Acolyte: Ellie Brubaker

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

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. 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).

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.

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).

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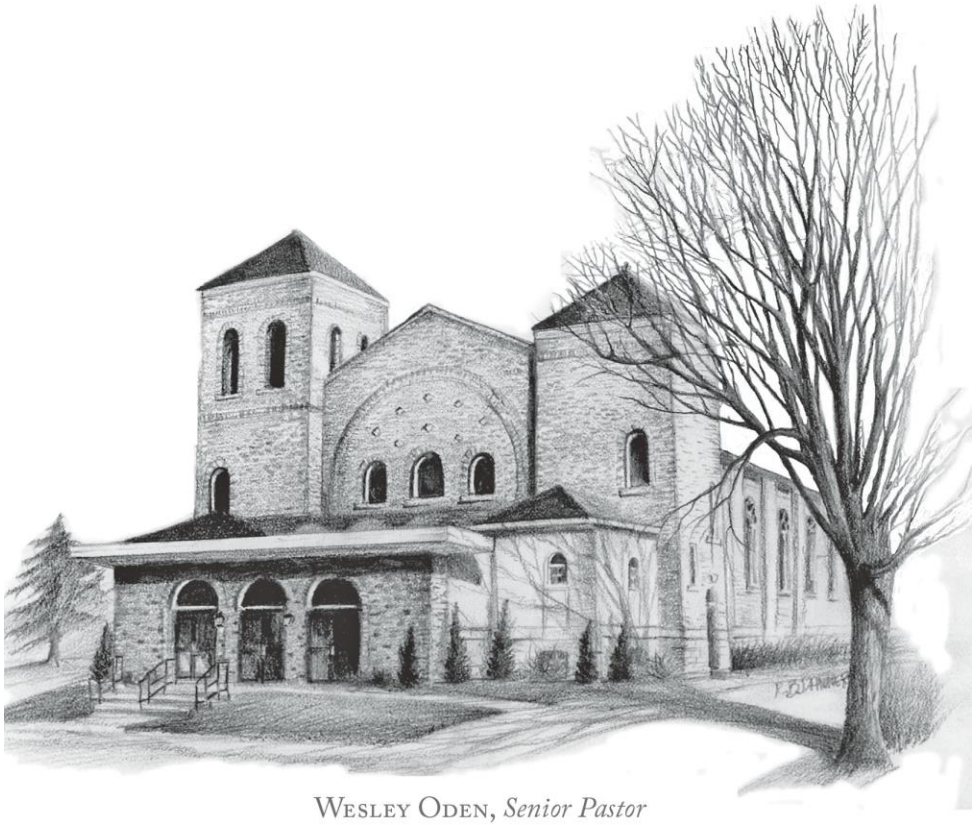
Joyfully loving God,
wholeheartedly serving others



Wesley Oden, *Senior Pastor*
Jon Cole, *Youth Pastor*
Cindy Oden, *Assistant Pastor*
Paul Shea, *Assistant Pastor*
Amanda Cox, *Music and Worship Director*
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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.

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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